


JUNIOR ADVISEMENT CLASS OF 2025

COLA COUNSELORS

SCHOOL COUNSELORS

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HOUSEKEEPING - SCHEDULING

A few friendly reminders from the Counseling Department:

- Students will be completing Elective Course Selection next semester
- Seniors must earn credit for a math higher than Advanced Algebra (i.e. Advanced Mathematical Decision Making, Pre-calculus or higher) and two credits of the same world language to be eligible to be admitted to a four-year college/university



LET'S TALK ABOUT...

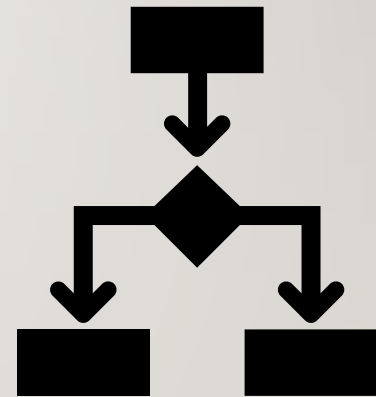
- Post-Secondary Options
- HOPE Programs & Financial Aid
- Dual Enrollment
- Junior Advisement
- Naviance

POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS



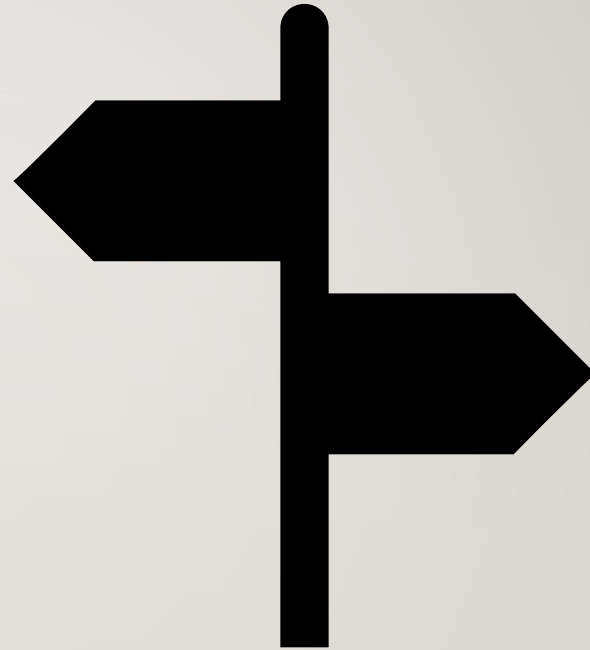
WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- What's my path after high school?
- What are the requirements to get there?
- What tests do I need to take?
- How do I pay for it?



POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS

- Apprenticeships and Job Training
- Military
- Specialty School
- 2-Year and/or Technical College
- 4-Year College/University
- Other?



TRADES AND APPRENTICESHIPS

- Occupations such as skilled construction work are considered trades or crafts.
- The completion of an apprenticeship is generally associated with skilled labor. Training lasts 1 - 5 years, and provide on-the-job training, often paid. These kinds of programs can lead to secure and well-paying jobs. Additional education and training can provide high levels of advancement and increased salaries.



Trade Examples

Electrician

Contractor/Construction Manager

Plumber

**Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)
Technician**

Certified Cook

Firefighter

Automotive/Aviation Technician

Licensed Practical Nurse

Garden and Landscape Designer/Agriculture

Welder

Legal Assistant



APPRENTICESHIPS & WORKFORCE



- On-the-job training
- Provided by employer
- Related to skilled labor and training for actual jobs
- Can lead to high-paying secure jobs.



STATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

<https://linktr.ee/GAWorkForceDevInitiatives>

- Visit the linktree listed above (or scan the QR code) to learn about several workforce development initiatives in Georgia.
- HOPE Career Grant
 - 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. It also 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](#). The two grants together will cover all tuition in these 17 programs of study.
 - <https://tcsg.edu/free-tuition/>
 - <https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-grants/hope-career-grant/>

HOPE GRANT + HOPE CAREER GRANT = FREE TUITION!

These programs are in **High Demand** and can be studied at a Technical College **Tuition Free**. There is **no GPA requirement** to earn the HOPE Grant and HOPE Career Grant out of high school!

- 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

Learn more at <https://tcsg.edu/free-tuition>

MILITARY AND MILITARY ACADEMIES

Military Branch	Websites	Military Academy
Army	www.army.mil and www.goarmy.com	US Military Academy (West Point) www.westpoint.edu
Navy	www.navy.mil and www.navy.com	US Naval Academy www.usna.edu
Air Force	www.af.mil and www.airforce.com	Air Force Academy www.usafa.af.mil
Marines	www.marines.mil and www.marines.com	Future Marines attend the US Naval Academy
Coast Guard	www.uscg.mil and www.gocoastguard.com	US Coast Guard Academy www.uscga.edu

- Speak with a recruiter to learn about opportunities available in the military
- Excellent scholarships are available for students who pursue ROTC in college
- Take the ASVAB for career placement and branch eligibility
- Military academy appointments are highly competitive, and students accepted attend completely FREE

REQUIREMENTS: THEY AREN'T THE SAME...

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

- Determined by GA Department of Ed (DOE)
- **Tracked by you**, your teachers, and your school counselor
- Are needed before you earn a diploma – you graduate if you earn the minimum
- Includes **23** required credits in specific areas

COLLEGE ADMISSION

- Determined by the individual college
- **Tracked by you** – it is your responsibility to find out what the school wants
- Are needed before you can be accepted – **you may not be accepted with just the minimum**
- Includes SAT, ACT, Accuplacer

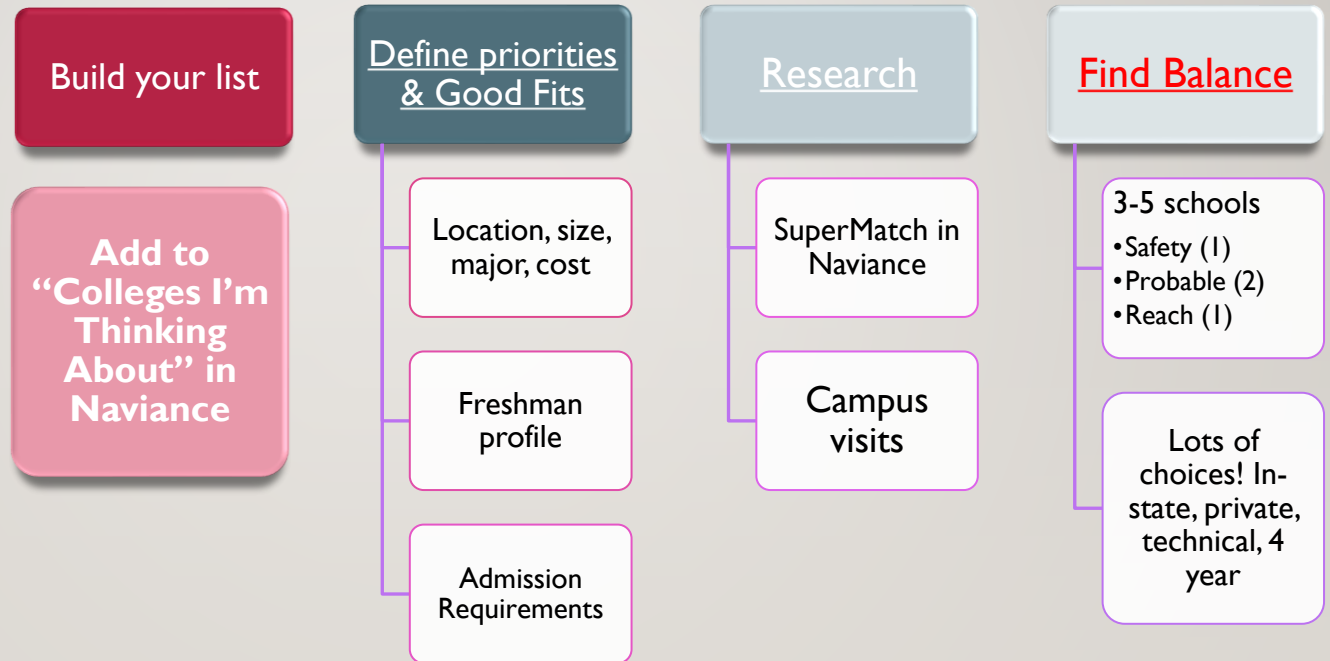
WHAT DOES “COLLEGE” MEAN?

There are several types of schools someone with a high school diploma can attend to earn an undergraduate degree or certificate.

- **Specialty School** (certificate or diploma)
- **2-year and/or Technical College** (certificate, diploma or Associate’s degree)
- **4-year college/university** (Bachelor’s degree)

HOW DO I GET TO COLLEGE?

- Research colleges online
- Attend college fairs and info sessions
- Make a list of potential schools
- Visit potential schools when possible





APPLICATION PROCESS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Apply your senior year
- Review each school's application:
 - Online application (preferred)
 - Transcript
 - Test scores (send directly from ACT or College Board)
 - Application fee (fee waiver for free/reduced lunch students)
 - Recommendations (only if required by the college)
 - Counselor Recommendation (or school evaluation)
 - Teacher Recommendation (letter or form, typically a core teacher)
- Know the deadlines! They are firm

COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTS: ACT VS. SAT

WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG

- 4 sections (Math, English, Science, Reading **and** optional Writing)
- No penalty for guessing
- 36 maximum score
- Free online practice: ACT Academy

WWW.SAT.ORG

- 2 sections (Math and Reading)
- No penalty for guessing
- 1600 maximum score
- Free online practice: Khan Academy

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

OTHER TESTS I MAY NEED

- **ACCUPLACER** – Placement exam for two year and technical colleges. (Schedule to take this test at chosen college)
- **ASVAB** – Aptitude/career exam required for entrance into the military that determines your eligibility for military jobs
- ***It is the student's responsibility to check with the individual colleges for all admission requirements.***

HOPE PROGRAMS & FINANCIAL AID

HOPE INFORMATION

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

- 3.0 core GPA as calculated by GSFC (www.gafutures.org)
 - Can be earned in college
- **Must earn a minimum of 4 credits from the academic rigor course list prior to graduating from high school. (Review your HOPE transcript on GAfutures.org)**
- 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)

HOPE GRANT

- No initial GPA requirement
 - 2.0 required after the first 30 hours
- Technical certificate or diploma
- Must have a high school diploma or GED
- Must be a GA resident for at least one year (Green Card or citizenship)

Apply for HOPE by completing the FAFSA

HOPE INFORMATION

- **Zell Miller Scholarship Qualifications**

- 3.7 high school CORE GPA
- Covers full-tuition for GA public colleges
- SAT CR + M = 1200 or ACT 26 Composite on one test sitting
- To keep full scholarship, student must maintain a 3.3 in college.
- Drop to regular HOPE as long as 3.0 is maintained
- Can regain one time only

- **Zell Miller Grant Qualifications**

- Requires 3.5 College GPA for grant eligibility
- Does not require minimum test score
- Pays for certificate, diploma or two-year degree
- Must graduate from a Georgia High School
- Must be GA Resident for at least one year (Green Card or citizenship)
- Covers full tuition (retroactively covers previous semester once 3.5 GPA is earned)
- Must maintain 3.5 college GPA

HOPE GPA

It **IS NOT** listed on your transcript

- It is based on all your CORE course grades only
- Honors coursework is NOT weighted
- AP courses and Dual Enrollment receive .5 extra quality points up to 4.0
- Middle school credit is not included

You can check your current HOPE GPA at:

GAFutures.org

HOPE RIGOR REQUIREMENTS

- **Students who graduate from an eligible high school must pass four (4) courses from the following types of courses:**
 - Advanced Math
 - Advanced Science
 - Advanced Placement (AP) in core subjects
 - International Baccalaureate (IB) in core subjects
 - Core subjects taken at a University System of Georgia (USG) Institution
 - Advanced Foreign Language
- **For a full listing of the courses that qualify, please visit:**
- <https://www.gafutures.org/media/187520/rigor-course-list-september-2017.pdf>

HOPE RIGOR COURSES AT COLA

Students may meet the HOPE rigor requirement by passing four (4) courses from the following examples:

- Advanced Math
 - Advanced Algebra, AMDM, Pre-calculus
- Advanced Science
 - Physics, Chemistry
- Advanced Placement (AP) in core subjects
 - (ex. AP Psychology, AP Science or AP Social Studies electives)
- Core subjects through Dual Enrollment
 - Technical College System (TCSG) + University System of Georgia (USG)
- Advanced World Language
 - Spanish 2 and higher, Various Languages 2 and higher

WAYS TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

Source	Additional Info.
Family's Savings	
Grants & Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Based on specific requirements- Do NOT have to be repaid
Loans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Need to be repaid after college
Work-Study Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Student has a job on campus
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Financial Aid requirements are different for undocumented students.- There may be additional options as provided by the specific college.- It is the student's responsibility to contact the college directly.

NUTS AND BOLTS OF FINDING FREE MONEY

WHERE DO I FIND RESOURCES?

- School Counseling Office and/or Career Center
- College websites
- Various online resources – GAfutures, Naviance, BigFuture (College Board), etc.
- Current employer or parent's employer
- Community
- Organizations you're involved with

HOW DO I GET THE MONEY?

- Create a resume and prepare a personal statement so you will be ready to apply
- SEARCH for scholarships everywhere (see column to the left) and follow the instructions to apply
- Apply early and often – remember, scholarships have deadlines too!
- Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Get the jump
on your
with COLLEGE CAREER
DUAL ENROLLMENT

DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE)



- DE is a state funded program that allows 11th and 12th graders to take college classes while completing their high school diploma.
- 11th or 12th graders may take CTAE classes at a Technical College
- DE pays for 100% tuition, mandatory fees, and required textbooks up to a maximum cap of 30 hours (*this equates to roughly one year of full-time college enrollment or around 10 courses*)

INTERESTED IN DUAL ENROLLMENT?



- Review your high school's official procedures and requirements
- Research your DE college's admissions requirements and deadlines
- Apply to the college:
 - Submit SAT/ACT/Accuplacer scores (take these ASAP!)
 - Request official transcript from counseling office
- Meet with your counselor to decide DE classes and complete paperwork

Just a few things to consider:

Full-time or part-time participation

Whether your future college will accept transfer credits

How your future college might compare DE vs. AP

Are you ready for college level classes?

Transportation and parking

Potential schedule complications, both in-school and extracurricular
(especially for part-time participation)

Cobb County and college calendars are different — exam dates,
spring/fall/winter breaks will be different

INDIVIDUAL ADVISEMENT APPOINTMENTS



- You will receive an email from the counseling department to set up your appointment time. Parents are invited to attend this meeting. Please regularly check your Cobb County email account.

NAVIANCE

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NAVIANCE IS A **DELIVERY SYSTEM** AND COLLEGE/CAREER SEARCH ENGINE, BUT IT ALSO HOW WE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU AND YOUR PARENTS, THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

YOU CAN USE NAVIANCE FOR...



College and
Career Planning



Resume Building



Communicating
with your
Counselor



Scholarship
Searches

NOW LOG INTO NAVIANCE TO COMPLETE YOUR REQUIRED BRIDGE LAW ASSIGNMENT

- If you're on a CCSD computer, then you will be automatically logged into Naviance.
- You can access Naviance from the CCSD homepage, your school's website, as well as your school counseling department's website.
- To log into Naviance from home, you will use the following:

User Name:	Password:
Microsoft 365 User Name	Microsoft 365 Password

NAVIANCE STUDENT HOMEPAGE

The screenshot shows the Naviance Student Homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Naviance logo, a 'Home' link (underlined), and other menu items: 'Self-Discovery', 'Careers', 'Colleges', and 'Planner'. To the right of the navigation bar are a heart icon, a dropdown menu showing 'Demo', an envelope icon, a 'DC' location selector, an 'EN' language selector, and a 'Close Demo' button.

The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Demo's Future Planning:** This section features an illustration of school supplies (a pencil, a protractor, and a ruler) and stars. It contains the text: "No Path... Plan for life... school and select the path that will lead to future success." Below this text is a red location pin icon and a blue button labeled "Select Path".
- Welcome to Naviance:** This section contains the text: "welcome 11th Grade Students!" followed by a red instruction: "Click: Planner, Tasks and complete all Tasks assigned to you!". Below this is a blue link: "Additional Information from Your School".
- Career Goals:** This section displays three career options, each with a purple circular icon containing a white symbol: "Acute Care Nurses" (with a brain icon), "Chefs and Head Cooks" (with a chef's hat icon), and "Choreographers" (with a palette icon). A blue link "Go to Favorite Careers" is positioned at the bottom right of this section.
- Tasks from My School:** This section contains the text: "Relax, you have no overdue or upcoming to-dos and tasks. However, you can get ahead by going to My Planner to see what's next or create a goal or to-do." Below this text is a blue link: "Go to My Planner".

At the bottom left, there is a section titled "Career Essentials". At the bottom right, there is a small circular icon with a question mark and a document symbol.

BRIDGE LAW

❖ On your dashboard home screen, tasks are on the right:

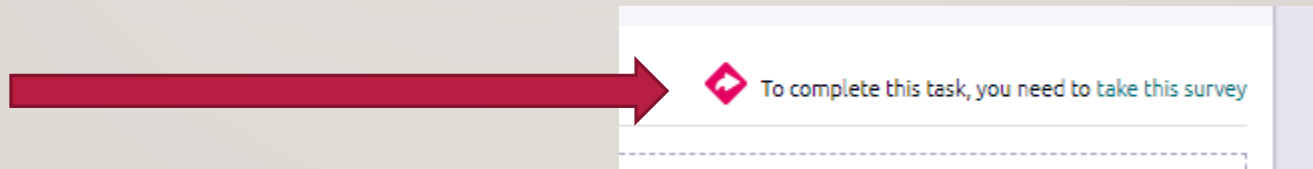
The screenshot displays the Naviance dashboard home screen. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Self-Discovery', 'Careers', 'Colleges', and 'Planner'. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are icons for a heart, a notification bell with a red '5', a question mark, a profile icon 'PA', and language settings 'EN'. A 'Log Out' button is also present.

The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Future Planning:** Features an illustration of a star, a protractor, a pencil, and a ruler. The text reads 'No Path Selected' and 'Plan for life after high school and select the path that will lead to future success.' A blue 'Select Path' button is located below the text.
- Welcome to Naviance:** A simple greeting box with a link for 'Additional Information from Your School'.
- Tasks from My School:** A table listing tasks. The first task, '11th Grade - Bridge Law Survey Task', is highlighted with a red oval. The table has columns for 'Task Or To-Do', 'Priority', and 'Date'. The priority for this task is 'None'. A 'Go to My Planner' link is at the bottom right of this section.
- Career Goals:** Shows two goal categories: 'Athletic Trainers' and 'Fitness and Wellness Coordinators', each with a purple icon.
- Career Essentials:** Contains two sub-sections:
 - Important Skills:** 'Critical Thinking' is listed as one of the most needed skills for favored careers.
 - Top Knowledge Sets:** 'Customer and Personal Service' is listed as one of the most needed knowledge sets for favored careers.
- What's New:** A notification about a visit from Miami University, Oxford on Wednesday, August 30th, 2023 at 2:15 pm, with a 'more info' link.

COMPLETE THE *JUNIOR BRIDGE LAW SURVEY*

- Go to “My Planner” and click “Tasks”
- Select: “11th Grade - BRIDGE Law Survey”
- Select “take this survey” on the right side of the screen.
Look for the pink diamond with a white arrow!
- Click “Start”
- Answer the questions and select “Save and Finish”



DON'T LOG OUT!

- ❖ Go to “My Planner” and then “Tasks” to show completion status

Tasks you Need to Work On



You're all set. You have nothing assigned to you.

Meeting Attendance Form



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- <https://forms.office.com/r/HMD5vPksW7>