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Seniors
Class of 2020

Parent Night
Arlington Christian School

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Topics

Graduation

Post-secondary opportunities

Applying to college

Paying for college

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Senior Status

- All seniors will graduate College-prep ready
- Will have taken the required courses to enter a 4-year college
- Must also meet the college's GPA and SAT/ACT requirements

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Post-secondary Opportunities

On-the-job training/Apprenticeships

Military

Specialty school

Technical school/college

2 year college

4 year college/university



ASVAB

Why take the ASVAB?

- It helps identify your skills and abilities
- Provides career exploration information
- Links achievement with interest
- Assists in planning work related courses
- Helps you identify a potential career path
- Does NOT obligate students to the military

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Is a Technical College Right for Me?

Why attend a technical college?

- Transfer to a 4 year college after 30 semester hours of transferrable courses
- Take core classes or learn a trade (HVAC, cosmetology, welding, etc.)
- Save money $$$$$
- Your GPA is not where it needs to be = fresh start in college
- Smaller class sizes
- HOPE Grant – visit www.gafutures.org for details
- HOPE Career Grant – select majors in industries with more jobs than skilled workers to fill them

https://tcsg.edu/ww.gafutures.org

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www.gaprobe.org

Monday, September 23rd
6-8 PM
Douglasville Conference Center

Monday, November 4th
9 a.m. - noon
Westlake High School

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Requesting College Transcripts

1. Complete your college application
2. Request transcript
3. Request counselor rec/school report if needed)
4. Don’t forget to request Final Transcript in May

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Athletes

- Register for the NCAA clearinghouse
- Send transcript with registration
- Be sure to send a final transcript in May
- Stay in touch with your prospective coach

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Counselor Recommendations and School Report

Submit Student Brag Sheet (resume) to counselor
(pick up blank Brag Sheet in Counseling Office)

MUST submit request a minimum of 2 school weeks in advance!

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Teacher Recommendations

1. Politely ask the teacher if he/she would be willing to write you a college recommendation.

2. Provide teacher with Student Brag Sheet AND stamped envelope addressed to the College Admissions Office OR online access information

3. Allow teachers at least 2 weeks to submit their recommendation – look ahead at your deadlines.

4. Thank the teacher for writing a rec for you ☺

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Make a list of potential schools

Reach School

I might be accepted.

Target School

I should be accepted.

Safety School

I will be accepted.
Apply to at least 1

Research schools and ask questions!

Requirements, cost, location, size, majors, scholarships/financial aid, activities on campus, housing, etc.

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College Admissions

Will you meet the college admissions requirements?

Compare your profile with the most recent freshman profile of the school

Know your academic profile
- GPA, standardized test scores, curriculum (rigor)

What factors are considered for admission?
- GPA, test scores, and curriculum?
- Extracurricular activities, clubs, organizations, community service, talents (Holistic review)

Remember:
Depending on the college, meeting minimum admissions requirements may not guarantee admissions.

Grade Point Average

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Overall GPA (on transcript)
- Not used by most colleges
- May be used for most scholarship applications

HOPE GPA (NOT on transcript)
- Must view at www.gafutures.org
- Specific courses, different weighting system

Academic GPA (NOT on transcript)
- Most colleges consider only academic/core GPA for admissions
  BUT each college:
  - decides how they calculate GPA for admissions
  - may weight courses differently
  - chooses which courses to include
- Students should check with the admissions office how GPA is calculated

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Parts of an Application

Review each school's application requirements & ways to apply on their website (admissions page)

- Online application preferred (admissions page, Common Application)
- Transcript
- Test scores
  - *Accuplacer* – schedule to take directly with the school
  - *SAT and/or ACT* – send directly from the organization to the college
- Application fee (possible fee waivers)
- Deadline – pay close attention! No extensions

Parts of an Application
(additional requirements)

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Additional requirements that vary by college:

- Activities/Community Service/Leadership
- Essays – start early, get feedback
- Recommendations (only if required by the college)
  - Counselor Recommendation (or school report)
  - Teacher Recommendation (letter or form) – typically core preferred

Set GOALS for completing applications.
Plan ahead to avoid last minute panic.

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Testing

- **Accuplacer** – Placement exam for two year & technical colleges
- **ASVAB** - Military
- **SAT & ACT**
  - Practice online
    - Khan Academy – free SAT prep
    - ACT Academy – free ACT prep
  - *SAT Subject Tests* are specific to the college
  - *Writing test* – specific to the college whether required or not

Most colleges will accept either ACT or SAT. These tests are required for admissions to four year colleges. Students can take both.

Activities

- Include grades 9-12. Note if you've been involved since before high school
- Quality vs quantity – can be stretched thin if in too many activities
- Level of commitment (everyday, once/week, once/month?)
- Highlight key areas where you have made a difference or were very involved
- What was your role? How did you contribute? What did you learn from participating (about yourself or others)?
- How much impact does your activity have?
- Include community involvement and employment
- Don't forget activities outside of school
- Not involved due to work or family obligations? Let the college know

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September 26th – QuestBridge College Match Scholarship

Apply early! *Minimum of 2 school weeks* is required for rec's (by Sept 7)

Submit your request in the Counseling Office and add counselor name ASAP to your online application so I can start working on my part.

Counselor must complete a lengthy secondary school report, which includes a recommendation.

October 15th – the first BIG college app deadline!

Georgia Tech
UGA

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Paying for College



All seniors should complete the FAFSA regardless of family income

- HOPE and Zell Scholarship or Grant
  - Apply by filling out the FAFSA as early as October 1st of senior year
- Institutional Scholarships
- Local interest groups, employer
- Online resources/search engines – Collegeboard.com, fastweb.com, Careercruising.com, etc.
- Family savings
- Work-study programs
- Loans – must be repaid
- Grants & scholarships
  - Do not have to be repaid
  - Based on specific requirements
  - Not always based on income or grades

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HOPE Grant & Scholarship Program

Must apply by completing FAFSA

HOPE Scholarship
- 3.0 HOPE GPA
- 4 rigor courses
- Portion of tuition

Zell Miller Scholarship
- 3.7 HOPE GPA
- 1200 SAT or 26 ACT
- 4 rigor courses
- Full tuition

HOPE Grant
- No GPA requirement
- Certificate or diploma
- Portion of tuition

HOPE Career Grant
- Eligible programs – full tuition

Zell Miller Grant
- Earn 3.5 GPA after semester at college
- Certificate or diploma
- Full tuition

HOPE & Zell Miller Scholarship

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HOPE Scholarship	Zell Miller Scholarship
• 3.0 core high school GPA • **Must earn a minimum of 4 credits from the academic rigor course list prior to graduating from high school** • Two year or four year degree • Must graduate from a GA high school • Must be a GA resident for at least one year (Green Card or citizenship) • Covers a **percentage** of tuition • May be possible to qualify for Hope while in college if not qualified upon high school graduation	• 3.7 core high school GPA • 1200 SAT Math and Reading/Verbal or 26 ACT • **Minimum of 4 credits from the academic rigor course list prior to graduating from high school** • Pays for two year or four year degree (public college in GA) • Must graduate from a Georgia high school • Must be GA Resident for at least one year (Green Card or citizenship) • Covers full tuition

Check your HOPE GPA at www.gafutures.org. GPA on your transcript is NOT your HOPE GPA!
Apply by completing your FAFSA as early as October 1st.

Which Classes Count Toward HOPE?

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Classes that begin with the following numbers…

23.x	English
27.x	Mathematics
26.x	Science
40.x	Science
45.x	Social Studies
60.X – 66.x	Foreign language
??. x	Additional courses approved for fourth year of science

HOPE counts all courses that begin with the listed numbers…. BOTH required and elective courses.

Review HOPE ***rigor*** requirements at www.gafutures.org

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HOPE Scholarship Rigor Requirements

To be HOPE scholarship eligible, you must earn at least four credits in courses from the following categories

These are just some of the classes that count toward rigor that are not AP courses. For the complete list of rigor courses: www.gafutures.org

Advanced Math	• Algebra II • Precalculus, AMDM, Statistical Reasoning, College Readiness, & above
Advanced Science	• Physics • Chemistry • Forensic Science
Advanced Placement	• In core subjects
Advanced Foreign Language	• Level 2 and above
Dual Enrollment	• Dual enrollment in core classes



Are Honors and AP Courses Weighted for HOPE?

Honors courses

Do not earn any additional quality points toward the HOPE GPA

AP and Dual Enrollment courses

Earn additional 0.5 quality points up to a 4.0

Your HOPE GPA cannot exceed 4.0

Words of Advice



#1 criteria: Does the college have the major or program you're interested in?

Visit colleges! More opportunities to compare different schools.

Seek advice from others who have recently gone through the college app process! Others are always willing to share what they learned.

Mistakes to avoid: Picking a college solely on name. Never visiting the college before committing. Not applying for scholarships. Not completing the FAFSA.

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DEADLINES…

KNOW THEM!!

Pay close attention to deadlines during school breaks, as counselor will not be available.

Submit requests at least 2 weeks before the break begins.

