

College & Career



Panthers Striving for Success **Class of 2025**

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Gwinnett County Public Schools

Graduation Requirements

In order to earn a regular Gwinnett County high school diploma, students starting high school in the 2020-2021 school year must learn the AKS in order to pass classes and earn the required course credits/units (see below).

To graduate, Georgia students starting high school in July 2008 and after must earn a minimum of 23 credits (also called units) in the following areas of study:

| Required Areas of Study | Credits/Units |
|--|----------------------|
| Language Arts | 4 |
| Mathematics | 4 |
| Science | 4 |
| Social Studies | 3 |
| Modern/Classical Language and/or Technical Education and/or Fine Arts | 3 |
| Health and Personal Fitness | 1 |
| Electives | 4 |

Students can earn .5 units per class each semester. For admission to a University System of Georgia college or university, students must pass specific courses in the core academic areas—language arts, math, science, and social studies—as well as 2 units of the same modern or classical language.

If you feel you are “off track” for graduation or have failed a course and are concerned about graduating on time, please make an appointment to see your counselor!

CALENDAR FOR PLANNING

Junior Year

- Complete your Junior Conference with your counselor.
- Follow the counseling office on the Parkview Counseling website.
- Register for the **SAT Reasoning Test**, and **ACT**.
- Review materials that colleges send you.
- Talk with college representatives who visit PHS during the school day.
- Begin visiting colleges.
- Utilize the Internet. Check out the colleges' websites for information!
- Utilize the college and career links on the Parkview College & Career website.
- Make an appointment to speak with Mrs. Kimbro in the college/career room. You may also follow Mrs. Kimbro on the College & Career website, Instagram & Twitter.
- Work on a resume.
- Become familiar with the Gafutures.org website. You will use this site to complete college and technical school applications during your senior year (for GA schools).
- Please make sure that Parkview has your social security number so you can access your HOPE average and send electronic transcripts through Gafutures.org. We must have a copy of your social security card or original to enter it in our system.
- Attend college fairs offered during your junior year.

Senior Year

- Complete the Senior Application for Graduation with your counselor.
- Register to take the SAT/ACT (remember that many colleges have deadlines that occur as early as January; therefore, waiting to take the SAT/ACT after December of your senior year may be too late)!
- Complete your college applications through the college's website. All colleges prefer electronic applications.
- Make an appointment to speak with Mrs. Kimbro in The College & Career office.
- Complete applications
 - Submit the applications during the 1st semester Senior year.
 - Complete Counselor Recommendation Request form if required for your application. Must allow 3-4 weeks prior to deadline.
 - Request transcripts request: Common App/Coalition App/Naviance **\$5 fee One-Time** or send an electronic transcript through Gafutures.org (Georgia Colleges Only). For out-of-state state colleges and universities, it is \$5 per request.
 - Send SAT/ACT electronically to your colleges, if you did not do so when you registered for the SAT/ACT.
- Parents should attend our Senior Parent Night Meeting & Financial Aid meetings.
- Continue to visit colleges. Meet with Admissions Representatives at PHS.
- Discuss finances as a family for college choices.
- Attend college fairs and events.
- Each week check THE DEN link on the PHS website for important scholarship information and APPLY, APPLY, APPLY!!!!

Grayson Technical Education Program

schools.gcpsk12.org/GraysonTech



The Grayson Technical Education Program offers exciting and innovative courses of study for juniors and seniors in Gwinnett County Public Schools. Our cutting-edge programs offer state-of-the-art technology, equipment, and facilities that go beyond what is available in other high school classrooms. Each program includes at least one academic course that will count towards graduation and Board of Regents admission requirements. Get ready to explore, create, and discover!

Grayson Tech Programs

For a description of each program, please visit [Grayson Tech Programs](#). To see a list of Pathways with the courses included in each, visit [Grayson Tech Pathways](#).

- Audio-Video Technology & Film
- Commercial Photography
- Culinary Arts
- Cybersecurity
- Entrepreneurship
- Exercise Physiology
- Graphic Design
- Law Enforcement Services/Forensic Science
- Music Industry
- Networking & Cloud Computing
- Sports Medicine
- Veterinary Science/Companion Animal Systems

For more information, or to learn how to apply for one of these exciting programs, visit our website at schools.gcpsk12.org/GraysonTech.

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Maxwell High School of Technology

schools.gcpsk12.org/maxwellhs



Maxwell High School of Technology provides half day1 programs that prepare students to enter the service industry or a post-secondary institution by providing Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) training that encompasses valuable academic, technical, and employability skills. Students from all GCPS high schools may obtain three concentrated units of credit in a Georgia Department of Education Career Pathway by successfully completing a Maxwell program. In addition, Maxwell offers embedded academic courses for graduation credit in language arts, math and science.

Maxwell High School Programs

For a description of each program, please visit [Maxwell High School Programs](https://schools.gcpsk12.org/maxwellhs)

- Animation and Digital Media
- Architectural Drawing & Design
- Carpentry
- Collision Repair I
- Culinary Arts
- Early Childhood Education
- Electronics
- Fire & Emergency Services/Firefighting
- Flight Operations
- General Automotive Technology
- Graphic Design
- HVACR
- Law Enforcement Services/Forensic Science
- Manufacturing
- Personal Care Services (Cosmetology)
- Therapeutic Services/Healthcare
- Welding
- Work Based Learning

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Choosing Your Pathway: Dual Enrollment or Advanced Placement

Why should you consider enrolling?

Dual Enrollment

- You can experience full-time college coursework. By trying out a few classes while still in high school, you get used to the academic environment before leaving the comfort and support of home.
- You may be able to take classes that aren't offered at your high school.
- College courses can give you a closer look at your area of academic interest. According to the College Board, most students change their majors at least once. Taking a college class can help you find your area of interest before the pressure is on to declare a major.
- Perhaps the biggest benefit of dual enrollment is that you may start to accumulate college credits prior to graduation.
- Research comparing dual enrollment students to non-dual enrollment students is generally positive, finding that dual enrollment students have:
 - A higher likelihood of enrolling in a 4-year school
 - A smaller decline in grades from high school to college
 - A higher likelihood of persisting

Advanced Placement

- You will be more prepared for college and life if you take more rigorous courses.
- Taking AP classes lets colleges and universities know that you have what it takes to succeed in an undergraduate environment.
- By taking AP classes and scoring successfully on the related AP Exam, you can save on college expenses: most colleges and universities nationwide offer college credit, advanced placement, or both, for qualifying AP Exam scores. These credits can allow you to save college tuition.
- Exam scores are positively related to college grades. AP students:
 - may be able to exempt introductory courses.
 - perform as well or better in the subsequent course.
 - have higher first year GPA
 - have higher retention rate.

Both programs

Expose students to college level work & allow students to earn college credits while in high school.

That sounds great! Are there reasons I shouldn't participate?

Dual Enrollment

- If a course is already available at your school, it might be best to take it there. Colleges may wonder why a student has chosen to take an intro class at a community college if there is an AP class in the same subject available at the high school level. If the college course won't give you something above and beyond what's available at your high school, take a pass!
- A college course in music appreciation is a great resume booster-as long as you plan to go into music. If you are planning a career in chemistry, the music class won't help, and could raise questions about the academic rigor of your coursework. You should carefully consider the academic value of any class that you are considering.
- Dual-enrollment courses are real college courses for real college credit; the grades will go on your permanent record. Before enrolling, make sure you are ready for the demanding work a college class will require, or it could hurt your chances at college acceptance down the line.
- Furthermore, if you fail a dual-enrollment course, it could mean you won't graduate high school on time.

Advanced Placement

- AP classes are college level courses to work hard. If you are not willing to invest the time and energy to be successful, AP classes may not be a good fit.
- If you need to be reminded to complete homework, then you may not do well in AP. College instructors rarely remind students to do their work or when deadlines are coming.
- AP students should be organized and capable of keeping up with assignments. If you have trouble with organization and lack motivation, AP classes may not be a good fit.

Summary of Important Dates

Maxwell HS Open House

990 McElvaney Lane
Lawrenceville, GA 30044

OPEN HOUSE: Feb 20, 2024

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Applications Open: Jan 10, 2024

(Must sign up through e-class - find Tech
Application under additional resources)

*Transportation to & from Parkview HS is provided.

Grayson Tech Open House

50 Hope Hollow Road
Loganville, GA 30052

OPEN HOUSE: Feb 6, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Applications Open: Jan 10, 2024

(Must sign up through e-class - find Tech
Application under additional resources)

*Transportation to & from Parkview HS is provided.

Testing Dates

SAT for All

March 26, 2024

All Juniors will be automatically registered.

College Board High School Code: 111826

SAT collegeboard.org

| Register by | Test Date |
|-------------------|---------------|
| February 23, 2024 | March 9, 2024 |
| April 19, 2024 | May 4, 2024 |
| May 16, 2024 | June 1, 2024 |

ACT act.org

| Register by | Test Date |
|---------------|----------------|
| March 8, 2024 | April 13, 2024 |
| May 3, 2024 | June 8, 2024 |
| June 7, 2024 | July 13, 2024 |

For key differences between the Digital SAT and the ACT, and to help select which test to take, visit:

[SAT vs. ACT: Key differences between the Digital SAT and ACT \(https://bit.ly/3HE4yXX\)](https://bit.ly/3HE4yXX)

College Fairs

| Event | Date | More Info |
|---|------------------|---|
| HBCU 6 th Annual College (Meadow Creek High) | February 3, 2024 | fairhbcucf.org |
| Probe Spring College Fair (Parkview High) | March 21, 2024 | gaprobe.org |
| GCPS Student Career Expo (Peachtree Ridge High) | March 2, 2024 | N/A |

****Students and parents are encouraged to attend college fairs for transitional planning***

Other Options

“What if I don’t want to go directly to a four-year college/university after I graduate high school?”

No problem...you have great options!

Join the military

- Military recruiters visit our school regularly. Speak to Ms. Kimbro in the College and Career Center to schedule an appointment.
- Visit: military.com/join-armed-forces
- Visit: todaysmilitary.com/contact-a-recruiter



What is the military? In simple terms, the U.S. Armed Forces are made up of the five-armed service branches: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy. There are three general categories of military people: active duty (full-time soldiers and sailors), reserve & guard forces (usually work a civilian job, but can be called to full-time military duty), and veterans and retirees (past members of the military). Each branch of the military has a unique mission within the overall mission of U.S. security and peace.

Become an apprentice

- An apprenticeship allows you to work while learning the skills for a specific trade. It works for those students who do not want to go into full-time furthering education or higher education.
- Visit: [Georgia DOE Youth Apprenticeship Program](http://GeorgiaDOEYouthApprenticeshipProgram.com) (bit.ly/georgiaYAP)
- Visit: [Apprenticeship Programs in Georgia](http://ApprenticeshipProgramsInGeorgia.com) (bit.ly/ga-apprentice)

Enter the workforce

Visit the Georgia Department of Labor: dol.georgia.gov/find-job

Attend a vocational/technical school

Visit the Technical College System of Georgia website: tcsge.edu

Learn a skilled trade

According to Monster.com, “Skilled trades careers are those labor jobs which require specific training, such as a carpenter, a tile setter or an electrician. Much of the labor involved with skilled trades jobs is manual work and can be physically demanding. Many skilled tradesmen are self-employed, but a number of them find employment working for larger companies ... A high school diploma is the minimum educational requirement for most types of skilled trades jobs. Technical and trade schools have courses and provide certifications on many skilled trades careers, but numerous tradesmen glean their skills through apprenticeships, learning on the job as they work for an experienced craftsman...” To learn more: [Go Build Georgia Program](http://GoBuildGeorgiaProgram.com) (bit.ly/gobuildga)

To learn more about vocational/technical schools and/or careers of interest, visit [GaFutures](http://GaFutures.org) (gafutures.org)

HOPE



HOPE Career Grant

Students interested in entering a field in which there are plenty of job openings can choose to enroll in one of **18 programs of study for which FREE tuition is available!**

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 learn more, or find out which campuses offer these programs, click on one of the programs below.

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 18 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.

- 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
- Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

For more information, please visit:

- [Technical College System of Georgia \(tcsg.edu/free-tuition\)](http://tcsg.edu/free-tuition)
- [GaFutures HOPE Career Grant \(bit.ly/hopecareer\)](http://bit.ly/hopecareer)

Source: tcsg.edu/free-tuition

HOPE Scholarship

For a list of HOPE Scholarship Eligible Institutions, visit: [HOPE Scholarship Eligible Institutions](#) (PDF document)

HOPE Scholarship Rigor Requirements for the Class of 2020 & Beyond

Beginning with students graduating from high school on or after May 1, 2017, in order to be eligible to receive a HOPE Scholarship, a student must receive at least **four credits** in courses from the following categories listed below, prior to graduation from high school.

- Advanced Math, or an equivalent or higher course taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution.
- Advanced Science, such as Chemistry, Physics, Biology II, or an equivalent or higher course taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution.
- Advanced Placement courses in core subjects (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Language).
- Advanced Foreign Language courses taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution.
- Courses taken at a unit of the University System of Georgia in core subjects where such classes are not remedial and developmental courses.

PHS Courses That Fulfill Rigor Requirements

English

AP Language and Composition, AP Literature and Composition

Math

Accelerated Geometry, Advanced Algebra (Algebra II), Pre-Calculus, Accelerated Pre-Calculus, Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, Statistical Reasoning

Science

Chemistry, Physics, Microbiology, Human Anatomy/Physiology, Forensic Science, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics I, AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, AP Environmental Science, AP Computer Science

Social Studies

AP Human Geography, AP World History, AP US History, AP Psychology, AP Government, AP Microeconomics, AP Macroeconomics, AP European History

Foreign Language

Spanish II, Spanish III, Spanish IV, AP Spanish French II, French III, French IV, AP French German II, German III, German IV, AP German Latin II, Latin III, Latin IV, AP Latin

Accessing Your HOPE Average

The preliminary HOPE Scholarship calculations are available through GAfutures.org. Follow the steps below to view your preliminary HOPE average.

1. Log on to GAfutures.org
2. Sign into your account.
3. On the left side of the screen, select "My HOPE GPA."
4. Select "Parkview High School"
5. The final screen displays your HOPE GPA.
6. Select "View Your Detailed GPA Report" at the bottom of the screen to view how your HOPE GPA is calculated.

*Questions about how to access your Preliminary HOPE GPA on GAfutures.org may be directed to Mrs. Kimbro in the College and Career office. Questions about HOPE specifics such as qualifications, amount of tuition covered, or requirements (beyond what is covered in this guide) should be directed to the Georgia Student Finance Commission: Telephone: Toll-Free at 1-800-505-GSFC (4732) or in metro Atlanta (770) 724-9000.

Accessing and Requesting Electronic Transcripts

A student can now send electronic transcripts to participating Georgia colleges using the GAfutures.org website.

1. Sign into your account.
2. Click on "College Planning" tab at the top.
3. Scroll down through the list and select "My High School Transcript."
4. Select "Parkview High School."
5. Click the college you want your transcript sent to.
6. Enter Social Security Number (SSN) if not listed already.
7. Click the "Acknowledge" square.
8. Hit "Send."

*Parkview HS must have your social security number on file to send transcripts through GAFutures. This option is only available to Georgia schools.



Questions to ask during the college search

Tips for Involved Parents and Students

Before you jump into looking at colleges, you must first begin by thinking about yourself and what you want from your college experience. Here are some questions to ask as you develop a college profile for your search:

Take a look at yourself (and be honest).

- What are your personal strengths and qualities of character? Are you independent, resourceful, creative, motivated, etc.?
- What kind of academic record do you have?
- Do you work to your potential or work to get by?
- Based on your answers, what level of challenge is realistic for you?
- Do you have any particular careers in mind?

Take a look at your finances.

- Do financial limitations affect your choice of college? Keep in mind that scholarships and financial aid may be available. Based on information that you provide about your family's finances; the college will decide if you qualify for financial assistance.
- If you qualify for financial aid, how much debt can you reasonably handle after graduation based on your intended career plans?
- Will your family be able to help financially? Have a serious discussion with your family about finances and everyone's expectations.
- Will you need to work to pay for college? If so, what options will you have and what kind of class load will you be able to handle? If you can only take a part-time load (fewer than 12 hours), be aware that you may not be eligible for some financial aid and scholarships, and it will take longer to complete your degree.

Take a look at your preferences.

- Do you want to commute from home, live on campus, or live on your own near campus?
- Do you want to attend college in a city or a small town?
- In what region of the country would you like to attend college?
- Is it important to you to be close to home or will you be coming home just for holidays and breaks?
- What size college appeals to you? How big is too big? How small is too small?
- Would you prefer a single-gender or co-ed college?
- Do schools you're looking at have any rules or regulations of which you need to be aware? Can you handle them for four years?
- Do you want to participate in extracurricular activities? What activities are must-haves?
- Do you want an athletic program? Will it not feel like college to you if the school doesn't have a winning football or basketball program?
- Do you need a gym, a swimming pool, or other recreational amenities?
- Do you want a strong creative arts program?
- Do you want an academically challenging program?
- Does the college offer your desired major?
- Do special programs, internships, work programs, study abroad options interest you?
- Do you want to join a sorority or fraternity? If not, does Greek life dominate the social scene?
- ☐ Do you want a campus that's highly social, one that's pretty focused on academics, or something in between.

Take a look at factors for each school.



- What will it cost?
- Where is it located?
- What scores, GPA, etc., are required for admissions?
- What percentage of applicants are admitted?
- What percentage of freshman receive financial aid?
- What is the school's reputation for academics?
- What are the strongest programs or departments?
- Does the school have my likely major? Is the program well regarded?
- Will the school accept my AP/IB classes for credit?
- What is the average class size for underclassmen? For upperclassmen?
- Does the school offer additional programs (study abroad, internships, etc.) that are important to me?
- What percentage of graduates are in graduate school or have a job within six months of graduation?
- What is campus life like?
- Is it a commuter school where most students live at home or live nearby and go home on weekends?
- What are options for housing? (On-campus: single-gender dorms, co-ed dorms, apartment-style dorms; off-campus: apartment, condo, house or co-op.)

Finalize your college search and selection

After considering these questions and developing a profile of what's important to you in a college, start assembling a list of schools to consider. Talk to your counselor, your advisor, and your family to decide which schools offer you a good shot at admissions, are a good fit academically, and are possible with your family finances/financial aid options. Narrow your list to a handful of schools you could definitely get into, schools that you'd probably get into, and schools you would like to get into. Decide how many schools from each category you'll apply to and develop a plan, noting deadlines, required materials, and application costs. Budget how much you can afford for application submission. If the submission cost for 12 or more schools is too high, narrow your search to 3-3-3.

Colleges/universities where you feel you could definitely get in (Safety Schools). *I'm at the high end academically for admitted students at...* _____

Colleges/universities where you probably would be admitted (Reach Schools). *I'm in the middle academically so I feel pretty good about my chances at...* _____

Colleges/universities where you would like to be admitted (Dream Schools). *These schools would be an academic stretch for me, but I'd like to try to go to...* _____

Take a final look at your schools to make sure they meet your career plans. Make sure you meet the schools' admissions requirements (GPA, exam scores, etc.). For schools that made the cut, find an application online or contact the college to request an application. Be aware of deadlines, required fees, etc. (Note: Some schools offer free or discounted fees if you complete your application online.) Make sure your application is complete before the deadline, including the submission of letters of recommendation, transcripts, and other required materials.

Sources: Counselors Marcia Arnold of Mill Creek High and William Blair of Meadowcreek High

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How to make the most of your college visit

Tips for Involved Parents and Students

Can you imagine buying a home or a used car after just seeing a photo in a newspaper ad or on the Internet? Then, take a college tour and make the most of it!

Call ahead.

Most colleges and universities prefer advanced notice to set up a tour. Some schools allow you to book a tour online. Colleges you visit may have special information sessions as well. Set up a meeting with an admissions counselor, a financial aid advisor, with a professor or advisor in the major of interest to you, and, if possible, with a student from your hometown or with the same major. When you've narrowed down your search, you may want to check into an overnight visit at your top pick(s) during which you can stay in a dorm, attend a class, and tour the campus with a student guide. If an interview is required, make arrangements. (Remember to write a thank-you note to anyone with whom you formally meet—interviewer, admissions officer, professor, or coach.)

Visit while classes are in session.

Although summer might be the most convenient time, it is not the best time to experience a college. Try and visit while school is in full swing. Visit campuses in a range of sizes and different locales (city, town, suburbs). Applicants frequently alter their preferences after visiting a variety of schools. Observe how the faculty and students interact. Are the teachers interested in the students? Are students engaged in their classes? Do they ask questions (and get answers)?

Give yourself enough time, ask questions, and take notes.

One or two campuses a day is enough. Carry a note pad to write down comments, observations, and questions to help you make a decision later. Don't ask about the student-faculty ratio. Instead, ask about the typical class size for freshmen and then for upper- classmen. Will you attend mainly lecture classes (50+ students) or smaller classes (fewer than 20)? If the college makes use of graduate students as teaching assistants, find out in what capacity and how often they serve. What is the college's graduation rate? What percentage of students graduate "on time" in four years? What percentage of freshmen return for a second year? What percentage of graduates have a job or acceptance to graduate school within six months? Does the college have majors and minors in which you are interested? What reputation does your major have at the school? What's the college's policy for accepting AP/IB credits? What opportunities does the school have for special programs, internships, or study abroad?

Find out what academic support services are offered to students.

Ask what kind of advising or career counseling services the college offers. Does the college offer tutoring or courses to improve study skills, and, if so, is there an additional charge? Is there a writing center where a student can have a paper reviewed before it is submitted? Are there any mentoring programs for incoming first-year students to help them acclimate to the college and to college-level academics?

Read the student newspaper.

The school paper— in print or online— can give you a feel for the school community, issues that concern the students, and available activities and upcoming events.

Visit important places on campus.

Tour a couple of dorms. What are the housing options? Is housing guaranteed? Eat lunch in a dining hall. How's the food? What are your options for a meal plan? Visit the library. Attend a sporting or cultural event. Hang out in the student center. Get a true feeling of how students live.

Continued



Talk to students you meet on campus.

Stop and talk with as many students as you can. Most college students will be more than willing to tell a prospective student what they like or dislike about their school. How does he or she feel walking around the campus at night? Is the student body diverse? What happens on the campus on the weekends? Does it empty out or is there plenty to do? Can freshmen have cars and are cars really necessary? What outstanding professors or courses might they recommend regardless of a student's major?

E-mail a student or faculty member.

Most admissions counselors are happy to put prospective students in touch with a faculty member or student in their planned major. Ask a professor about special opportunities for study and scholarships for your major. Ask a student about best courses and professors and why he or she selected the major.

Tour the areas surrounding the campus.

Some colleges require students to live in dorms for all or at least the first year of their college career, but you may live off campus at some point. Check out what the area has to offer. If you won't have a car, will college or community transportation run between student apartments and neighborhoods and the area of campus where you'll have classes? Are groceries stores, bookstores, and other retail and entertainment businesses nearby? Do streets bordering campus appear safe and well-lit? Does the community have parks and other recreational facilities that fit your interests? If you're a suburban or rural kid visiting an urban-based college, how comfortable are you with the downtown setting? If you like the city life, look around and make sure you'll be happy at the small-town college.

Questions for a financial advisor:

- What is the total cost of attendance (tuition, fees, room and board?)
- What percentage of freshmen receive financial aid?
- What percentage of a student's financial need is met by your institution?
- What is the average financial aid package?
- What percentage of the financial aid package is work study, loans, grants, and scholarships?
- Does the school participate in the federal student aid program?
- What's the average student debt load at graduation?
- What financial aid applications are required?
- What are the deadlines for financial aid?

Questions for an admissions advisor:

- For successful applicants, what's the average GPA? Average SAT/ACT score? Average class rank? (Top 10%, top 25%, etc.)
- What are the entrance requirements? (Number of credits by subject, foreign language, etc.)
- What's required for application? (transcript, essay, recommendations, interview, etc.)
- What is the cost to apply?
- Do you accept an application from GaFutures.org, a school application, or the Common App?
- What are the school's early action / early decision policy and deadlines? Deadlines for regular admission? Notification date?
- What is the acceptance rate?

Sources: Dacula High Counselor JoAnn Adams, SallieMae.com College Fair Checklist, GCPS Choice Book

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| GAfutures.org | | |
| collegeboard.org | | |
| act.org | | |
| fafsa.gov | | |
| commonapp.org | | |
| coalitionforcollegeaccess.org | | |



Letters of Recommendation

Counselors may complete a letter of recommendation for students currently enrolled and in good academic standing when the student submits a Request for Counselor Recommendation Form and provides a copy of the Senior Record of Participation (Senior Resume) **at least 3-4 weeks prior** to the application deadline.

**Get the current Counselor Recommendation form on the [Senior Counseling Information](http://schools.gcpsk12.org/ParkviewHS/SeniorCounseling) website
(schools.gcpsk12.org/ParkviewHS/SeniorCounseling)**

State Colleges / Universities

| Name of Institution | Website |
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| Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College | abac.edu |
| Agnes Scott College | agnesscott.edu |
| Albany State University | asurams.edu |
| American Intercontinental University | aiuniv.edu |
| Andrew College | andrewcollege.edu |
| Atlanta Metropolitan College | atlm.edu |
| Augusta University | augusta.edu |
| Berry College | berry.edu |
| Brenau University | brenau.edu |
| Brewton-Parker College | bpc.edu |
| Clark Atlanta University | cau.edu |
| Clayton State University | clayton.edu |
| College of Coastal Georgia | ccga.edu |
| Columbus State University | columbusstate.edu |
| Covenant College | covenant.edu |
| Dalton State College | daltonstate.edu |
| DeVry University | devry.edu |
| East Georgia State College | ega.edu |
| Emmanuel College | ec.edu |
| Emory University | emory.edu |
| Fort Valley State University | fvsu.edu |
| Georgia College & State University | gcsu.edu |
| Georgia Gwinnett College | ggc.edu |
| Georgia Highlands College | highlands.edu |
| Georgia Institute of Technology | gatech.edu |
| Georgia Military College | gmc.cc.ga.us |
| Georgia Southern University | georgiasouthern.edu |
| Georgia Southwestern State University | gsw.edu |
| Georgia State University | gsu.edu |
| Gordon State College | gordonstate.edu |
| Kennesaw State University | kennesaw.edu |
| LaGrange College | lagrange.edu |
| Life University | life.edu |
| Mercer University | mercer.edu |
| Middle Georgia State College | mga.edu |
| Morehouse College | morehouse.edu |
| Morris Brown College | morrisbrown.edu |
| Oglethorpe University | oglethorpe.edu |
| Oxford College of Emory University | oxford.emory.edu |
| Paine College | paine.edu |
| Piedmont College | piedmont.edu |
| Point University | point.edu |
| Reinhardt University | reinhardt.edu |
| Savannah College of Art and Design | scad.edu |
| Savannah State University | savannahstate.edu |

State Colleges / Universities

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| Name of Institution | Website |
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| Shorter University | shorter.edu |
| South Georgia State College | sgsc.edu |
| South University (Atlanta & Savannah) | southuniversity.edu |
| Spelman College | spelman.edu |
| Thomas University | thomasu.edu |
| Toccoa Falls College | tfc.edu |
| Truett McConnell College | truett.edu |
| University of Georgia | uga.edu |
| University of North Georgia (5 campuses) | ung.edu |
| Valdosta State University | valdosta.edu |
| Wesleyan College | wesleyancollege.edu |
| Young Harris College | yhc.edu |

Technical Colleges

| Name of Institution | Website |
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| Albany Technical College | albanytech.edu |
| Athens Technical College | athenstech.edu |
| Atlanta Technical College | atlantatech.edu |
| Augusta Technical College | augustatech.edu |
| Central Georgia Technical College | centralgatech.edu |
| Chattahoochee Technical College | chattahoocheetech.edu |
| Coastal Pines Technical College | coastalpines.edu |
| Columbus Technical College | columbustech.edu |
| Georgia Northwestern Technical College | gntc.edu |
| Georgia Piedmont Technical College | gptc.edu |
| Gwinnett Technical College | gwinnetttech.edu |
| Lanier Technical College | laniertech.edu |
| North Georgia Technical College | northgatech.edu |
| Northwestern Technological Institute | northwesterntech.edu |
| Oconee Fall Line Technical College | oftc.edu |
| Ogeechee Technical College | ogeecheetech.edu |
| Savannah Technical College | savannahtech.edu |
| South Georgia Technical College | southgatech.edu |
| Southeastern Technical College | southeasterntech.edu |
| Southern Crescent Technical College | sctech.edu |
| Southern Regional Technical College | southernregional.edu |
| West Georgia Technical College | westgatech.edu |
| Wiregrass Georgia Technical College | wiregrass.edu |

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College/Career Information

GAfutures.org
collegeboard.org
bigfuture.collegeboard.org
gocollege.com
knowhow2go.org
coalitionforcollegeaccess.org
aie.org
collegexpress.com
myfootpath.com
collegedata.com
careeronestop.org
Bureau of Labor Stats - bls.gov
petersons.com
collegeconfidential.com
educationplanner.org
mymajors.com
goingmerry.com

Financial Aid & Scholarships

FAFSA form - fafsa.gov
Georgia Student Finance Commission - gsfc.org
Guide to Student Financial Aid - finaid.org

Scholarship Search

collegescholarships.org
collegenet.com
fastweb.com
findtuition.com
nextstepu.com
hsf.net

Miscellaneous

University System of Georgia - usg.edu
National Junior College Athletic Association - njcaa.org

National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics - naia.org
National Collegiate Athletic Association - ncaa.org
Selective Service Registration - sss.gov
Academic Common Market - sreb.org/AcademicCommonMarket
Study in a specialized field at an out-of-state college & pay in-state tuition.

SAT/ACT Prep

khanacademy.org/test-prep
4tests.com
princetonreview.com/sat
kaplan.com
totallearningconcepts.com
cornerstoneacademic.com

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CollegeBoard.com

Register for SAT **sat.org/register**

Register for ACT **actstudent.org**

SAT / ACT School Code: 111826

College Board Testing Site: 11525

ACT Center Code: 203690