

# Junior Classroom Guidance: Choosing The Perfect College!

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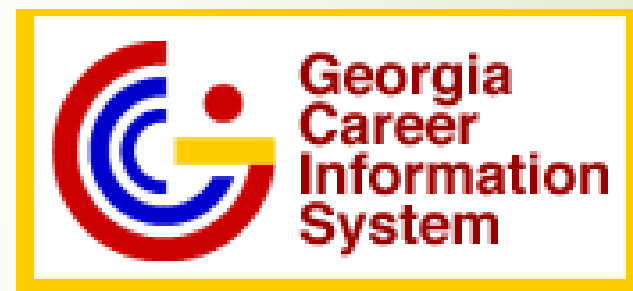


# Materials and Agenda

- Important Events and Dates
- Searching For Colleges/ Discovering Your Options
- Top Questions to Guide you to the Perfect College
- Ranking Sheet

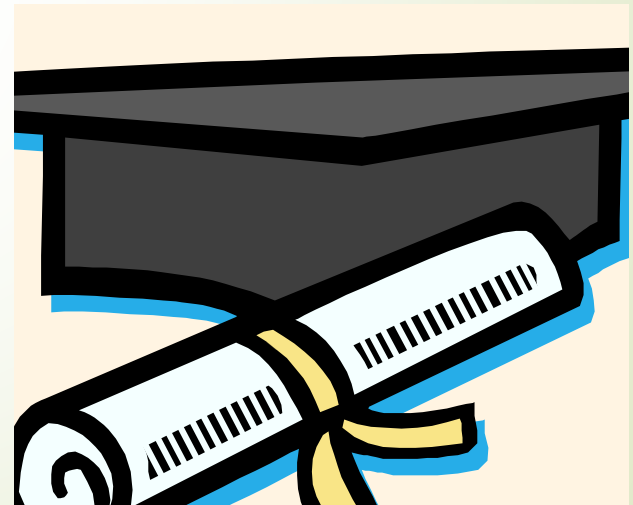
# GCIS College Search

- Go to **www.fultonschools.org**: Click on **Student Access**
  - Select **GA SLDS Building**
  - For GCIS, select **“My Career Plan”**
  - Go TO **GCIS** (found on the bottom right corner of your screen)
    - Username: student ID (e.g. 123456789)
    - Password: birthday (mmddyyyy)
- \*Juniors completed a GCIS College Sort Activity and saved at least 3 colleges to their profiles



# **CHS Counseling Junior Advisement**

**Met with your School  
Counselor for Junior  
Advisement  
Conferences  
November – March  
to plan your senior  
year**





# Remind 101 for Class of 2020

Text  
@2020chskni  
to 81010

REMIND 101:  
The easiest way  
to get CHS  
Counseling Dept  
Info via text  
message!

*text: 81010*



*in message box:*

*(class 2019) @19knight*


*(class 2020) @2020chskni*

*(class 2021) @chs2021a*


*(class 2022) @6a4aka3*



# **Preparing for a College Search**



**If you were to choose a  
college today, which one  
would you choose, and  
why?**





# Two Year Technical College

Description	Tuition & Fees	Admission Requirements
<p><b><u>Degrees offered:</u></b> Associates, Certificate, Diploma</p> <p><b><u>Provides:</u></b> Classes and degrees directly aligned with a particular career or job field. GA Technical College System has a <b>98% placement rate</b> within six months of student graduation.</p>	<p>Approximately \$4000 per year for full-time enrollment (Gwinnett Technical College)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High School Diploma</li><li>• ACCUPLACER typically required</li><li>• SAT / ACT optional</li></ul>

# Two Year Junior College

Description	Tuition & Fees	Admission Requirements
<p><b><u>Degrees offered:</u></b> Associates</p> <p><b><u>Provides:</u></b> A cost-effective option to start taking general college classes which could be applied towards a 4 year degree at a college or university</p> <p>Typically have student transfer agreements with four year colleges.</p>	<p>Approximately \$6000 per year for full-time enrollment (GA State University at Perimeter College)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High School Diploma</li><li>• GPA may be evaluated (2.0 GPA minimum for GPC)</li><li>• SAT / ACT or other admission test may be required</li></ul>

# Four Year Colleges & Universities

Description	Tuition & Fees	Admission Requirements
<p><b><u>Degrees offered:</u></b> Bachelors, Masters and/or Doctoral</p> <p><b><u>Provides:</u></b> A well-rounded college experience.</p> <p>Typically have large selection of course offerings in variety of majors and programs of study</p>	<p><b><u>Public (In-State):</u></b> Average approx. \$9000 per year <i>(does not include room/board)</i></p> <p><b><u>Public (Out-of-State):</u></b> Average \$23,000/year <i>(does not include room/board)</i></p> <p><b><u>Private:</u></b> Average \$32,000/year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• College Preparatory Curriculum</li><li>• GPA</li><li>• SAT / ACT</li><li>• Class rank</li><li>• Essay</li><li>• Extracurricular Activities</li><li>• Letters Of Recommendation</li></ul>

# Admission to “Selective” Colleges

Just as colleges search for the best “student fit”, students should search for the best “college fit.”

Students should consider **several factors** in deciding the best college for them.



# College Priorities Activity



# Choosing Your College Priorities

*What is important to you?*

- Majors/Programs of Study Offered
- Size
- Location
- Cost
- Social Appeal
- Residential Appeal
- Diversity of Students and Professors
- Reputation





# Choosing Your College Priorities

## Discovering Your Options:

- Websites
- Blogs / Social Media
- School Faculty
- Family and Friends
- College Fairs
- College Rep Visits to CHS
- Campus Visits



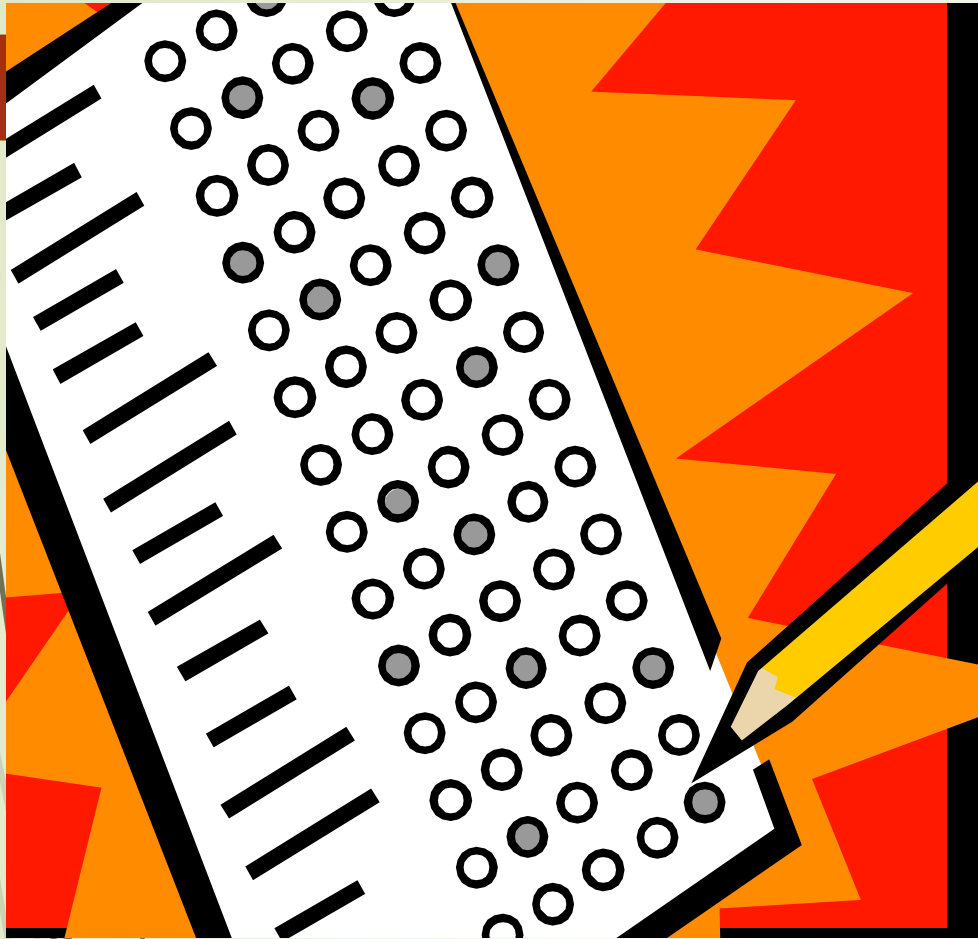
# About Admission Tests

## ➤ SAT

- Length is 3 hours, 50 minutes (with essay)
- Areas tested include Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Math, and optional essay (2 section scores plus optional essay)
- Total score out of 1600 (2 sections—each up to 800 points)
- Register at <https://sat.org/register>

## ➤ ACT

- Length is 3 hours, 35 minutes (with essay)
- Areas tested include English, Math, Reading, Science, and optional essay (4 section scores plus optional essay)
- Total score out of 36 (based on the average of 4 tests)
- Register at <http://www.actstudent.org/>



# ACT and SAT

- Colleges will generally take scores from either test and treat them equally
- Many colleges have minimum test scores required for admission
- Some colleges may “super-score”
- Recommended to send all scores--- colleges will use the highest

# Test Prep Options

[www.mycentennialcounseling.com](http://www.mycentennialcounseling.com)

- PSAT “Next Steps” Access / Khan Academy
- FREE Testing and Educational Reference Center Database in MackinVIA through CHS Learning Commons
- FREE March2Success.com Test Prep
- SAT Prep Class
- Princeton Review Partner Classes (SAT & ACT)
- Applerouth, Kaplan, C2, Studyworks, and others
- [www.Collegeboard.org](http://www.Collegeboard.org) – free practice questions
- [www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org) – free practice questions

***Remember that the best preparation includes taking college prep classes and reading as often as possible!***



# Types of Financial Aid

## GRANTS

- Gift-Aid: do *not* have to be repaid
- State or federal money
- Predominantly need-based
- Ex: Pell Grant, TEACH Grant

## SCHOLARSHIPS

- Do *not* have to be repaid
- Merit-based (GPA, athletics, community service)
- Need-based (family income)

Scholarship info at

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## WORK STUDY

- Money you earn while working
  - On campus
  - Designated places of work from the school
- Does *not* have to be repaid
- Primarily need-based

## LOANS

- *Must* be repaid with interest
- Government money

# What are the HOPE & Zell Miller Scholarships?

## HOPE

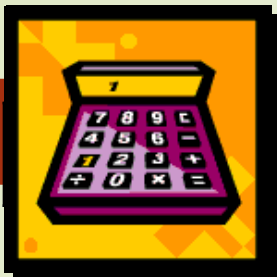
- 3.0 GPA in core classes
- Funding depends on the school with award limits
  - Private vs. Public
  - DOES NOT COVER 100%

## Zell Miller

- 3.7 GPA in core classes
- SAT score of 1200 combined (no super score) or ACT of 26 or valedictorian or salutatorian
- Award limits
  - Public = full tuition
  - Private = tuition assistance

## BOTH HOPE & Zell Miller

- Receive credit for 4 classes that meet the HOPE & Zell Miller rigor requirement.
- Complete the FAFSA



# CALCULATING THE HOPE GPA

**The HOPE GPA only includes attempted core academic courses taken in grades 9 – 12.**  
(Lang Arts, Math, Science, Soc Studies & World Lang)

**Semester numeric grades are converted to a 4.0 scale**

\* The 7 honors points for Honors, Advanced Placement, and MOWR classes are subtracted before grades are converted to the 4.0 scale.

A = 4 points

B = 3 points

C = 2 points

F = 0 points

.5 point added to each AP and Dual Enrollment grade (points cannot go higher than 4)

Course	Semester Grade w/Honors Points	Semester Grade w/out Honors Points	Converted to 4.0 scale points
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Lit Honors	95	88	3
CCGPS Geometry	80	80	3
Physical Science	79	79	2
AP World History	88	81	3.5
French 2 Honors	99	92	4
Weight Training	93	93	—
Add converted points			15.5
Divide sum by # of eligible classes			15.5 ÷ 5
<b>HOPE GPA</b>			<b>3.1</b>



# DUAL ENROLLMENT PREVIEW

- **APPLY TO THE COLLEGE BY MARCH 31 (GPC, GA. TECH, ETC.) – ACCEPTED BY THE COLLEGE, NOT BY CENTENNIAL**
- **MINIMUM GPA REQUIRED**
- **TAKE ACT AND/OR SAT BY MARCH 9, 2019**
- **NO COST FOR TUITION**
- **COLLEGE CREDITS**

# Junior Priorities

## In School

- ✓ Stay focused on academics
- ✓ Do not lighten your academic load for senior year
- ✓ Attend daily
- ✓ Stay involved in school activities (commitment/leadership)

## Standardized Testing

- ✓ Prepare for and register for ACT / SAT tests as appropriate
- ✓ Take AP tests as appropriate

## College Exploration

- ✓ Explore colleges on the Web
- ✓ Visit colleges
- ✓ Meet with college representatives
- ✓ Attend college fairs



# SAT/ACT Dates for 2018-2019

## SAT Dates

- ➡ March 9, 2019
- ➡ May 1, 2019
- ➡ June 4, 2019

## ACT Dates

- ➡ April 13, 2019
- ➡ June 8, 2019
- ➡ July 13, 2019



# RESOURCES

Junior Guidance Packet and  
Graduation Status Report (Junior  
Advisement)

[www.mycentennialcounseling.com](http://www.mycentennialcounseling.com)

Georgia Career Information System  
(GCIS)

GAFutures.org



# RESOURCES



- [www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org)
- [www.inlikeme.com](http://www.inlikeme.com)
- [www.unigo.com](http://www.unigo.com)
- [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- <https://colleges.niche.com/>
- <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

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Under Classroom Guidance Lessons**

# Thank you for your attention!



# Questions?

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