



CHS Senior Classroom Guidance: Applying To Post- Secondary Options

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Importance of Senior Year

- Courses Matter!
 - Preparation for college-level work
 - Strength of schedule
- Grades Matter!
 - Cumulative GPA, HOPE GPA, and Class Rank
 - Matriculation at college requires successful completion of senior course work





Agenda

- Assessing Colleges and Preparing to Apply
- Understanding and Completing the Parts of a College Application
- Financial Aid / HOPE Scholarship Program



Assessing Colleges

- “Limiting” Factors
 - Admissions Difficulty
 - Costs, excluding financial aid
- Personal Factors – “FIT”
 - 2-year/4-year
 - Majors/Degrees
 - Size
 - Location
 - Residential/Social Life
 - Activities/Clubs/Sports





Getting Ready To Apply

- Websites For Post-Secondary Planning
 - Centennial Counseling and Website List
 - Information and Searches (examples)
 - www.inlikeme.com
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
 - College/University Sites



Getting Ready To Apply

- Other Technology
 - Blogs (example)
 - <http://ugaadmissions.blogspot.com/>
 - iPhone / Android Apps (examples)
 - [UGA Admissions App](#)
 - [Official SAT Question of the Day](#)
 - Podcasts (example)
 - [Princeton Review Parents](#)
 - Facebook (examples)
 - [GA Tech Admissions](#)
 - [Big Future by College Board](#)
 - Twitter (examples)
 - [GA Tech Admissions](#)
 - [Big Future by College Board](#)
 - You Tube (example)
 - [Big Future by College Board](#)





Getting Ready To Apply

- College Rep Visits to CHS
 - Students must see the Counseling Administrative Assistant at least one day prior to the visitation to get a pass (teacher must give permission to student)
 - Visitation schedule will be posted in Counseling Office and on Counseling web site
 - Email blasts from Counseling Office





Getting Ready To Apply

- College Visits / College Visit Checklist
 - Seniors may take up to three college visitation days during the school year
 - Requests must be submitted in writing from a parent/guardian to the Counseling Office at least three school days prior to the absence
 - Assignments due during the absence must be submitted prior to the absence
 - Check with college for visitation dates/times
 - <http://www.cappex.com/media/collegeVisitChecklist.pdf>



Getting Ready To Apply

- College Fairs
 - Atlanta North PROBE Fair
 - North Point Mall, Tuesday, September 11, 6:00-9:00 PM (additional PROBE Fairs listed at www.gaprobe.org)
 - Optional pre-registration at www.gotocollegefairs.com to obtain a personalized barcode to bring to the fair
 - 167+ Post-Secondary Institutions attending
 - NACAC National College Fairs
 - Atlanta: Georgia World Congress Center, Sunday, February 10, 2013
 - Birmingham National College Fair: Sunday, September 16, 1:00-4:00 PM (register at <https://www.gotomyncf.com/>)
 - Military Academy Day: NGCSU, Memorial Hall Gymnasium, Dahlonega, GA, Sat., Sept. 8, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM





Getting Ready To Apply

- College Fairs (continued)
 - 100 Black Men of Atlanta College Fair: Georgia World Congress Center, Sat., Sept. 29, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM (download and complete reservation form at <http://www.atlantafootballclassic.com/College-Fair>)
 - Atlanta Performing and Visual Arts College Fair: Mableton, GA, Mon., Oct. 1, 7:00-9:00 PM (register at <http://www.gotomypvafair.com/>)
 - Atlanta National Hispanic College Fair: Meadowcreek HS, Thursday, October 11, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM (sign-ups, *bus transportation provided*)
 - NSSFNS College Fair: Georgia World Congress Center, October TBA (sign-ups, *bus transportation provided*)
 - BKCL College Readiness Expo: Georgia Tech Student Center, Friday, November 16, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM (register at <http://www.blackkidscanlearn.org/expo.html>)





Typical Admissions Policies

Type	Example	Application Deadline	Notification Date
Early Action / Early Notification	UGA GA Tech	UGA: 10/15 GA Tech: 10/15	UGA: 12/15 GA Tech: 12/15
Early Decision **	Emory	ED I: 11/1	ED I: 12/15
Regular Decision	Most 4-year colleges	UGA: 1/15 GA Tech: 1/10	UGA: 4/1 GA Tech: 3/9
Rolling Admissions	Kennesaw State Univ.	May 10	Rolling
Open Admissions	Most 2-year colleges	Varies	Rolling





Freshman Profile**

School	Mid 50% GPA	Mid 50% SAT	Mid 50% ACT
Emory University	3.76-4.00	2020-2240	30-33
GA Tech	3.77-4.08	1960-2160	28-32
UGA	3.73-4.03	1790-2040	27-31
Georgia State	3.2-3.7	1030-1200 MR	22-27
Georgia Southern	2.0+; Average 3.2	Minimum 1010 (M+CR)	Minimum 21
Kennesaw State	2.5+	950+	20+
GA Perimeter	2.0+	Not Required	Not Required





Getting Ready To Apply

- Check high school course requirements for admission carefully
- Check college websites for information about GPA computation and use of SAT/ACT scores
- When in doubt, call/email admissions
- Students should take the lead in the process and complete all parts of the application themselves



Completing The Application

- Georgia Apply To College Event
 - Thursday, November 15, in CHS Computer Labs
 - All Seniors are given the opportunity to apply to a College of their choice during the school day
 - Assistance will be provided by Counselors, College Admissions Representatives, and Community Members
 - Possible Fee Waivers to some Colleges





Completing The Application

- Read application directions carefully and thoroughly, then re-read...
- Follow directions—send colleges exactly what they specify (no more, no less)
- Apply online and use Common Application (www.commonapp.org) and/or GA College 411 (www.gacollege411.org) when possible
- Use an organizing tool / checklist:
<http://www.cappex.com/media/collegeApplicationChecklist.pdf>



Completing The Application

- The order in which colleges receive parts of the application does not matter as long as all parts are received by the stated deadline
- An application is considered complete (and ready for review) once all required parts have been received by the college



Completing The Application

- Components of the Application
 - Student/Parent Information and Educational History
 - Academic Self-Report
 - Extracurricular Activities and Honors
 - Depth, not necessarily breadth
 - Leadership, commitment, uniqueness
 - Essay(s)/Short Response Questions
 - Articulate demonstrated interest
 - Unifying theme, showcase individuality



Completing The Application

- Components of the Application (cont'd)
 - Official High School Transcript: Must be requested from Counseling Office
 - Official SAT/ACT Score Reports: Must be requested directly from the testing service
 - SAT Subject Tests (some colleges)
 - Teacher Recommendation(s)
 - School/Counselor Recommendation
 - Signature and Fee
 - Other



Transcript Requests

Centennial Counseling – TRANSCRIPT CARD

Student Last Name, First Name

Allow 10 school days for your request to be processed
A \$2 late fee will apply if deadline is less than 10 school days from date of request

Date of Request	Deadline	College/Scholarship	E = Electronic (only available for in state and Common App schools) P = Paper (\$3)	Address (N/A for Electronic Transcript)	Requesting Postage (N/A for Electronic Transcript) Yes: Additional \$2 No: Addressed envelope & postage attached	Counselor Form/ Recommendation Required?	Total \$ Paid	Date Counselor Verified/ Submitted	Date of Upload/ Postage
			Electronic	Street City State Zip	Yes (\$2) No	Yes (Form Attached) Common App Online No			
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			Electronic	Street City State Zip	Yes (\$2) No	Yes (Form Attached) Common App Online No			
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Transcript Requests

- Steps for Processing of Requests
 1. Student obtains his/her blue transcript card (name label on card) from transcript request file in Counseling Office
 2. Student fully completes *one line per transcript request*
 3. Student attaches payment for required fees (if applicable)
 4. Student attaches counselor/school recommendation forms (if applicable)
 5. Student submits card and any applicable attachments to Ms. White for processing





Transcript Requests

- Once processed and verified by Counselor, transcripts (and required recommendations) will be mailed or submitted electronically
- Blue Transcript Card will be returned to Transcript Request File for additional student requests
- Request must be submitted at least **10 school days** prior to a deadline
- \$2 late fee will apply if deadline is less than 10 school days from date of request





Transcript Requests

- Transcripts may be submitted electronically to:
 1. GA Colleges and Universities
 2. Members of Common Application
 3. NCAA Clearinghouse
- There is no charge for electronic transcripts
- Students are responsible for following up with the college to ensure that the electronic transmission was received





Transcript Requests

- Paper transcripts are mailed to all out-of-state Colleges / Universities (unless member of Common Application)
- Cost for paper transcripts is \$3 cash per transcript sent
- Students are responsible for following up with the college to ensure that the transcript was received





Transcript Requests

- Paper transcripts require a 9 x 12 envelope addressed to the college and at least three first-class stamps
 - Student may provide addressed envelope and stamps
 - Student may pay an additional \$2 cash to purchase the envelope and postage from the Counseling Office (address of college must be provided)



Transcript Fee Summary

- Electronic Transcripts: Free
- Paper Transcripts: \$3 each
- Envelope/Postage: \$2 each
- Late Fee (requests submitted less than 10 days in advance of the deadline): \$2 each



Transcript Requests

- GA College 411?
 - Students have the capability to request transcripts for GA colleges and universities using their GA College 411 student account
 - http://portal.fultonschools.org/Students/Documents/electronic_transcript_instructions.pdf
 - CHS will accept requests via GA College 411; however, the requests will not be filled *until the student makes the same requests on his/her Transcript Card*





Counselor Recommendations

- Counselors will submit recommendations upon student request when *required* by a college/university
- Student must indicate on Transcript Card that a recommendation is required
- If required, submit the request to the Counselor electronically via Common Application or College Website (if available) or print a hard copy and attach it to the Transcript Card with request





Counselor Recommendations

- Allow at least 10 school days for a recommendation request to be completed
- Completed Student and Parent College/Scholarship Recommendation Questionnaires are *required* before recommendations will be processed (Recommended deadline for receipt = *September 30*)



Other Recommendations

- Follow directions in the application *exactly* in terms of number of recommendations, from whom, etc.
- Choose teachers who know student well—preferably from junior/senior years
- Give teachers a resume or the completed senior questionnaire
- Allow at least 10 school days for recommendation to be completed





Applying for Financial Aid

- To apply for federal student aid, you must fill out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* at www.fafsa.ed.gov or www.studentaid.ed.gov
- Apply on or after **January 1, 2013** but as early as possible to meet all deadlines
- Students and parents will need to apply for a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov





Scholarships

- Sign up for emails from CHS at www.mycentennialcounseling.com
- College Financial Aid websites
- Family Employers and Affiliations
- Online Scholarship Searches (examples)
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.finaid.org
 - www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org
 - www.atlantascholarships.com



HOPE Scholarship

Requirement:

- **3.0 GPA** as calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission

The following scale is used to convert numeric grades to a 4.0 GPA scale:

- 4.0 = 90 or greater
- 3.0 = 80 – 89
- 2.0 = 70 – 79
- 0.0 = 69 or less

- Only *academic* courses in **English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language** included
- All middle school grades removed
- All honors points removed
- All AP courses awarded an extra 0.5 quality points after GPA conversion (up to a maximum 4.0; A's are not weighted)
- The final HOPE GPA will NOT be rounded up



HOPE Scholarship

- Accessing current estimated HOPE GPA Using GA College 411
 - Go to www.gacollege411.org
 - Click on the “Your HOPE GPA” shortcut on the right-hand side of the home page
 - Sign in using username and password
 - Follow on-screen directions



HOPE Scholarship

- Applying for HOPE
 - GA Public Colleges and Universities:
FAFSA or GSFAPPS
 - GA Private Colleges and Universities:
GSFAPPS
 - Available through www.gacollege411.org
 - Individual colleges/universities may have required institutional forms



Zell Miller Scholarship

Requirements

1. Meet all HOPE eligibility requirements

2. 3.7 or greater HOPE GPA

3. 1200+ CR/M score on a single SAT administration or an ACT composite score of 26+





HOPE Grant

- Available to students seeking a certificate or diploma at a TCSG or USG institution
- No GPA requirement upon entrance to program, but a 3.0 GPA on eligible coursework must be maintained in college
- Students who fall below a 3.0 GPA while in college may regain the grant one time



Video Clips

- “I’m Going”
- Answers From Campus



Questions?

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