## Freshman Parent Night Part 1 FAQ's

## In which courses will my student receive $\mathbf{7}$ additional points?

Students will receive additional 7 points to passing grades in honors, AP, IB, and college level courses.

## What are the main factors competitive, four-year colleges looking for when they are evaluating students for admission?

Competitive, four-year colleges most often consider academic rigor, grade point average, and standardized test scores. In addition, most of these competitive, four-year colleges will look primarily at core academic courses (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language) when evaluating a student's transcript. They will also look at factors like extracurricular involvement, leadership, demonstrated interest, recommendations, etc.

## How is Grade Point Average (GPA) calculated?

NUMERIC GRADE AVERAGE (NGA): Fulton County School System reports weighted NGA to colleges (ex. 87.4412). The final semester grade for every attempted HS course is averaged together on a 100-point scale.

CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) ON A 4.0 SCALE: Every semester grade is converted from a numeric scale to a 4.0 scale and then averaged together. $A=4 ; B=3 ; C=2 ; F=0$ (ex. 2.254). Fulton County does not convert NGAs to 4.0 GPAs.

CORE GPA: The grade conversion is the same as the cumulative GPA above; however, the average is taken only from courses within core subject areas: English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Languages. Whether the 7 points is included in the CORE GPA calculation is determined by the college/post-secondary program.

HOPE GPA: The calculation process is the same as the CORE GPA above; however, all AP/HONORS/COLLEGE COURSES are stripped of their 7 points before being converted to the 4.0 scale. Courses taken in middle school are not included in the HOPE GPA calculation.

For honors courses, simply strip the 7 points and convert to a 4.0 scale:
Ex. 92-7=85 and 85=3.0
For AP and College courses, strip the 7 points, convert to a 4.0 scale, and then add .5 (up to 4.0 ):
Ex. $92-7=85$ and $85=3.0 ; 3.0+.5=3.5$
HOPE GPA REQUIREMENTS:
HOPE - 3.0; ZELL MILLER - 3.7; academic rigor and SAT/ACT requirements
*THE OFFICIAL HOPE GPA CALCULATION COMES FROM THE GEORGIA STUDENT FINANCE COMMISSION. *
Where can I find additional information about the HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships?
You can find information about HOPE and Zell Miller at www.gafutures.org.

How can I join REMIND 101?


Where can I find additional information about the Centennial Counseling Program?
Centennial's counseling website, www.mycentennialcounseling.com, has a wealth of valuable information and resources. Click on "Contact Us" to email your student's counselor directly.
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