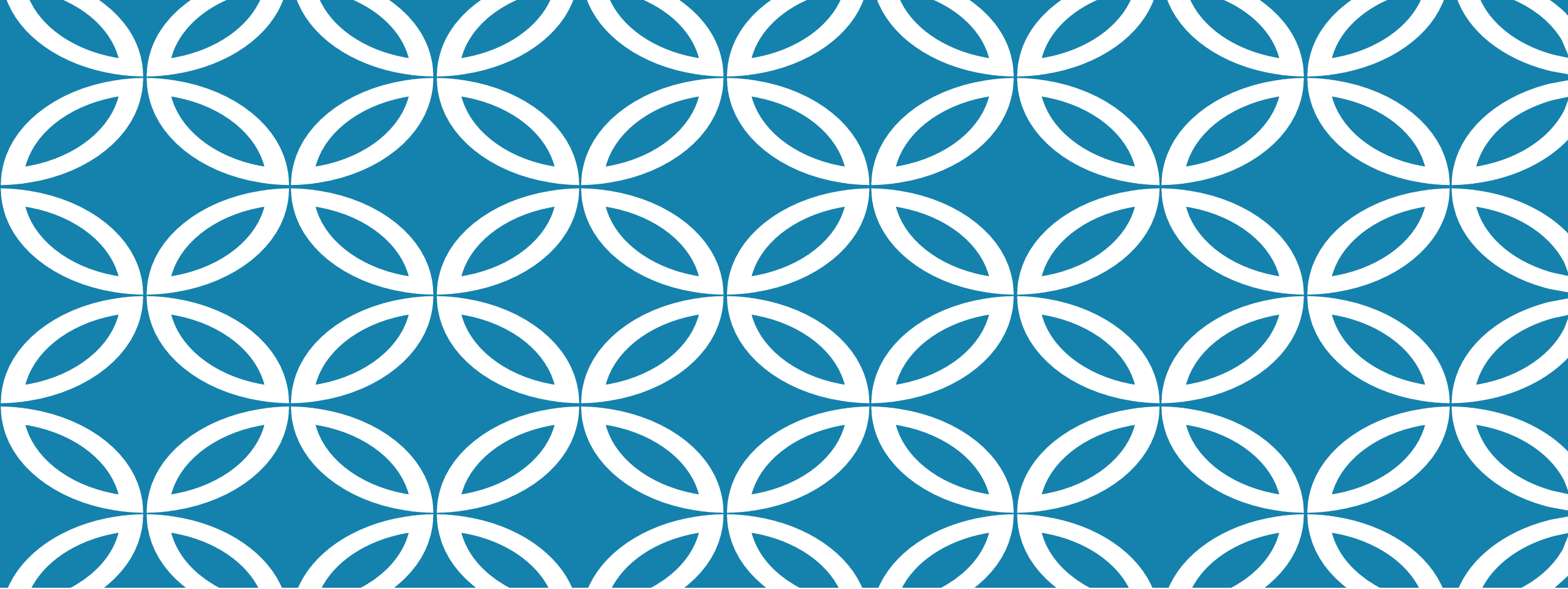




9TH GRADE COUNSELING LESSON



Your School Counselors

Today's Learning Targets



I can identify interests, personality traits, and related careers to explore future college and career options using the Find Your Path assessment.



I can discover tips for success in high school that relate to post-secondary options.



I can create a GAfutures account to demonstrate understanding of college and career pathways and to engage in purposeful, early exploration of future career options.

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Reasons to see your School counselor

ACADEMIC



CAREER



PERSONAL



How can you talk to your school counselor?



YOU CAN EMAIL QUESTIONS OR
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YOU CAN COME BY THE
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THINGS TO KNOW

❖ Safety

- Harassment & bullying
- Tell an adult (teacher, counselor, assistant principal) if you're being harassed/bullied or know of others

❖ Crisis

- A life-threatening situation
- Tell an adult immediately

❖ Confidentiality

- Limits of confidentiality

LET'S TALK ABOUT...

- ❖ GPA
- ❖ Course Rigor
- ❖ Transcripts
- ❖ Promotion Requirements
- ❖ Graduation Requirements
- ❖ Dual Enrollment
- ❖ Your Responsibilities in the Classroom

WHAT IS A GPA?

Different kinds of GPA

- Weighted vs. Unweighted
- Cumulative vs. Core
- HOPE (see future slide)
- College

Grade Point Average (GPA):

- | | |
|-----------|----------|
| • A = 4.0 | 90-100 |
| • B = 3.0 | 80-89 |
| • C = 2.0 | 74-79 |
| • D = 1.0 | 70-73 |
| • F = 0.0 | 69 and ↓ |

HOW DO I CALCULATE A GPA?

❖ Step 1: Assign each grade a numeric value

❖ **A=4** (90-100%)

❖ **B=3** (80-89%)

❖ **C=2** (74-79%)

❖ **D=1** (70-73%)

❖ **F=0** (0-69%)

❖ Step 2: Add all the numeric values together

❖ Step 3: Divide by the total number of credits (classes) attempted

AP and Honors courses earn
quality points

AP = +1 quality point

Honors = +0.5 quality point

GPA EXAMPLES

❖ Example 1

Algebra I – B = 3.0

World Geography – A=4.0

Intro to Business – B = 3.0

Art – B = 3.0

$$3.0 + 4.0 + 3.0 + 3.0 = 13$$

$$13/4 = \mathbf{3.25 \text{ GPA}}$$

❖ Example 2

H Algebra – C = 2.5

H World Geography – B = 3.5

Intro to Business – B = 3.0

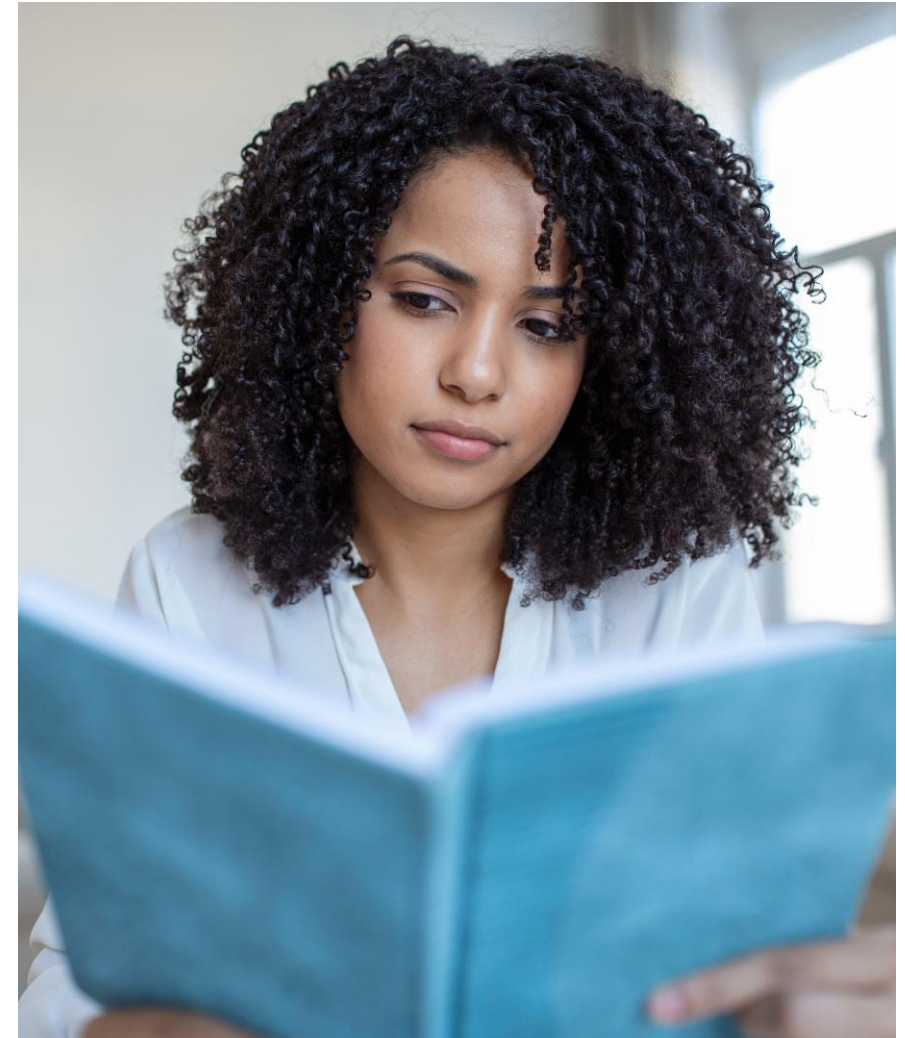
Art – A = 4.0

$$2.5 + 3.5 + 3.0 + 4.0 = 13$$

$$13/4 = \mathbf{3.25 \text{ GPA}}$$

WHY TAKE HONORS AND AP CLASSES?

- ❖ Provides opportunities to improve study skills
- ❖ Familiarizes you with college level work
- ❖ Can boost your cumulative, weighted GPA
- ❖ Prepares you for big tests (ACT, SAT, EOCs)
- ❖ Gives you an advantage in college admissions
- ❖ Allows you to expand your interests
- ❖ May be eligible for college credit (AP Exam)
- ❖ Improves critical thinking skills for workforce
- ❖ BUT... you must find the right balance for YOU; don't compare yourself to others



PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS



Grade Level	Required Credits
10 th	5 credits (1 credit each in core English, Math and Science)
11 th	10 credits (2 credits each in core English, Math, and Science)
12 th	16 credits (on track for graduation)

HOW MANY CREDITS DO I NEED TO GRADUATE?

Area of Study	Required Credits
English/Language Arts	4 credits (Lit & Comp I, II, III, IV)
Mathematics	4 credits (Algebra, Geom, Adv Alg)
Science	4 credits (Bio, Physics/Physical Science, Chem/Earth/ Env Sci)
Social Studies	3 credits (World, US, Gov/Econ)
World Language/Technical/Fine Art	3 credits
Personal Fitness	0.5 credit
Health	0.5 credit
Electives	4 credits
TOTAL CREDITS:	23

DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE)

DE: State-funded program for 11th and 12th graders to take college courses while earning a HS diploma

10th Grade Options:
Limited DE opportunities available

Any 10th grader can take CTAE classes at a technical college

10th graders who earned a 1200 SAT or 26 ACT (in one sitting) are eligible to apply to participating DE programs.

Costs Covered: 100% tuition, mandatory fees, and required textbooks up to a maximum cap of 30 credit hours

Next Steps: Attend a Student DE Session during Anchor Block and then attend our VIRTUAL Info Night in December

TIPS FOR SUCCESS IN HIGH SCHOOL



At a Minimum

- ❖ Come to school
- ❖ Be on time
- ❖ Have your materials
- ❖ Pay attention
- ❖ Complete and submit your assignments
- ❖ Find out what you missed when absent and make up work in a timely manner
- ❖ Check your grades

Going Above and Beyond

- ❖ Review & preview notes
- ❖ Attend tutoring
- ❖ Communicate with your teachers
- ❖ Take detailed notes
- ❖ Study nightly
- ❖ Keep a calendar
- ❖ Stay organized

WHAT IS HOPE SCHOLARSHIP?

HOPE stands for Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally.

These scholarships are awarded to Georgia residents who meet specific academic achievement criteria. They help cover costs at eligible colleges and universities in Georgia. While each scholarship has different criteria, they can be a great way to help pay for college.

- Be a U.S. citizen or meet eligible non-citizen requirements.
- Must have your SSN updated in the CCSD student record.
- Be a Georgia resident for at least one year.
- Be in compliance with Selective Service registration requirements.
- Must have a minimum of a 3.0 HOPE GPA upon graduation.
- Must pass 4 rigor classes from GSFC's [Academic Rigor Course List](#).

New HOPE GPA Change

**Specific Advanced Fine Arts courses will be included
New calculation will be effective with the Class of 2027**

To see your HOPE GPA, visit Gafutures.org



WHAT IS HOPE GRANT?

- HOPE Grants are available to Georgia residents who are working towards a certificate or diploma at an eligible college or university in Georgia.
- Available at any TCSG college in Georgia
- Eligibility requirements vary for each grant
- Can significantly reduce the cost of post-secondary education
- Great opportunity to make college more affordable and accessible





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SchooLinks

SchooLinks is a **delivery system** and a college/career readiness platform that helps students explore their interests, discover career pathways, and plan for life after high school.

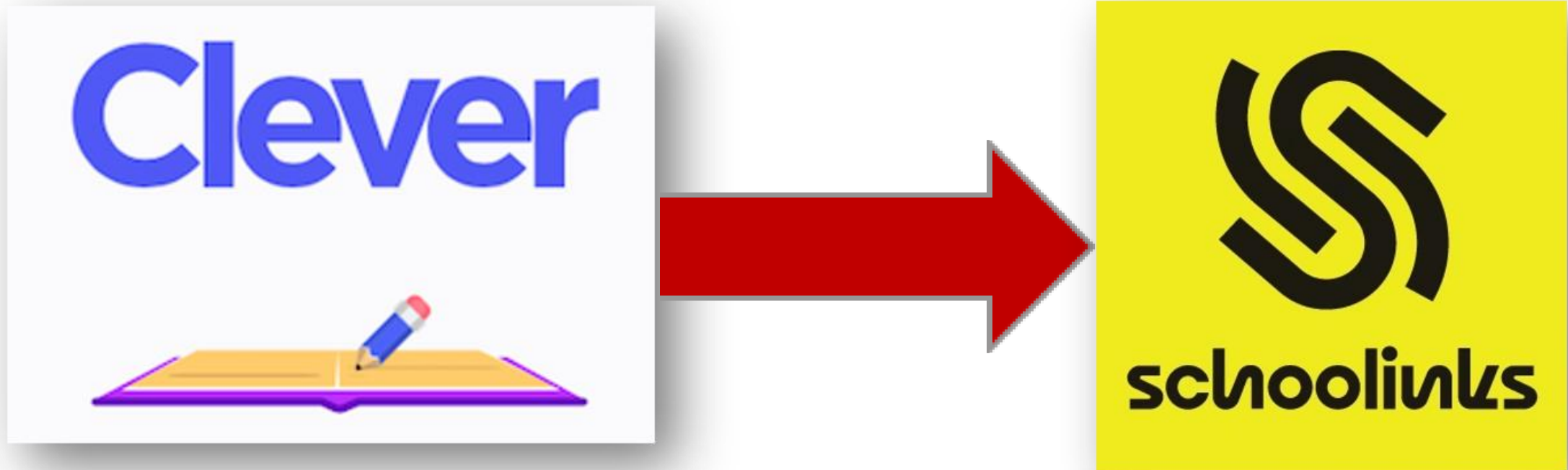
We will use it to communicate with you and to coordinate various activities throughout the year.

You can access SchooLinks from Clever



Accessing SchoolLinks

- Go to Clever
- Look under “More Apps” for SchoolLinks





Adding Your Email Address

- On your homepage, click on the gear  icon (top-right corner)
- Select “Account Settings”
- Click “Edit Notifications” under “Login Methods”
- Click “Add/Edit Email”
- Enter your personal email address (not your students.cobbk12.org)
- Press “Save”

STUDENT

Home

Exit Student Demo ×

 Tyler Andrews



Here's what's happening 

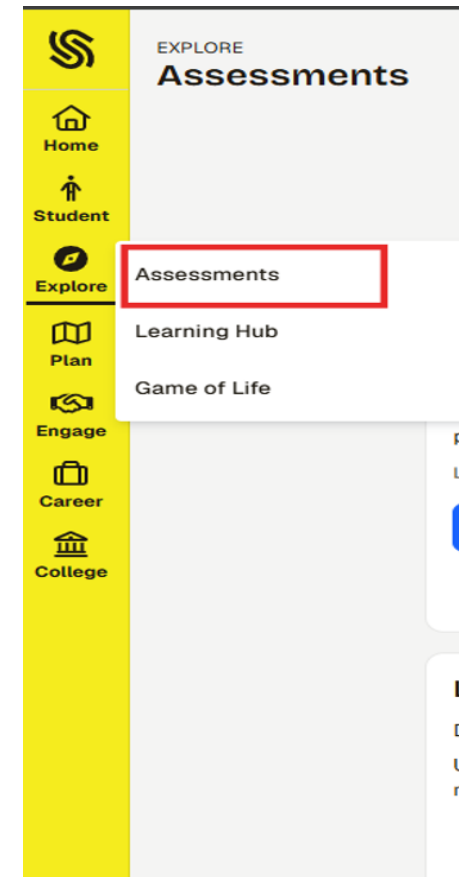
To Do List  Events  Reminders My Team Survey/Forms Shared Notes

Locating Assessments To Complete

- Click on “Explore” then “Assessments”
- There are two tasks to complete:
 1. Find Your Path
 2. 9th Grade Top State For Talent (TSFT) Survey

9th Grade Assessment: Find Your Path

1. Find **“Explore”** on the left side of your home page.
2. Click **“Assessments,”** then click on **“Find Your Path”**
3. Click **“Start Assessment”**
4. Be sure to answer each question honestly based on your current interests
5. When finished, review your results to see matching career paths and potential ideas for your future





Home



Student



Explore



Plan



Engage



Career



College

EXPLORE

Assessments

Find your path



Get suggested career clusters based on your personality.

This assessment is based on your responses to the questions in your profile.

● Never Taken

Start assessment →

Review Your Results



You're like the

Performer

Outgoing Friendly Accepting Practical Flexible Spontaneous

Character traits

- Enjoy parties and large groups
- Prefer hands-on experience
- Be spontaneous

Top cluster matches

- Education
- Hospitality, Events, & Tourism
- Arts, Entertainment, & Design

Celebrity matches



Harry Styles



Adam Levine



Serena Williams



Muhammad Ali

Top cluster matches

Education	Share
Hospitality, Events, & Tourism	Share
Arts, Entertainment, & Design	Share



Wind Turbine Maintenance

57.51%

AI





Data Science

38.76%

AI





Solar Panel Installation

38.63%

AI





Information Security Analysis

29.22%

AI





Statistics

29.2%

AI





Home Health Aide

27.85%

AI



Make sure to favorite 3 careers!



Exploring Careers

The image shows a career profile for 'Technical Drafter' under the category 'Advanced Manufacturing'. The profile is divided into a left sidebar and a main content area. The sidebar contains a 'Profile Navigation' menu with options: 'General Overview' (selected), 'Education & Training', 'Career Q&A', and 'Career Outlook'. Below this is a 'Career Actions' section with buttons for 'Add to Favorites', 'Set as Career Goal', and 'Related opportunities'. The main content area has a 'General Overview' section with a location filter set to 'Nationwide'. It lists several key statistics: 'High Job Growth' (1.0% from 2023-33), 'Medium Salary' (\$61,820 median salary), 'Current Employment' (112,300 jobs), 'AI Impact' (Moderate), and 'Minimum Education' (Associate's degree). A descriptive paragraph follows, stating that drafters use software to convert designs into technical drawings. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'Technical Drafter at a glance' with a scrollable carousel of images. Red annotations highlight specific features: a box on the left sidebar says 'More information in each of these tabs' with an arrow pointing to the navigation menu; a box on the right says 'Interesting information' with a line pointing to the 'General Overview' statistics; and a box at the bottom says 'Scroll for even more information!' with an arrow pointing down to the 'Technical Drafter at a glance' section.

Technical Drafter
Advanced Manufacturing

Profile Navigation

- General Overview
- Education & Training
- Career Q&A
- Career Outlook

Career Actions

- Add to Favorites
- Set as Career Goal
- Related opportunities

General Overview

Nationwide

- High Job Growth 1.0% from 2023-33
- Medium Salary \$61,820 median salary
- Current Employment 112,300 jobs
- AI Impact Moderate
- Minimum Education Associate's degree

Drafters use software to convert the designs of engineers and architects into technical drawings. Most workers specialize in architectural, civil, electrical, or mechanical drafting and use technical drawings to help design everything from microchips to skyscrapers.

Technical Drafter at a glance

More information in each of these tabs

Interesting information

Scroll for even more information!

9TH Grade TSFT Survey

- Click on “Explore,” then “Assessments”
- Select “9th Top State For Talent Survey”
- Answer each question.
- Click Save and Finish

Creating Your GAfutures Account

Step 1 – Go to GAfutures.org

IF YOU ALREADY HAVE AN ACCOUNT LOGIN

You will now review your HOPE GPA

- Sign in to your GAfutures account.
- Check that your GAfutures Profile has your correct last name, high school, SSN, date of birth and zip code.
- Click My GAfutures Tab, then click the My High School HOPE GPA. Select your high school's name from the drop-down menu and click Select.

If you cannot see your HOPE GPA - Have you added your Social Security Number? It is required to view your HOPE GPA!

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCOUNT YOU WILL GO TO STEP 2



Creating Your GAFutures Account (ONLY IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE ALREADY)

Go to GAFutures.org

Step 2 – Click Create an Account at the top

Step 3 – Select the 'Student Account' option



Creating Your GAFutures Account

Step 4 – Enter your information.

This information must be as it is listed on your transcript/records.

Only sections with a red star * are required.



Progress bar: 1 Step 1, 2 Step 2, 3 Step 3, Complete

Fields marked with * are required.

First Name *	Middle Initial	Last Name *	Date of Birth *
Enter first name	Middle initial	Enter last name	mm/dd/yyyy
Email * ?		Reenter Email *	
primary.email@example.com		primary.email@example.com	
Alternate Email		Reenter Alternate Email	
alternate.email@example.com		alternate.email@example.com	

Creating Your GAfutures Account

Step 5 – Select your ‘High School’ type

You must also select security questions and answers accurately.

Fields marked with * are required.

Click on the radio button that best describes you *

- ☒ I attend a Georgia public High School ☐ I attend a Georgia private or charter High School
☐ I attend a Georgia Home Study Program ☐ I attend a Georgia College or University ☐ Other Students/Former Students ?

Security Question 1 *

Security Question 2 *

Security Question 3 *

Answer 1 *

Answer 2 *

Answer 3 *

Previous

Next

Creating Your GAFutures Account

Step 6

- Create a unique username and password (write this down)
- Select your high school name from the drop-down menu and enter your current grade level.
- Enter your full street address
- Remember - Only sections with a red star are required
- This information must match your transcript/records
- You can add the other information if you know it.
- SSN is required to be entered to access your HOPE GPA or apply for Dual enrollment -IF you don't know your social security number - It can also be added later (must be added to check your HOPE GPA)

The screenshot shows the 'Step 6' registration form for a GAFutures account. The progress bar at the top indicates four steps: Step 1, Step 2, Step 3 (current), and Complete. The form contains several fields, some marked with a red asterisk (*) indicating they are required. The required fields are: Username, Password, Reenter Password, School, Select Grade, Social Security Number, Reenter Social Security Number, Country, State/Province, Street, Contact Phone, Parent/Guardian Email, and Reenter Parent/Guardian Email. The form also includes a checkbox for 'I acknowledge that I have read and accept the Terms of Use and Privacy Statement of this website and its affiliates.' and a reCAPTCHA 'I'm not a robot' checkbox. A 'Need to Chat?' button is located in the bottom right corner. The 'Create Account' button is at the bottom center.

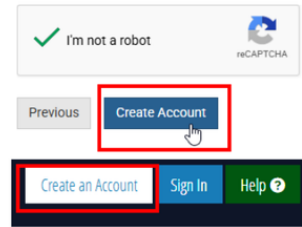
This block shows a close-up of the 'Social Security Number' field, which is marked with a red asterisk and a question mark icon. Below the field is a placeholder text: 'SSN number without dashes'. To the right of the field is a list titled 'REQUIRED FOR:' which includes the following items:

- GSFAPPS.
- Dual Enrollment applications.
- Accessing your HOPE GPA.
- Sending transcript requests.
- Managing your GSFA State Loan.

A 'Need to Chat?' button is visible in the bottom right corner of the section.

Creating Your GAfutures Account

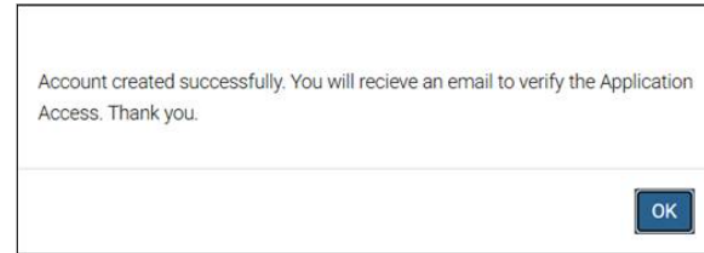
Once all steps are finished
Click Create Account



You will now see a message to **VERIFY THE APPLICATION.**

A verification email will be sent to you. You will click the link sent to you in the email. You have 24 hours to verify the account.

IF YOU DO NOT CLICK ON THE VERIFICATION LINK SENT TO YOU, YOU WILL SEE AN ERROR MESSAGE WHEN YOU ATTEMPT TO SIGN IN. ONLY AFTER YOU VERIFY YOUR EMAIL, WILL YOU BE ABLE TO SIGN IN TO YOUR ACCOUNT!



Error

- You have not verified your account by email yet.

Now You Can Track Your HOPE GPA!

Remember, you can also use GAfutures to explore
different types of
financial aid, career exploration,
college planning and more.





**DON'T LOG OUT. MAKE SURE A
COUNSELOR HAS VERIFIED THAT
ALL TASKS HAVE BEEN
COMPLETED.**
