ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2026
SENIOR YEAR AND BEYOND

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Class of 2026 Details:

CEEB Code: 110057
Graduation Date: May 2026 (If the application asks for a specific date, you can list the last day of school.)
Class Rank Reporting: None (Cobb County no longer reports class rank)
Graduating Class Size: 397
GPA Scale: We use a 4.0 scale
GPA Weighting: Weighted
Senior Page: https://www.cobbk12.org/allatoona/page/100109/seniors-class-of-2026-resource-page

Unsure what do you want to do after high school?

Step 1: Take an Interest Inventory – Available on Naviance or the following sites:
- https://www.gafutures.org/
- https://www.mynextmove.org/
- https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/
- Sign up to take the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) at Allatoona. It can be used for the military or for insight into your career strengths. (Scores are not automatically released to the military).

Step 2: Once you have your results, make a list of careers you want to research.
Step 3: Determine the occupational outlook for the career(s).
Step 4: Look for schools/programs that offer the major/training for that career. Use sites in Step 1 to search!

What type of training do you need to achieve your career goals?

On-The-Job Training	Structured hands-on training by a peer or supervisor over a short period of time. These careers don't typically require tests for certification or licensure.
Apprenticeship	Typically takes 1-6 years to learn the job from someone who is licensed in the field. Often requires formal licensure and may also require classes to learn the skills and prepare for the exam. Receive pay and benefits while training.
Military	Full-Time (Active Duty) or Part-Time (Reserves) Air Force, Army, Army National Guard, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy
Specialty School	Offer training in a specific career area. Note: They can be expensive. Financial Aid may be limited.
Technical College	State technical colleges that allow you to earn certificates, diplomas, or associate degrees in multiple career fields.
Four-Year College	Earn a bachelor's degree in multiple career fields.

Alternatives to 4-Year College

Check out the following video for insight into options beyond 4-year college:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3915gMdwKwc&t=10s

College Fairs/Admission Rep Visits

➢ **College Case Study and College Fair** at Walton High School on September 8th from 5 PM to 8 PM or KMHS on September 13th from 1PM to 4PM– Meet with college representatives one on one and experience how applications are reviewed! Register at **https://www.scholartrek.com/cobb**
➢ **Georgia Probe College Fairs – https://www.gaprobe.org/calendar/**
➢ **Peach State Tour** – Information sessions about Augusta University, Georgia State, Georgia Tech, and UGA - **http://www.peachstatetour.org/students.html**
➢ **Check NAVIANCE for AHS/Virtual Visits: Naviance > Colleges > College Visits**

Standardized Testing

• Scores must be sent from the testing agency. Check your individual college's website to see if test scores are required!

ACT AND SAT TEST DATES (2025-2026)			

ACT		SAT	
ACT Test Date	**Registration Deadline**	**SAT Test Date**	**Registration Deadline**
October 18, 2025	September 12	October 4, 2025	September 19
December 13, 2025	November 7	November 8, 2025	October 24
February 14, 2026	January 9	December 6, 2025	November 21
April 11, 2026	March 6	March 14, 2026	February 27
June 13, 2026	May 8	May 2, 2026	April 17
July 11, 2026	June 5	June 6, 2026	May 22

Go to sat.org/register to register for the SAT
Go to actstudent.org to register for the ACT

Test and Application Fee waivers are available to low-income 11th- and 12th-grade students in the U.S. See your counselor if you think you qualify!

Test Optional? What Does That Really Mean?

While some colleges and universities are test-optional, many are now requiring standardized test scores again. Don't assume—**do your research!** Check each school's admissions requirements carefully to find out if submitting SAT or ACT scores is necessary for your application.

Test scores will continue to be required to apply for Zell Miller scholarships in accordance with State of Georgia requirements.

KEEP READING FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO SEND YOUR TRANSCRIPTS, REQUEST RECOMMENDATIONS, APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND ACCESS FINANCIAL AID!

ALL THINGS NAVIANCE

DO NOT GOOGLE NAVIANCE! It will prevent you from accessing the secure site.

LOGIN OPTIONS (STUDENTS):

Go to **www.cobbk12.org** >**Find It Fast** (top right-hand corner) and choose **Naviance**

If Given a Choice, Make Sure You Are Choosing to Log In with SAML

LOCATION	USERNAME	PASSWORD
Home	Office 365 Username	School Computer Password
School	Automatically Logged In	

HOW TO REQUEST YOUR TRANSCRIPT (2 STEP PROCESS)

NOTE: It is the Student's Responsibility to Complete Steps 1 & 2, or the Transcript will NOT be Sent.

STEP 1: Login to NAVIANCE STUDENT

1. At the top of the main page, click on **"Colleges"** and then, from the drop-down under "Apply to College," click "Colleges I'm applying to."
2. Click on the **blue circle with the plus sign** (far right-hand side).
3. **Choose your college, the application type (deadline you are planning to apply by) and how you will apply (Common App, Direct to Institution, etc.)**. The application type is very important. If you don't choose correctly, we can't release your transcript.
   a. For Common App documents, you must "Match" your Common App (see directions below).
4. Select whether you would like to submit SAT or ACT scores as part of your application.
   a. NOTE: Some schools require this! If you are applying to a school that requires SAT or ACT scores, you MUST send your scores through the testing agency.
5. Then, choose **Add Application**. You will do this for each school you want to send a transcript to.

STEP 2: Go to the Counseling Office

1. Complete a Transcript Request Form
2. Pay $2 per transcript (cash or check ONLY)

MATCHING YOUR COMMON APPLICATION IN NAVIANCE
ONLY if you are applying using Common App
Do Not Request Letters of Rec Through the Common App!

1. Login to NAVIANCE (**It won't work if you GOOGLE Naviance!**)
2. At the top of the main page, click on **"Colleges"** and then, from the drop-down under "Apply to College," click "Colleges I'm applying to."
3. Click on the pink square on the right that says, "Match Accounts." You will then be taken to the Common App website.
4. After you have been taken to the Common App website, enter your Email address and Password. Please enter the same email address you used for your Common Application. You will then be taken back to Naviance.

NOTE: Steps 1-4 above explain what you need to do in Naviance to match your Common App. You must also complete the following steps in your Common App account:

▶ Complete the Education section of your Common Application
▶ Add at least one college to the My Colleges tab
▶ Sign the FERPA Release Authorization

WAIVING FERPA rights (FEDERAL EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT)

➢ **What is FERPA?** FERPA regulates the privacy of student education records, which could include your application to the college where you enroll. FERPA also gives you the right to review confidential letters of recommendation provided as part of that application after you enroll.

➢ **Should you waive your rights on your college application?**
  ➢ Waiving your right lets colleges know that you do not intend to read your recommendations, which helps reassure colleges that the letters are candid and truthful.
  ➢ Some recommenders may decline to write a letter for you if you do not waive your rights. Check with your counselor or teachers to see if any of them follow such a policy.

REQUESTING A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

1. **REQUIRED:** Complete the **Senior Survey Class of 2026** in Naviance.
   a. Click on the About Me tab on the top of the Naviance Homepage.
   b. Scroll down to **Surveys** and select **Surveys from Your School**. Then, click **"2026 Senior Survey"**
   c. Complete each section. This will allow your teacher/counselor to write a personalized letter of recommendation. Remember to click save every thirty minutes or so because this page times out .
2. **OPTIONAL:** Create a resume using the **Resume Builder** in Naviance. If you already have a resume, you can email it to your counselor.

HOW TO REQUEST A COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION
1. Complete the required documents above.
2. Indicate that your school requires a letter of recommendation/school evaluation on the Transcript Request form in the Counseling Office

HOW TO REQUEST A TEACHER RECOMMENDATION
Remember you should always ask if the teacher will write you a letter before you send a request!
1. Login to Naviance.
2. On the **Home page**, go to **Colleges**, then **Apply to College** and choose **Letters of Recommendation**.
3. Choose **Add Request**
4. Then, click on the drop down and **select the teacher** you would like to write your letter.
5. Next, **choose the school** that needs the letter.
6. **Include a personal note** to the teacher.
7. After you have submitted your request in Naviance, **follow up with the teacher a day or two later** to make sure they received the electronic request. It may have gone to their junk mail.

Hope Scholarship Programs

Hope Scholarship

- Georgia Graduate with a minimum 3.0 HOPE GPA as calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC).
- Must earn a minimum of 4 full rigor credits from the academic rigor course list prior to graduating from high school. **You can also review the HOPE Rigor Required Course Listing here: https://www.gafutures.org/media/hvnjflju/rigor-list-january-2023-print-ready.pdf**
- Must graduate from a GA high school.
- Must be a GA resident for at least one year.
- Which courses are weighted for HOPE?
    - Honors courses do not earn additional quality points toward the HOPE GPA
    - AP, IB, and Dual Enrollment core courses earn .5 additional quality points, up to a 4.0
- **Review *your* HOPE transcript on GAfutures.org.**

Zell Miller Scholarship

- Requires 3.7 core high school (HOPE) GPA as calculated by GSFC (www.gafutures.org).
- Currently requires a 1200 SAT Math and Reading or a 25 ACT composite in one test sitting
- Must earn a minimum of 4 credits from the academic rigor course list prior to graduating from high school.
- Pays 100% tuition for a two year or four-year degree.
- Must graduate from a GA high school.
- Must be GA resident for at least one year (Green Card or citizenship).
- Must maintain 3.3 in college. Student can drop to HOPE if GPA is lower than 3.3.

Hope Grant

- No initial GPA requirement; 2.0 required after the first 30 hours.
- Technical certificate or diploma.
- Must have a high school diploma or GED.
- Must be a GA resident for at least one year (Green Card or citizenship).
- Covers a percentage of tuition.

Zell Miller Grant

- No initial GPA Requirement; Requires 3.5 *college* GPA for grant eligibility.
- Does not require minimum test score.
- Covers 100% tuition (retroactively covers previous semester once 3.5 GPA is earned) for certificate or diploma at technical college.
- Must graduate from a GA high school.
- Must be GA Resident for at least one year (Green Card or citizenship).

Hope Career Grant

- Enroll in certain high-demand certificate and diploma programs at a University System of Georgia (USG) or Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) school.
- HOPE Grant and Zell Miller Grant eligibility requirements apply.
- Award amount: Awards are a fixed amount per term based on the program and number of hours enrolled; approved programs and award amounts available on GAfutures.org.
    - Example 9 or more credit hours – $500/semester
    - 3-8 credit hours – $250/semester
    - 1-2 credit hours – $125/semester

Scholarship Searching

- The University's Financial Aid Page - *Review carefully for deadlines and additional scholarship forms that must be completed.*
- Naviance > College > National Scholarship Search (for National Scholarships)
- Naviance > Scholarship Search (for local scholarships)
- https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-search
- https://www.gafutures.org/scholarship-search
- https://www.fastweb.com/

FAFSA!!!!

- You must complete either a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the GSFAPP to use any Zell Miller Scholarship, Hope Scholarship, or Hope Grant you may be receiving.
- Completing the FAFSA might lead to other state, federal, and institutional financial aid! It is super important! This form will be available in October and can be completed at https://studentaid.gov/

Other Useful Links

University System of Georgia Schools Interactive Map:
https://www.usg.edu/institutions/
Useful Facts and Figures about Georgia state schools:
https://admission.gatech.edu/images/pdf/2022USGDataChartweb.pdf
Admissions Requirements for USG Schools:
https://www.usg.edu/student_affairs/assets/student_affairs/documents/USG_FR_Admission_Requirements.p df
University System of Georgia Major Search:
https://apps.ds.usg.edu/ords/f?p=118:1
University System of Georgia Test Optional Information:
https://www.usg.edu/announcements/usg_to_extend_temporary_test_optional_admission_for_academic_year_2025_2026
GA Futures: https://www.gafutures.org/
Technical Colleges: https://wwws.tcsg.edu/

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* This is an overwhelming process, but you can do it! Try to be organized, mind your deadlines and pace yourself. Remember… "The road to success is always under construction."

Contact any of the counselors if you need help!!