

Senior Parent Night Class of 2026

Lassiter High School
School Counselors



Welcome from Dr. Richie

- Plan
- Research
- Communicate
- Use Resources (Teacher Extra Help Times)
- Time Management
- Be Action Oriented
- Ask for Help/Stay Engaged
- Graduation at KSU - The District sets date and time (usually announced in November/December)

425
Graduates

Lassiter High School

Senior Class of 2025

88% 4 year
colleges
8% 2 year

\$7.2 M

in Scholarship Offered
(not counting HOPE)

5 Military
Enlistments

14,198 hours of
community service

2,159
applications to
338 Colleges

13 National
Merit Scholars

272 Honor
Graduates

21 Collegiate
Athletes

Enrolled in
112 colleges for
Fall 2025

373 HOPE
Eligible Grads

38 STEM
Academy
Graduates

Top Class of 2025 College Destinations:



Lassiter School
Counseling 2025

What can you do now..

- College admissions is extremely competitive. We will always challenge students to move outside their comfort zone to make sure they are competitive with their post-graduation plans!
- We ask all families to begin having post-graduation discussions and that the classes that you take reflect those plans.
- Set goals early and your counselor will work with you to reach those goals

Tonight's Plan

- People to Know
- All About the Application
- Colleges
- Tests
- Financial Aid
- Fun Stuff





LASSITER HIGH SCHOOL



○ Administration

- Dr. Richie
- Mr. Kelly (A-C)
- Mr. Ruggiero (D-Ho)
- Ms. Beemon (Hp-Mi)
- Ms. Koester (Mj-Sc)
- Ms. Huffman (Sd-Z)

○ Counselors

- Lindsey Johnson (A-C)
- Brittany Hughes (D-Ho)
- Michaela Hall (Hp-Mi)
- Meghan Ben (Mj-Sc)
- Liz Clark (Sd-Z)

Class of 2025

**Where did
they go?**

	2022	2023	2024	2025
In State	324	312	298	304
Chatt Tech	30	23	31	24
KSU	110	97	94	96
GA College	20	18	30	18
UGA	60	66	46	52
GT	22	18	15	24

Communication is key!

- How do you know what is going on?

- Lassiter Counseling Website -
<https://lassitercounseling.wixsite.com/lhscounseling>

- Counselor emails through Naviance

- Counseling Instagram

- @lassitercounseling



WHERE TO APPLY TO COLLEGE?

HOW TO NARROW DOWN THE LIST

Reach, Range and Safety

○ Reach

- student scores are below freshmen profile

○ Range

- student scores are within range of freshmen profile

○ Safety

- student scores are above the freshmen profile

Freshmen Profile-
Middle 50% of students
accepted to college.
Typically look at GPA,
test scores and
sometimes # of AP
classes.

How to Choose a College

Points to Consider

- Admission Requirements

- GPA, SAT/ACT, specific classes
 - Look at Freshmen Profile

- Student Life

- Housing
- Recreational Activities & facilities
- Religious Activities
- Greek System

- College Atmosphere

- Size
- Location/Setting
- What makes school unique?
- Weekend Activities

- Instruction

- Class Size, Student: Teacher Ratio
- Availability and helpfulness of Professors
- Programs of study; Majors/Minors
- Career Placement Services

- Financial Aid

- % of students who apply
- % of students who receive
- Availability & Types of scholarships
- Co-op programs, internships, campus jobs
- Average amount of Financial Aid Package



- GSFC will send a letter to every Georgia high school senior.
- The letter identifies all the USG & TCSG colleges that the student is academically qualified to attend (confirmed match based on HOPE GPA).
- Letter contains only MATCHES
- Sending the letter in October allows the student to take advantage of November's Apply to College Month (FREE Applications)!
- When a student clicks "Request Info" or "Claim Your Spot", their information is securely transmitted to that college.
- **"Request Info"**: the college will contact the student and share standard recruitment materials.
- **"Claim Your Spot"**: the college will contact the student with information about completing the application process.

PROBE

- August 26
 - Cherokee HS
- August 27
 - North Cobb Christian
- September 5
 - Centennial HS



Peach State Tour

- Georgia State, Augusta State, Georgia Tech and University of Georgia
- Register!
 - <http://www.peachstatetour.org>

Virtual

- Wednesday, August 27: 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 3: 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 10: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

In Person

- Thursday, August 26: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
 - Atlanta



College Visits



○ Students sign up on Naviance for college visits

- Brandeis University 8/20 at 2pm
- Georgia Southwestern 8/21 at 10am
- Northwestern is 8/27 at 2pm
- University of Miami is 8/28 at 10am
- The University of Alabama is 9/2 at 10am
- University of Georgia is 9/3 at 2pm
- Georgia State is 9/9 at 10:00am
- Tennessee is 9/9 at 11:00am

- Select your top 3 college choices
- Visit colleges during school breaks/tours
- Schedule appointment with Enrollment Counselors.
- Reach out to Financial Aid Officer & discuss Scholarships.

MOST IMPORTANT- The Right Fit for your student!

You are unique.

You should base your choice on how well a college fits your needs. Don't worry about how it's ranked on a list or how famous it is. The effort you put in and the opportunities you take advantage of once you get there matter more than the college you go to. Once you graduate from college, your achievements and skills will matter most.

You are more than test scores.

Colleges care most about the work you've done in high school. They look for students who have earned strong grades in challenging courses. They also try to learn about your character by looking at what you do outside the classroom. Take advantage of opportunities like the application essay and college interview to show a more complete picture of who you are.

Application Types

- Regular
- Rolling
- Early Decision
 - Legally binding
- Early Action
 - Early Action Single Choice, Priority Admissions
- EARLY ACTION/DECISION
 - Meet or Exceed admission requirements: GPA, classes taken, test scores (look at Freshmen Profile).
 - Apply early, hear back early
 - Rules vary from college to college so make sure to READ details!

College Admission Tests



www.collegeboard.org

www.actstudent.org

Take again to raise scores into
Freshmen Profile

Students are responsible for
sending their scores officially to
the colleges!

***2 out of 3 students SAT scores
improve when they take it more
than once!

Khan Academy/Blue Book



Application Process

Application

- Apply to the college
 - How?
- Letter of Recommendations/Forms
 - Email/meet with teachers or counselor
 - Complete *Student Recommendation Questionnaire*
 - Request teacher letter in Naviance



Application

- Request transcripts- 2 STEP PROCESS
 - 1. Add to Naviance 'Colleges I'm Applying To' List
 - 2. Form in MyPaymentPlus - \$2 each

****MPP is ONLY way we know to send transcript!!!!**
- Match Common App if applicable
- Send test scores
- Check online status!!!!
- Mid-Year Report/Final Transcript



Dashboard My Account **Events & Activities** AP Exams

Events & Activities 🌟

Search Activities

Activities & Services

ALLISON



SENIOR TRANSCRIPTS

Dates: July 30, 2020 - May 14, 2021

SignUp Deadline: May 14, 2021, 12:00:00 AM

ALLISON

\$2.00

Deadlines

- 10 school days required for ALL documents from School Counseling Office
 - Transcripts
 - Counselor Forms
 - Counselor Letter of Recommendations

Work Backwards to Determine All Your Deadlines



Example:

- Application deadline for the college is: Oct 15th*
- Counselor recommendation request deadline : October 1st*(10 school days prior)*

This means you have:

- 1) Submitted the application to the college
- 2) Completed your senior questionnaire and resume *if needed
- 3) Talked with your counselor

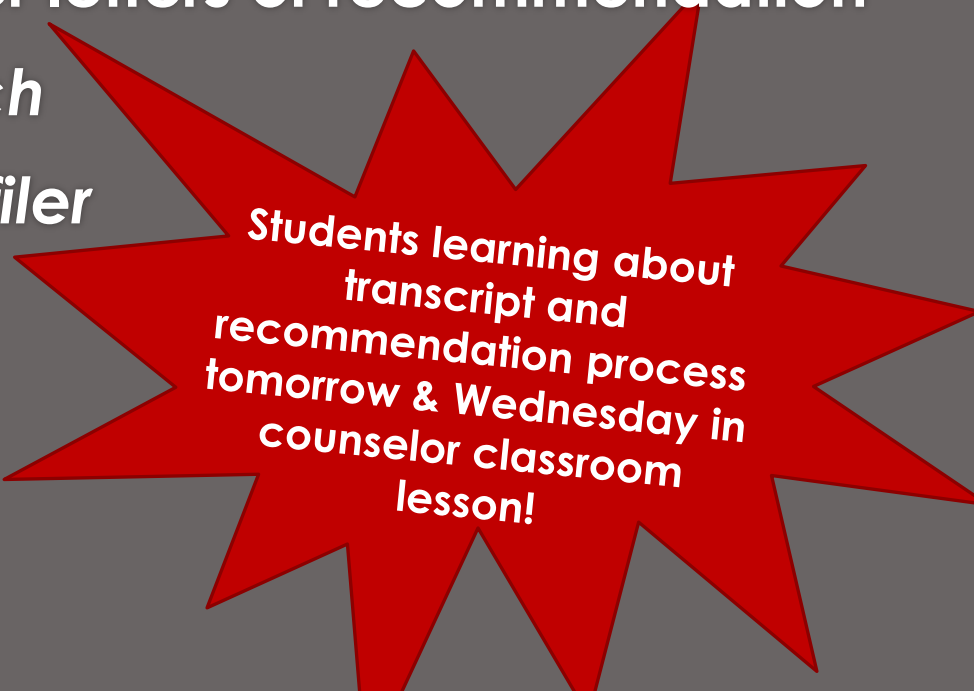
by October 1st for an October 15th deadline

Student Responsibility

- It is the student's responsibility to check their application's status online. By completing early can make sure everything is submitted correctly.
- Colleges track STUDENT correspondence
 - Email, meet with reps and send thank you notes
 - No parent contact

Naviance

- Naviance is a college and career preparation tool to support your student through their senior year
- Transcripts, counselor documents and teacher letters of recommendation
- Not sure where to apply? *College Super Match*
- Not sure Career Interests? *Career Interest Profiler*
- Check out other assessments in Naviance!
 - *Self Discovery Tab*

A red starburst graphic with multiple points, containing text about a classroom lesson.

Students learning about
transcript and
recommendation process
tomorrow & Wednesday in
counselor classroom
lesson!

Counselor College Chats (for STUDENTS)

- Students join the counselors in the Career Center during 6th and 7th period for assistance with college applications.
- September 4th
- October 3rd
- November 6th

**HOW DO COLLEGES CHOOSE WHO
WILL BE ACCEPTED?**

VARIABLES

- Academic Record- GPA
- Test scores (SAT/ACT)
- Classes taken (rigor)
- Essays
- Extracurriculars
- Service to school and community
- Recommendations
- Special abilities
- Interviews

***as of school year 19-20 Cobb County School District does not report class rank.

Freshman Profiles



University of Georgia

GPA: 4.08 - 4.35

SAT: 1300 -1470

ACT: 30 -34

AP classes: 8-14

Georgia Tech

GPA: 4.14

SAT: 1370 -1530

ACT: 30 - 34

AP Classes: 10+

GA State University

GPA: 3.6 - 4.1

SAT: 960 -1100

ACT: 19 - 26

Kennesaw State University

GPA: 3.48 average

SAT: 1111 average

ACT: 22 average

Georgia College

GPA: 3.51 - 3.93

SAT: 1110- 1250

ACT: 21 - 28

GA Southern University

GPA: 3.3 average

SAT: 1080 - 1260

ACT: 21 - 27

How to pay for college?

Financial Aid, HOPE and other Scholarships

Financial Aid



- Financial Aid Night- September 29th 6pm
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid!
 - FAFSA!
 - Can be filled out starting Oct 1st

GAfutures
Explore. Plan. Succeed.



Scholarships

- Scholarship Match and List in Naviance
 - Match- demographic information (national search engine)
 - List- uploaded by Lassiter and County
- The most money your student will get will come from the school itself!
 - Apply Early to meet all deadlines
 - Reach out to Financial Aid office

HOPE vs Zell Miller

HOPE

- 3.0 GPA
- Usually 80-90% of Tuition

- *Only Academic Courses-unweighted
- *Used at Georgia Public Schools
- *Check your HOPE GPA through GAfutures

- *HOPE Grant can be used at Technical Schools

(no specific GPA requirements)

www.gafutures.org for more Information

ZELL MILLER

- 3.7 GPA
- 1200 SAT or 25 ACT
- Full Tuition

HOPE Rigor

- Required to have 4 “rigorous” courses by graduation to be eligible for HOPE Scholarship
- Most Lassiter students graduate with this
- Courses considered rigorous—
 - Adv Algebra, PreCalc, Chemistry, Physics, World Language level 2 and up, any AP or Dual Enrollment course

HOPE GPA- not listed
on Lassiter transcript!

Senior Year Events

- Homecoming Weekend- October 10th and 11th
- Senior Breakfast- October 16th
- Senior Tailgate- October 31st
- Prom @ The Fox – March 28th
- Senior Night on the Green- May 2026
- Night of Inspiration- May 2026
- Senior Luncheon- May 2026
- Graduation- May 2026

Senior Jersey order
Due Friday (MPP)

Don't forget to
pay senior dues!

What's next? Finish strong

- Status letters/transcripts
- Watch your credits- 23 for graduation
- Semester 2 grades- All college acceptances are conditional
- Honor cord- 3.5 Weighted GPA at graduation
- Service cord- 200 hours before graduation

Thanks for coming!

- Power point will be on the Lassiter website-
<https://lassitercounseling.wixsite.com/lhscounseling>
- Follow the Counseling Office-
 - Instagram- @lassitercounseling
- Counselor emails through Naviance and CTLS
- Sign up for PTSA email blasts