



PRINCE AVENUE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

College Planning 2020

PARENTING 101...TIPS FOR PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOLERS I'VE LEARNED THROUGH THE YEARS



College applications may be a long way off or right around the corner...but it is crucial to start a strong foundation in 9th grade (earlier than that)



Develop good study habits (get good sleep!)



Set age appropriate parameters (use of technology is a big TIME robber)

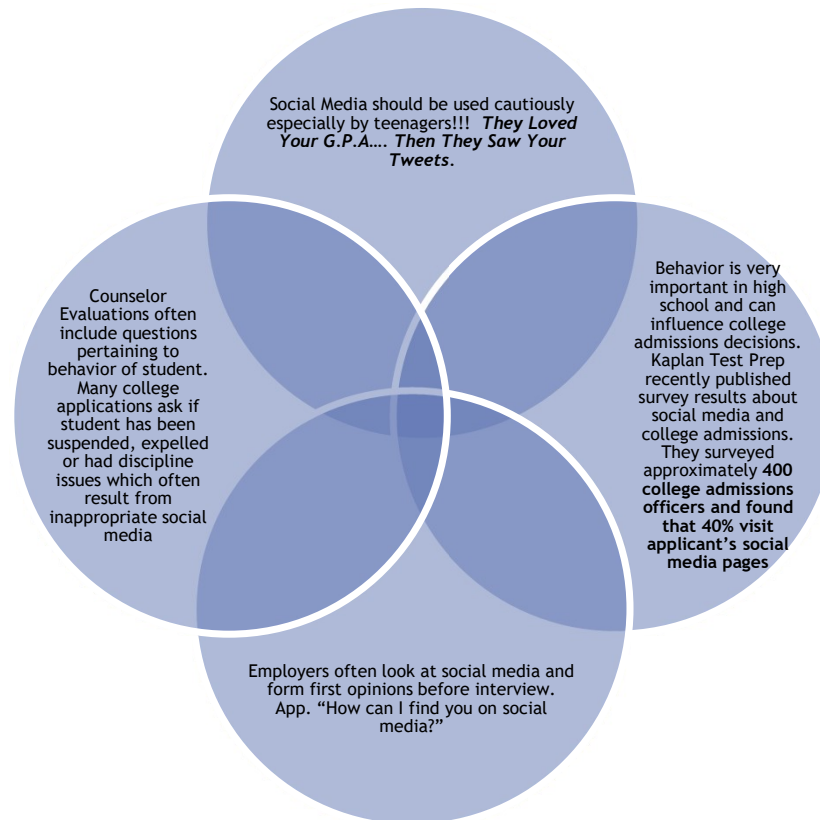


Be a fan of “*choices and consequences*”



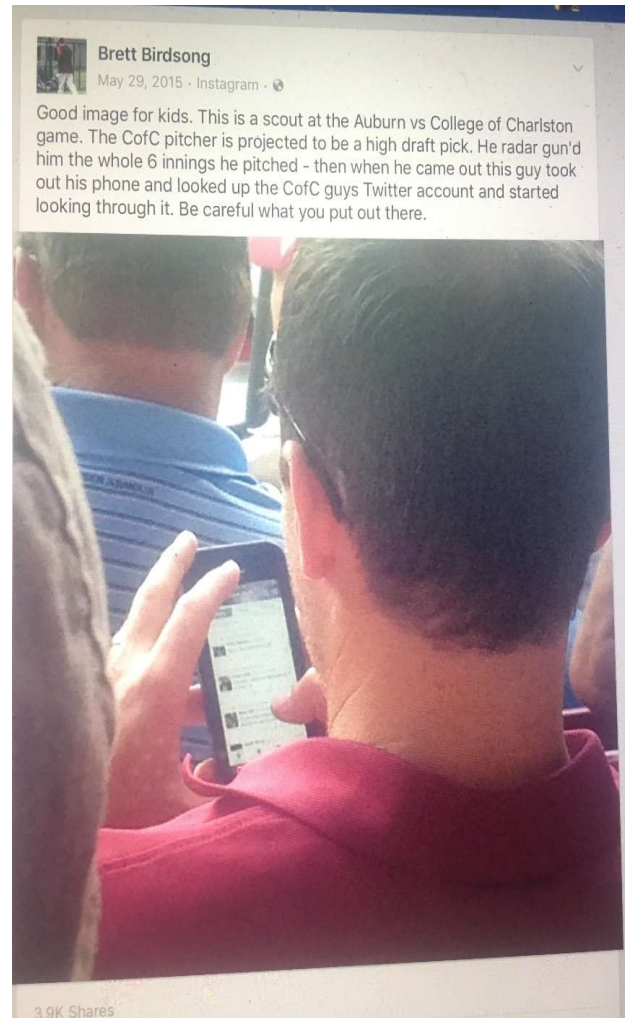
Let your child be responsible for their classes but “Be the parent” and intervene when necessary (make sure to check facts with teacher, FACTS-SIS, etc.)

BEHAVE! WHAT HAPPENS TODAY IS ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER, INSTAGRAM, AND SNAPCHAT TOMORROW!



“**EVERYTHING**
you post on social
media impacts
your **PERSONAL**
BRAND. How
do you want to
be known?”

Lisa Horn, a.k.a. The Publicity Gal
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WHAT ARE COLLEGES LOOKING FOR?

#1...Core high school grades-Low grades from 9th and 10th are hard to pull up in 11th and 12th!

#2...SAT/ACT scores

#3...Rigor of coursework (Honors, Dual, AP's -balance is important, choose to take rigorous coursework in subjects you enjoy the most)

#4...Counselor evaluation/Teacher evaluation

#5...Co-Curricular Activities (clubs, athletics, fine arts, church youth group; committed & dedicated in a few activities is usually better than a little involvement in numerous activities)


#6...Community Service/Volunteer Work

#7...Essays, resume/portfolio


YOU'RE IN HIGH SCHOOL NOW....ALL GRADES COUNT FROM NOW UNTIL GRADUATION!


- ❑ Transcript is record of all grades earned in high school includes SAT/ACT, numerical avg., overall GPA
- ❑ When you apply to college(senior year, Oct. earliest, Jan. next big deadline) they most likely will only see through 11th grade, you can send in additional transcript after Sem.1 grades are in senior year

SAMPLE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT



OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT





EST. 1978

Prince Avenue Christian School Transcript

Prince Avenue Christian School
2201 Ruth Jackson Rd.
Bogart, GA 30622
678-753-3000
Fax: 678-753-3028

Accredited by: SACS, ACSI

Social Security
Birthdate
Gender
Graduation Date
Date Printed

Course Name	StateID	Grade	School Year	Final Grade	Credit	Where Earned
Bible 9		09	2006-2007	98	1.00	Prince Avenue Christian School
CP Algebra 2	27.x640	09	2006-2007	98	1.00	Prince Avenue Christian School
CP Biology	26.x120	09	2006-2007	99	1.00	Prince Avenue Christian School
CP English 9	23.x610	09	2006-2007	97	1.00	Prince Avenue Christian School
CP Geography	45.x711	09	2006-2007	96	1.00	Prince Avenue Christian School
Creative Writing		09	2006-2007	97	1.00	Prince Avenue Christian School
Health		09	2006-2007	96	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
Physical Education		09	2006-2007	99	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
Bible 10		10	2007-2008	97	1.00	Prince Avenue Christian School
Computer 1		10	2007-2008	95	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
CP English 10	23.x620	10	2007-2008	99	1.00	Prince Avenue Christian School
CP French I	60.x110	10	2007-2008	99	1.00	Prince Avenue Christian School
CP Geometry	27.x630	10	2007-2008	99	1.00	Prince Avenue Christian School
CP Physical Science	40.x110	10	2007-2008	99	1.00	Prince Avenue Christian School
CP World History	45.x630	10	2007-2008	97	1.00	Prince Avenue Christian School
Teacher Intern		10	2007-2008	100	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
Worldview		10	2007-2008	99	1.00	Prince Avenue Christian School
AP U. S. History	45.08200	11	2008-2009	94	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
AP U. S. History	45.08200	11	2008-2009	93	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
Bible III		11	2008-2009	97	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
Bible III		11	2008-2009	100	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
CP Anatomy	26.x730	11	2008-2009	97	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
CP Anatomy	26.x730	11	2008-2009	96	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
CP Chemistry	40.x510	11	2008-2009	97	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
CP Chemistry	40.x510	11	2008-2009	94	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
CP English 11	23.x510	11	2008-2009	99	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
CP English 11	23.x510	11	2008-2009	97	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
CP French II	60.x120	11	2008-2009	98	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
CP French II	60.x120	11	2008-2009	98	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
CP Pre-Calculus-Trig/Stat.	27.0840	11	2008-2009	98	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
CP Pre-Calculus-Trig/Stat.	27.0840	11	2008-2009	97	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
AP Biology	26.01400	12	2008-2010	101	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
AP Biology	26.01400	12	2009-2010	102	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
AP Calculus AB	27.07200	12	2009-2010	96	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
AP Calculus AB	27.07200	12	2009-2010	100	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
Barnabas Student Mentor		12	2009-2010	100	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
Barnabas Student Mentor		12	2009-2010	98	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
Bible IV		12	2009-2010	99	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
Bible IV		12	2009-2010	100	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
CP Government/Economics	45.06110	12	2009-2010	98	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
CP Government/Economics	45.06110	12	2009-2010	97	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
English 101	23.06300	12	2009-2010	94	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School
English 102	23.06300	12	2009-2010	98	0.50	Prince Avenue Christian School

Cumulative Information			
School Year	Cum GPA	Cum Num Avg	Cum Credits Earned/Attempted
2006-2007	4.0000	97.50	7.00/7.00
2007-2008	4.0000	98.51	8.00/8.00
2008-2009	4.0714	96.79	7.00/7.00
2009-2010	4.2500	98.75	6.00/6.00
Cumulative	4.0714	97.82	28.00/28.00

Standardized Tests						
SAT Date	Crit Reading	Math	Writing	Multi-Choice	Essay	
	620	596	610	62	8	
	610	595	590	55	6	
	650	590	590	59	8	

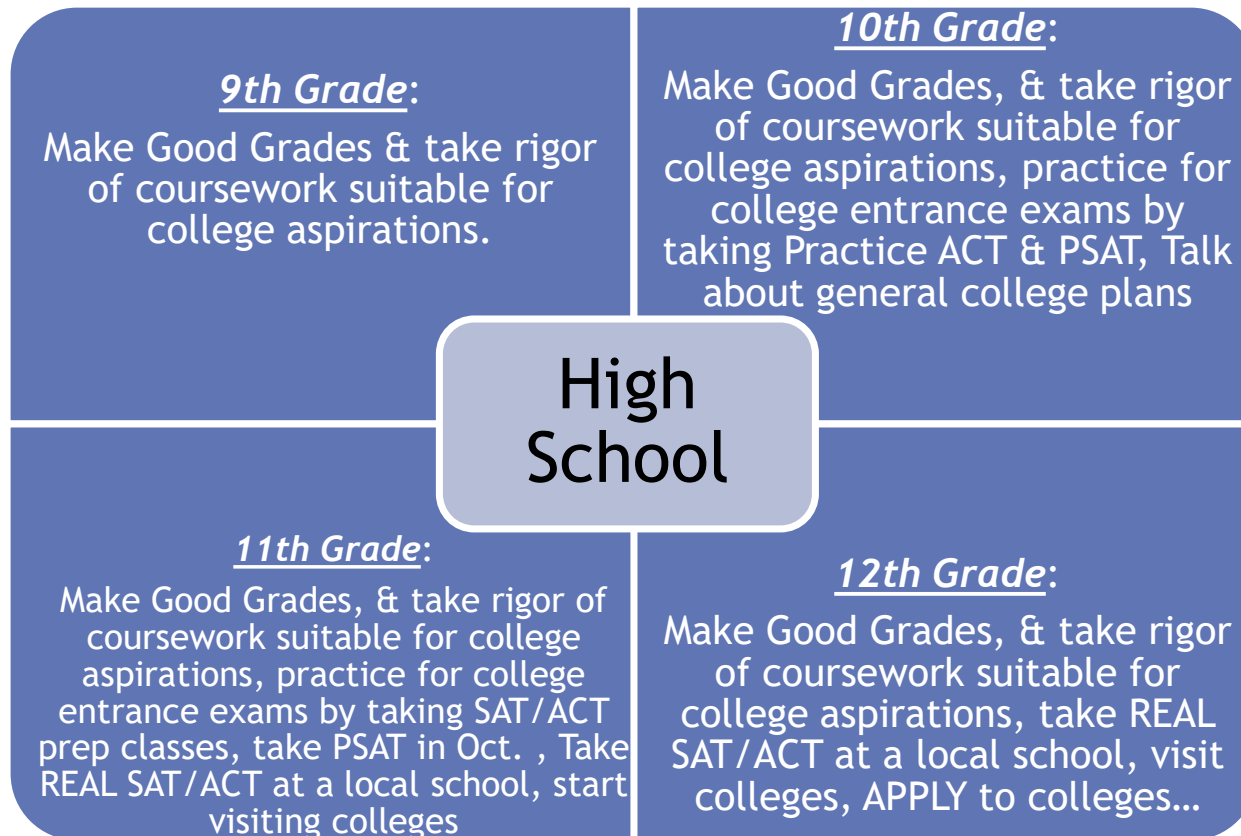
College Prep Grading Scale	
A = 90-100	4.0
B = 80-89	3.0
C = 70-79	2.0
F = Below 70	0.0

AP Grading Scale	
5	100-110
4	90-99
3	80-89
2	70-79
1	Below 70

Lisa Ricketts, Director of Academic Counseling

Date

YEAR BY YEAR:



SENIOR YEAR = PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Seniors should take responsibility and drive the train, parents in next seat praying, checking, guiding, encouraging!
- Parent tip...do NOT fill out college apps or write essays!!! You are setting them up for failure...How will your child survive in college?



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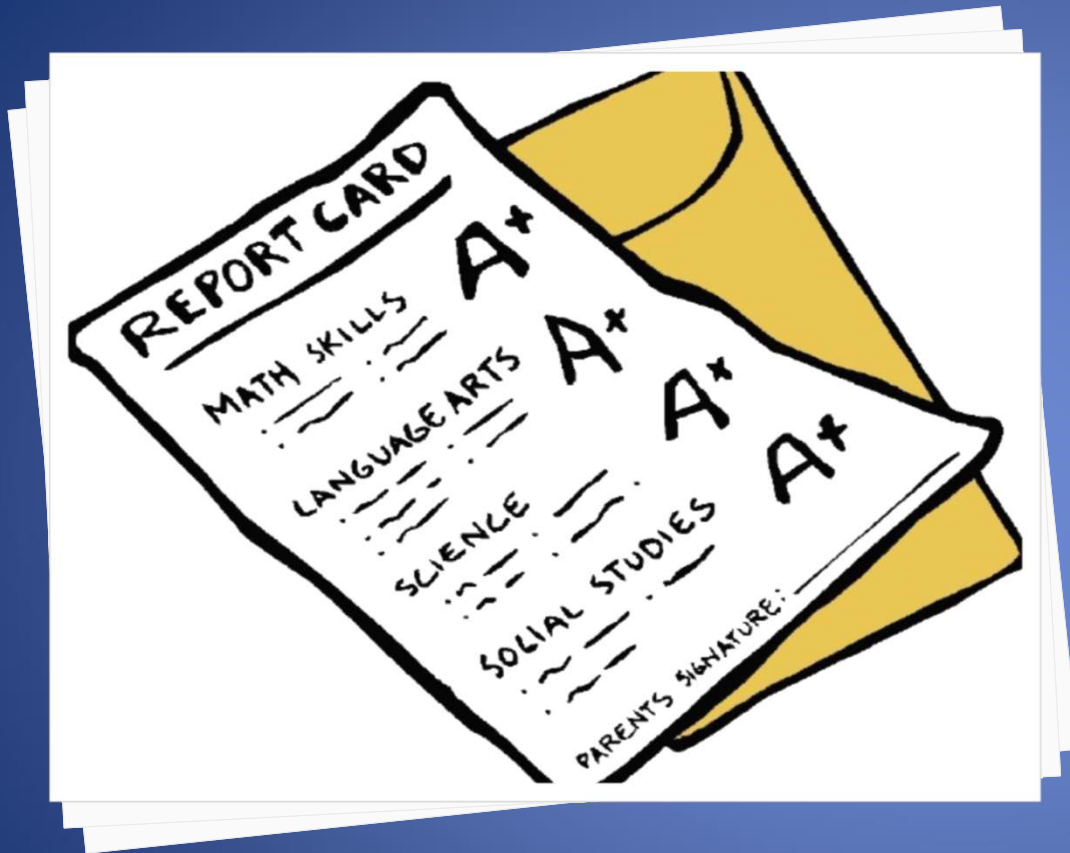
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noun humorous

a supposed affliction of students in their final year of high school or college characterized by a decline in motivation or performance.

"I try not to let my grades suffer from my senioritis"





CORE
GRADES #1
FACTOR IN
COLLEGE
ADMISSIONS
(INCLUDING RIGOR)

SAT/ACT

#2 FACTOR IN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

Education Facts

Serving Size: 1 SAT Test
Servings per container: 1 (or 2, or 3)

Minutes	225	Minutes of break	20
% Daily Value			
Reading		33%	
Math		33%	
Writing		33%	
Year established		1926	
Grading scale (no essay)		1600	
Test takers (2014)		1.67 mil	



GRAPHICS BY ASHWINI BANDI

Education Facts

Serving Size: 1 ACT Test
Servings per container: 1 (or 2, or 3)

Minutes	175	Minutes of break	25
% Daily Value			
Reading		25%	
Math		25%	
Writing		25%	
Science		25%	
Year established		1959	
Grading scale		36	
Test takers (2014)		1.85 mil	

A stylized illustration of a megaphone with a red handle and a white horn, set against a light blue background with white polka dots. The megaphone is angled upwards and to the right.

**Test-Optional
Means
Test-Optional**

NACAC

Colleges are evaluating admission applications fairly and holistically considering current times. Admission and scholarship deadlines may change depending on the timing and availability of high school transcripts as well as ACT and SAT exams this fall.

**You must check
with each
college to
determine
their policy!**

Examples: requiring college SAT/ACT as normal, going test optional, using PSAT or PreACT scores, etc.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created uncertainty among students and families about nearly all aspects of the college admission process, including the role of standardized testing.

Due to the cancellation of SAT and ACT testing dates, more than 1,450 US colleges and universities announced they are moving to a test-optional policy, and more will surely follow. By going test-optional, institutions are making a definitive statement that they will not need test scores to make admission decisions this year. Despite the change in policies, high school students and their parents are asking, “Does test optional really mean test optional?” The answer, simply put, is: YES. Check with college you are considering...

For a complete listing of colleges with test-optional policies in place affirm that they will not penalize students for the absence of a standardized test score go to:

<https://www.nacacnet.org/news--publications/newsroom/test-optional-means-test-optional/>

SAT/ACT-PREP

- **SAT/ACT Test Prep Class UPDATE!!!! COVID**
- Normally...11th grade/ 5 Points Prep on Campus but currently they are conducting classes virtually. Many test prep companies from large to small one on one tutoring.

We encourage juniors to take REAL ACT/SAT mid way through junior year!

- **PSAT*** (practice SAT) 9th, 10th & 11th grade Oct. 28 @ Prince
- **Practice ACT*** 10th grade Nov. 20 @ Prince
- **Still need tutoring?** Contact test prep company and work on target areas, bring score report

*no registration required

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS ACT/SAT

❖ **ACT** (offered 7 times a year)

- Math, English, Reading, Science & Writing
 - Optional Essay (check with college)
 - Total highest possible score = 36 (36 each section, averaged for a composite score)
 - No wrong answer penalty
-

❖ **SAT I Reasoning Test** (offered 7 times a year)

- Math, ERW/Evidence Based Reading & Writing
- Optional Essay (check with college)
- Total highest possible score = 1600 (800 each section)
- No wrong answer penalty

◎ SAT II Subject Test-for students who have taken AP courses and plan on attending highly selective colleges

	Evidence Based Reading & Writing	Math	Max. TOTAL
SAT	800	800	1600
State of Georgia Board of Regents Minimums	430 research, comprehensive, or state university 330 state college	400 research, comprehensive, or state university 310 state college	

	Reading	Writing & Language	Math
SAT	40	40	40
State of Georgia Board of Regents Minimums	24 research, comprehensive, or state university 19 state college		22 research, comprehensive, or state university 18 state college

NEWEST SAT

Your Total Score

950 | 400 to 1600

38th

Nationally Representative
Sample Percentile

25th

SAT User Percentile —
National

Essay Scores

6 | 2 to 8
Reading

3 | 2 to 8
Analysis

6 | 2 to 8
Writing

Section Scores

490 | 200 to 800
Your Evidence-Based
Reading and Writing
Score

44th Nationally Representative
Sample Percentile
31st SAT User Percentile —
National


**You've met
the benchmark!**

460 | 200 to 800
Your Math Score

32nd Nationally Representative
Sample Percentile
21st SAT User Percentile —
National


**You scored below
the benchmark.**

Test Scores

26 | 10 to 40
Reading

23 | 10 to 40
Writing and Language

23.0 | 10 to 40
Math

Cross-Test Scores | 10 to 40

26
Analysis in History/Social Studies

26
Analysis in Science

Subscores | 1 to 15

9
Command of
Evidence

7
Words in Context

9
Expression of Ideas

4
Standard English
Conventions

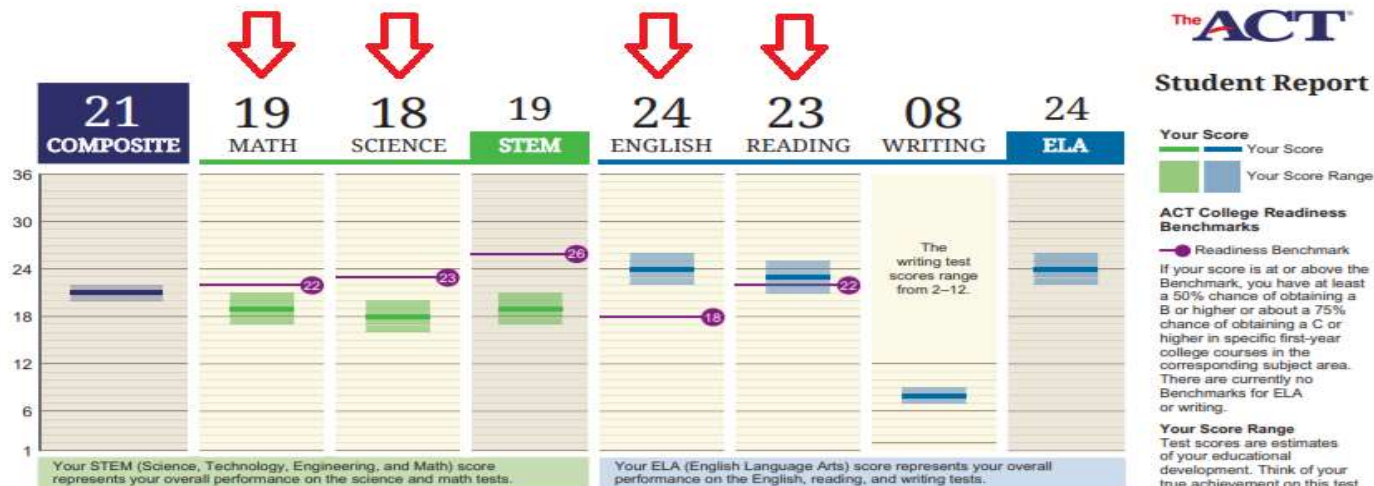
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Heart of Algebra

7
Problem Solving
and Data Analysis

6
Passport to
Advanced Math

	COMPOSITE	Math	Science	English	Reading
ACT	36	36	36	36	36
State of Georgia Board of Regents Minimums		17 _{research, comprehensive, or state university} 14 _{state college}		17 _{research, comprehensive, or state university} 12 _{state college}	

ACT



2020-2021 COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

ACT/SAT

SAT Test Dates (Sat. Natl. Testing Days @ local HS)	ACT Test Dates (Sat./Sun. Natl. Testing Days @ local HS)	ACT/SAT “Weekday Testing” at PRINCE (GISA-only for our 11th/12th students)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• August 29, 2020• September 26, 2020• October 3, 2020• November 7, 2020• December 5, 2020• March 13, 2021• May 8, 2021• June 5, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• September 12, 2020• September 13, 2020• September 19, 2020• October 10, 2020• October 17, 2020• October 24, 2020• October 25, 2020• December 12, 2020• February 6, 2021• April 17, 2021• June 12, 2021• July 17, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>ACT</u>• October 6, 2020 (Tue)• March 2, 2021 (Tue) • <u>SAT</u>• Sept. 23, 2020 (Wed)• April 27, 2021 (Tue)

SAT/ACT-REGISTRATION

- ✓ Prince Ave. does not register you for Natl. Sat/Sun tests, you must do so online and take at a local school of your choice (except for the for the weekday tests we offer on campus)
- ✓ Register: SAT - www.sat.collegeboard.org
- ✓ Register: ACT - www.actstudent.org
- ✓ Pay close attention to test dates and deadlines
- ✓ Fees app. \$50 each
- ✓ Essay/writing portion (check with college)
- ✓ Must upload photo due to security measures
- ✓ Pick 4 colleges to release scores when you register for FREE...after test you can go back and send scores for about \$10 per school. Pay attention to admission deadlines. (SAT/ACT different: score choice-choose which ones to send or send all) *make sure you send correct one!
- ✓ CAUTION: create only one account!!

GEORGIA COLLEGE TIERS

❑ Research Universities

- UGA, GT, Ga. State Univ., Augusta Univ. (formerly Ga. Regents & Medical College of Ga.)

❑ Comprehensive Universities/Regional

- GSU, Kennesaw, Univ. of West Georgia, Valdosta State, etc.

❑ State Universities

- Columbus State Univ., GC&SU, Middle Georgia State Univ., Univ. of North Georgia-D, etc.

❑ State Colleges

- ABAC, Dalton State College, East Georgia State College, Georgia Gwinnett College, Univ. of North Georgia-W, etc.

❑ Technical Colleges

- Athens Tech, etc.

CLASS OF 2023 ADMISSION STATS



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LR1



(Average)
GPA: 4.02
SAT: 1359
ACT: 31



GPA: 3.93
SAT: 1260
ACT: 29

MID 50th %

GPA: 4.16
SAT: 1430
ACT: 33

29,300 applied, 5,500 admitted

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LR1

Lisa Ricketts, 9/5/2019

CLASS OF 2023 ADMISSION STATS



(Average)
GPA: 3.89
SAT: 1150-1310
ACT: 25-30



MID 50th %

COLLEGE VISITATION PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCE

- ❑ Use “Pre-arranged absence form” for this. Must be approved before you leave for visit.
- ❑ College Visits allowed per year
 - 4 for seniors
 - 2 for juniors
- ❑ Open House/or Make an appointment
- ❑ Plan ahead... Don't just show up!

VIRTUAL COLLEGE VISITS:



1. Request a “virtual meeting” with an admissions counselor. All colleges are different...
2. Check our blogs for “virtual visits” scheduled through Prince

THE PROCESS BEGINS...ORGANIZATION IS KEY!

- ❑ Very important tip...there will be many online registrations in your future. For example: SAT, ACT, GAfutures, college applications, FAFSA.
 - **OLD SCHOOL:** Start a college folder and write on inside flap the site, username, password
 - **TECHNO SAVVY:** iPhone, Ipad, etc. use the notes section for site, username, password
- ❑ DO NOT EVER CREATE MORE THAN ONE ACCOUNT!!
- ❑ Organized people don't miss deadlines!

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR

❖ ***Fill out application ONLINE, READ DIRECTIONS!!***

- ONLINE (google college name, admissions, look for application, this varies per college

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- Private/institution application
- www.gafutures.org (Georgia Southern uses)
- www.commonapp.org
- <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org>

Remember...Colleges are all different and may have several ways to apply:

- GT: common app. & coalition app.
- UGA: private app., coalition app. & common app.
- Berry: private app. & common app.
- *beneficial to use common app if most of the colleges you are applying to use common app. Fill out 1 app.*

TEST OPTIONAL SCHOOLS FOR FALL 2021 ADMISSIONS



TRIANGLE
SENIOR
YEAR.com

CLEMSON

Apply to Clemson as a First-Year Student

Ready to join the Clemson Family? Apply now.

Clemson Application

Coalition Application

Common Application

You are considered a first-year applicant if you are currently enrolled in high school or have not enrolled in or earned credit at another college or university following high school graduation.



EA? ED? RD?



**EACH COLLEGE
IS UNIQUE...**

**YOU MUST
CHECK THEIR
REQUIREMENTS**

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR

- ◉ CommonApp-we can send transcripts & supporting documents like Coun. Rec, Sr. schedule
- ◉ Coalition App-we can send transcripts & supporting documents like Coun. Rec, Sr. schedule
- ◉ Gafutures -we can send transcripts ONLY, supporting documents must be sent via mail or email
- ◉ Naviance-NO
- ◉ Parchment-NO
- ◉ SEND EDU-we can send transcripts and supporting documents
- ◉ College private portal- we can send if we are partnered (UGA, etc.)

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR

- ***All colleges have different requirements...Essays, resumes, counselor/teacher evaluations, self report grades, etc.***
 - For example: UNG requires you to send DE college transcripts up front before they will evaluate you for admission. Most other colleges don't require you send them until after graduation in order for you to register for college classes
 - If application asks for GPA you list the one that shows on your unofficial transcript that I gave student. They will re-compute it based on their requirements like core classes only
 - If application asks for rank...choose "no rank." As a small school, we choose not to rank because it is not a fair representation of our student's achievement

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR

- Don't wait until the last minute...be organized and pay attention to deadlines
- Make sure to proof and spellcheck everything including essays!
- *Pay fee & Hit submit!*
- Apply to more than one college, backup!
- Make sure you save and keep copies

Don't do this... Govenment/Enviromental

Browser tabs: Pandora Radio - Listen... x, People Management x, https://pacs-ga.client.re... x, https://pacs-ga.client.re... x, Counselor Portal x, School Report x

Address bar: Secure | https://apply.uga.edu/report/75356118311232522

Page Header: (1) 1000+ ideas about ACT average 2016 ACT scores AJC ACT to New SAT to AFB&T, a division of SH America's College Co Bill and Darla Rickett Counselor Portal Dropbox - 2016-201 Employee Navigator

School Report Status
Your school report has not yet been submitted. If you have completed your school report and would like to submit it now, [click here](#) to scroll to the bottom of the submission page and then click the "Submit" button.

Verify Senior-Year Courses

Please verify the senior year courses listed below. If any changes need to be made, please do so by clicking "Edit" to change the course name or semester. If a student is taking or plans to take a course during his or her senior year that is not listed, please choose "Add Course" and enter the information for that course.

Course	Semester	Institution	
Add Course			
CP Government	2018	Prince Avenue Chri...	Edit
CP Enviromental Science	2017	Prince Avenue Chri...	Edit
DE College Math Modelling	2017	Prince Avenue Chri...	Edit
DE College Statistics	2017	Prince Avenue Chri...	Edit
DE College English 102	2017	Prince Avenue Chri...	Edit
CP Economics	2017	Prince Avenue Chri...	Edit
DE College English 101	2017	Prince Avenue Chri...	Edit

Upload Transcript

Upload a Word or PDF document:

[Choose File](#) No file chosen

[Upload](#)

Submission

In place of your signature, please type your full legal name:

Please note that you may not edit your school report after submission.
Do you want to submit your school report now? Click the "Submit" button below.

Taskbar: Windows, Chrome, Edge, File Explorer, VLC, OneDrive, Word, Photos, System tray: 3:00 PM, 10/19/2017

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR

❑ ***Request Counselor/Teacher Letters of Recommendation be submitted (if required)***

■ ***For Counselor Rec.***

- Mark on the “Transcript Request Form” how you need it submitted, (via email link, mailed, etc.), deadline to submit, is there a special form?

■ ***For Teacher Rec.***

- Ask teachers that you have a good reputation with and allow plenty of time for them to write a great recommendation well before the deadline, email them or verbally ask. Make sure to tell them how you need it submitted (via email link, mailed...include address, etc.), deadline to submit, is there a special form or can they just send a letter?
- May want to give your resume to counselor/teachers (so they know what to brag on!)
- IMPORTANT: Discipline issues are often included on counselor evaluations
- If PAPER form, have teachers turn in to Mrs. Ricketts to mail in with transcript or attach electronically with transcript. OR provide teacher with LINK to submit.
- If you must put in counselor/teacher name...Make sure you know how to spell name & that you type in correct email. Wrong email address/name means email will not get there.

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR

HOW TO GET THE BEST RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❑ Some teachers write many recommendation letters each year. Even if they know you well, it's a good idea to take some time to speak with them. Make it easy for them to give positive, detailed information about your achievements and your potential by refreshing their memory.

Here's how:

- ❑ Talk to them about your class participation.
- ❑ Remind them of specific work or projects you're proud of.
- ❑ Tell them what you learned in class.
- ❑ Mention any challenges you overcame.
- ❑ Give them the information they need to provide specific examples of your work.
- ❑ If you need a recommendation letter from a counselor or other school official, follow these guidelines:
 - ❑ Make an appointment ahead of time.
 - ❑ Talk about your accomplishments, hobbies and plans for college and the future.

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR

- ❑ If you need to discuss part of your transcript – low grades during your sophomore year, for example – do so. Explain why you had difficulty and discuss how you've changed and improved since then.
- ❑ Whether approaching teachers, a counselor or another reference, you may want to provide them with a resume that briefly outlines your activities, both in and outside the classroom, and your goals.

FINAL TIPS:

- ❑ Waive your right to view recommendation letters on your application forms. Admission officers will trust them more if you haven't seen them.
- ❑ Give your references addressed and stamped envelopes for each college that requested a recommendation.
- ❑ Make sure your references know the deadlines for each college.
- ❑ Follow up with your references a week or so before recommendations are due to make sure your letters have been sent electronically/mailed.
- ❑ Once you've decided which college to attend, write thank-you notes. Tell your references where you're going and let them know how much you appreciate their support.

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR



Must send a TRANSCRIPT of grades to each college!

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR

- ❑ Fill out a “Transcript Request Form” to have high school grades sent to a college or organization. Forms are located in:
 - ✓ High School Office
 - ✓ School website www.princeave.org (click on academics, guidance, transcript request)
- ❑ Colleges/scholarship organizations all have different requirements of how they prefer to receive transcripts. Basically-many “middlemen” companies to send transcripts...
- ❑ You will need to check with the college to see their preferred method of receiving transcripts. Be sure to include correct address or electronic agency of college/organization *****YOU MUST LOOK THIS UP ON THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS WEBSITE.** Examples:
 - Via mail-be sure to include correct address of college admissions office
 - Send Transcript electronically via:
 - Common App
 - Coalition App
 - Send Edu
 - GaFutures (for all colleges in Georgia) *I prefer sending this way if they allow
 - Private upload to college via their portal



PRINCE
AVENUE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

For Office Use Only

Date Sent

Transcript Request

By completing and submitting this form, you are authorizing Prince Avenue Christian School to release all records requested to the indicated institution.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Date of Request: _____ Year of Graduation: _____
Name: _____ Social Security No. (alumni only): _____
E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Counselor packets for the student are submitted to the institution, and include a transcript of grades, unofficial SAT/ACT scores, and our school profile. Each college is unique and accepts required documents in different formats (US Mail, electronic, etc.) It is your responsibility to check with the college admissions office to see what documents they require and their preferred method of receiving them. Please attach any additional forms required.

Please select ONE method for sending transcript form below:

TIP: If you are sending to a college in Georgia and did not use common app, please select electronically via GaFutures.

- ☐ **Mail Transcript**
- ☐ **Send transcript electronically via:**
- ☐ GaFutures
☐ Common App
☐ Send Edu
☐ College's Private site: _____
☐ Other: _____
- ☐ **Mail Transcript and** (check all that apply):
- ☐ Counselor evaluation (attached)
☐ Counselor evaluation online. I've emailed link.
☐ Senior schedule
☐ Teacher recommendation (attached)
☐ Other: _____
- ☐ **Pick up an OFFICIAL Transcript.** I understand this will be in a sealed envelope and must remain sealed to be considered official.
- ☐ **Pick up an UNOFFICIAL Transcript**
- ☐ **Send a PDF transcript** for me to upload. My email address is listed above.

COLLEGE OR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

(Please list only one college or scholarship request per form.)

College or Scholarship Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature (Required)

Please Note:

- SAT and ACT scores will be released. Most colleges require SAT/ACT scores to be sent directly from the testing agency. It is your responsibility to have the scores sent.
- Transcripts will not be released to students with financial holds.
- Transcripts are provided at no charge.
- Allow 3-5 business days for processing.

This form may be emailed to Iricketts@princeave.org or mailed to:

Prince Avenue Christian School
Attn: Lisa Ricketts
2201 Ruth Jackson Road, Bogart, GA 30622

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR

- ❑ You MUST fill out a “Transcript Request Form” for EACH colleges you apply to, including: Colleges that you apply to via Common App., Ga. Futures, etc. Where you have to enter my email address and they state they will email me requesting your transcript and other needed documents... You still MUST FILL OUT A TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM. The form alerts me to make sure I send your transcript even if I do not receive any other notification which sometimes happens due to technology, email address entered incorrectly (ex. student entered “lrickets@princeave.org” which is misspelled, I never got the email and student missed their deadline), etc.
- ❑ Be sure to include any special instructions they require, (i.e. mail transcript and senior schedule, mail transcript and fill out attached “Counselor Evaluation” form, mail transcript and fill out “Counselor Evaluation” form online... I have emailed the link to you, etc.
- ❑ For many online portals, you must have submitted your application before I can send any needed documents. Read directions...
- ❑ Give completed “Transcript Request Form” to the HS Secretary or put in Mrs. Ricketts’ box. Make sure you have signed it at the bottom.

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR

- ❑ *Mrs. Ricketts will send Transcript and requested items either by mail or electronically (whichever method you choose on form). Transcripts will not be released to students with financial holds, Transcripts are provided at no charge, Allow 3-5 business days for processing. A confirmation email will be sent to you to notify that transcript has been sent, if you provide your email address in the appropriate space.*
- ❑ *DON'T FORGET!!... Have you sent your SAT/ACT scores directly from testing agency to college??? Log back in and choose “additional score report, etc.” (some small colleges will take from transcript)*



COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR

EXTRAS:

- ❑ If it is recommended, consider it required! (like Bonus points on a test)
- ❑ **Early Action v/s Regular Admission?**
 - Early Action-Normal EA deadline is mid-October. You must have really high grades with rigor, a decent SAT or ACT score, and favorable Counselor Evaluation, these are the main things they'll look at.
 - There are 3 things that can happen when you apply "Early Action"
 - 1. you can get ACCEPTED (watch for "binding")
 - 2. you can get DENIED and can only re-apply later as a transfer student after you have attended another college for a certain amount of time
 - 3. you can get DEFERRED and will have to submit more paperwork (ie. Essays, teacher evaluations, etc.) After you do that then you will get accepted or denied.
 - Regular Decision-Normal RD deadline is first of January for large schools and varies greatly among other colleges. You have to submit app., transcript, SAT or ACT scores, Counselor Evaluation, all the essays, teacher evaluations, etc.
 - You get either ACCEPTED or DENIED

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR EXTRAS:

◎ What is Self-reporting? (need unofficial transcript)

- You enter your HS grades/credits on your application. The reason colleges do this is because this speeds up the decision timelines by about 4 weeks.
- You have one set of grades to input, where if the college did it for everyone, they have over 20,000 sets of grades, which is a lot of grades. This way, we can have the self reported grades in our system, we can verify these grades by a review of the transcript and make any needed changes as needed, but the initial data is already in our system for initial analysis of the applicant pool to cut down on data entry delay.

◎ What is Super-scoring? process by which colleges consider your highest section scores across all the dates you took the SAT or ACT. Most colleges do this for admissions but most scholarship committees do not.

■ ACT Date	Eng	Math	Read	Sci	Composite
■ 04/12/2014	29	23	34	25	28
■ 06/14/2014	26	20	28	27	25
■ 09/13/2014	25	25	35	34	30
■ SUPERScore	29	25	35	34	31

**31 is a very competitive ACT score (36 is perfect)

ATTENTION!!!

Deadlines are Important!

- ◉ EARLY ACTION at most Universities is mid Oct. (UGA-Oct. 15, GT-Oct. 15, KSU-Nov. 1)
- ◉ REGULAR DECISION Varies by college, some well into Spring (UGA-Jan. 1, KSU-Mar. 1, GSU-May 1)
- ◉ Bottom line...you must check deadlines!

RESUME...USED FOR SOME COLLEGE APPS AND SCHOLARSHIP APPS

- ❑ Work on a personal resume/portfolio at the end of 9th grade...you'll forget by senior year! Tip: After Honors Day in May
 - Clubs, activities, leadership positions, volunteer work, awards, etc.
 - Can keep on computer using your own format or *Family Connection/Naviance* or www.gafutures.org has a place to do this (my student portfolio)
- ❑ Used for job interviews, college/scholarship applications, & to help teachers with letters of recommendation.

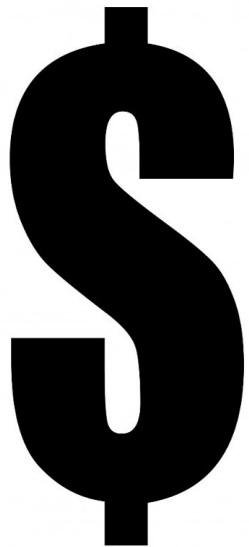
HOW TO PAY FOR COLLEGE?



THE GOOD NEWS FIRST!

- ❑ From School Handbook/Briarwood Christian School in Shelby, Alabama...Is there a fee for Dual Enrollment courses? Yes. For the 2018-19 school year, a 3-hour DE course is typically \$408. This amount covers all JSCC tuition and fees for one semester. For the year-long course, each semester would be \$408, or a full-year course for \$816.
- ❑ ***My personal experience: Prince Graduate with 21 hours or 7 college classes (DE)= \$2856 (x 3 girls = \$8568)***
- ❑ We are getting a great deal!!!!

TUITION:



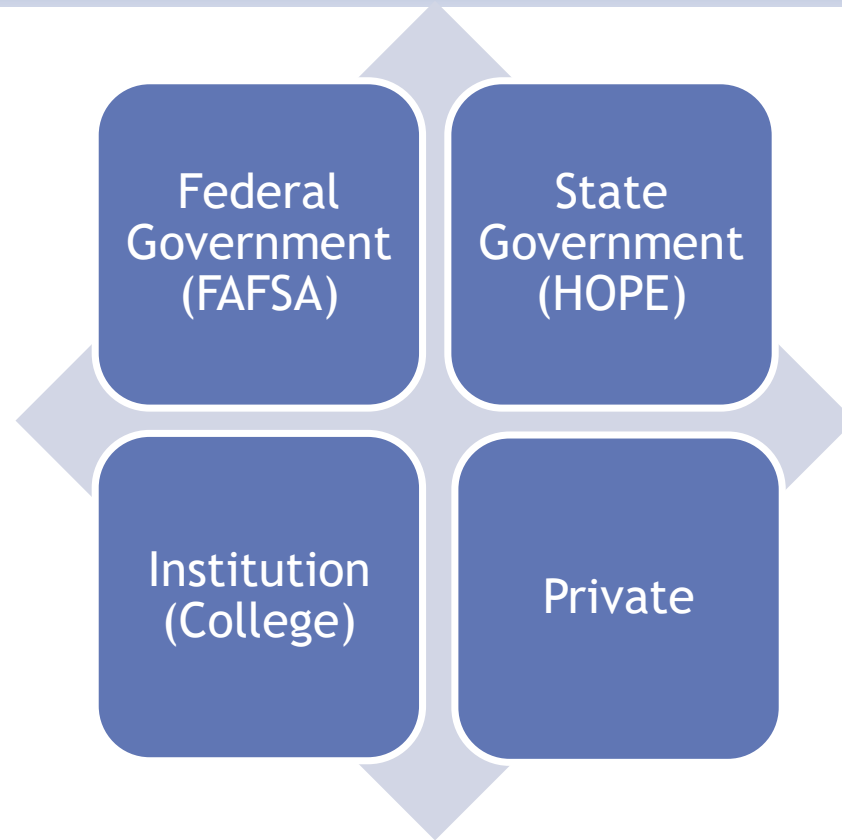
- ❑ Average In-State Tuition*/year:
 - UGA =\$9552 (HOPE pays \$7200/15hrs)
 - GSU =\$7422 (HOPE pays \$5566/15hrs)
 - UNG-O =\$5460(HOPE pays \$4095/15hrs)
- ❑ Avg. fees/year=\$3000
- ❑ Avg. 7day meal plan/year=\$4000
- ❑ Avg. Residence Hall/year=\$5660
- ❑ Plus books, living expenses, parking pass, etc.
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 - **AVG. TOTAL: \$21,700**

*Average Out of State Tuition/year:=Normally 3 times in state tuition ...JUST TUITION...\$28,626/large, \$18,444/mid size

FINANCIAL AID:

- Any funding intended to help students pay for post-secondary education expenses
 - Grants (don't pay back)
 - Loans (pay back with interest)
 - Work study
 - Scholarships (don't pay back)

SOURCES OF FUNDING:



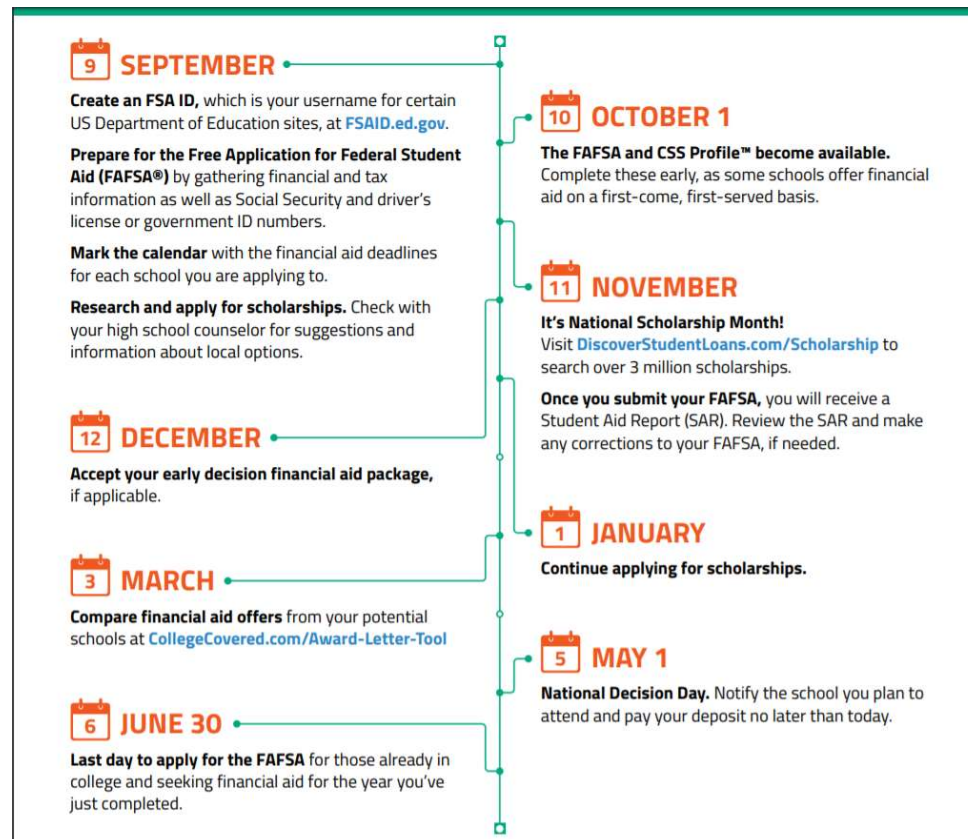
FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID: FAFSA (NEED BASED)



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- ◉ Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- ◉ Need Based (grades not considered) and awards based on EFC (estimated family contribution), they will calculate your financial need
- ◉ Pell Grants, FSEOG (Fed. Supp. Educ. Opp. Grant), work study, loans,
- ◉ **FAFSA® changes from last year...
 - **Can submit October 1 (rather than Jan. 1) 12th grade - Complete and submit FAFSA, money is awarded on a first come first serve basis
 - **Will be required to report income information from an earlier tax year (prior prior year). Class of 2021 report taxes from 2019
- ◉ Must request a PIN # well in advance of completing FAFSA and signing electronically
- ◉ Must be renewed each academic year
- ◉ There are scam sites that require payment to fill out FAFSA.....DO NOT DO THIS! FAFSA is free. Official site is www.fafsa.ed.gov
- ◉ If you complete FAFSA...you are automatically registered for HOPE

FINANCIAL AID TIMELINE: SOME FINANCIAL AID IS OFFERED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS. HERE'S YOUR GUIDE TO STAYING AHEAD OF THE DEADLINES SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT ON ANY POTENTIAL FINANCIAL AID



STATE FINANCIAL AID:

- ◉ Main = Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC)
 - They maintain the GAFUTURES.org website
 - ◉ Dual Enrollment (DE) funding done here (old MOWR)
 - ◉ Apply for HOPE/ZELL here or via FAFSA

FINANCIAL AID: HOPE/ZELL

(AWARDS GOOD GRADES)

- **Hope:** HOPE GPA (core only) is different than PACS overall GPA on transcript
 - 3.0 Core GPA-CP/CPD diploma
 - Must have 4 HOPE Rigor Courses
 - Currently will pay app. 75-80% of previous years tuition (differs per college UGA 75%, Valdosta 87%, UNG 85%), subject to change each year (public college), mandatory fees and books no longer covered
 - Student must maintain a 3.0 at all checkpoints once in college (end of Spr Sem. and every 30, 60, 90)
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- ◎ **Zell Miller scholarship:** Zell GPA (core only) is different than PACS overall GPA on transcript
 - 3.7 Core GPA and at least a 1200 on M/V of SAT or at least 26 on composite score on ACT in *ONE test sitting*, or VAL/SAL from eligible high school
 - Must have 4 HOPE Rigor Courses
 - Will pay 100% tuition (public college), mandatory fees and books no longer covered
 - Test scores will not count if taken after graduation date

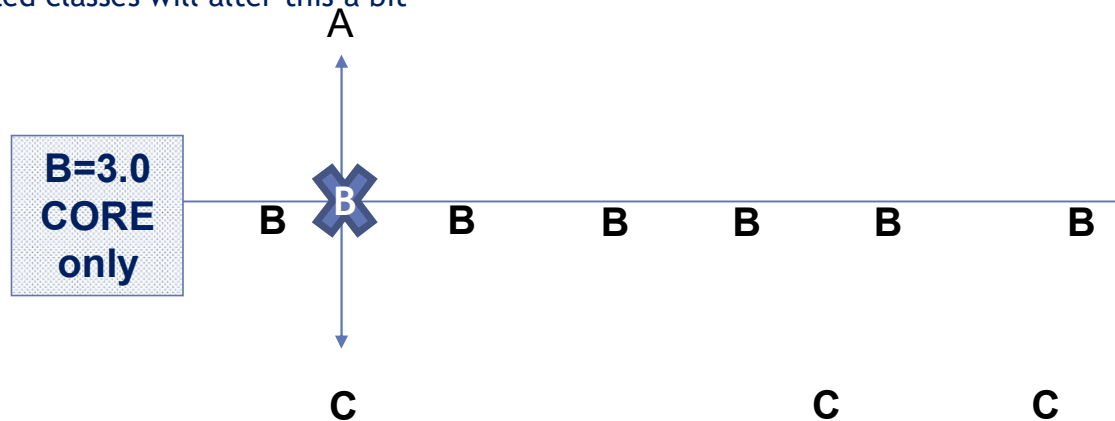
FINANCIAL AID: HOPE DE/AP GRADE CONVERSION

- ⦿ **For HOPE calculations...**they will strip the points, convert the number to a letter, convert to GPA number and then add back a .5 GPA weight only. For example: DE MA102 grade=95 on Prince transcript (includes 10 pts), HOPE will strip points and take to an 85, then convert to a B which is a 3 on GPA scale. Because it's a DE course they will add .5 making it a 3.5 to be averaged with all other core classes.
- ⦿ **For College calculations...**some will do the same as HOPE and others use the policy that states if grades are weighted...they will take the grade from the transcript and not re-weight it.

EASY WAY TO FIGURE HOPE

Hope: HOPE GPA (core only) is different than PACS overall GPA on transcript

- 3.0 Core GPA-CP/CPD diploma
- Using .5 semester credits
- B line visual-for every C must have an A of same credit to balance back to an A
- Weighted classes will alter this a bit



This student needs to make __/sem. A's to be HOPE eligible.

FINANCIAL AID: HOPE/ZELL

- ◉ When to apply for HOPE/ZELL?
 - 2nd half of senior year
- ◉ How to apply for HOPE/ZELL?
 - 1. FAFSA
 - 2. GAFUTURES.org (GSFAPPS) very simple!
- ◉ If not eligible out of High School = NEVER eligible
- ◉ End of Spr. Sem. & 30, 60, 90 HOPE/Zell checkpoints in college (ONLY LOOKS AT GRADES EARNED AT THAT INSTITUTION/COLLEGE)
- ◉ Students can only lose and regain HOPE/Zell ONCE.
- ◉ HOPE can be used for a max. attempted hours or 7 years after High School Graduation

INSTITUTION/PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS:

◎ Institutional Scholarships:

- Incoming First year Students -Undergraduate Admissions...Unique to that particular college
- Ask College Financial Aid Office

◎ Private Scholarships:

- [www. fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- www.salliemae.com
- [www. scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
- www.scholarup.net
- www.collegeboard.com
- *Local scholarships-CHECK PACS GUIDANCE BLOG, use scholarship search sites, ask your employer, etc.*

IMPORTANT!!!

- ✓ Counselors are a “resource” but do not take the place of the student/parents.
- ✓ Every College/University is very *DIFFERENT* and has different requirements...you must check early on and adhere to the requirements(foreign language, science, fine arts, etc.) The Guidance Department cannot know all requirements for all schools nationwide. Ex. some colleges have 3 ways to apply (their app, common app and coalition app) ~ ways to send transcript (some accept by mail, by portal, etc.)
- ✓ Be Responsible!
- ✓ Be Proactive!

GRADES...MOST IMPORTANT THING!

SEVERAL GPAS/NUMERICAL AVGS:

Valedictorian(highest)/Salutatorian (2nd highest) Num. Avg. Core + Bible ~ Medal

Honor Graduate (90 >) = Num. Avg. Core + Bible ~ Gold Cord with tassel

Beta (90 >)= Num. Avg. All Classes ~ Gold stole

NHS (95 >)= Num. Avg. All Classes ~ White stole

College GPA = Refigured their choice

HOPE (3.0 >)/ZELL (3.7 >)= GPA Core only (no Bible) AP/DE up-weighted by .5

STUDENT ATHLETES: (REGISTER BY END OF JUNIOR YEAR)

- ❑ NAIA: Register at www.naia.org
- ❑ NCAA: Register at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net
 - You will need a credit card
 - Must request a transcript be sent to them from all high schools attended in grades 9-12
 - Must send SAT/ACT scores to them
 - they will not take off of the transcript
 - Each agency is different as far as scores they use (ie: NCAA uses sum of 4 ACT subsections and will superscore & NAIA will NOT superscore for ACT, 1 test sitting)

SELECTIVE SERVICE:

- ❑ All 18-year-old Males MUST register with the Selective Service to be eligible to receive HOPE/Zell, Federal or State funds for college.
- ❑ Very Simple.....register at www.sss.gov

EXTRAS:

- ❑ Many colleges ask for “proof of lawful presence”...you can send a copy of drivers' license, or when you fill out FAFSA it will clear this
- ❑ Seniors make sure to send FINAL TRANSCRIPT which includes Graduation Date! I'll send end of year email with many important instructions....

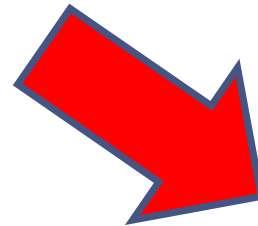
EXTRAS:

- ❑ Frequently check the “*PACS Counseling Blog*”
www.princeave.org, academics, guidance counseling...BLOG:
 - scholarship opportunities
 - college open house events
 - College representative visits to PACS



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EXTRAS:

- ❖ A lot of pressure senior year...transition year...you are not a kid anymore but not grown yet!
 - Pray a lot
 - Okay not to be perfect
 - Okay not to know where you are going and what you are doing
 - Don't believe everything you hear (seniors will tell each other all these grandiose plans and half are not true)
 - Seniors need parents more this year than any other (a lot of talking)
 - Beware of senioritis (I've seen some seniors do some pretty crazy things that have BIG consequences)
 - Know the limitations of your child (don't pile too much on them, don't overschedule them) help your child to know their limitations "depression starts when sleep ends"

HIGH SCHOOL VS. COLLEGE CREDITS

- No Carnegie units in college .5c./1c. HS only!
 - Colleges use semester hours ~ normal class = 3hrs.
 - Normal load = 12-15 hours/semester
 - Graduate w/ 18hrs... .1/2 way done with Fresh. year
 - 30 hours typically denotes sophomore year
- **tip:** take difficult cores with some fluff to even out GPA

Fall Sem-13hrs

- Hard Class -3hrs
- Hard Class- 3hrs
- Hard Class Lab-1hr
- Easy Class-3hrs
- Easy Class-3hrs

Spr. Sem-12hrs

- Hard Class -3hrs
- Hard Class- 3hrs
- Easy Class-3hrs
- Easy Class-3hrs

USEFUL ACADEMIC WEBSITES

- ◉ www.factsmgt.com (link to your student's grades, homework, etc.)
- ◉ www.gafutures.org (everything about going to college in GA)
- ◉ sat.collegeboard.org (college admissions test prep & registration for SAT)
- ◉ www.actstudent.org (college admissions test prep & registration for ACT)
- ◉ www.fafsa.ed.gov (federal financial aid)
- ◉ www.fastweb.com (scholarship search site)
- ◉ www.scholarship4students.com
- ◉ www.affordablecollegesonline.org/online-colleges/christian-colleges/
- ◉ www.connection.naviance.com OUR SCHOOL SITE TBD*
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