

Freshman Parent Night Part 1 FAQ's

Do students in accelerated math courses take a Georgia Milestones exam?

Students who are taking Accelerated Algebra 1 will take their Georgia Milestones exam in the spring. Although the Accelerated Algebra students will be learning the standards for the first semester of Geometry during the second semester, they will only be tested on the Algebra standards. *New this school year: Accelerated Geometry students will take their Georgia Milestones exam in December.*

Does the Georgia Milestones exam cover the entire year or only the semester?

With the exception noted above, the exam covers the entire year of material.

In which courses will my student receive 7 additional points?

Students will receive additional 7 points to passing grades in honors, AP, 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

Website for Kahoot:

<https://kahoot.it/> (then enter in Game PIN that is provided by counselor at the end of the presentation).

Please visit the counseling website at www.mycentennialcounseling.com for additional information.