



JUNIOR ADVISEMENT: CLASS OF 2027

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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 **GAFutures** account at 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. Admission selectivity differs by college - some are highly competitive, while others are less so.
- ☐ **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. Naviance offers a resume tool.
- ☐ **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		College Admissions
Determined by the GA Dept. of Education.	VS.	Determined by individual college. Often greater than graduation requirements (even in GA). Ex. Math and/or world languages.
Tracked by you , your teachers, and your school counselor.		Tracked by you – It's your responsibility to find out what the school requires.
Must pass 23 specific classes including: 4 English 4 Math 4 Science 3 Social Studies Health/PE 4 General Electives 3 CTAE, Fine Arts and/or World Language		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, try to avoid selecting 'not sure' responses. Doing so may result in career matches that don't align as well, since it signals the area isn't a priority for you. Instead, consider whether this is a career you could see yourself enjoying throughout 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/

O*Net Online: www.onetonline.org

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

Naviance (www.cobbk12.org > Find it Fast > Naviance-use your O365 login)

GaFutures (www.gafutures.org)

Big Future (<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>)

Post-Secondary Options

Work Force -State Workforce Development Initiatives

To learn more about the Georgia Department of 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.	VS	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

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

Military

- ☐ Research the different branches (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy) at www.todaysmilitary.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.*

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 and Aveda Institute	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.
 - Review 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 <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>, and 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**.

Naviance Tool	What is it?	How to use it?
Supermatch	You can set criteria to yield a list of colleges to explore.	• Click on the “College” tab • Look under “Find Your Fit” • Click “Supermatch College Search

Questions to consider when deciding between different colleges. Do your 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. If letters of recommendation are optional, it is recommended that you send them.
- 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?
- If I get deferred, then what?

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 nd 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? Is your budget limited?
- How much should I budget for tuition, books, room/board?
- Am I required to purchase a meal plan?
- Am I required to live on campus as a freshman?

General Information:

- Does the school offer the major/minor I want?
- Do I have the grades, SAT, or ACT score necessary to get into the college of my choice?
- What percentage of students graduate and get jobs? What is the retention rate?
- Is the college public or private?
- What size is the student body and campus? 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?
- What is the average class size in the freshman class?
- Are there study abroad programs?
- Do I want to stay close to home or explore a new place? Do I prefer a campus located in the city or a rural area?
- Do I feel like the campus life is a good fit for me? Does the school offer athletic or extra-curricular activities that interest me?
- Can I see myself spending 4 years of my life here?

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 (2025-2026)

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

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!

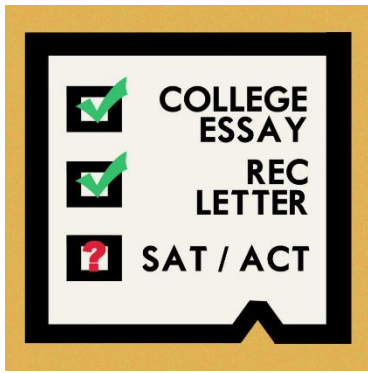
- SAT & ACT Prep: www.march2success.com
- SAT Only: www.khanacademy.org
- <https://www.applerouth.com/services/test-prep/sat>
- <https://www.kaptest.com/>
- Check the Allatoona Counseling Page for additional options.

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 > 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 (If you have already tested, the fee waivers are in your college board account.)	Free score reports to up to 6 colleges
	Waived college application fees at participating schools

Accuplacer	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.
ASVAB	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.

Currently the University of Georgia, Georgia Tech and Georgia College and State University are **NOT** test optional.

Schools that are returning to test required policies for the Class of 2026 include but may not be limited to Georgia State University, Georgia Southern University, Kennesaw State University, Augusta University and Mercer University. 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? Review at <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. *This past year, UGA's transfer acceptance rate was about 74% and Georgia Tech's about 50%, compared to 37% and 30% for incoming freshmen, respectively.*

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 also apply for HOPE scholarship programs through FAFSA completion.
- **GSFAPP:**
 - The Georgia Scholarship / Grant Application (GSFAPP) is a free, Georgia-specific application available on GAfutures.org that Georgia residents use to apply for state-funded financial aid, such as the HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships and Grants. While the **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) determines eligibility for federal and some state aid, the GSFAPP is an alternative for students seeking only state aid. To apply, students go to GAfutures.org, navigate to the "HOPE & State Programs" tab, and click "State Aid Applications".
- **Scholarships:**
 - 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).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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 11th and 12th 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 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
 - Must have transportation
 - Rigorous college level classes
 - Scheduling classes at college and high school – your schedules cannot overlap. Keep in mind that college courses may be in person, online, or hybrid. There is no guarantee that courses will be offered online.
- Dual Enrollment Course Directory:
<https://www.gafutures.org/checs/dualenrollment/DECourseDirectory>

Check out the Allatoona DE website for additional information:

<https://www.cobbk12.org/allatoona/page/94742/dual-enrollment>

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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 > **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 Tools

Features	FEATURES	How to Access
About Me Complete this when you first login if you have not already updated your contact information – Enter personal email – not your Cobb student email.	Account Information: Personal, Contact and Academic Documents & Notes: Create a Resume, Goals, Portfolio, Journal, Test Scores, and Documents Shared with Me Surveys: Surveys from Your School	Click the About Me Tab
Self-Discovery Tab Career Interest Profiler	The Career Interest Profiler helps find careers by mapping your interests to six basic types of personalities, together called the Holland Code. The higher you score, the more you are like that type.	- Click the Self-Discovery Tab - Click Career Interest Profiler
Self-Discovery Tab AchieveWorks: Intelligences	- Intelligence comes in many forms. AchieveWorks Intelligences helps you uncover your different intelligences and how to leverage them. - This tool will reveal the ways you deal with information, solve problems, and create things. - Plan to spend at least 15 minutes on this assessment.	- Click the Self-Discovery Tab - Click Intelligences
Self-Discovery Tab AchieveWorks: Learning and Productivity	- AchieveWorks Learning and Productivity helps you learn your sensory and mindset preferences to help you develop study practices. - This tool will reveal the ways you learn best and how you can be most productive. - Plan to spend at least 20 minutes on this assessment.	- Click the Self-Discovery Tab - Click Learning and Productivity

Self-Discovery Tab AchieveWorks: Personality	○ AchieveWorks Personality helps you identify your personality type by asking you to choose scenarios that best represent how you behave in real life. ○ This tool will reveal your true personality and provide tips to achieve success in a way that works for you. ○ Plan to spend at least 15 minutes on this assessment.	○ Click the Self-Discovery Tab ○ Click Personality
Self-Discovery Tab AchieveWorks: Skills	○ AchieveWorks Skills helps you identify and develop your skills and connects your skills to careers that might interest you. ○ This tool will reveal your current skill profile and provide recommendations for you to develop skills. ○ Plan to spend at least 20 minutes completing this assessment.	○ Click the Self-Discovery Tab ○ Click Skills
College Tab SuperMatch College Search	○ Set search criteria to yield a list of colleges to explore ○ Click the various tabs of individual college profiles to learn more about financial aid, majors and degrees, and campus life. ○ You can favorite a college you like. ○ You can re-do the search and change the criteria.	○ Click the College Tab ○ Look under Find Your Fit ○ Click College SuperMatch
College Tab National Scholarship Search	○ You can view National Scholarship Opportunities ○ You can also browse by category to yield a search list relevant to your interests/special talents.	○ Click the Colleges Tab ○ Look under Scholarships and Money ○ Click National Scholarship Search
College Tab Scholarship Search	○ You can view College and Local organization sponsored scholarship opportunities.	○ Click the Colleges Tab ○ Look under Scholarships and Money ○ Click either College-Specific Scholarships ○ To review LOCAL – click on Scholarships
Planner	○ Tasks, Goals, To Do's	○ Click the Planner Tab
Favorites Icon 	All things you have marked as a favorite by clicking on the heart icon including: Favorite Careers & Clusters, Colleges I'm Thinking About, Colleges I'm Applying To, and Favorite Scholarships.	
Message Icon 	○ Messages sent from the Allatoona Counseling Office and/or Naviance.	

Additional Resources

ACT (Admissions Test)	http://www.actstudent.org/
ACCUPLACER (Admissions Testing)	https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/practice
ASVAB (Military)	https://www.officialasvab.com/
ACADEMIC COMMON MARKET	https://www.sreb.org/academic-common-market Financial Aid for out of state schools.
BIG FUTURE (College Planning)	https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/
COMMON BLACK APP (College Application)	https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/
COMMON APP (College Application)	https://www.commonapp.org/
COLLEGE DATA (College Planning)	http://collegedata.com/
COLLEGE ESSAY RESOURCES	https://www.collegeessayguy.com/ https://blog.collegeboard.org/how-write-college-application-essay https://www.commonapp.org/blog/their-stories-their-way-approaching-college-essay
FAFSA (Financial Aid)	https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa
FAIR TEST (Test Optional Schools)	www.fairtest.org
GA FUTURES (HOPE)	www.gafutures.org 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	https://www.gapyearassociation.org/
Top State for Talent	https://www.tcsg.edu/ga-high-demand/
NAIA (College Athletics)	www.naia.org
NCAA (College Athletics)	https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/
NET PRICE CALCULATOR (Financial Aid)	https://collegecost.ed.gov/net-price
SAT (ADMISSIONS TEST)	https://www.collegeboard.org/
TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GA (Oversees all Technical Colleges in Georgia)	https://tcsg.edu/ Great resource for GA Technical colleges: admissions requirements, programs offered at each school, etc.
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GA (Oversees all Public Colleges in Georgia)	https://www.usg.edu/ Great information about all GA Colleges: avg GPA/Test Scores; degrees, admissions requirements, financial aid, etc.
VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOURS	https://www.campusreel.org/ https://www.youvisit.com/collegesearch/ https://campustours.com/