

All things Junior Year

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In this packet you will find...

- Junior Year Timeline
- Graduation Requirements
- Different Types of GPA
- College Research
- 2 – Year College Information
- Financial Aid Information
- HOPE Scholarship Information
- Testing Information
- Dual Enrollment Information
- Helpful Resources

What do you need to know now?

- Courses left to meet graduation requirements **and** college admissions requirements.
- **Your** goals. It is time to start defining your goals in terms of what you want to do after high school and steps to get there.
- **Research** – Don't be afraid to Google!

Junior Year Timeline

Fall:

- **Create** a GAFutures account
- **Learn about colleges.** Look at their websites and find colleges at bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search. Talk to friends, family members, teachers, and recent grads that are now in college. List the college features that interest you.
- **Research:** Talk with College Admissions Reps and ask questions when they visit the cafeteria. Plan to visit college campuses during breaks
- **Take the PSAT (October 16th)**
- Make a file to manage your college search, testing, and application data. If appropriate (for example, if you're interested in drama, music, art, sports, etc.), start to gather material for a portfolio.

Winter:

- Sign up to take the **SAT/ACT** in the spring.
- Continue to **research** colleges/careers

Spring:

- **Stay open to all the possibilities** — don't limit your search. To find the best college for you, you should apply to colleges of varying selectivity. Selective colleges admit a portion of students who apply. Some colleges are highly selective while others are less selective.
- **Take the SAT/ACT**
- Quest College Fair will take place on **Tuesday, March 17th**, from 6-8 p.m. @ Hillgrove HS.

Summer:

- Register with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Eligibility Center if you are an athlete planning to continue playing a sport in college (www.ncaaclearinghouse.net).
- Visit colleges. When planning your campus visits, make sure to allow time to explore each college. Take campus tours and, at colleges you're serious about, make appointments to have interviews with admission counselors.
- Take the SAT/ACT if necessary
- Create a résumé — a record of your academic accomplishments, extracurricular activities, and work experiences since you started high school.
- Make a list of 3-5 schools you plan on applying to in the fall.

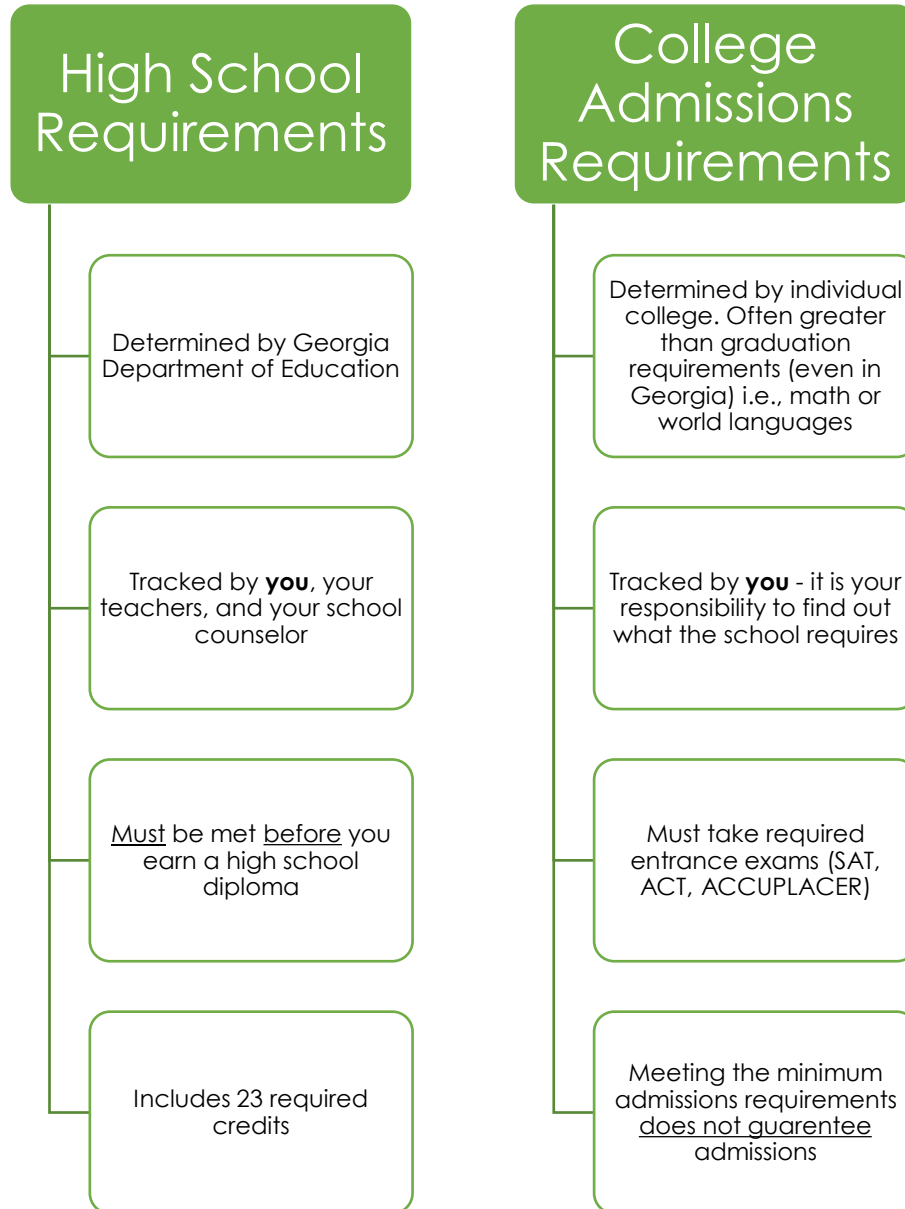
Your Future: Post-secondary Options

Job Training & Apprenticeships	Military	Specialty School	2-year and/or Technical College	4-year College/University
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short-term or long-term training is provided by an employer at the beginning of a new job. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6-11 weeks of basic training when you join the Army, Airforce, or the Marines • Plan to stop by a local recruiting office! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enroll in schools like Full-Sail, Nashville Diesel, Cordon Bleu, Paul Mitchell, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical: Enroll in a certificate or diploma program to prepare for a specific career • 2-year: Earn an Associate's degree or take courses that will transfer to a 4-year college 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn a Bachelor's degree for a broad-based education or a specific education in a chosen subject area/major

Not sure yet?... That's ok, check out these resources on your Naviance account!

Resource	What is it?	How to
<i>Career Interest Profiler</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career interest profiler is an online career interest assessment for students based on Holland's interest codes. • 180 questions 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click "About Me" (top right of screen) 2. Click "My Assessments" 3. Click "Career Interest Profiler"
<i>Do What You Are</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment uses personality types to suggest career & clusters that might be a good match. • Takes less than 20 minutes 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click "About Me" (top right of screen) 2. Click "My Assessments" 3. Click "Do What You Are"

High School Requirements vs. College Admissions



What colleges are realistic options?

- Know the various types of GPA (college, core, HOPE, and cumulative)
- Know your test scores and how they stack up to those admitted
- Know the following information for your schools of interest
 - Minimum acceptance requirements
 - Average high school GPA & test scores of the most recent freshman class
- Compare your stats with the minimum requirements and freshman profiles

Different Types of GPA

Weighted GPA (Harrison GPA)

- Located on your Harrison HS transcript
- Includes EVERY course you've taken for high school credit
- Calculates an extra 0.5 quality point for Honors courses
- Calculates an extra 1.0 quality point for AP courses

Unweighted GPA

- Located on your Harrison HS transcript
- Removes any extra weight you recieved for taking Honors or AP level courses.
- Still includes all courses taken for high school credit

**HOPE GPA

- Located on GAFutures.org
- Includes only grades earned in the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language
- 0.5 quatliy point added to AP, International Baccalaureate (IB), and Dual Enrollment (DE) core courses (not to exceed 4.0)

** HOPE GPA Calculation Questions? <https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-scholarships/hope-scholarship/eligibility/hope-gpa-calculation/>

** HOPE Academic Rigor Questions? <https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-scholarships/hope-scholarship/eligibility/academic-rigor-requirements/>

College Research Questions: Ask yourself...

1. Does the school offer the courses/major I want?
2. Do I want to be on a big campus with a lot going on, or do I want to be on a small campus with more personal attention?
3. Do I want to stay close to home or explore new places?
4. Is my budget limited or can I attend any college?
5. Do I have the grades, SAT, or ACT score necessary to get into the college of my choice?
6. Do I prefer a campus located in the city or rural area?
7. Does the school offer athletic or extracurricular activities that interest me?
8. Do I feel like the campus life is a good fit?
9. Can I see myself spending 4 years of my life here?

START HERE

Things to Know About Your College of Interest: Research & Ask Admissions Representatives

Admission Information

- What are the admissions requirements?
- What is the typical profile? (Average GPA/test scores_ of an accepted freshman from last year?
- Do you use weighted or unweighted GPA for admissions?
- Do you consider extra curricular activities, work experience, community involvement in your decision-making process?
- Do you consider the rigor of my schedule?
- Do you require letters of recommendations from teachers and/or counselors?

Application Information

- What is the application fee?
- What is the deadline for applications?
- When will the college let me know their decision?
- Do you offer Early Decision or Early Action?

Expenses

- What is the cost of attendance?
- How much should I budget for tuition, books, room/board?
- Am I required to buy a meal plan?

General Information

- Is the college state or privately owned?
- What is the average class size in the freshman class?
- Are freshman required to live on campus?
- Can I bring my car? Is it easy to park on campus?

Financial Aid

- Do you offer tuition scholarships? What are the requirements?
- Do you offer scholarships that are not academic based?
- Are there loans available from your college?
- Do you have a work-study program? How does it work?

2-Year/Technical College Information

The Pros of Attending a 2-year or Technical College

- Attending a 2-year or community college can help you save money.
- Great stepping-stone! Helps you adjust to college course work and stay close to home for a slower transition (if a 4-year university is your goal).
- Quick employment pathway for certain careers
- Your high school GPA and standardized test scores are not as heavily weighted for admission.
- 2-year and technical colleges have many career training opportunities!
- Smaller class sizes!
- Financial Aid opportunities!
 - HOPE Grant
 - <https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-grants/hope-grant/>
 - Zell Miller Grant
 - <https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-grants/zell-miller-grant/>
 - HOPE Career Grant
 - <https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-grants/hope-career-grant/>
 - HOPE GED Grant
 - <https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-grants/hope-ged-grant/>

What can I do if my GPA isn't high enough to get into my dream college?

- Consider taking classes at a different school, perhaps a technical or 2-year school. You can start fresh with your GPA, and build it up.
- Once you earn 30 college credit hours, you can apply as a transfer student to a different school.
 - More information on applying as a transfer student:
<http://www.usg.edu/policymanual/section4/C328/#n4213> (Section 4.2.1.3)
- You can take TAG (Transfer Admission Guarantee) classes. TAG courses are guaranteed to transfer to a school that is part of the University System of Georgia. *Be sure to check with the school you are interested in transferring to for specific transfer guidelines
- Taking classes at a technical school can help you save money during your first year or two of college!

Financial Aid Information

Grants & Scholarships

- Sources: Government, College, Private (business, organizations)
- Merit based or need based

Loans

- Must pay back - with interest
- Each loan has a different set of terms and conditions
- Pay attention to how much you'll need for college, monthly payments, and how much you'll have to pay on interest

Work Study

- Students have a job on campus
- Money earned helps to pay for school

Tips

- Students and parents should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid beginning **October 1** of senior year.
- FAFSA Information: <https://www.gafutures.org/federal-aid-scholarships/fafsa/>
 - Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after **October 1st** of your senior year.
- Scholarships: It's a part-time job!
 - Apply early and often
 - Put together a resume and prepare a personal statement so you are ready to apply
 - Create a notebook to keep track of all information
 - Start local
 - Check with your employer and your parent's employer for different scholarship opportunities
 - Check the Harrison Counseling website's scholarship bulletin for other opportunities, or Naviance under Colleges – Scholarships – Scholarship List

HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship/Grant Information

HOPE AND ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIPS

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FROM HIGH SCHOOL

HOPE Scholarship

- 3.0 HOPE GPA as calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) in core curriculum courses (English, math, science, foreign language, social science)
- Rigor requirements

Zell Miller Scholarship

- Rigor requirements and one of the following:
- Designated valedictorian or salutatorian
- 3.7 HOPE GPA as calculated by GSFC in core curriculum courses
- AND
- Test component: 1200 SAT combined score (Critical Reading and Math) or 26 ACT composite score

WHAT ARE RIGOR REQUIREMENTS?

Rigor courses: *Advanced Math, Advanced Science, Foreign Language, Advanced Placement (AP) in core subjects, International Baccalaureate (IB) in core subjects, degree-level Dual Credit Enrollment courses in core subjects taken at an eligible postsecondary institution.*

Students graduating from high school must earn four full credits from the above list.

AWARD AMOUNTS

	HOPE Scholarship*	Zell Miller Scholarship*
Public Institution	Portion of standard tuition [†]	Full standard tuition [†]
Private Institution	\$2,089 per semester (fall, spring, summer)	\$2,308 per semester (fall, spring, summer)
Full-time	\$1,394 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)	\$1,539 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)
Private Institution	\$1,045 per semester (fall, spring, summer)	\$1,154 per semester (fall, spring, summer)
Half-time	\$698 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)	\$771 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)

*Complete award amounts available on GAfutures.org. [†]Up to 15 credit hours.

MAINTAINING

HOPE Scholarship

- Students must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA* at designated checkpoints (end of every spring semester and at 30, 60 and 90 attempted semester hours; end of every spring quarter and at 45, 90 and 135 attempted quarter hours). If a student's GPA falls below a 3.0, they will lose the HOPE Scholarship and will only be eligible to regain it once.

Zell Miller Scholarship

- Students must maintain a cumulative 3.3 GPA* at designated checkpoints (end of every spring semester and at 30, 60 and 90 attempted semester hours; end of every spring quarter and at 45, 90 and 135 attempted quarter hours). If a student's GPA falls below a 3.3, they will lose the Zell Miller Scholarship but may still be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship. Students can regain the Zell Miller Scholarship only once.

*Postsecondary GPA calculation refers to all attempted hours after high school graduation. Approved postsecondary STEM courses taken fall 2017 and later receive .5 weight to grade B, C or D. Approved courses can be found at GAfutures.org. STEM courses taken during high school are not given the STEM weight for postsecondary GPA calculation.

LOSING ELIGIBILITY

A student will lose eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship and the Zell Miller Scholarship due to one of the following:

- GPA requirement not met
- Maximum attempted and/or paid hours reached (127 semester/190 quarter)
- Funds not used within seven years of high school graduation or equivalent (military exception)
- Bachelor's or first professional degree received

HOPE GED GRANT

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

- Earned a GED diploma from Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG)

AWARD AMOUNT

- \$500 voucher that can be used for tuition, books or other educational costs at an eligible postsecondary institution
- Voucher expires 24 consecutive months after issue date

Students eligible for any of the HOPE Programs must complete a GSFAPPS or current year FAFSA.

OTHER STATE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

In addition to the HOPE Program, GSFC administers other state financial aid programs for the state of Georgia. These programs are designed to assist students with the cost of their postsecondary education.

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| ● Dual Enrollment | ● Scholarship for Engineering Education for Minorities |
| ● Georgia Military College State Service Scholarship | ● Student Access Loan |
| ● Georgia National Guard Service Cancelable Loan | ● Tuition Equalization Grant |
| ● HERO Scholarship | ● University of North Georgia Military Scholarship |
| ● Public Safety Memorial Grant | ● University of North Georgia ROTC Grant |
| ● REACH Scholarship | ● University of North Georgia ROTC Grant for Future Officers |
| ● Scholarship for Engineering Education | |

For more information on state financial aid programs, visit GAfutures.org.

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to meeting the requirements for specific state financial aid programs, students must meet the following basic eligibility requirements:

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| ● Be a legal resident of Georgia | ● Meet U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen requirements |
| ● Meet academic achievement standards required by the program or college | ● Be in good standing on all student loans or other financial aid programs |
| ● Be registered with the Selective Service, if required | ● Not have exceeded the maximum award limits for any state financial aid program |
| ● Be in compliance with the Georgia Drug-Free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990 | ● Meet enrollment requirements |
| | ● Attend an eligible postsecondary institution |

For more information on the HOPE Programs, visit GAfutures.org.

HOPE Career Grant

What is it?

- The HOPE Career Grant can be the boost a student needs **to** get started on a rewarding career in a well-paying job, and without accumulating a lot of student debt.
- Helps Georgia employers by creating a pipeline of skilled workers they can hire well into the future.
- To be eligible for the HOPE Career Grant, students must first qualify for and be receiving the HOPE Grant. Please review eligibility requirements at GaFutures.org.
 - The two grants together will cover all tuition in these 17 programs of study.
 - Students will still be responsible for student fees and any equipment necessary, although in some cases, financial aid is available for those as well.
- HOPE Career Grant: <https://tcsge.edu/free-tuition/>
 - Automotive Technology
 - Aviation Technology
 - Certified Engineer Assistant
 - Commercial Truck Driving
 - Computer Programming
 - Computer Technology
 - Construction Technology
 - Diesel Equipment Technology
 - Early Childhood Care and Education
 - Electrical Lineman Technology
 - Health Science
 - Industrial Maintenance
 - Logistics/Transportation Technology
 - Movie Production Set Design
 - Practical Nursing
 - Precision Manufacturing
 - Welding and Joining Technology

Article Link: Why are students choosing trade schools over traditional "4-year colleges"?

- 4 -year college costs continue to rise
- Mountain of debt
- Focused education and training
- Getting into careers faster
- High-growth profession and career fields

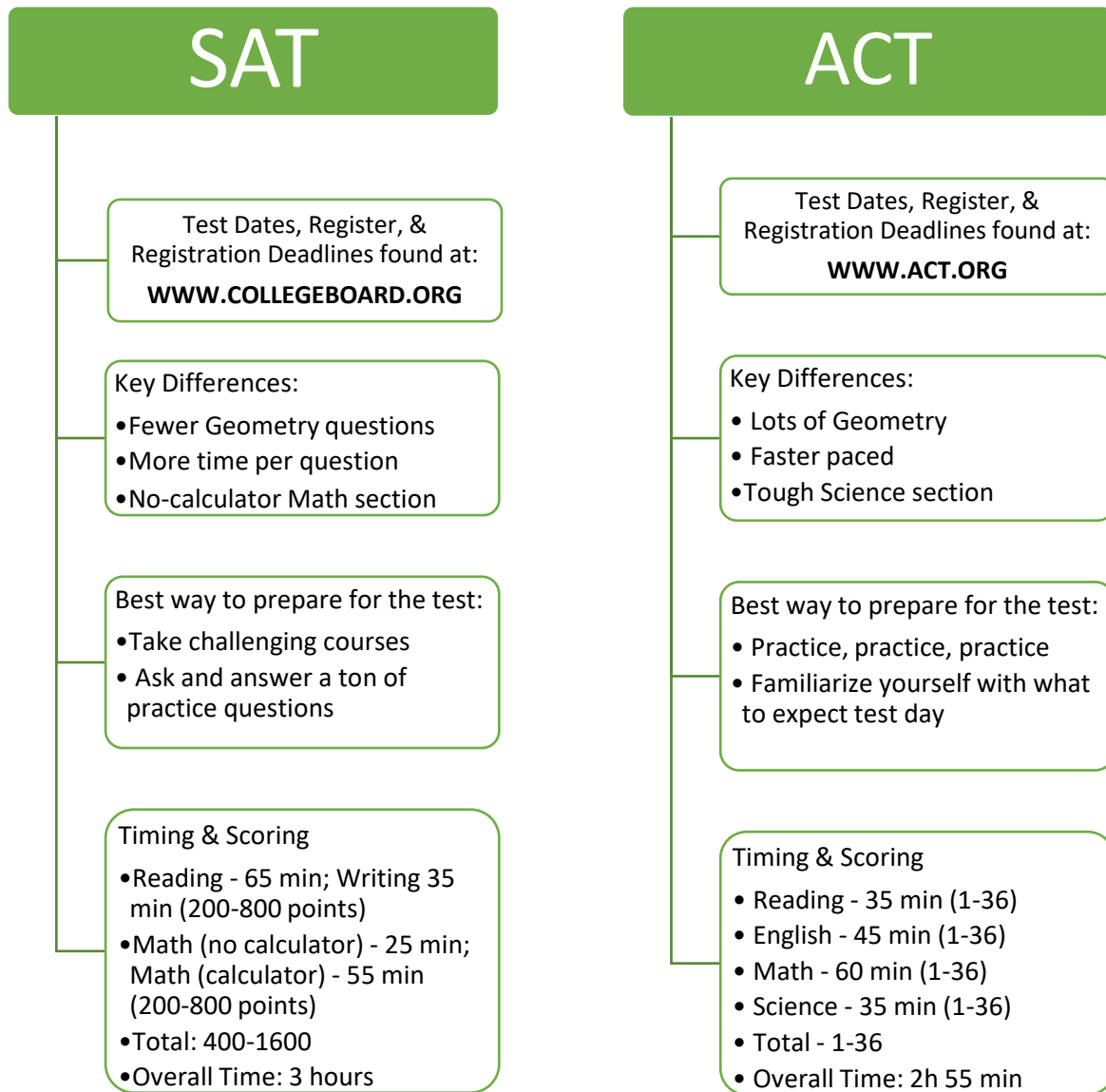
Article Link: Trade school vs. College

- Trade School Pros: Less tuition, more opportunities than you think, applied learning, high-demand jobs = high job placement
- College Pros: Learn more about yourself, opportunity to mature, certain careers require certain degrees

SAT, ACT, and Other Testing Information

Most colleges will accept either test. Writing requirement varies by college. These tests are required for admissions to 4-year colleges. Students can take BOTH.

More information: <https://www.applerouth.com/testcomparison/>



Accuplacer	Placement exam for two year & technical colleges. Schedule to take the test at chosen college.
ASVAB	Aptitude/career exam required for entrance into the military that determines your eligibility for military jobs.
SAT Subject Tests	Required by a few highly competitive colleges.

Dual Enrollment

What is dual enrollment?

- Georgia's Dual Enrollment program allows high school students (9th – 12th grade) to earn college credit while working on their high school diploma.
- The Dual Enrollment program covers tuition, mandatory fees and required textbooks.
- Effective Fall term 2018, an eligible Dual Enrollment student may enroll and receive Dual Enrollment funding for a maximum of 15 semester or 12 quarter hours per term, regardless of the number of Eligible Postsecondary Institutions in which the student is enrolled.
- The goal of Dual Enrollment is to increase college access and completion, and prepare students to enter the workforce with the skills they need to succeed.

Where do most Hoyas Dual Enroll?

- Kennesaw State University: <http://uc.kennesaw.edu/dep/>
- Chattahoochee Technical College:
<http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/deeligibility/>

What should I do if I'm interested in participating in dual enrollment?

- Research admissions requirements for the college you're interested in attending
- Know application **deadlines** for individual schools (some are early)
- Take SAT/ACT/Accuplacer
- Look into full-time and part-time options
- Talk to your parent/guardian about this experience
- Make an appointment with your counselor
- Consider challenges...
 - Activities during and after the school day
 - Transportation
 - Rigorous college level classes
 - Scheduling classes at college and high school

NAVIANCE FAMILY CONNECTION

Harrison High School is very excited to introduce Naviance to our students and families. Naviance Student is a comprehensive, web-based planning tool that will assist Harrison students in managing the academic, career, and college aspects of high school. Naviance will be the primary method of college planning for Harrison students.

Logging-on to the Naviance Portal

1. Go to <http://www.cobbk12.org/>
2. At the top click "Parents"
3. Look to the right under "Resources (Cont.)"
4. Click "Naviance"
5. **Use your office365 credentials to log-in**
 - a. **Username:** Firstname.Lastname@students.cobbk12.org
 - b. **Password:** Use the personal password you created for school
6. If this is the first time you've logged on – go to the **ABOUT ME** tab. Under "My Account", add your email address to your contact information

Naviance Features:

Feature	Description	How to Access
Career Interest Profiler	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A career interest survey. Use the results to explore suggested occupations; examine the education, training, and skills required as well as wages typical for these occupations.• The information is also useful when exploring possible college majors.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Click the <i>About Me</i> tab2. Click <i>My Assessments</i>3. Click <i>Career Interest Profiler</i>
College Super Match <i>*Start your college search here!</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set search criteria to yield a list of colleges to explore. Save your search to access/modify.• Click on the various tabs of individual college profiles to learn more about financial aid, majors and degrees, and campus life.• Add colleges you are interested in to <i>My Colleges</i> List for future reference.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Click on the <i>Colleges</i> tab2. Click <i>Find Your Fit</i>3. Click <i>College Super Match</i>

<p>Resume</p> <p><i>*Please update your resume</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record your high school activities, awards, volunteer experience, etc. You can rearrange your information into multiple printable versions of your resume to present to potential employers or colleges. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click the <i>About Me</i> tab Click <i>My Stuff</i> Click <i>Resume</i>
<p>Do What You Are</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of the assessment will generate a report that will provide you with important information about your personal characteristics. You will learn about careers that are matched to you, your personal strengths and blind spots, how to negotiate in your daily life, and a host of other useful information. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click the <i>About Me</i> tab Click <i>My Assessments</i> Click <i>Do What You Are</i>
<p>College Lookup</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows you to use historical GPA and test score info. to match you with colleges that you may want to explore further (please remember that there are many factors that affect college admissions – This is just a tool to help you look at other potential colleges to consider). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The home screen has a search bar at the top. Use this to look up colleges
<p>Scattergram</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can see how your SAT and ACT Scores compare to other Harrison students accepted into specific colleges. You can view Admissions information. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click on the <i>Colleges</i> tab Click <i>Find Your Fit</i> Click <i>Scattergram</i>
<p>National Scholarship Search</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can view National Scholarship opportunities. You can also browse by category to yield a search list relevant to 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click the <i>Colleges</i> tab Click <i>Scholarships and Money</i> Click <i>National Scholarship Search</i>

	your interests/special talents.	
Scholarship List <i>*There are a multitude of college scholarships for Juniors!</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can view College and Local organization sponsored scholarship opportunities. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click the <i>Colleges</i> tab Click <i>Scholarships and Money</i> Click <i>Scholarship List</i>

Helpful Resources

- NAVIANCE
 - Naviance is a college and career readiness solution for students that helps connect academic achievement to post-secondary goals.
 - Students learn about themselves and explore careers,
 - Create plans and develop the skills and knowledge to accomplish goals.
 - Research and apply to colleges
- GA FUTURES
 - www.GAFUTURES.ORG
 - Create username/password (DO NOT CREATE MULTIPLE ACCOUNTS)
 - View your HOPE GPA (must enter your social security number & enter Harrison High School as your school)
 - Research colleges
- COLLEGE DATA
 - <http://collegedata.com/>
 - Research different colleges
- SAT - COLLEGEBOARD.ORG
 - <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
 - Register and prepare for the SAT
 - Send SAT test scores to various colleges
- ACT
 - <http://www.act.org/>
 - Register and prepare for the ACT
 - Send ACT test scores to various colleges
- BIG FUTURES
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
 - Research colleges and careers
- High Demand Career Initiatives (HDCI)
 - <https://tcsgeu/workforce/high-demand-career-initiative/>
- Scholarship Bulletin
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5S56FG0hwsXUVdQNnBZbUJLT1k/view>
 - **Also located in Naviance
- FAFSA
 - <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/afsa>
- NCAA
 - <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>