

Attention Centennial High School Class of 2017...Mark your Calendars!!!

Important Events and Dates for Fall 2016

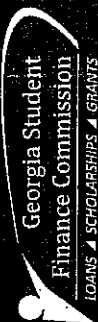
September 8-12	Senior Classroom Guidance (via Senior English classes)
September 10	Princeton Review ACT Prep Class @ CHS Begins
September 16	Registration Deadline for October 22 nd ACT
September 17	Princeton Review SAT Prep Class @ CHS Begins
October 1	CHS PTSA Sponsored Mock SAT 9 am – 1:30 pm
October 7	Registration Deadline for November 5 th SAT
October 10	NACAC Performing and Visual Arts College Fair Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center 6 pm – 8 pm
October 12	Hispanic College Fair North Springs High School 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
October 22	Princeton Review ACT Prep Class @ CHS Begins
October 24 – 28	CHS College Week
October 27	CHS Apply to College Day (via Senior English classes)
October 29	CHS PTSA Sponsored SAT/ACT Diagnostic Test 9 am – 1:30 pm
November 3	Registration Deadline for December 3 rd SAT
November 4	Registration Deadline for December 10 th ACT
November 5	CHS PTSA Sponsored Mock ACT 9 am – 1:15 pm
November 29	Financial Aid Night @ CHS 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
December 9	Deadline to request official transcripts for colleges with application deadlines through and including January 15, 2017
December 15	UGA and GA Tech Early Action Notifications
December 21	Registration Deadline for January 21 st SAT
Year Round	College Representative Visits to CHS

*** We STRONGLY recommend that seniors take the SAT, ACT, and/or COMPASS test by December 2016 to meet admissions deadlines.**

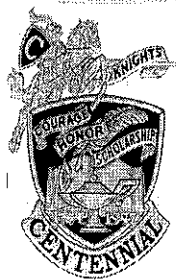
*SAT Dates and Deadlines are for the current version of the SAT.
 Visit the following websites for details and updated information:
 CHS www.chsknights.com CHS PTSA www.centptsa.org
 CHS Counseling www.mycentennialcounseling.com
 All dates (with the exception of test dates) are subject to change.

HOPE Scholarship Rigor Requirements

New academic requirements are included in the HOPE legislation. These changes will impact students graduating from high school on or after May 1, 2015. In order to qualify for the HOPE Scholarship, students must meet the following academic requirements.



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS	STUDENTS MUST RECEIVE CREDIT IN THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF COURSES	MINIMUM NUMBER OF COURSES REQUIRED PRIOR TO GRADUATION
2015	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Advanced math, such as Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry, Math III, or an equivalent or higher course taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution; 2) Advanced science, such as Chemistry, Physics, Biology II, or an equivalent or higher course taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution; 3) Advanced placement courses in core subjects; 4) International baccalaureate courses in core subjects; 5) Courses taken at a unit of the University System of Georgia in core subjects where such courses are not remedial and developmental courses; or 6) Advanced foreign language courses taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution. 	2
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CHS Counseling: Post-Secondary Education Quick Reference Guide

Centennial CEEB

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The task of choosing the most appropriate post-secondary option is exciting, but it can also be overwhelming. This choice has a great impact on a student's future direction in life, so it is important to take the time to consider and explore the many options available. Use this resource, the advice of your counselor and significant others in your life, as well as other outside resources to make an informed, well-directed decision. – Centennial High School Counselors

Choosing a Postsecondary Option

Consider the following in your decision process:

- Academic Environment
- Majors
- Geographic Locations
- Campus Size
- Affordability
- Housing and Dining
- Health and other services
- Student Life

College Application Tips

- Read all requirements thoroughly
- Complete the application in full and provide supporting material only if requested (transcript, recommendation, etc.)
- Follow directions
- Neatness counts
- Write an essay (if required) that makes a strong impression – be personal and specific
- Meet all deadlines
- Put your name on all pages
- Keep a back-up copy in case anything goes wrong
- Proofread the entire application carefully
- Ask for help if you need it. If you have a question, contact the college's admissions office.

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"I read your college application essay. First of all the word 'COLLEGE' has two 'L's.'"

Scholarships

Scholarships are financial aid that help a student pay for college and do not have to be repaid. Scholarships are generally reserved for students with special qualifications such as academic, athletic or artistic talent. Awards may also be available for students interested in particular fields of study, who are members of underrepresented groups, who live in certain areas of the country, or who demonstrate financial need. Some private scholarship sponsors occasionally establish scholarships with esoteric eligibility requirements—such as a scholarship for left-handed students. While these are rare, they attract a lot of attention because they are so unusual.



Where do you find these scholarships?

- Free online, personalized scholarship search services that compare your qualifications with a database of awards (see list on back)
- Contact the colleges you are applying to and ask about university-based scholarship opportunities and procedures
- Visit the CHS Scholarship Database regularly for updated local, regional and national scholarship opportunities
- Complete the FAFSA after January 1 of your senior year to apply for federal and state aid programs, including HOPE

FAQs: Transcripts, Letters of Rec and More

How does a student request a transcript?

- Pick up Transcript Order Instructions from the Counseling Office
- Follow the instructions for ordering your transcript—allow 10 school days for processing
- Track the delivery of your transcript through your college account. Once sent, verify it has been received by the recipient
- Make sure your parent or guardian has completed the "Consent for Release of Official Documents" survey.

What if I need a counselor recommendation?

- All college recommendations are to be submitted electronically through either the Common Application, Send Edu, or the college's preferred online portal. Enter your counselor's name and email address (verify you entered the correct address)
- Recommendation Forms for scholarships or other institutions which are not available electronically should be printed out. The student should complete/sign the necessary sections as indicated.
- Go to the College Planning tab on www.mycentennialcounseling.com and complete both the Student and Parent portions of the CHS Senior Profile. Save and email to your counselor or print out a copy to attach to your recommendation request card you will submit.
- Fill out a Counselor Recommendation Request card in the Counseling office. Indicate on the card your deadline and which electronic recommendation portal the counselor should receive your online request from.
- Give your counselor at least 10 school days complete recommendations.

Requests for counselor recommendations and transcripts for applications with a deadline which falls between December 15th and January 5th must be submitted by Dec 9th to ensure on time delivery.

How do I request a teacher recommendation?

- Ask your selected teacher(s) in advance if they will write a recommendation on your behalf
- Provide them with a copy of your Senior Profile and/or resume
- All college recommendations are to be submitted electronically through either the Common Application, Send Edu, or the college's preferred online portal. Enter your teacher's name and email address (verify you entered the correct address)
- Allow your teacher plenty of time to complete your recommendation – at least 10 school days

How do I have my SAT or ACT scores reported to colleges?

- Specify colleges to which scores should be reported when registering for the test
- If you have already taken the test and have not had your scores reported, contact the testing service to request that score reports be sent to the college(s) of your choice (incurs fees for service)

Responsibilities in the College Application Process

Students are responsible for:

- Completing applications
- Meeting deadlines
- Submitting requests for teacher/counselor recommendations in a timely manner (at least 10 days prior to due date)
- Sending required standardized test scores (SAT/ACT)
- Following the admissions policies and procedures of each college or university – Remember all college applications are not the same. Specific questions concerning admission requirements or procedures should be addressed to the undergraduate admissions office of that college.
- Submitting applications, requesting official transcripts, counselor recommendations, etc.

Parents are responsible for:

- Allowing students to "own" the process

Colleges and Universities are responsible for:

- Providing students with information
- Allowing you until May 1 to respond to an offer of admission and/or financial aid, except for early decision candidates

CHS Counseling Office is responsible for:

- Providing students and parents with information and counsel which will enable them to make educated decisions regarding college choices and progressing through the admissions process
- Processing secondary school report forms, transcripts, and counselor recommendations in a timely manner to ensure the meeting of deadlines

Types of Admission Decisions

Early Admission: An exceptional student would terminate his/her high school education after the junior year without earning a high school diploma and enroll in college

Early Decision: Allows a student to apply prior to an early deadline for an early determination of admissibility. IT IS NORMALLY BINDING!

Early Action: Invites early applications but does not require the student to attend if accepted. Typically Non-Binding!

Deferred Decision: Is the determination of the college or university that more information is needed to make a final decision about a candidate's application

Rolling Admissions: The applicant is notified as soon as the application has been processed and the file is complete

Open Admissions: Students notified of acceptance upon application (usually community colleges)

Deferred Admission: Permits a student, once accepted, to postpone matriculation for one year

Conditional Admission: Admitted provided that you continue to meet the requirements of the school or complete additional coursework/supplemental program

The GPA Mystery Unlocked

Numeric Grade Average (NGA): The final semester grade for every attempted HS course is averaged together on a 100 point scale. NGA includes honors points. Fulton County School System uses an NGA for reporting to colleges (ex. 87.4412)

4.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)*: Every semester grade on the transcript is converted from numerical to a 4.0 scale and then averaged together. A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, Failing = 0 (ex. 2.254)

*Fulton County does not convert NGAs to GPAs for college applications. Colleges are accustomed to seeing the numerical average on a 100 point scale. Many colleges will convert student records to their own scale.

Core GPA: Same as 4.0 GPA above, but it only includes grades for English, Math, Science, Social Studies and World Language classes. "7" points may or may not remain in the grade depending on the college/program.

HOPE GPA: Same as Core GPA shown above. All AP, honors, and college courses are stripped of their 7 points and converted to the 4.0 scale

- Honors and College courses then simply convert
Ex. 92 - 7 = 85 and 85 = 3.0
- An AP grade is stripped, converted and then receives .5 to the grade
Ex. 92 in an AP class becomes 85 and converted to a 3.5 for HOPE; maximum 4.0
- Overall GPA must be 3.0 for HOPE or 3.7 for Zell Miller
- HOPE does not count middle school grades

Please note that personal calculations can give students an *idea* of where they stand, but are *only estimates*. The only official calculation comes from the **Georgia Student Finance Commission**.

Primary Online Sources

- ♦ College Websites (i.e. www.uga.edu or www.gatech.edu)
- ♦ www.gcic.peachnet.edu
(username: student ID+s/password: Knights1)
- ♦ HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarships: www.gafutures.org
- ♦ Entrance Exams: www.collegeboard.org and www.actstudent.org
- ♦ Federal Student Aid / FAFSA: <http://studentaid.ed.gov>

What are some of the best college & scholarship search websites?

www.makemeafreshman.com
www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org
www.collegeprowler.com
www.inlikeme.com
www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator
www.cappex.com
www.meritaid.com
www.zinch.com
www.unigo.com
www.fastweb.com
www.finaid.org
www.usnews.com/education
www.atlantascholarships.com

Need Help Prepping for the ACT or SAT?

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. PREP CLASSES

Six-week ACT and SAT Prep Classes include: six (6) in-person teaching sessions, three (3) proctored tests and 13 additional tests. Practice tests take place on Saturday mornings at 9:00 am.

****Scholarships available for qualifying students.****

See back of flyer for more information.

2. MOCK TESTS

Full-length proctored mock tests help students learn what to expect under test-like conditions. Students will receive a report with comprehensive personal analysis of their performance on the test.

Each mock test is \$5 – all proceeds go to Centennial Counseling office and PTSA.

To register, go to applerouth.com/signup and enter event code (listed below).

Test Offered	Date	Time	Event Code
Mock SAT	October 1	9:00am - 1:30pm	M227579
SAT/ACT Diagnostic Test	October 29	9:00am - 1:30pm	M227580
Mock ACT	November 5	9:00am - 1:15pm	M227581

3. OTHER RESOURCES

ACT.org

- Review of Content
- Short-term practice tests to get a predicted score range
- Guided plan—Students can stay on track by entering their ACT test date; the learning path adjusts based on that timeframe.
- Game center—Students play different games and compete with other students to test their knowledge.
- Full Length Practice Test

Khan Academy

- Go to satpractice.orgk12 for Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy
- View sample study plans and study group ideas
- Linked to your college board accounts
- Create your own online study group

TRY THE APP!

Download "Daily Practice for the New SAT" for practice questions and instant practice test scoring

Centennial High School Students: We Have Your Prep



Build a foundation for success with 18 hours of targeted instruction.

Features

Hours: 18 hours of in-person instructor-led prep

Practice Tests: 3 proctored tests and 13 additional tests

Study tools: Access to additional video lessons and online practice drills



	Test	Day of Week	Class Times	Start Date	End Date
FALL	October SAT	Tuesday	4:00 – 7:00PM	August 20	September 27
	October ACT	Wednesday	4:00 – 7:00PM	September 10	October 19
	November SAT	Thursday	4:00 – 7:00PM	September 17	October 27
	December ACT	Monday	4:00 – 7:00PM	October 22	December 5
SPRING	January SAT	Monday	4:00 – 7:00PM	November 12	January 9
	February ACT	Tuesday	4:00 – 7:00PM	December 17	February 7
	March SAT	Wednesday	4:00 – 7:00PM	January 28	March 8
	April ACT	Thursday	4:00 – 7:00PM	February 18	March 30

*All Classes have 3 Practice Tests on Saturday mornings at 9:00AM

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TRANSCRIPT/LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION REQUEST CARD

Counselor: ☐ Beatty (A-C) ☐ Marino (D-Gol) ☐ Graver (Gom-Mart) ☐ Freeman (Maru-Sam) ☐ Peart (San-Z)
Submitted: ☐ Parent/Guardian Electronic Consent ☐ Senior Profile/Student Section ☐ Senior Profile/Parent Section
REQUIRED: Student Email (print neatly): _____ **Student Cell #:** _____

*****Must allow 10 school days for your request to be processed*****

Electronic Transcripts

- ✓ **Georgia Colleges/Universities & NCAA:** Sent via GAFutures.com portal
- ✓ **Schools on the Common Application:** Sent with Secondary School Report once student gives counselor access by submitting their application with counselor's email address
- ✓ **Schools using an Online Portal such as SendedU, CollegeNet, or Applyweb.com:** Sent once student gives counselor access by submitting their application with counselor's email

Paper/Hard Copy Transcripts

- ☐ **Out of State Colleges:** Student must pick up hard copy and mail to the college before deadline
- ☐ **Colleges using paper/hard copy recommendation forms:** Student must pick up and mail to the college before deadline
- ☐ **Scholarships/Other Agencies:** Student must pick up and mail to the scholarship/agency before deadline

Fill in 1 row for each transcript you are requesting (1 per college). Turn completed card in to Mrs White.

Date of Request	Deadline	Name of College/University, Scholarship or Other Agency	Select Delivery Option (Check One)	Counselor Recommendation (Check One)	Counselor Verified & Submitted	Request Processed	Student Notification Sent	Student Picked Up (if needed)
			<input type="checkbox"/> Georgia College/University <input type="checkbox"/> Common App <input type="checkbox"/> Online Portal <input type="checkbox"/> Paper/Hard Copy	<input type="checkbox"/> No (College Does Not Require) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Electronic Form Submitted to Counselor) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Hard Copy of Rec form Attached Here)				
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Need to request an official transcript or counselor recommendation? Here's how...

#1: Know your deadline!

It takes time for a transcript/recommendation request to be processed. All requests must be submitted at least 10 school days prior to your deadline.

Make sure your parent/guardian completes the "Consent for Release of Official Documents" survey. You can scan the QR code below or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SBRHVPO>.



Complete your transcript/recommendation request in the Counseling Office

Pull your card from the "Transcript Request" box on Ms. White's desk. Complete the form by filling out one line for each transcript/recommendation you are requesting. For example, if you need 3 transcripts, you will fill out 3 lines on the card. Centennial will only process transcript requests submitted via a completed transcript/recommendation card request. We will not process any online transcript or recommendation requests until we have received a completed transcript card request corresponding to the online request.

Counselor recommendation required?

Check the college or scholarship website carefully to see if a counselor recommendation is required as part of your application. If a recommendation is required, follow these steps...

- **Step 1:** Student and parent/guardian complete a "Senior Profile" and turn it in to your counselor. Electronic versions are available on the counseling website on the 'Just for Seniors' page. Hard copies can also be picked up in the Counseling Office.
- **Step 2:** Locate the counselor recommendation form:
 - If recommendation is sent electronically, enter your counselor's name and email address into your online application to allow your counselor to access your online recommendation portal. Make sure you enter the email address accurately!
 - If the recommendation is only available in hard copy or PDF form, print it out and turn in with your request card.
- **Step 3:** Indicate on your transcript card that a recommendation is required and indicate if it will be sent electronically or hard copy (if hard copy, attach the form to the card).

Transcript Delivery Options:

- ⊙ Georgia Colleges/Universities and NCAA (Electronic): Your application to the college should be submitted before requesting a transcript/recommendation.
- ⊙ Schools on the Common Application (Electronic): Only available for schools on the Common App. Requires you to enter your counselor's name and email address as your requested recommender for your Secondary School Report. You must fill out and submit your Common App before submitting a transcript/recommendation request. If any of your Common App schools require a Mid-Year Report, you must submit another request at that time.
- ⊙ Schools using an Online Portal, such as Send EDU, CollegeNet, or Applyweb.com (Electronic): Only available for schools who provide the option to send a request through their application portal. Requires you to submit your school counselor's name and email address as a part of the application. For UGA, students must submit their applications **BEFORE** counselors can complete their recommendations.
- ⊙ Out of State Colleges, Colleges using paper/hard copy recommendation forms, and Scholarships/Other Agencies (Paper/Hard Copy): The transcript will be prepared for you to pick up within 10 days of request date. Ms. White will email or text you when your transcript and/or recommendation are ready for pick up in the Counseling Office. It is your responsibility to mail the transcript and/or recommendation form to your college or scholarship.

Students are responsible for following up with the college or agency to verify that their transcript/recommendation has been received.

Unofficial Transcripts: Can be printed from Home Access Center or Student Access Center.

*****Please contact Ms. White or your counselor if you have questions*****

Your College Application Checklist:

College Information	College #1	College #2	College #3
Name of College			
Website			
Admissions Phone #			
Name of College Rep			
Date of Campus Visit			
Time of Information Session			
Deadlines	Date:	Date:	Date:
Regular Admission Deadline			
Early Action/Decision Deadline	<i>If applicable</i>	<i>If applicable</i>	<i>If applicable</i>
Mid-Year Report Deadline	<i>If applicable</i>	<i>If applicable</i>	<i>If applicable</i>
Financial Aid-Federal			
Financial Aid-College			
Application Requirements			
Application Fee	\$	\$	\$
Transcript	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
Test Scores (SAT, ACT, COMPASS)	ACT SAT COMPASS N/A	ACT SAT COMPASS N/A	ACT SAT COMPASS N/A
Letter(s) of Recommendation	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
Essay	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
Interview	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
Other:	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
Application Tracking	Date:	Date:	Date:
Transcript Requested via Parchment (10 days before deadline)			
Test Scores Sent			
Essay Completed			
Application Submitted Online			
Letter of Rec #1 requested			
Letter of Rec #1 submitted			
Letter of Rec #2 requested			
Letter of Rec #2 submitted			
Letter of Rec #3 requested			
Letter of Rec #3 submitted			
Completed Application Status Verified by College			
Financial Aid Tracking	Date:	Date:	Date:
Date Financial Aid Submitted			
Date FAFSA PIN Requested			
DATE FAFSA Submitted			

High School and Community Activities Record

List the activities you were involved in for each grade. Be sure to include any leadership positions you held (office, committee chair, leader, etc.)

Community/School/Activities	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
Clubs & Organizations				
Athletics (include letters earned in sports)				
Visual & Performing Arts (photography, journalism, band, choir, drama, creative writing, etc.)				
Student Government				
Cheer, Drill Team, JROTC				
Awards, Honors, and Other Achievements				
Volunteer Work				
Add Your Own Category				



CAMPUS VISIT CHECKLIST

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School visits beat pictures in brochures any day! If you have the opportunity, you should experience college life first-hand during your junior and senior years to be sure your home away from home will be the right one for you. Carefully plan each visit ... and limit the number of visits to just schools that are most important to you.

Planning the Visit

- ☐ Get a map of the campus.
- ☐ Plan at least a full day (and stay overnight, if possible) at each school.
- ☐ Visit when school is in session.
- ☐ Arrange an interview with an admissions officer or sign up for a group session, if available.
- ☐ Prepare a list of questions you have about the school.
- ☐ Get a notebook to record answers and your impressions.

What to Do

- ☐ Take a campus tour.
- ☐ Talk with students and faculty.
- ☐ Attend a sporting event, if possible.
- ☐ Check out what's important to you (e.g., dorms, libraries, student unions, athletic facilities).

What to Look For

- ☐ Watch how students spend their time: studying, partying, socializing, exercising ...
- ☐ Check out the size of the average dorm room and furniture provided.
- ☐ Look at what students have in their rooms and how they've arranged it.

What to Ask

- ☐ Are there active fraternities and sororities on campus?
- ☐ How good is the food in the dining facilities?
- ☐ Can you stay in the dorm for longer than freshman year? Can you have a single room or must you share? And if you're sharing, with how many others?
- ☐ What intercollegiate and intramural teams are represented on campus?
- ☐ What kinds of clubs and societies are represented on campus?
- ☐ How well are the campus and its facilities maintained?
- ☐ How safe is the campus? Where are the campus police located? Are there safety programs, such as escorts and emergency phone boxes, on campus?
- ☐ What's available off campus? Restaurants, theaters, museums, public libraries, job opportunities?



COLLEGE FAIR CHECKLIST

► Before the fair ...

- Review the list of college fair participants.
- Locate the schools you want to interview.
- Check out the schedule of information sessions.

► Questions

Admissions

- ☐ What are the admission requirements?
- ☐ What qualities should prospective students have?
- ☐ Which standardized test scores do you require?
- ☐ What majors are offered? What's the most popular?
- ☐ What are the application deadlines for admission?
- ☐ Are interviews required? Are there group or individual interviews?
- ☐ How can I arrange a campus visit?
- ☐ How long should I expect to wait for an answer once I submit my application?

Financial aid

- ☐ How much will it cost?
- ☐ What financial aid options are offered?
- ☐ When is your financial aid deadline?
- ☐ Estimate the percentage of work study, loans, grants, and scholarships awarded in your financial aid packages.

Classroom

- ☐ What is the average class size?
- ☐ How accessible are professors outside of class?
- ☐ Will professors or graduate students teach my courses?
- ☐ When must I choose a major?
- ☐ Do I need a computer?
- ☐ What student services are offered (tutoring, career counseling, study workshops)?
- ☐ How are the libraries, computer labs?

Time Saver

- Prepare self-stick labels with your name, address, email, phone, high school, year of graduation, intended major(s), and extracurricular activities. You will be asked to fill out interest cards at the booths; using these stickers will save you from writing the same information over and over.

Housing

- ☐ What type of housing is available?
- ☐ Is student housing guaranteed for four years?
- ☐ Would I have a roommate or live alone?
- ☐ How are roommates selected?

Student life

- ☐ What special interest groups, activities, fraternities/sororities are available?
- ☐ What's it like on campus on the weekends?
- ☐ Are any programs offered to help students adjust to the college life?
- ☐ Are intramural, club, and varsity sports offered?
- ☐ How are the sports facilities?
- ☐ What types of meal plans are available?

Just the facts

- ☐ What is the school known for?
- ☐ What are recent graduates doing now?
- ☐ How many freshman return for their sophomore year?
- ☐ How safe is the campus and its surrounding neighborhoods?