

Hi Seniors!

I know that this is a stressful time of the year. We are in the thick of the application season. There is a lot of writing, deadlines, scholarships, grades, and so much more that you have to keep up with. No fear – Your Hillgrove School Counselors are here!

Below are some FAQs that we are getting. We wanted to share with you all as a quick reference. We are including the Senior Seminar Information to reference as well. See below for more information.

How do I order transcripts?

1. Add the college you are applying to Naviance
2. Go to MyPaymentsPlus and order a transcript

See slide #26 on the Senior Seminar Presentation for instructions.

What is my rank?

Cobb County does not rank.

What is the class size?

Your senior class has 580 students.

What is the school profile and how do I send that?

The school profile is essentially “stats” of Hillgrove. This includes courses offered at Hillgrove, average test-scores of the previous graduating class, and percentage of the previous class that attends 4-year colleges/universities, 2-year colleges/universities, workforce, etc.

You do not have to send the school profile. We automatically send the school profile when we send the transcript to the school.

How do I request a counselor recommendation?

Hillgrove School Counselors automatically send letters of recommendation for students who are applying to schools that require them. There is no request needed. We know that a letter of recommendation is needed once you order your transcript. Please note that this process can take up to 3 weeks so be sure to keep up with deadlines.

If your school does not require, but still accepts a letter of recommendation, please reach out to your school counselor directly to request this.

How do I know if my school is test optional?

We ALWAYS recommend that you visit the school’s actual website with updated information. Most schools are now wanting an ACT or SAT score. Taking these also allows you to be considered for scholarships.

A great freshmen document is the USG Freshmen Admission Requirements: [click here.](#)

How do I access my HOPE GPA?

Log into Georgia Futures at gafutures.org. If you do not have an account, now is the time to make one! You will see a button the left-hand side that says “My High School HOPE GPA”.

Check out the information here on Georgia Futures about information regarding both HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships: [click here](#).

What happens if I access Georgia Futures but can't see my HOPE GPA?

This is typically because we do not have a Social Security number on file. Please check your email for an email from Ms. Davis with instructions on how to remedy this.

How do I set up teacher recommendations?

We suggest that you have a conversation with the teacher FIRST. Once this is done, follow up with an email as a reminder. You should give your teacher about 3 weeks to do so. Be sure to check deadlines. You need to invite teachers in Naviance to submit letters. See Slide #23 on Senior Seminar Presentation for instructions.

How do I sign up for SAT or ACT?

Our Hillgrove School Counseling portion on the Hillgrove website has a lot of information regarding testing. Visit the link here to access: [click here](#).

What is FAFSA and how do I complete it?

FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This is an online application that is completed by students who want the opportunity to receive federal funding to pay for college. It's live, so do it today! Visit the link here to access: [click here](#).

Can someone help me with FAFSA?

Yes! We have two important nights you do not want to miss.

Tuesday, October 21st – Paying for College Night, 6pm in the Hillgrove Theatre

Tuesday, December 9th – Virtual FAFSA Completion Night

Where should I look for scholarships?

Check the financial aid page of the college you plan to attend, Hillgrove Counseling Instagram, Class of 2026 Band App, Naviance, GaFutures, College Board, and Going Merry are all great places to start your search.

