



# JUNIOR ADVISEMENT: CLASS OF 2026

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## In This Packet You Will Find:

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**Naviance**

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## Junior Year Timeline

### What do you need to know now?

- Review courses left to meet graduation requirements and college admission requirements.
- Your goals.** It is time to start defining your goals in terms of what you want to do after high school and the steps needed to get there.

### Fall

- If you have not already, create a **GA Futures** account at [www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org). This is where you can see and track your HOPE GPA.
- Start **researching careers** using Naviance, YouScience, GAFutures, etc. **Determine the training** required for the career you wish to pursue. (4yr college, Technical School, Trade School, Apprenticeship, On-the-Job Training, Military, etc.)
- Research Postsecondary schools:** Talk with College Admissions Reps and ask questions during lunch visits. **Check Naviance for lunch visits.** Look at college websites using your Naviance account. Plan to visit college campuses during breaks. Talk to friends, family members, teachers, and recent grads that are now in college. List the college features that interest you.
- Make a file** to manage your college search, testing, and application data. List all your activities, awards, etc. from high school.
- Start studying** for the SAT/ACT, if applicable.

## Winter

- Sign up to take the **SAT/ACT** in the spring.
- Continue to **research** colleges and careers.

## Spring

- Stay open to all the possibilities** — don't limit your search. To find the best college for you, you should apply to colleges of varying selectivity. Selective colleges admit a portion of students who apply. Some colleges are highly selective while others are less selective.
- Take or Retake the SAT/ACT.**
- Visit colleges, even if it is a virtual visit** – Most schools offer interactive virtual tours!
- Teacher Recommendations** – Will you need a recommendation letter? Who will you ask to write a letter of recommendation? Go ahead and ask the teachers.

## Summer

- Athletes--Register** with the appropriate clearinghouse if you are an athlete planning to continue playing a sport in college (NCAA, NAIA or NJCAA).
- Visit colleges.** When planning your campus visits, make sure to allow time to explore each college. Take campus tours and, at colleges you're serious about, make appointments to have interviews with admission counselors if available. Most campuses offer virtual tours as well.
- Take the SAT/ACT if necessary.
- Create a résumé** — a record of your academic accomplishments, extracurricular activities, and work experiences since you started high school.
- Make a list of 3-5 schools** you plan on applying to in the fall.
- Begin** writing admissions essays for those schools on your list that require them.

## Graduation Requirements vs. College Admissions:

Graduation Requirements	vs.	College Admissions
Determined by the GA Dept. of Education.		Determined by individual college. Often greater than graduation requirements (even in GA). Ex. math and/or world languages.
Tracked by <b>you</b> , your teachers, and your school counselor.		Tracked by <b>you</b> – It's your responsibility to find out what the school requires.
Must pass 23 specific classes including:  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">                     4 English                      4 Science                      Health/PE                      3 CTAE, Fine Arts and/or World Language                 </div> <div style="width: 45%;">                     4 Math                      3 Social Studies                      4 General Electives                 </div> </div>		Most colleges require some type of testing for admissions, but not all. Do your research on the college's admissions page.  *Keep in mind that many test optional schools use test scores for scholarship eligibility.
Required credits must be met before you earn a high school diploma.		Meeting minimum admissions' requirements does NOT guarantee admission to that college.

# Career Interests: So, what do you want to do with your life?

Do you know what you want to do?



How do you decide?



Where do you begin?

## If you aren't sure, take a Career Interest Inventory

### Step 1: Take an Interest Inventory—ASVAB, YouScience, Naviance, GAFutures, etc.

During the assessment, avoid choosing "not sure" type responses. Choosing this type of response gives you careers that may not be the best fit because you said you "didn't care".

Decide if this career is something you would want to do for the rest of your working life.

Ex. If you don't want to work outside, don't choose those types of responses or the assessment results will give you careers that require you to be outside.

### Step 2: Make a list of careers you want to learn about.

Think about...

Job availability and location upon graduation

Education/Training Required

Salary Range-Can you make a livable wage?

Work Demands-Are you physically able to do the job?

### Step 3: Determine the Occupational Outlook for the careers.

You can find answers to these questions on sites like:

Occupational Outlook Handbook: [www.bls.gov/ooh/](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/)

O\*Net Online: [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)

### Step 4: Look for colleges that offer that major on sites like:

Naviance ([www.cobbk12.org](http://www.cobbk12.org) > Find it Fast > Naviance-use your O365 login)

GaFutures ([www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org))

Big Future ([www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org))

## Post-Secondary Options

### Work Force -State Workforce Development Initiatives

To learn more about the Georgia Department Economic Development's Workforce initiatives please visit the following website: <https://georgia.org/competitive-advantages/workforce-education>.

Cobb County School Counseling has also compiled a list of several workforce initiatives in Georgia at: <https://linktr.ee/GAWorkForceDevInitiatives>.

### On-the-Job Training vs. Apprenticeships

On the Job Training		Apprenticeships
Short Period of Time.	<b>vs</b>	The completion of an apprenticeship is generally associated with skilled labor.
Structured Hands-On Training by a peer or supervisor.		Training can take 1-6 years and provides on-the-job training from someone who is licensed in the field. Often requires formal licensure.
Typically, does not require tests for certification or licensure.		Examples: Skilled construction work, electrician, plumber, HVAC, automotive technician, welder, etc.

# Apprenticeships

Atlanta Electrical Contractors	<a href="http://atlantaelectrical.org/">http://atlantaelectrical.org/</a>
Electrical Training Center	<a href="https://sites.google.com/aejatc.org/etc/home?authuser=0">https://sites.google.com/aejatc.org/etc/home?authuser=0</a>
Independent Electrical Contractors	<a href="http://iecatlantaga.org/training/apprenticeship/">http://iecatlantaga.org/training/apprenticeship/</a>
Atlanta Carpenters Union	<a href="http://www.atlantacarpenters.com/">http://www.atlantacarpenters.com/</a>
Southeastern Carpenters Union	<a href="http://www.southeasterncarpenters.org/join-us/">http://www.southeasterncarpenters.org/join-us/</a>
Mechanical Trades Institute	<a href="https://www.mti-jatt.org/">https://www.mti-jatt.org/</a>
United Association of Plumbers, Pipefitters & HVACR Technicians	<a href="http://ua72.org/apprentices">http://ua72.org/apprentices</a>
Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors Association	<a href="https://www.phccga.org/">https://www.phccga.org/</a>
Iron Workers Union	<a href="https://ironworkerslocal387.com/apprenticeship-2/">https://ironworkerslocal387.com/apprenticeship-2/</a>
Local 515 – Interanational Laborers Union of North America	<a href="https://liunalocal515.com/">https://liunalocal515.com/</a>
Finishing Trades Institute	<a href="https://ifti.edu/">https://ifti.edu/</a>
Georgia Utility Contractors	<a href="https://www.guca.com/">https://www.guca.com/</a>
Masonry Association of GA	<a href="https://www.masonrypros.org/apprenticeship-1/">https://www.masonrypros.org/apprenticeship-1/</a>
Operating Engineers Union	<a href="https://iuoe926.org/">https://iuoe926.org/</a>
Roofers Union	<a href="https://unionroofers.com/join-us/apprenticeship/">https://unionroofers.com/join-us/apprenticeship/</a>
Sprinkler Fitters Union	<a href="http://sprinklerfitters669.org/jatc.aspx">http://sprinklerfitters669.org/jatc.aspx</a>
Southeastern Millwrights Union	<a href="https://www.southernstatesmillwrights.org/TrainingOverview.xml">https://www.southernstatesmillwrights.org/TrainingOverview.xml</a>
Sheet Metal Union	<a href="http://www.jatc85.org/">http://www.jatc85.org/</a>
International Union of Elevator Constructors	<a href="https://nabtu.org/affiliates/international-union-elevator-constructors-iuec/">https://nabtu.org/affiliates/international-union-elevator-constructors-iuec/</a>

## Military

- Research the different branches (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy) at [www.todaymilitary.com](http://www.todaymilitary.com).
- You can Enlist as Active Duty (Full Time) or Reserves (Part Time).
- Excellent scholarships available for students who pursue ROTC in college.
- Talk to a recruiter either at school or at their office.
- Take the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) to determine job eligibility. <https://www.officialasvab.com/>

## Military Academies

- Academies:** West Point, Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, Coast Guard Academy, Merchant Marines
- All academies, except the Coast Guard Academy, **require a Congressional nomination.**
- Very competitive process** that you must begin very early! **Begin researching NOW!**  
*You can find more information about the process on the Service Academy websites or [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov).*

## Specialty Schools

Schools that offer training for a specific career. These schools are typically **FOR-PROFIT** schools, which means they are funded by students and may have limited financial aid. They are considered a business and can close without notice, so make sure you choose a reputable school.

Examples of Specialty Schools	Types of Programs Offered
Paul Mitchell, Aveda, Toni & Guy	Cosmetology, Barbering, Esthetician
Georgia Trade School	Welding
Georgia MLS Real Estate School; Barney Fletcher School; Keller Williams, Etc.	Real Estate

# Postsecondary Options: College

## How do I get to college?

- **Define your priorities and “must haves”**
  - Location, major, size, cost, etc.
  
- **Research colleges online**
  - Visit their webpage – Review the minimum admission requirements and deadlines.
  - Freshman profile – average profile of students accepted the previous year (average high school GPA & test scores).
  - Know the various types of GPA (college, core, HOPE, and cumulative).
  - Resources – **Supermatch** in Naviance, Big Future at [www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org), GaFutures at <https://www.gafutures.org/>
  - Talk to your School Counselor.
  - Go on college visits – You can take two days during the school year to attend a formal visit. These two days are excused absences. Go on a visit during the summer and/or during school breaks. This will help you get a feel for campus life.
  
- **Attend college fairs and visit with college Admission Reps**
  - **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
  
- **Make a list of potential schools and research them. Plan to apply to at least 3 colleges:**
  - **Safety (at least 1 school)** – student’s core GPA and test scores are above the college’s freshman profile.
  - **Target** – student’s core GPA and test scores match the college’s freshman profile.
  - **Reach (at least 1 school)** – Student’s core GPA and test scores are below the college’s freshman profile OR the school is **HIGHLY COMPETITIVE**.

## Questions to Consider When Deciding Between Different Colleges, Ask Yourself...

• Does the school offer the course/major I want?	• Do I prefer a campus located in the city or a rural area?
• Do I want to be on a big campus with a lot going on, or do I want to be on a small campus with more personal attention?	• Does the school offer athletic or extracurricular activities that interest me?
• Do I want to stay close to home or explore new places?	• Do I feel like the campus life is a good fit for me?
• Is my budget limited or can I attend any college? When looking at the total cost of attendance, you should consider tuition, room & board, and meal plans.	• Are there flexible scheduling options?
• Do I have the grades, SAT, or ACT score necessary to get into the college of my choice?	• Can I see myself spending 4 years of my life here?
• What percentage of students graduate and get jobs? What is the retention rate?	• What are the application fees to apply?
• What size is the student body and campus?	• What is the teacher to student ratio?

Naviance Tool	What is it?	How to use it?
<b>Supermatch</b>	You can set criteria to yield a list of colleges to explore.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click on the “College” tab</li> <li>• Look under “Find Your Fit”</li> <li>• Click “Supermatch College Search</li> </ul>

# Postsecondary Options: College Continued

Things to know about your college of interest – Research & Ask an Admissions Representative.

## Admission Information:

- What are the admission requirements?
- What is the typical profile? (Average GPA/test scores of the last freshman class). How do you compare?
- Do they use weighted or unweighted GPA for admission? Do they **RECALCULATE** your GPA?
- Do they consider extracurricular activities, work experience, community involvement in their decision-making process?
- Do they consider the rigor of the courses you have taken over your high school career?
- Do they require letters of recommendation from teachers and/or counselors? If they don't ask for one, don't send one. If they do require one, speak to your teachers early.
- Are applications submitted through Common App, Coalition, or direct to institution?
- **Do you need to take a specific course in high school before you can apply?**
- Your high school transcript will be submitted by your school counselor via Naviance.

## Application Information:

- What is the application fee? This is found on the admissions page. Application fees can add up to a lot of money! All schools require a fee, but fees are sometimes waived depending on the situation.
- What is the deadline for applications? **KNOW YOUR DEADLINES!**
- When will the college let me know their decision?
- Do they offer Early Decision or Early Action?

Understanding the Decision Process for each school you are considering.	
Early Action	Application decisions are made earlier than regular decision deadlines. Not required to accept the offer and have until spring to decide.
Early Decision	Students apply early, but the decision is binding. You can ONLY apply to one (1) school; if you are accepted you must attend.
Regular Decision	No application decisions are made until after the posted deadline; usually 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester, possibly allowing you time to retake SAT/ACT if necessary & submit Semester 1 grades.
Rolling Decision	Application decisions are made as they are received until all classes are filled.

## Expenses:

- What is the cost of attendance?
- How much should I budget for tuition, books, room/board?
- Am I required to purchase a meal plan?

## General Information:

- Is the college public or private?
- What is the average class size in the freshman class?
- Are freshman required to live on campus?
- Are there study abroad programs?

## Financial Aid

- Does the college offer tuition scholarships? What are the requirements?
- Does the college offer scholarships that are not academic based?
- Are there loans available from the college?
- Does the college offer a work-study program? How does it work?

# Different Types of GPA

## Cumulative Weighted GPA (Allatoona GPA)

- Located on your Allatoona HS transcript.
- Includes EVERY course you've taken for school credit.
- Calculates an extra 0.5 quality point for Honors courses.
- Calculates an extra 1.0 quality point for AP courses.
- NOT typically what colleges use for admissions.

## Cumulative Unweighted GPA (Allatoona GPA)

- Located on your Allatoona HS transcript.
- Removes any extra weight you received for taking Honors or AP level courses.
- Still includes all courses taken for high school credit.

## HOPE GPA

- Located on GaFutures.org.
- Includes only grades earned in the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and World Language.
- Quality points for Honors are REMOVED.
- 0.5 quality point added to AP, International Baccalaureate (IB), and Dual Enrollment (DE) core courses (not to exceed 4.0).
- **NOT LOCATED ON YOUR ALLATOONA TRANSCRIPT!**

## College GPA

- Calculated by each college individually based on their standards for admission.
- May be different than weighted, unweighted, and HOPE GPA.
- Example: The average of 17 core classes: 4 English, 4 math, 4 science, 3 social studies, 2 world languages. Most GA colleges use this to determine admissions. If you have taken Honors or AP; they may leave the weight in, they may take it out or **recalculate** using their own formula. **Every school is different!!**

# SAT, ACT, & Other Testing Information

For a comparison of the SAT v. the ACT visit: <https://www.applerouth.com/blog/digital-sat-vs-act-test>

## What About Test Scores?

- You will need to request your scores be sent via College Board (SAT) or Act. Most colleges will accept either test. Writing requirement varies by college. These tests are sometimes required for admissions to 4-year colleges. Students can take BOTH.

## ACT AND SAT TEST DATES (2024-2025)

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline		SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline
September 14, 2024	August 25		October 5, 2024	September 24
October 26, 2024	October 7		November 2, 2024	October 22
December 14, 2024	November 22		December 7, 2024	November 26
February 8, 2025	January 20		March 8, 2025	February 25
April 5, 2025	March 28		May 3, 2025	April 22
June 14, 2025	May 9		June 7, 2025	May 27

Register for the SAT at <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration>

Register for the ACT at <https://www.act.org/content/act/en-georgia.html>

### Test Prep: You need to study BEFORE THE TEST!

- SAT & ACT Prep: [www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com)
- SAT Only: [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)
- <https://www.applerouth.com/services/test-prep/sat>
- Check the Allatoona Counseling Page for additional options.

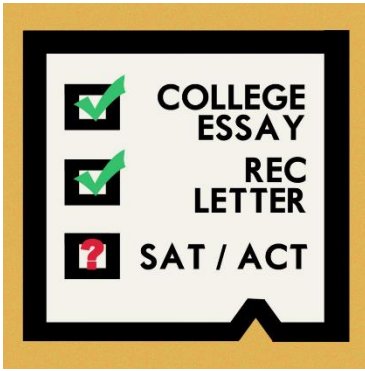
### Fee Waivers:

- Test and Application Fee waivers are available to economically disadvantaged 11th and 12th grade students.
- Parents/guardians can apply for Free/Reduced lunch at [www.cobbk12.org/allatoona](http://www.cobbk12.org/allatoona) > FIND IT FAST > Lunch Menus > Family Meal Application Information.

SAT Fee Waiver	ACT Fee Waivers
2 Free SATs	4 Free ACTs with or without the optional writing
Unlimited Score Reports to colleges	Free access to The Official ACT online course
Waived college application fees at participating schools <i>(If you have already tested, the fee waivers are in your college board account.)</i>	Free score reports to up to 6 colleges  Waived college application fees at participating schools

<b>Accuplacer</b>	Placement exam for two year & technical colleges. You can schedule to take the test at your chosen college. May be required for careers in Public Safety.
<b>ASVAB</b>	Aptitude/career exam required for entrance into the military that determines your eligibility for military jobs.





## ARE COLLEGES REALLY TEST (SAT/ACT) OPTIONAL?

In most cases, if the college admissions page states that the school is test optional, meaning that an SAT and/or an ACT is not required for admission, that is the case.

**Except for the following examples:**

- **Currently** the University of Georgia, Georgia Tech and Georgia College and State University are **NOT** test optional. Each school has different requirements. **DO YOUR RESEARCH.**
- In addition, depending on your **GPA**, a test score may be needed.
  - If a college **RECALCULATES YOUR CORE GPA** and you do not meet the minimum GPA requirement for admissions, **YOU WILL NEED TO SUBMIT A TEST SCORE.**
  - Remember, the recalculated GPA is **NOT** your Allatoona GPA.

### **Example – You want to apply to Kennesaw State University**

- KSU **RECALCULATES** your **GPA** using only **CORE** classes - Your recalculated GPA is **now a 3.0...**
- First-year students applying to Kennesaw State University for the Spring 2025, Summer 2025, Fall 2025, and Summer 2026 semesters may be admitted without an ACT or SAT score if they have a GPA of **3.2 or higher**. **Students who have a GPA of less than 3.2 should submit official ACT or SAT scores along with their high school transcript to be considered for admission.**

(Information pulled from KSU's Admissions page

<https://www.kennesaw.edu/admissions/undergraduate/admission-requirements/freshman.php>)

- Keep in mind that college admissions may shift from test optional to requiring an SAT or ACT exam, thus it is always smart to be prepared for anything!
- Plan to take the SAT and/or ACT **BEFORE** Senior year. This will allow you extra time to retake a test if you need a better score.

### **Additional Resource:**

Admissions Requirements for USG Schools:

[https://www.usg.edu/student\\_affairs/assets/student\\_affairs/documents/USG\\_FR\\_Admission\\_Requirements.pdf](https://www.usg.edu/student_affairs/assets/student_affairs/documents/USG_FR_Admission_Requirements.pdf)

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

# Postsecondary Options: 2-Year/Technical College

## The Pros of Attending a 2-Year or Technical College

- Attending a 2-year community or technical college can help save money.
- It is a GREAT stepping-stone! Helps you adjust to college course work and stay close to home for a slower transition (if a 4-year college is your goal). You can take core classes that will transfer to a 4-year college to pursue a Bachelor's Degree.
- You can earn a Certificate, Diploma, or an Associate's Degree.
- 2-year and technical colleges have many career training opportunities! And offer a quick employment pathway to certain careers.
- Your high school GPA and standardized test scores are not as heavily weighted for admission.
- Smaller class sizes!

### Financial Aid Opportunities include:

- HOPE Grant
- HOPE Career Grant
- Zell Miller Grant
- <https://www.gafutures.org/federal-aid-scholarships/>

### Hope Career Grant

- The HOPE Career Grant can be the boost a student needs to get started on a rewarding career in a well-paying job, and without accumulating a lot of student debt. It also helps Georgia employers by creating a pipeline of skilled workers they can hire well into the future.
- To be eligible for the HOPE Career Grant, students must first qualify for and be receiving the HOPE Grant. The two grants together can cover all tuition in specific programs of study.

### WHAT ABOUT TECHNICAL COLLEGES?

<https://www.tcsg.edu/>

### You may be required to take the Accuplacer Exam:

#### ACCUPLACER EXAM: Computer Adaptive College Placement Test

- Used for admission to 2 Year and Technical Colleges (in place of SAT or ACT).
- Scheduled through the individual college.
- Evaluates skill levels in reading, writing and math.
- 3 Integrated Components: Placement Assessments, Diagnostic Assessments and Skill Building Support.
- Immediate results.

### What can I do if my GPA isn't high enough to get into my dream college?

- Consider taking classes at a different school, perhaps a 2-year or technical college. Your GPA starts over when you begin college, you can start fresh then transfer.
- Once you earn 30 college credit hours, you can apply as a transfer student to a different school.
  - More information on applying as a transfer student:  
<https://www.usg.edu/policymanual/section4/C328/#n4213> (Section 4.2.1.5)
- You can take courses that are guaranteed to transfer to a school that is part of the University System of Georgia. More information here: Georgia Transfer [Georgia Transfer \(gatransfer.org\)](http://gatransfer.org) \*Be sure to check with the school you are interested in transferring to for specific transfer guidelines.

# Financial Aid Information

## Grants & Scholarships

- Sources: Government, College, Private (business, organizations)
- Merit based or need based

## Loans

- Must pay back - with interest
- Each loan has a different set of terms and conditions
- Pay attention to how much you'll need for college, monthly payments, and how much you'll have to pay on interest

## Work Study

- Students have a job on campus
- Money earned helps to pay for school

## Financial Aid Tips

- Are you interested in a major not offered in GA and going out of state doesn't seem possible?
  - Look into **Academic Common Market**. This program gives you the opportunity to study in a specialized field at an out-of-state college and pay in-state tuition rates.  
<https://www.sreb.org/academic-common-market>
- **FAFSA Information:** <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
  - Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible your senior year.
  - Students apply for HOPE scholarship programs through FAFSA completion.
- **Scholarships: It's a part-time job!**
  - Apply early and often!
  - Put together a resume and prepare a personal statement so you are ready to apply.
  - Create a notebook to keep track of all information.
  - Start local – Look at all Local Scholarships in Naviance.
  - Check with your employer and your parent's employer for different scholarship opportunities.
  - Check organizations you are involved with in your community.
  - **Check Naviance under Colleges – Scholarships – Scholarship List for scholarship opportunities (including local scholarships).**
- **Undocumented Students**
  - Financial aid requirements are different for undocumented students. There may be additional options as provided by specific colleges. It is the students responsibility to contact the college directly.

# Hope Scholarship Programs

## Hope Scholarship

- The scholarship provides money to assist students with a portion of the tuition cost at a HOPE eligible college or university.
- 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](http://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 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

### State Scholarship Programs

For the most up-to-date information on HOPE and Zell Miller scholarships and HOPE Grant, please visit <http://bit.ly/AHSHOPEinfo> or scan the QR code below.

Please note, your HOPE GPA is based on ALL English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language classes. This GPA is NOT on your Allatoona transcript.



# Dual Enrollment

## What is Dual Enrollment?

- Dual Enrollment (DE) is a Georgia funded program that allows 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders to take college courses that can simultaneously count toward high school and college requirements.
- The Dual Enrollment program covers tuition, mandatory fees and required textbooks.
- The goal of Dual Enrollment is to increase college access and completion and prepare students to enter the workforce with the skills they need to succeed.
- For detailed information regarding the dual enrollment program in Cobb County visit: <https://www.cobbk12.org/page/42474/dual-enrollment>

## Where do most Buccaneers Dual Enroll?

- Kennesaw State University: <https://www.kennesaw.edu/dual-enrollment/index.php>
- Chattahoochee Technical College: <http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/deeligibility/>
- Check out GAFutures to see all the schools that participate in dual enrollment.

## What should I do if I'm interested in participating in dual enrollment?

- Research admissions requirements for the college you're interested in attending for DE.
- Know application **deadlines** for individual schools (some are early).
  - The Allatoona DE deadline is earlier than the colleges.
  - If you are considering dual enrollment for senior year (fall or spring), you MUST submit an intent form during registration in the spring.
- Take SAT/ACT/Accuplacer (if required).
- Look into full-time and part-time options.
- Talk to your parent/guardian about this experience.
- Determine if you are you ready for college level work and responsibilities.
- Make an appointment with your Allatoona School Counselor to discuss DE.
- Consider challenges...
  - Activities during and after the school day
  - Transportation
  - Rigorous college level classes
  - Scheduling classes at college and high school
- Dual Enrollment Course Directory: <https://www.gafutures.org/checs/dualenrollment/DECourseDirectory>

Check out the Allatoona DE website for additional information: <http://allatoonacounseling.weebly.com/>

Next Information Meeting: **January 28, 2025**

# Naviance



Naviance Student is a comprehensive, web-based planning tool that will assist Allatoona students in managing the academic, career, and college aspects of high school. Naviance is the primary method of college planning for Allatoona students.

## Naviance Access for Students

Go to [www.cobbk12.org/Allatoona](http://www.cobbk12.org/Allatoona) > **Find It Fast** (top right-hand corner) and choose **Naviance**.  
*DO NOT GOOGLE NAVIANCE! It will prevent you from accessing the secure site.*

LOCATION	USERNAME	PASSWORD
Home	Office 365 Username	Office 365 Password
School	Automatically Logged in If You Are Logged into O365	

## Naviance Features

<b>Log into Naviance and click on the corresponding TAB to check out all of the Naviance FEATURES listed in each section.</b>	
TABS	FEATURES
<b>Self-Discovery</b>	<b>Career Cluster Finder, Career Interest Profiler, AchieveWorks Intelligence, Learning &amp; Productivity, Personality, and Skills, Strengths Explorer</b>
<b>Careers</b>	<b>Explore Careers, Explore Clusters &amp; Pathways, Explore Road Trip Nation</b>
<b>Colleges</b>	<p><b>Find Your Fit:</b> Supermatch College Search, College Match, College Events, Scattergrams, Advanced College Search, and College Look-up</p> <p><b>Research Colleges:</b> College Visits, College Compare, College Resources, Acceptance History, and College Maps</p> <p><b>Apply to College:</b> Colleges I'm Applying To and Test Scores</p> <p><b>Scholarship &amp; Money:</b> College-Specific Scholarships, National Scholarship Search, Scholarship Search</p>
<b>Planner</b>	<b>Goals, To Do's, and Tasks</b>
<b>Favorites Icon</b> 	<p><b>All things you have marked as a favorite by clicking on the heart icon including:</b></p> <p>Favorite Careers &amp; Clusters, Colleges I'm Thinking About, Colleges I'm Applying To, and Favorite Scholarships</p>
<b>Messages Icon</b> 	<b>Messages sent from the Allatoona Counseling Office and/or Naviance</b>
<b>About Me</b>	<p><b>Account Information:</b> Personal, Contact and Academic</p> <p><b>Documents &amp; Notes:</b> Create a Resume, Goals, Portfolio, Journal, Test Scores, and Documents Shared with Me</p> <p><b>Surveys:</b> Surveys from Your School</p>

# Additional Resources

ACT (Admissions Test)	<a href="http://www.actstudent.org/">http://www.actstudent.org/</a>
ACCUPLACER (Admissions Testing)	<a href="https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/practice">https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/practice</a>
ASVAB (Military)	<a href="https://www.officialasvab.com/">https://www.officialasvab.com/</a>
ACADEMIC COMMON MARKET (Financial Aid)	<a href="https://www.sreb.org/academic-common-market">https://www.sreb.org/academic-common-market</a>
BIG FUTURE (College Planning)	<a href="https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/">https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/</a>
COMMON BLACK APP (College Application)	<a href="https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/">https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/</a>
COMMON APP (College Application)	<a href="https://www.commonapp.org/">https://www.commonapp.org/</a>
COLLEGE DATA (College Planning)	<a href="http://collegedata.com/">http://collegedata.com/</a>
COLLEGE ESSAY RESOURCES	<a href="https://www.collegeessayguy.com/">https://www.collegeessayguy.com/</a> <a href="https://blog.collegeboard.org/how-write-college-application-essay">https://blog.collegeboard.org/how-write-college-application-essay</a> <a href="https://www.commonapp.org/blog/their-stories-their-way-approaching-college-essay">https://www.commonapp.org/blog/their-stories-their-way-approaching-college-essay</a>
FAFSA (Financial Aid)	<a href="https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa">https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa</a>
FAIR TEST (Test Optional Schools)	<a href="http://www.fairtest.org">www.fairtest.org</a>
GA FUTURES (HOPE)	<a href="http://www.gafutures.org">www.gafutures.org</a> Create a username/password-must enter your social security number, date of birth, address & enter Allatoona High School as your school to view your HOPE GPA.
GAP YEAR ASSOCIATION	<a href="https://www.gapyearassociation.org/">https://www.gapyearassociation.org/</a>
HIGH DEMAND CAREER INITIATIVES (HDCI)	<a href="https://www.tcsg.edu/hdap/hdci-occupations-list/">https://www.tcsg.edu/hdap/hdci-occupations-list/</a>
NAIA (College Athletics)	<a href="http://www.naia.org">www.naia.org</a>
NCAA (College Athletics)	<a href="https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/">https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/</a>
NET PRICE CALCULATOR (Financial Aid)	<a href="https://collegecost.ed.gov/net-price">https://collegecost.ed.gov/net-price</a>
SAT (ADMISSIONS TEST)	<a href="https://www.collegeboard.org/">https://www.collegeboard.org/</a>
TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GA (Oversees all Technical Colleges in Georgia)	<a href="https://tcsg.edu/">https://tcsg.edu/</a> Great resource for GA Technical colleges: admissions requirements, programs offered at each school, etc.
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GA (Oversees all Public Colleges in Georgia)	<a href="https://www.usg.edu/">https://www.usg.edu/</a> Great information about all GA Colleges: avg GPA/Test Scores; degrees, admissions requirements, financial aid, etc.
VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOURS	<a href="https://www.campusreel.org/">https://www.campusreel.org/</a> <a href="https://www.youvisit.com/collegesearch/">https://www.youvisit.com/collegesearch/</a> <a href="https://campustours.com/">https://campustours.com/</a>