



# CHS COUNSELING: POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

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The task of choosing the most appropriate post-secondary institution is exciting, but it can be overwhelming. This choice may greatly impact future life pursuits, so it is important to take the time to consider and explore the many options available. Please use all available resources, including your counselor and the significant others in your life, to make an informed and well-directed post-secondary decision. –Centennial High School Counselors

## CHOOSING COLLEGE AS A POST-SECONDARY OPTION

Consider the following in your decision process:

- Academic Environment
- Major Options
- Geographic Locations
- Campus Size
- Affordability
- Housing and Dining Facilities
- Health & Other Services
- Student Life



## IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS FOR FALL 2022

SEPT 02, 2022	SAT registration <b>deadline</b> (Oct test)
SEPT 08, 2022	Senior Guidance Lesson
SEPT 15, 2022	Senior Parent Night (6P)
SEPT 11, 2022	<b>NACAC College Fair (1P-6P)</b> <a href="http://nacacfairs.org/virtual/">nacacfairs.org/virtual/</a>
SEPT 16, 2022	ACT registration <b>deadline</b> (Oct test)
SEPT 19, 2022	<b>PROBE College Fair @ Johns Creek HS (6 PM- 8 PM)</b>
OCT 01, 2022	FAFSA application available to SRs
OCT 01, 2022	CHS College & Career Month begins
OCT 07, 2022	SAT registration <b>deadline</b> (Nov test)
OCT 09, 2022	<b>NACAC College Fair (1P-6P)</b> <a href="http://nacacfairs.org/virtual/">nacacfairs.org/virtual/</a>
OCT 12, 2022	<b>PSAT ADMINISTRATION (9<sup>TH</sup>-11<sup>TH</sup>)</b>
OCT 13, 2022	<b>GSFC FAFSA Step-by-Step Webinar</b>
OCT 27, 2022	<b>SAT ADMINISTRATION (12<sup>TH</sup>)</b>
NOV 06, 2022	<b>NACAC College Fair (1P-6P)</b> <a href="http://nacacfairs.org/virtual/">nacacfairs.org/virtual/</a>
NOV 04, 2022	ACT registration <b>deadline</b> (Dec test)
DEC 02, 2022	<b>Deadline</b> to request official transcripts/LORs for colleges with deadlines through (& including) January 15, 2023.

## COLLEGE & CAREER COORDINATOR

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## TYPES OF ADMISSION DECISIONS

**EARLY ACTION:** Allows a student to apply prior to the regular deadline for an early determination of admissibility. It is often a NON-BINDING acceptance, which DOES NOT require the student to attend if accepted.

**EARLY DECISION:** Allows a student to apply prior to the regular deadline for an early determination of admissibility. It is often a BINDING acceptance, which DOES require the student to attend if accepted.

**DEFERRED DECISION:** A college/university determines that more information is needed to make a final decision about a candidate's application.

**ROLLING ADMISSION:** Admission notifications are released as soon as the complete application has been processed.

**OPEN ADMISSION:** The admission requirements are relaxed. Admission notifications are released as soon as the complete application has been processed.

**DEFERRED ADMISSION:** Permits a student, once accepted, to postpone matriculation for one year.

**CONDITIONAL ADMISSION:** Admitted provided that the student continues to meet the requirements of the school or complete additional coursework/supplemental program.



**CHS COLLEGE & CAREER EVENT CALENDAR**  
[tinyurl.com/CHSCollegeCareerCalendar](http://tinyurl.com/CHSCollegeCareerCalendar)



## TRANSCRIPTS & LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (LORs)

### TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

- Request a transcript through Naviance
- Allow 2 school days for processing

### RECOMMENDATION REQUESTS

- **FOR COUNSELOR/TEACHER/OTHER LOR:** Complete & provide a copy of your SENIOR PROFILE to your recommender. The profile may be accessed via <http://www.mycentennialcounseling.com/college-careers-3/seniors/>
- **FOR COUNSELOR/TEACHER/OTHER LOR:** Where indicated on the application, input the recommender's name and e-mail address.
- If the application does not allow for an electronic LOR submission, please provide the recommender a physical copy of the recommendation form. Be sure to provide a student signature where indicated on the form.
- Allow 10 school days for processing



Students must receive credit in **FOUR** of the following types of courses:

- **ADVANCED MATH** (Adv. Algebra/Algebra II; Trigonometry or higher)
- **ADVANCED SCIENCE** (Chemistry; Physics or higher)
- **ADVANCED PLACEMENT** courses in core subjects
- **DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES** in core subjects that are not remedial or developmental in nature
- **ADVANCED FOREIGN LANGUAGE** courses

Visit [GAFUTURES.ORG](http://GAFUTURES.ORG) for more HOPE information.



# UNLOCKING THE GPA MYSTERY

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

**4.0 CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA):** 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 NGA's to GPA's.

**CORE GPA:** The grade conversion is the same as the cumulative GPA above; however, the average is only taken 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.

- **HONORS & COLLEGE COURSES** simply convert:  
Ex.  $92-7=85$  and  $85=3.0$
- **AP GRADES** are stripped, converted, then awarded .5:  
Ex.  $92-7=85$  and  $85=3.0$  PLUS THE AP .5 =3.5
- **HOPE GPA REQUIREMENTS:**  
(HOPE) 3.0; (ZELL MILLER) 3.7
- The HOPE GPA does not include middle school grades

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are a type of financial aid that assists with collegiate expenses; they do not have to be repaid. Scholarships are generally reserved for students with special qualifications such as academic achievement, athletic ability or artistic talent. Awards may also be available for students interested in particular fields of study, who are members of underrepresented groups, or who demonstrate financial need.

### WHERE DO YOU FIND SCHOLARSHIPS?

- Contact the colleges of which you are applying and ask about their school-based scholarship opportunities.
- Complete the FAFSA after October 1 of your senior year to apply for federal and state aid programs, including the HOPE scholarship.
- Follow the CHS SCHOLARSHIP page on Twitter: **@Knights\_Scholar**

**VISIT THESE WEBSITES FOR MORE DETAILS & UPDATES:**  
(CHS) [www.chsknights.com](http://www.chsknights.com) (CHS PTSA) [www.centptsa.org](http://www.centptsa.org)  
(CHS COUNSELING) [www.mycentennialcounseling.com](http://www.mycentennialcounseling.com)