



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 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 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

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.



IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS FOR FALL 2021

SEPT 03, 2021	SAT registration deadline (Oct test)
SEPT 07, 2021	Senior Guidance Lesson
SEPT 09, 2021	Senior Parent Night (5:30P)
SEPT 12, 2021	NACAC College Fair (1P-6P) virtualcollegefairs.org/conventions
SEPT 17, 2021	ACT registration deadline (Oct test)
SEPT 25, 2021	HBCU Day Tour (CAU) https://www.hbcuawards.com/
SEPT 28, 2021	PROBE College Fair @ Johns Creek HS (6 PM- 8 PM)
OCT 01, 2021	FAFSA application available to SRs
OCT 01, 2021	CHS Apply to College Month begins
OCT 07, 2021	GSFC FAFSA Step-by-Step Webinar (https://gsfc.eventbrite.com/)
OCT 08, 2021	SAT registration deadline (Nov test)
OCT 13, 2021	PSAT ADMINISTRATION (9TH-11TH)
OCT 13, 2021	SAT ADMINISTRATION (12TH)
OCT 21, 2021	GSFC HOPE Programs Webinar (https://gsfc.eventbrite.com/)
NOV 02, 2021	NACAC STEM, Performing & Visual Arts College Fair (4 PM- 8 PM) virtualcollegefairs.org/conventions
NOV 04, 2021	SAT registration deadline (Dec test)
NOV 05, 2021	ACT registration deadline (Dec test)
DEC 03, 2021	Deadline to request official transcripts/LORs for colleges with deadlines through (& including) January 15, 2022.

VISIT THESE WEBSITES FOR MORE DETAILS & UPDATES:

(CHS) www.chsknights.com (CHS PTSA) www.centptsa.org
(CHS COUNSELING) www.mycentennialcounseling.com



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 <https://tinyurl.com/CHSSeniorProfile>
- **FOR COUNSELOR/TEACHER/OTHER LOR:** Input, where indicated on the application, 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



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



HOPE SCHOLARSHIP RIGOR REQUIREMENTS:

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 for more HOPE information.

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 CLUB on Twitter: **@Knights_Scholar**