

Senior Parent Meeting

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Presentation



The College Application Process
From Start to Finish and Senior Year Info

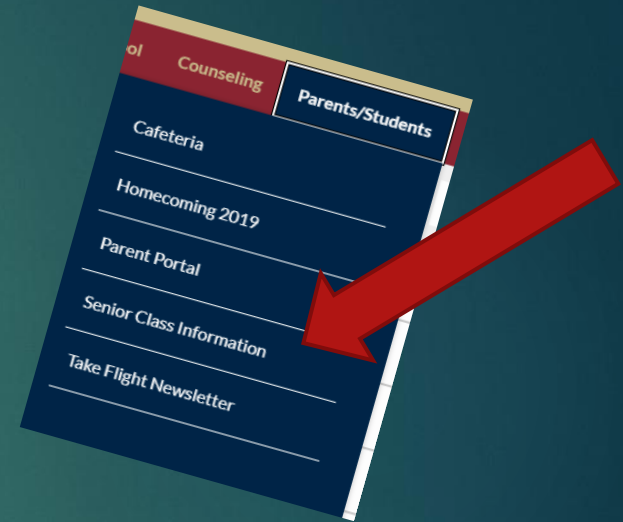
Information from the Senior Sponsors

The **MCHS web page** is where to find all the latest information.

www.millcreekhs.com

Choose “parents/students”

Choose “senior class information”



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Who are the Senior Sponsors?

Please update your e-mail address with Mrs. Gross so you get senior info!!

Jody Gross : Parent, Administration, & Counselor Contact, room B213
Please contact Mrs. Gross with any questions.
jody.gross@gcpsk12.org

Andrew Holbrook: Balfour, room A112
Andrew.Holbrook@gcpsk12.org

Elizabeth Summerlin: Senior Cabinet, room A104
Elizabeth.Summerlin@gcpsk12.org

Senior Dues

Senior dues cover cap and gown, diploma, diploma cover, graduation ceremony and program, locker strips, and other senior activities.

\$145 through December 31st

\$165 January 1st – Feb. 29th

\$165 after March 31st

plus an additional \$20 Scholastic Images fee of \$20

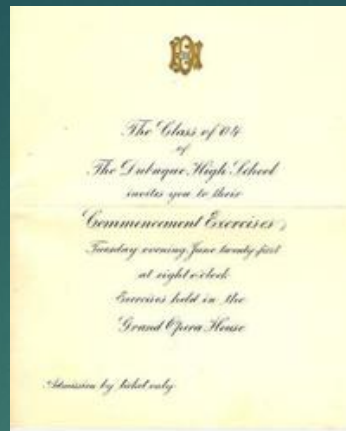
Where Can I Pay My Senior Dues?

Senior dues can only be paid to a
Scholastic Images representative
or online

(click cap and gown packages) at

[Scholasticimages.com](https://www.scholasticimages.com)

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graduation ceremony, locker strips, and other senior activities.**



Scholastic Images On Campus!

Sept 20th	lunches – letter jackets/class rings/cap & gown/senior dues
Oct 11th	end of 1 st pd – Senior Class meeting
Oct 18th	lunches – letter jackets/class rings/cap & gown/senior dues
Nov 15 th	lunches - same
Jan 24th	lunches - same
Feb 21st	lunches - same
Mar 20th	lunches – 2025 Jersey orders, letter jackets, class ring/cap & gown
Apr 17th	Cap & Gown and senior shirt delivery to school
May 15 th	letter jacket and jersey order delivery

Who Should I Contact for...

Yearbook or Picture questions: Nora Neff
nora.neff@gcpsk12.org

Prom questions: Katie Fowler
katie.fowler@gcpsk12.org

Course credit ques: Your student's counselor

Attendance questions: Attendance Office -
under the parent/student tab on
MCHS website

What the Counseling Office Has Done For Your Student So Far



9 th grade	Four Year Plan Grad. Requirements Teen Lures lesson 9 th gr parent night Individual as needed	12 th grade	Application for graduation Credit review Senior presentation College/Career Financial Aid Scholarships FAFSA night Recommendation letters Individual as needed and more!
10 th grade	Career Interest Inventory Programs as needed Individual as needed		
11 th grade	www.GAfutures.org Junior Conference College and Career Fairs Individual as needed		

Test Optional Admission for 2024-25

The University System of Georgia (USG) will continue the temporary waiver of test score requirements for Academic Year 2024-2025 (Fall 2024, Spring 2025, and Summer 2025) admission at 23 of the 26 USG institutions. *The temporary waiver does not apply to the Georgia Institute of Technology, the University of Georgia, or Georgia College and State University.*

https://www.usg.edu/announcements/usg_to_extend_temporary_test_optional_admission_for_academic_year_2024_2025

The 23 test optional schools will have 2 options to make admissions decisions:

1. Freshman Index — GPA + test scores for ACT or SAT
2. Test Optional: Use the high school grade point average on the required high school curriculum without a standardized test score at the following minimum grade point averages:
 1. 3.4 for research universities: Augusta University and Georgia State University.
 2. 3.2 for comprehensive universities: Kennesaw State University, Georgia Southern University, University of West Georgia and Valdosta State University.
 3. 3.0 for state universities: Albany State University, Clayton State University, Columbus State University, Fort Valley State University, Georgia Southwestern State University, Middle Georgia State University, Savannah State University and the University of North Georgia.
 4. State colleges (Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Atlanta Metropolitan State College, College of Coastal Georgia, Dalton State College, East Georgia State College, Georgia Gwinnett College, Georgia Highlands College, Gordon State College and South Georgia State College) continue to be test optional in accordance with Board policy.

Take the SAT and/or the ACT

You don't *have* to take both!

- Take your college admissions tests before December. Later than that will be too late for fall admissions deadlines.
- Register online for the SAT at www.collegeboard.org and ACT at www.ACTstudent.org.
- **While** registering, indicate 4 schools to send scores for **FOR FREE**. Ordering scores later costs \$15/ea.
- Athletes may send scores to NCAA at this time using one of their 4 free sends
- Take the test more than once
- Always send your scores. Most colleges will “Superscore”
- Know your college application deadlines!
- Testing fee waivers are available for students who meet criteria. Visit official websites for details/ see counselor



What Matters?

How to Narrow Down the Choices

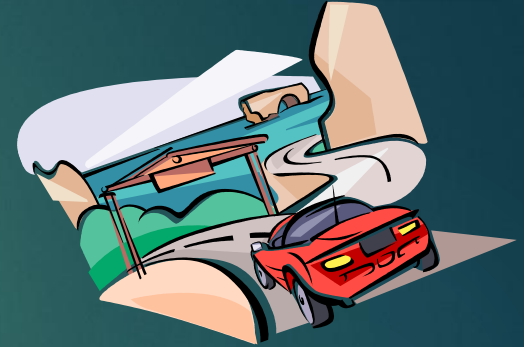
- Do I meet the entrance requirements?
- Do they have my MAJOR??
- If I don't know my major, do they offer lots of degree choices?
- Do I want to live at home or at school?
- What setting? Urban/rural/small town
- Extracurricular activities/sports teams
- Cost
- Safety
- Weather
- Campus transportation



Gather Information

College Visits

- Register at the college website
- Take an “official” free tour
- Group, individual, open house
- Visit the town too



College Fairs

- Go prepared with a list of questions that matter to you

Visit the college's **official website**

Explore colleges and majors at www.GAfutures.org

Schedule an appointment with Mrs. Vanderpool, our college and career counselor. Her email address is:

kelli.vanderpool@gcpsk12.org

YOUR CAMPUS VISIT

- Visit the college website for details on free campus tours
- The Official Visit vs. the Drive-thru
- Read the college literature.
- Prepare a list of questions and ASK THEM
- Take an unofficial copy of your high school transcript and SAT/ACT scores. You may have the opportunity to visit with an admissions representative.
- Take pictures and jot down your impressions of the campus
- Use a college comparison worksheet to record information.



Apply~Apply~Apply

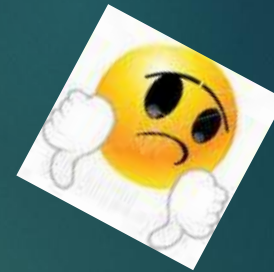
When? Where? How many?

- Early action deadline is typically October 15th
- Regular admission deadlines vary greatly, typically January 1st for the more competitive schools
- We encourage students to apply by Thanksgiving!
- Apply at the school's website
- Apply on the Common App
- Apply at www.GAfutures.org
- Apply on your college visit
- Apply during **Apply to College Day at MCHS, November 15th!**
**limited time during school day
- Apply to more than one school!
- Choose carefully, all colleges require application fees

DREAM BIG (BUT HAVE A SAFETY NET!)



- **Reach Schools** – the most selective schools on your list (most likely your first and second choice).
- **Matching Schools** - those whose numbers (SAT/ACT and GPA) match your numbers. Your chances of being accepted are good, but not guaranteed.
- **Safety Schools** – a college that fits your needs. You would be a “shoe-in” for acceptance.
- You don't have to have final test scores to apply.
- Communicate with the admissions departments of your preferred schools! USE those 1-800-numbers



Do THIS not THAT

Do:

- ▶ Help your student choose a college that is right in terms of **his/her** motivation, skills, interests, abilities, needs, and personality.
- ▶ Discuss finances as a family. It is very important for the student to have a realistic understanding of the finances available.
- ▶ Help your student choose a college that offers the major he/she is interested in.
- ▶ LISTEN to each other and be flexible.

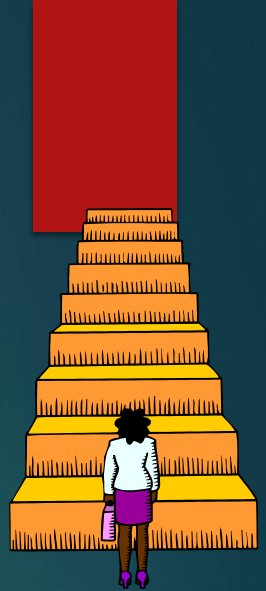
Do Not:

- ▶ Choose a college based on someone else's opinion. Your student must choose a college that suits him or her.
- ▶ For Students – Do not choose a college because your best friend, girlfriend, or boyfriend will be attending.
- ▶ For Parents – Do not pressure your student to apply to a college he/she is not interested in. This is not your journey 😊



OBSTACLES YOUR STUDENT MAY FACE

- ▶ Not knowing where to begin (just START!!!)
- ▶ Fear of taking a risk
- ▶ Fear of rejection
- ▶ Unrealistic expectations/fear of disappointment
- ▶ Feeling overwhelmed (senior year AND college apps?! YIKES!)
- ▶ Fear of change
- ▶ Procrastination
- ▶ Pressure to attend college or a “certain” college
- ▶ Fear of making the wrong decision
- ▶ Financial worries



University of Georgia



2023 Applicants	43,700
Accepted	15,340
Enrolled	5,800



Avg. High School Core GPA: 4.19 avg

SAT admitted freshmen: 1370 avg

ACT admitted freshmen: 32

AP, IB, & Dual Enrollment Courses Taken: 8-13

99% enrolled in “advanced” or “most difficult” classes

For more detailed information go to:

<https://www.admissions.uga.edu/blog/2023-freshman-admits/>

Deadlines

Early Action Application – October 15 th	Materials Deadline – October 22 nd
Regular Decision – January 1 st	Materials Deadline – January 8 th

GA Tech's 2023 Freshman Profile

- GPA: A average
- *Middle 50% GPA 2013:* 4.0 and higher
- *AP/DE Classes:* 8 - 13
- Middle 50% SAT: 1400-1530
- Middle 50% ACT: 31-34
- Applications Received: 52,354
- Admitted & enrolled: 3,575



Application Deadlines

Early Action I (Georgia students only) - Oct. 16

Document deadline – Oct. 30

Decisions released - TBD

Regular Admissions - Jan. 4

Document Deadline – Jan. 17

Decisions released - TBD

Google “Georgie Tech Admissions Announcement 2023 for more info

Kennesaw State University



GPA – 3.36 avg, minimum required is 2.5 in
academic classes w/qualifying test scores

SAT – 1150 avg of admitted freshmen

ACT – 23 avg “ “ “

With a cumulative GPA of 3.2+, admission tests are optional.

Cumulative GPA below 3.2, test score minimums are

ACT – 18 English/Reading 18 Math

SAT – 500 Read/Write 490 Math

Priority application deadline –
Nov. 1

Regular deadline – June 30

Georgia Southern University



- Minimum GPA requirement 2.5 (**17 academic classes only**)
- Avg GPA of admitted students 3.39 *GPA 3.2+ no admission test score required
- Avg. SAT - 1140 Minimum SAT req. - 1030
- Avg. ACT - 23 Minimum ACT req. - 20

For more information go to

<https://admissions.georgiasouthern.edu/requirements/freshmen/>

Rolling Admissions Process

Deadline May 1

FAFSA Priority deadline Dec. 1 (receive most money)

Applications are considered on a first come first serve basis

Apply Earlier = Get Decision Earlier

Georgia Gwinnett College

Students Enrolled	12,831
GPA minimum requirement	2.0
SAT min. requirement	EBRW 480 Math 440
ACT min. requirement	English or Reading 17- Math 17
Number of Majors	18
Programs of Study	45

If a student does not meet the minimum SAT/ACT scores, they are required to take the Accuplacer placement test.



GWINNETT TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Over 140 certificate, diploma, and degree programs to choose from



CERTIFICATE

Programs are usually one year or less; specific job training and skills



DIPLOMA

Programs take a year and a half to complete; broadens knowledge base beyond the certificate programs



ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Two-year degree program; in-depth industry related subjects & college level courses you'll need on the job

99% job placement ratio!

Just a few Gwinnett Tech Programs

- Engineering, Construction, Manufacturing & Design
- Business Sciences
- Computer Sciences
- Nursing Sciences
- Public & Professional Services
- Health Sciences

Use the HOPE GRANT!

Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG)

Interesting facts:

- There are 23 technical colleges around Georgia
- 99% job placement rate
- 140 degree programs
- Complete whole program in under 2 years
- 17 IN-DEMAND career programs offer free tuition through the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG).
- www.tcsg.edu/free-tuition/ see below!

Automotive Technology

Aviation Technology

Certified Engineer

Assistant

Commercial Truck

Driving

Computer Programming

Computer Technology

Construction Technology

Diesel Equipment Technology

Early Childhood Care and

Education

Electrical Lineman

Technology

Health Science

Industrial Maintenance

Logistics/Transportation Technology

Movie Production Set Design

Practical Nursing

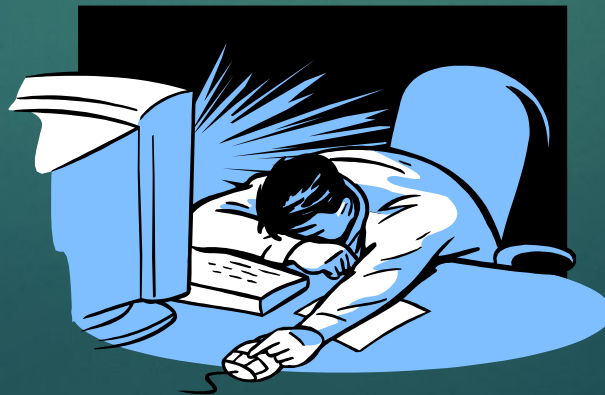
Precision Manufacturing

Welding and Joining Technology

FINALIZING THE APPLICATION

There's more to it than JUST the electronic application!

- Essays if applicable
- Recommendation letters if needed
- Provide test scores. Order through the testing agency
- Order the FINAL HS TRANSCRIPT IN MAY in MPP
- Pick up the final paper transcript in June and YOU send it
- Send immunization records (GA Schools)
- Deposit





Logging In For The First Time ...

- Go to Gafutures.org – create account
- Logging in first time, you will then be asked to change your password.
- When you log in the first time – your profile will be the first screen. Update all information on your profile - add students' Social Security Number at that time. Scholarships *depend* on having your SSN in your Gafutures profile AND our system at MCHS
 - ✓ *MCHS must have your SSN on file – receiving HOPE funds will be affected if we do not have it on file.*
- Save the updates on your profile.

Requesting Official Transcripts

Free for GA schools

www.GAfutures.org*

- Log in to your account
- Click on “College Planning” tab
- Scroll down the list and select “Applications and Transcripts”
- Select “Request Your Transcript” – it is the top green tab
- Select the college (s) you are interested in and hit send
- Hit Send

*We must have your SS# in our system to send transcripts through GAfutures

*Only available for GA schools

The ONLY electronic portals we have accounts with!!

NAVIANCE

- Request and pay for transcript on mypaymentsplus. \$5 for each service
- Counselor attaches your transcript to our portion of the electronic app
- We will meet application deadlines.

USPS for schools that are out of state and don't use SendEdu or CommonApp

Paper Transcripts

- Request and pay for paper transcripts on mypaymentsplus \$5 per transcript
- 2-day turnaround time
- **You** pick them up.
- **You** mail the transcript.
- DO NOT OPEN or they will be void. Just add the stamp and address and send

FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

- It is **YOUR** responsibility to order a final official transcript for the college at the end of senior year. They are not “automatically” generated or sent anywhere.
- Order and pay through mypaymentsplus – link opens in April – will indicate “SENIORS ONLY – FINAL TRANSCRIPT ORDER.”
- **YOU** come to Mill Creek front office in the summer after June 10th and pick it up in a sealed envelope and **YOU** can send or take it to the school you are planning to attend.
- **Counselors do not work in June or July 😊**

Paying For It?!

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid
Loans
Grants
Zell Miller or HOPE Scholarship
Other Scholarships



FAFSA Help Night
at MCHS, January 23
@ MCHS Media Center 6:00 pm





Scholarships Are For Everyone

What kinds are there?

- Local companies and community groups
- School specific
- State
- National
- Academic
- Athletic
- Arts
- Private
- Sweepstake-style (submit an essay or similar)
- First Generation College Bound

WHERE Do We Look For Them?

- MCHS website The PAD
- Gafutures.org/scholarship tab
- College websites
- Parent's place of employment
- Google!
- Scholarship web engines like Zinch and Cappex
- Fortune 500 companies websites
- Fraternity/sorority specific
- Meet with Mrs. Vanderpool in the PAD!

HOPE/Zell coverage changed this year!

Information has been changing regarding the HOPE scholarship and the Zell Miller Scholarship and continues to change!

The changes impact THIS YEAR's college freshmen. *We are not yet sure of changes for next years' college freshmen, your seniors now.*

Right now, the HOPE Scholarship (reflecting the recent change) covers 100% of tuition at a public in-state school based on last years' tuition. Hopefully, Governor Kemp will approve this for next year as well, but that has not been determined yet. If approved for next year AND if the school does not have a tuition increase, then HOPE will cover 100% next year too. TBD

Contrary to what we were told prior to last week, the *Zell Miller Scholarship is still in existence!* However, it is simply extraneous now as HOPE covers 100% of tuition. Should the HOPE coverage change in the future, the relevance of the Zell Miller Scholarship will return.

****no double-dipping, getting both of the above ☺**

For Georgia Schools Only

Hope and Zell Miller Scholarships

See complete list of requirements www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs

The Zell Miller Scholarship

Meet rigor requirements

AND

Minimum **3.7** *academic only* GPA

AND

SAT 1200 (CR + M)
or ACT composite of 26

or

Be class Valedictorian or Salutatorian

How do I apply for the Zell?

Through completion of the FAFSA or on
Gafutures/GSFAPPS

Award:

100% tuition to a GA public college
\$6k of tuition to a GA private college

The HOPE Scholarship

Meet rigor requirements

AND

Minimum **3.0** *academic only* GPA

How do I apply for the HOPE?

Through completion of the FAFSA
or on Gafutures/GSFAPPS

Award:

100% OF TUITION at GA public college**
\$5K/yr of tuition at GA private college

Hope award amounts are adjusted annually based on
lottery revenue. Awards do not adjust upwards with tuition
increases nor do they cover books or fees.

Accessing The HOPE GPA

- ▶ The preliminary HOPE Scholarship calculations are available through Gafutures (www.gafutures.org).
- ▶ Log into your (student's) account. On the main page, on right, Click on "my Gafutures" tab in upper right corner. 4th option down on left is "My HOPE GPA."
- ▶ Mill Creek **must have the student's social security number on file** in order to access this information.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

www.gafutures.org

www.collegeboard.com

www.eCampusTours.com

www.studentscholarships.org

www.collegeexpress.com

www.zinch.com

www.collegenet.com

www.petersons.com

www.gocollege.com

www.collegeanswer.com

www.collegeweeklive.com

www.fastweb.com

www.aie.org





MC College and Career Counselor

Located in the counseling suite

MRS. VANDERPOOL



- HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship info
- College apps
- Scholarship searches
- College requirements
- Who's Coming to Lunch?
- Athletic Scholarship info
- Career Info and websites
- Aptitude and Interest Inventories via Gafutures.org
- Career highlights
- "College Week Live" – talk live to college reps
- FAFSA info
- Military
- SAT/ACT preparation



You Did IT!! Now what?

Enrollment Deposit

Housing/Housing Deposit

Completing the FAFSA

Summer Orientation

Payment



Keep In



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



FIRST DAY OF COLLEGE



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