

Senior Parent Night

September 1, 2022

Paul Duke STEM High School

Tonight's Topics

- Senior Class Information
- What Colleges Consider
- SAT/ACT
- Exploring College Options
- College Applications
- Admission Data
- PDS Application Procedures
- HOPE Scholarship Programs
- Naviance

What's in Your Folder

- ★ GCPS Senior Graduation Application (3 copies) – white paper
- ★ Questions (half sheet) – pink paper
- ★ Counselor Caseloads – lavender paper
- ★ College Application Information – peach paper
- ★ NACAC terms – blue paper
- ★ ACT/SAT Dates – green paper

Introductions

PDS Counseling Office

PDS Counseling Office Assignments

- **Dr. Henderson**
 - Students with last names A-Gon
- **Mrs. Percy**
 - Students with last names Goo-N
- **Mrs. Patel**
 - Students with last names O-Z
- **Mrs. Morris**
 - Special Project
- **Mrs. Paz**
 - Counseling Office Clerk
- **Mr. Lee**
 - School Counselor Intern

Senior Class Information

Ms. Martin

Senior Class Sponsor

<https://youtu.be/eadobPNny1o>

Post Secondary

Preparing for Life After PDS

Options After High School

- 4-year College/University
- 2-year College
- Technical College
- Apprenticeship
- Military
- Employment



Other Considerations

- Location – distance from home, urban, rural
- Size – enrollment, class size
- Cost – public or private
- Academic – majors offered
- Admission Requirements – deadlines, average test scores, GPA, rank, AP recognition policies
- Housing – residence hall, meal plans
- Activities – Greek life, athletics, organizations



What Colleges Consider

Primary Factors

Quality/Rigor of Academic
Courses

Academic Performance/Grades

Test Scores
(SAT, ACT, AP Scores)

Additional Factors

Extracurricular Activities

Essay(s)

Letters of Recommendation

Demonstrated Interest

SAT & ACT

- 2-3 times is typical
- Check the application deadline for each school you are applying to determine the latest test date that school will consider for admissions
- Superscore – when a college takes the highest subscores from various test dates to get a new higher superscore
 - SAT – most schools
 - ACT – some schools

Building a College List

Reach schools are those where your student's academic credentials fall below the freshman class.

Match schools are schools where your student's academic credentials fall within or perhaps slight exceed the school's range for the freshman class.

Safety schools are schools your student will almost definitely get into because their academic credentials are much better than the typical range for their freshman class.

REACH SCHOOLS

Apply to at least 1 or 2

MATCH SCHOOLS

Apply to at least 2 or 3

SAFETY SCHOOLS

Apply to at least 1

Ga Tech and UGA's Admission Stats

Applicants
50,568

Rank in High School Class*

18% valedictorians or salutatorians

87% top 10% of graduating class

96% top 20% of graduating class

* 37% of enrolling students reported graduating with a class rank.

Top High School Activities

Academic Clubs
Community Service
Computer/Technology Clubs
Internships
Music
Robotics
Science/Math Clubs
Student Government
Varsity Athletics
Work

81% of students
participated in
community service
in high school

60% of students
participated in
a **creative arts**
program in high
school

50% of students held a
part-time job while
in high school

Admit Rate

35% Georgia

13% Non-
Georgia

Enrolled

3,723 first-year
students



FALL 2021 TOTAL ENROLLMENT
30,166 ▪ **9,952** ▪ **40,118**
UNDERGRADUATES GRADUATES TOTAL ENROLLMENT

FALL 2022 FIRST-YEAR APPLICATIONS



ADMITTED STUDENTS MIDDLE-50%

4-4.30 ■ **7-12** ■ **31-34** ■ **1350-1480**
CORE GPA AP, IB OR DUAL-ENROLLMENT COURSES ACT SAT



GA Futures & HOPE Scholarship

GA Futures (gafutures.org)

- Apply to Georgia colleges, universities, and technical colleges
- Send transcripts
- Financial aid information
- View preliminary HOPE Grade Point Average
- Social security number must be on file at PDS, and it must be noted in the student's GAFutures profile
- Name on file with GAFutures account must match name as it appears on PDSHS transcript/report card



HOPE Scholarship Program

- HOPE Scholar
 - 3.0 CORE GPA
 - must meet rigorous course requirements
 - Approximately 85% tuition coverage
- Zell Miller Scholar
 - 3.7 CORE GPA
 - 1200 SAT in Critical Reading and Math
 - 26 ACT composite
 - must meet rigorous course requirements
 - 100% tuition coverage
- Hope Grant
 - Certificates or Diplomas to obtain technical training
 - No GPA requirement
- Apply for HOPE by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



Naviance

What is Naviance

- Document management program
- College & career planning tool
- You can view your child's account
- Informational videos are provided in the PDS weekly newsletter

Senior Application for Graduation

GWINNETT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2022-2023 SENIOR APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION

(Please print all information)

Anticipated Graduation

☐ December
☐ May
☐ Summer
☐ Other

Graduation Ceremony

I plan to participate
☐ YES
☐ NO

Required Exams

Gwinnett Gateway

☐ Science

☐ Social Studies

Candidate for:

☐ General Diploma

☐ IEP Diploma

☐ STRIVE/ADAPT Certificate

Student Name:		SisNumber:	Student SSN On File:
Student Email:			
Parent Name:	<i>Parent/Guardian of:</i>		
Parent Email:			
Parent Phone:			

SUBJECT	General Diploma	UNIT REQUIREMENTS		COURSES REMAINING
		EARNED	NEEDED	
Language Arts	4.00	_____	_____	_____
Mathematics	4.00	_____	_____	_____
Science	4.00	_____	_____	_____
World History	1.00	_____	_____	_____
US History	1.00	_____	_____	_____
Am. Gov't/Civics	.50	_____	_____	_____
Economics	.50	_____	_____	_____
Personal Fitness	.50*	_____	_____	_____
Health	.50*	_____	_____	_____
Modern/Classical Language and/or Fine Arts and/or Technical Course**	3.00**	_____	_____	_____
Electives	4.00	_____	_____	_____
Minimum Units required 23 Total units earned _____ Total units remaining _____				

POSTSECONDARY PLANS:

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-year College/University _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-year/Technical College _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Military _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Training/Apprenticeship _____ | |

COUNSELOR'S NOTES

The school counselor and student have reviewed the information on this Application for Graduation. I, the student, understand that it is my responsibility to fulfill all requirements for graduation, including earning 23 credits in the designated areas and passing both Gateway Exams.

Student signature

Date

Counselor signature

Date

Parent signature (optional)

Date

Important Dates & Resources

Resources:

- USG Freshman Admission Requirements (Fall 2021)
https://www.usg.edu/student_affairs/assets/student_affairs/documents/USG_Admission_Requirements.pdf
- Georgia Tech's College Admission Brief Podcast
<https://admission.gatech.edu/podcast>
- Georgia Tech's Admissions Blog
<https://sites.gatech.edu/admission-blog/>
- University of Georgia's Admissions Blog
<https://www.admissions.uga.edu/blog/>



Upcoming Events

- Mini College Fair
 - September 8
 - During all lunches
- Peach State Tour (UGA, Georgia Tech, Ga State & Augusta University)
 - September 15
 - 6:00pm
- FAFSA Night
 - October 12 (English) at 6:00pm
 - October 20 (Spanish) at 6:00pm
- ASVAB
 - November 7, 2022

