



PRINCE AVENUE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

College Planning
2021-2022

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)



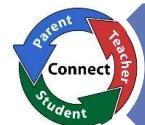
Develop/maintain good study habits (get good sleep!)



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

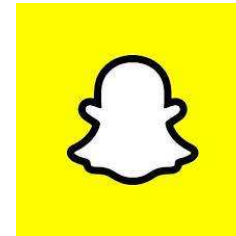


Be a fan of “*choices and consequences*”



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.)

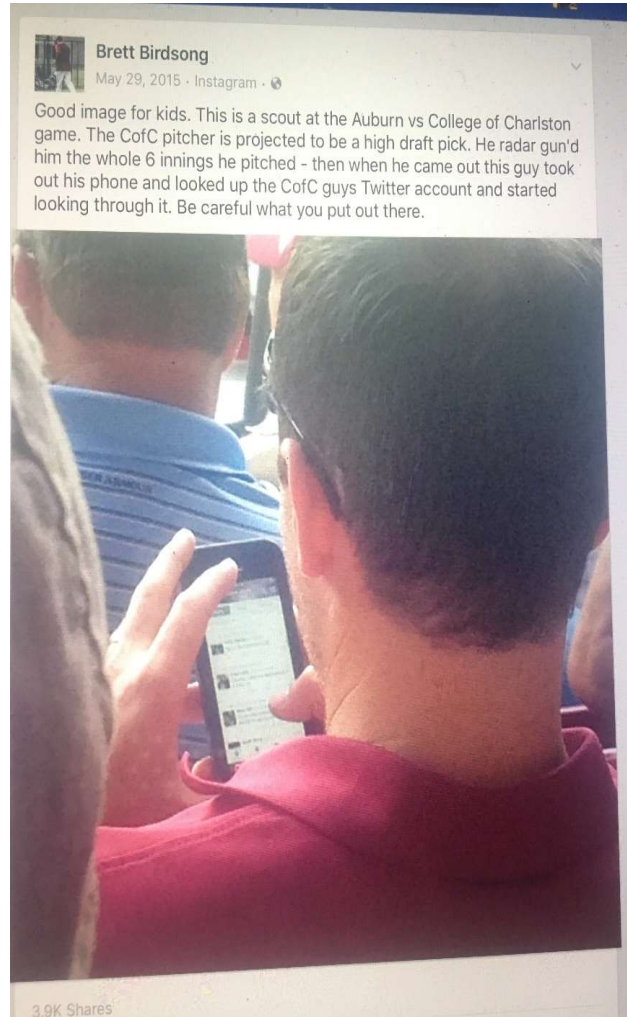
BEHAVE! WHAT HAPPENS TODAY IS ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER, INSTAGRAM, AND SNAPCHAT TOMORROW!



- Social Media should be used cautiously especially by teenagers!!! ***They Loved Your G.P.A.... Then They Saw Your Tweets***
- Counselor Evaluations for college admission often include questions pertaining to behavior of student. Many college applications ask if student has been suspended, expelled or had discipline issues which often result from inappropriate social media
- Behavior is very important in high school and can influence college admissions decisions. Kaplan Test Prep recently published survey results about social media and college admissions. They surveyed approximately **400 college admissions officers and found that 40% visit applicant's social media pages**
- Employers often look at social media and form first opinions before interview. App. "How can I find you on social media?"

“**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
Tuesday · July 24, 2011 (1:06 am)



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

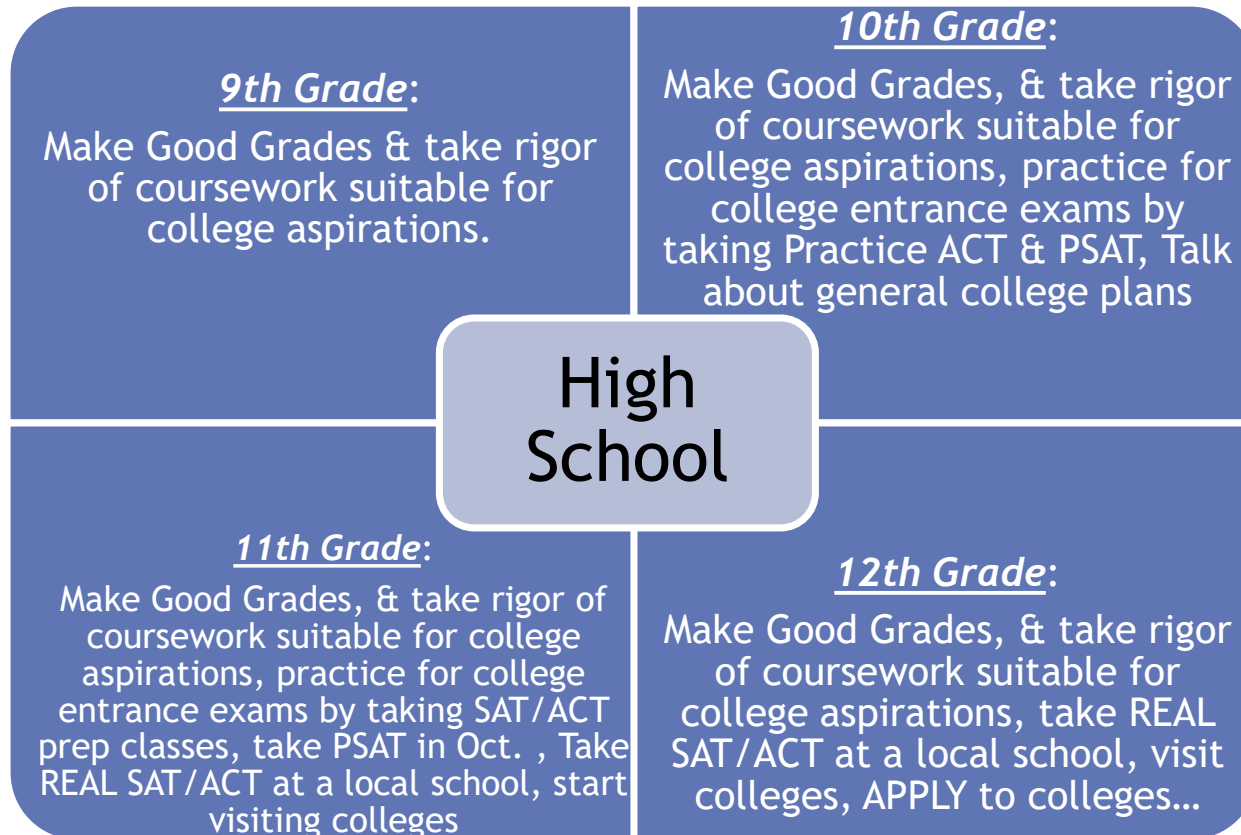
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B = 80-89	3.0	90-99	4.0
C = 70-79	2.0	80-89	3.0
F = Below 70	0.0	70-79	2.0
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Lisa Ricketts, Director of Academic Counseling

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?

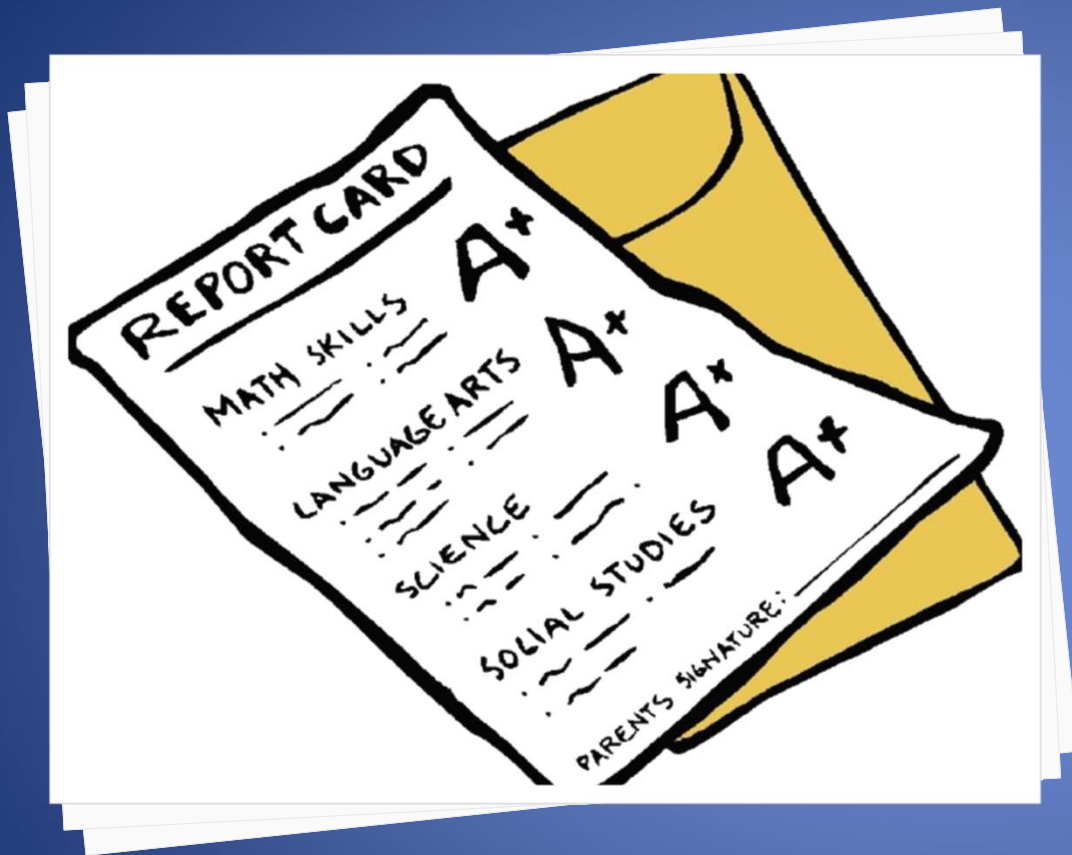
sen·ior·i·tis

/ˌsɛnyəˈrɪtɪs/

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 ASHWIN 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		

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**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.

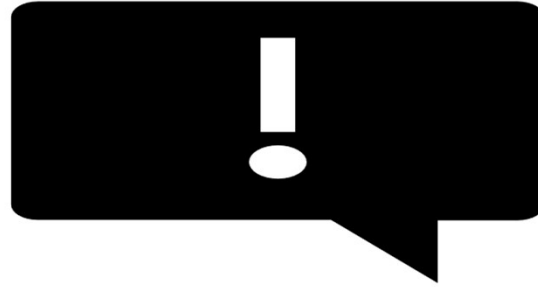
**You must check
with each
college to
determine
their policy!**

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

Georgia public campuses will require ACT/SAT this year



The University System of Georgia (USG) will resume test score admission requirements for Spring 2022 and subsequent semesters. Students' eligibility will be decided based on all criteria established by USG institutions in accordance with Board of Regents policy.



SAT/ACT SCORES appear on the transcript. If you do NOT want them to appear, YOU MUST notify the Guidance Office and request they be hidden. Most colleges will not take them from the transcript, they must be sent OFFICIALLY from the respective testing agency- SAT/ACT.

SAT/ACT-PREP

- ❑ SAT/ACT Test Prep Class is offered Aug.-Oct. junior year
 - ❑ We partner with a test prep company that offers 10-12-week classes on the Prince Campus.
 - ❑ T/TH 3:45-5:45 & Sat 9-1
 - ❑ Avg. cost: \$350/student

- ❑ PSAT* (practice SAT) 9th, 10th & 11th grade Oct. 12 @ Prince

- ❑ Practice ACT* 10th grade Nov. ?? @ Prince

- ❑ We encourage students to take the ***REAL ACT/SAT mid way through junior year!***

- ❑ Take both tests to find which you are better at. Continue to take as many times as you want (4 is the norm.) Most colleges superscore for admission.

- ❑ Still need tutoring? Contact test prep company and work on target areas, bring score report. Many test prep companies from large to small that offer one on one tutoring.

*no registration required

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. ?? @ 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 was discontinued June 2021
- Total highest possible score = 1600 (800 each section)
- No wrong answer penalty

© SAT II Subject Test- *Discontinued June 2021

	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

SAT Score Report

Test Date: . . .
 Registration Number:
 Gender:
 Date of Birth:
 Test Center Number:
 CB Student ID:
 High School Code: **110119**
 High School Name: **Prince Avenue Christian School**

Your Total Score

1310 | 400–1600

92ndNationally Representative
Sample Percentile87th

SAT User Percentile

 Section Scores

650 | 200–800
 Your Evidence-Based
 Reading and Writing
 Score

90th Nationally Representative
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 Test Scores

32 | 10–40  **33** | 10–40  **33.0** | 10–40
 Reading Writing and Language Math

Cross-Test Scores | 10–40

33 Analysis in History/Social Studies **31** Analysis in Science

Subscores | 1–15

13 Command of Evidence **11** Words in Context **12** Expression of Ideas **12** Standard English Conventions
11 Heart of Algebra **12** Problem Solving and Data Analysis **12** Passport to Advanced Math

Get your full report online at sat.org/scorereport

Am I on Track for College?

Look for the green, yellow, or red symbols next to your section scores. They let you know if your scores are at or above the benchmark scores. Benchmarks show college readiness. If you see green, you're on track to be ready for college when you graduate.

If you score below the benchmark, you can use the feedback and tips in your report to get back on track.

Benchmark scores:

Evidence-Based Reading and Writing: 490

Math: 530

How Do My Scores Compare?

A percentile shows how you scored, compared to other students. It's a number between 1 and 99 and represents the percentage of students whose scores are equal to or below yours.

For example, if your Math percentile is 57, that means 57% of test takers have Math scores equal to or below yours.

The **Nationally Representative Sample Percentile** compares your score to the scores of typical U.S. students.

SAT® User Percentile compares your score to the scores of students who typically take the test.

How Can I Improve?

To see which skills are your strongest and what you can do to boost your college readiness, go to your full report online and look for Skills Insight™.

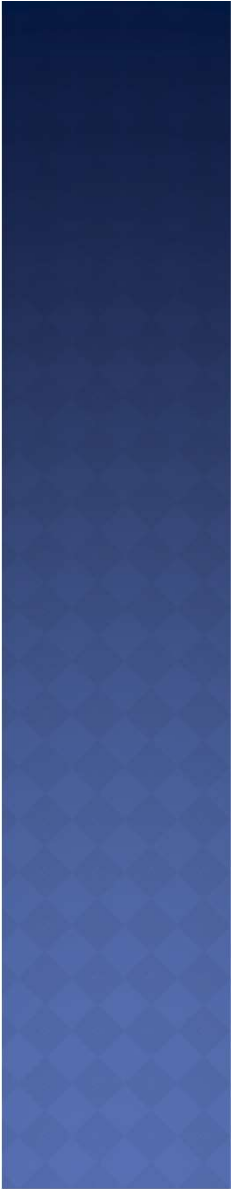
What Are Score Ranges?

Test scores are single snapshots in time—if you took the SAT once a week for a month, your scores would vary. That's why score ranges are better representations of your true ability. They show how much your score can change with repeated testing, even if your skill level remains the same.

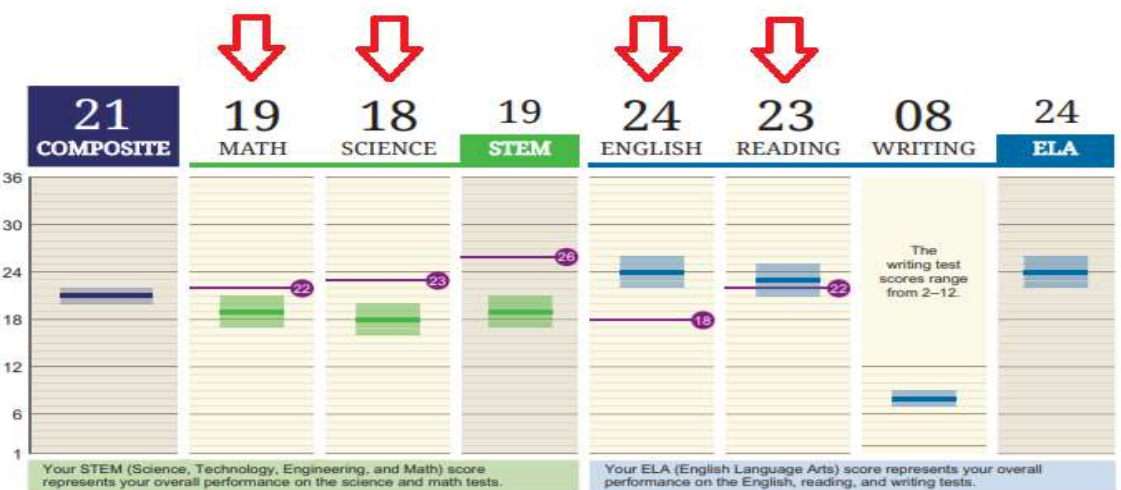
Colleges know this, and they get score ranges along with scores so they can consider scores in context.

Your online score report shows your score ranges.

	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



Student Report

Your Score
Your Score
Your Score Range

ACT College Readiness Benchmarks

Readiness Benchmark
If your score is at or above the Benchmark, you have at least a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in specific first-year college courses in the corresponding subject area. There are currently no Benchmarks for ELA or writing.

Your Score Range
Test scores are estimates of your educational development. Think of your true achievement on this test as being within a range that extends about one standard error of measurement, or about 1 point for the Composite and writing scores, and 2 points for STEM, ELA, and the other test scores, above and below your score.

US & State Rank
Your ranks tell you the approximate percentages of recent high school graduates in the US and your state who took the ACT® test and received scores that are the same as or lower than your scores. For example, a rank of 55 for your Composite score means 55% of students earned that Composite score or below.

2021-2022 COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

ACT/SAT

SAT Test Dates (Sat. Natl. Testing Days @ local HS)

- August 28, 2021
- October 2, 2021
- November 6, 2021
- December 4, 2021
- March 12, 2022
- May 7, 2022
- June 4, 2022

www.sat.collegeboard.org

ACT Test Dates (Sat./Sun. Natl. Testing Days @ local HS)

- September 11, 2021
- October 23, 2021
- December 11, 2021
- February 12, 2022
- April 2, 2022
- June 11, 2022
- July 16, 2022

www.act.org

ACT/SAT “Weekday Testing” at PRINCE (GISA-only for our 11th/12th students)

- SAT
- October 28, 2021 (Thur-
for SENIORS ONLY)
- April 13, 2022 (Wed)

- ACT
- October 5, 2021 (Tue)

- Register via Prince

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.act.org
- ✓ Pay close attention to test dates and deadlines
- ✓ Fees app. \$60 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 FRESHMAN PROFILE 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 FRESHMAN PROFILE 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

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR



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 APPLICATIONS

□ WHEN?...

Check college applications in summer to see if they are ready and if essays are changing. Some colleges tweak their apps and essay questions in summer. If they are ready, you can begin.

1. Earliest application deadlines are normally OCTOBER (EA, top notch grades, rigor, test scores, accepted, deferred, denied)
2. Next common deadline is MID-JANUARY (RD, accepted or denied)
3. Other...ROLLING DEADLINES (can apply until May, accepted or denied)

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR

❖ ***Fill out application ONLINE, Basic Rule: FOLLOW DIRECTIONS & give them what they ask for!!***

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

OVER HALF of
ALL 4-year
schools are now
test optional
for 2021!



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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 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... Government/Environmental

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 Chrl...	Edit
CP Environmental Science	2017	Prince Avenue Chrl...	Edit
DE College Math Modelling	2017	Prince Avenue Chrl...	Edit
DE College Statistics	2017	Prince Avenue Chrl...	Edit
DE College English 102	2017	Prince Avenue Chrl...	Edit
CP Economics	2017	Prince Avenue Chrl...	Edit
DE College English 101	2017	Prince Avenue Chrl...	Edit



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.

Upload Transcript

Upload a Word or PDF document:

No file chosen

Submission

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

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR

***Request Counselor and/or Teacher Letters of Recommendation be submitted
(if required & if not most colleges will still accept)***

❑ **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 enter **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.

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.
- ❑ 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.
- Send a PDF transcript** for me to upload. My email address is listed above.
- Pick up an UNOFFICIAL Transcript**

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) (if you don't want them to appear on HS transcript, you must notify Mrs. Ricketts)



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)

□ ESSAY- PACS Eng. Dept. has seniors write a general essay that can be tweaked for many colleges, but college may require more or none

ATTENTION!!!

Deadlines are Important!

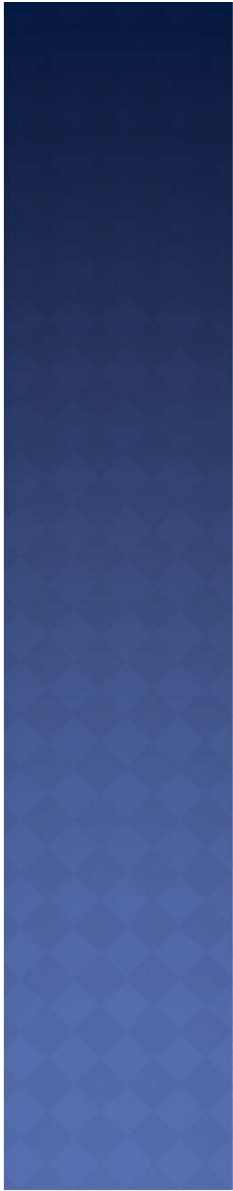
- ⦿ EARLY ACTION at most Universities is mid Oct. (UGA-Oct. 15, GT-Oct. 15, KSU-Nov. 1)
- ⦿ REGULAR DECISION Varies by college, some well into Spring (UGA-Jan. 1, KSU-Mar. 1, GSU-May 1)
- ⦿ Bottom line...you must check deadlines!

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, sports, activities, leadership positions, volunteer work, awards, work experience, 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.

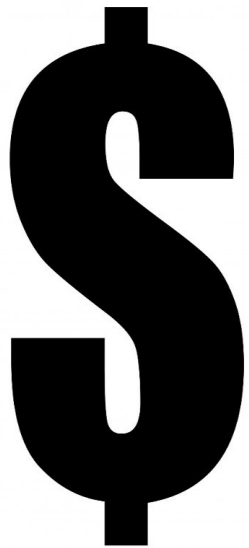
HOW TO PAY FOR COLLEGE?



THE GOOD NEWS FIRST!

- ❑ From School Handbook/Briarwood Christian School in Alabama...Is there a fee for Dual Enrollment courses? Yes, for the 2020-2021 school year a 3-hour DE course was \$456 per semester. This amount covers all JSCC tuition and fees for one semester. *Parents pay the community college.*
- ❑ In Georgia...the state pays for DE courses up to 30 hours...the colleges we partner with charge approx. \$750 per semester for a 3-hour class.
- ❑ ***My personal experience: Prince Graduate with 21 hours (7 semester college classes) = \$5250 (x 3 girls = \$15,750)***
- ❑ ***We are getting a great deal!!!!***

TUITION:



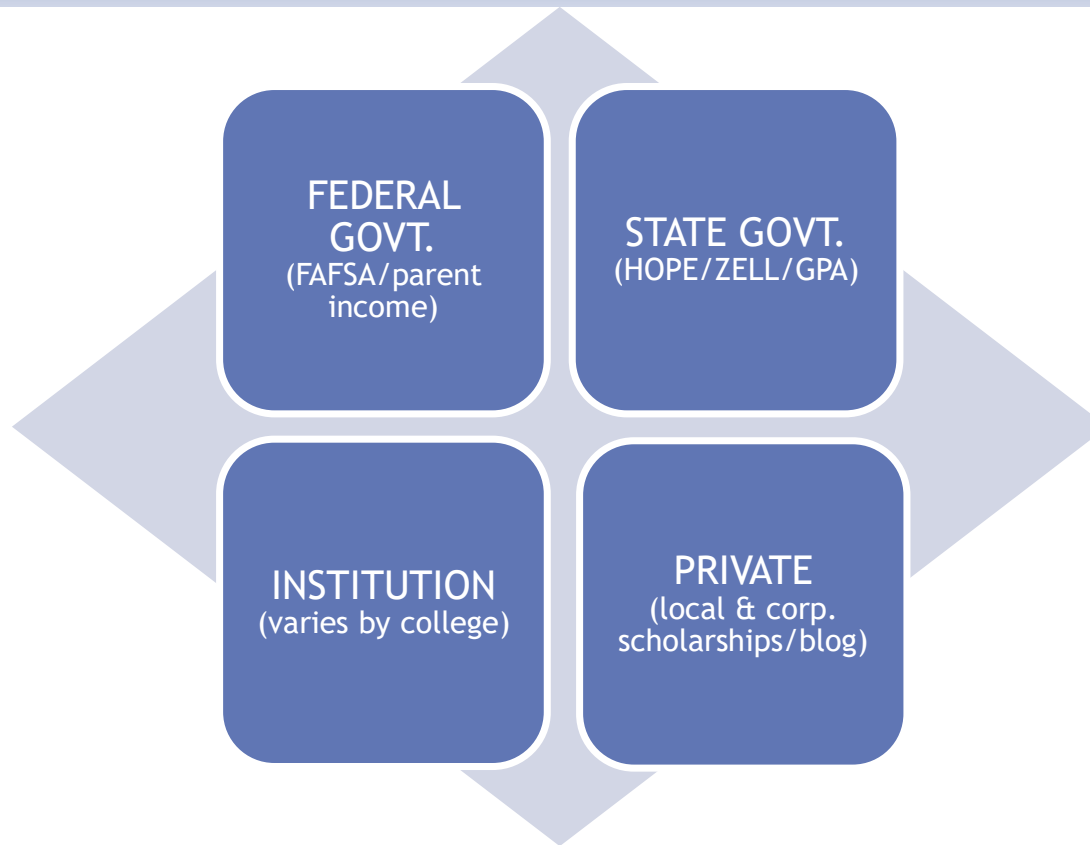
- Average In-State Tuition*/year:
 - UGA =\$9552 (HOPE pays \$7200/15hrs)
 - GSU =\$7422 (HOPE pays \$5566/15hrs)
 - UNG-O =\$5460(HOPE pays \$4095/15hrs)
- Avg. fees/year=\$3000
- Avg. 7day meal plan/year=\$4000
- Avg. Residence Hall/year=\$5660
- Plus books, living expenses, parking pass, etc.
 - -----
 - **AVG. TOTAL: \$21,700 (with HOPE Scholarship: \$14,500)**

*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:



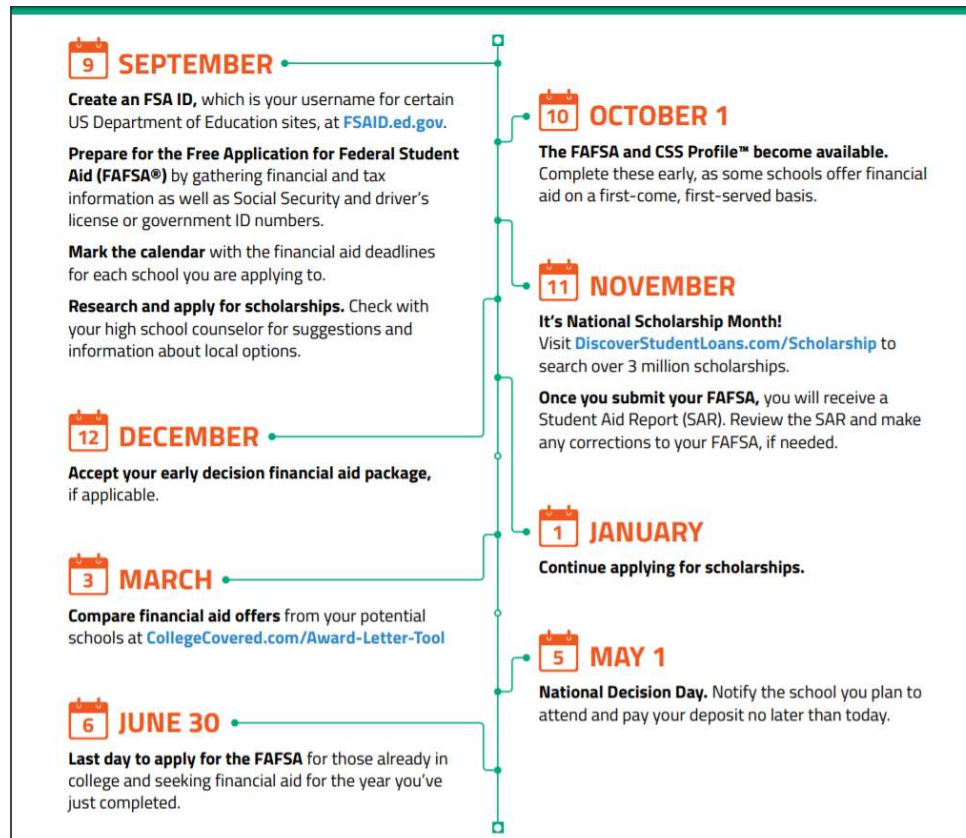
FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID: FAFSA (NEED BASED)

- 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 2022 report taxes from 2020**
- 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

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID: FAFSA (NEED BASED)

- ◉ <https://studentaid.gov/h/understand-aid/how-aid-works>

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)

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

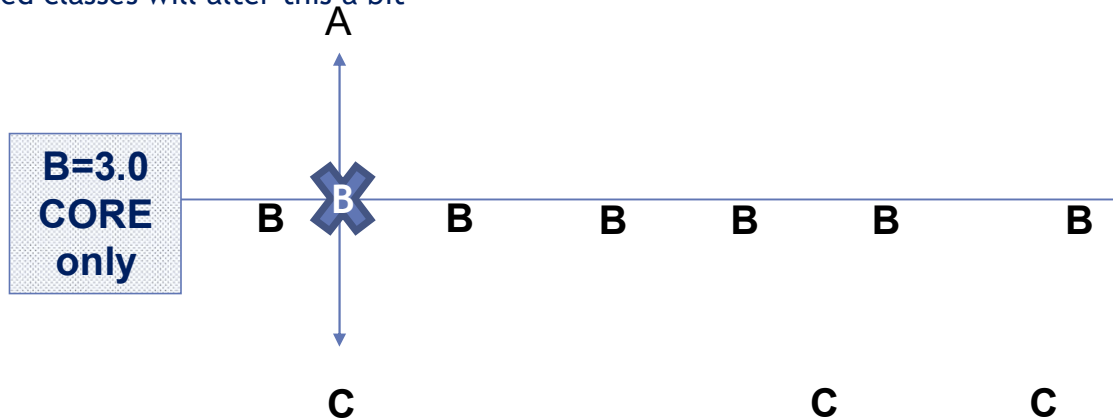
FINANCIAL AID: HOPE DE/AP GRADE CONVERSION

- ⦿ **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 may do the same as HOPE but MOST will take grade as it appears on transcript. If HS gives weight they take as is.

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!
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- ❑ 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
- www.salliemae.com
- 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



Check website for
important updates

<http://www.princeave.org/counselors-blog>

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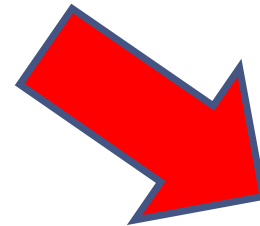
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EXTRAS:

- ❖ 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 over schedule 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*
- ◉ www.jlvcollegecounseling.com (advice on getting into college)
- ◉ <http://www.saraharberson.com> (America's College Counselor)

USEFUL PARENTING WEBSITES

- ◎ Plugged In www.pluggedin.com
 - movie content
- ◎ Dr. Kevin Leman <https://birthorderguy.com/>
 - Practical/common sense parenting tips, family
- ◎ Jonathan McKee (I subscribe to his BLOG)
<http://www.jonathanmckeewrites.com>
 - Movies, Netflix, social media, music, dating, etc.

FEBRUARY ADVISEMENT:

◎ 3 Phases:

- 1-Scheduling Presentation /***DONE!***
- 2-Input Course Requests via FACTS beginning tomorrow
- 3-Schedule an “advisement meeting” with your Counselor
 - Email with links will be sent to you in the morning. You select date/time. (*Cannot attend advisement meeting until you are re-enrolled & have selected your course requests via FACTS*)
 - Dates: Rising 11 & 12 Mrs. Ricketts Feb. 1-early March times vary
 Rising 9 & 10 Mrs. Hudlow Feb. 1-26 times vary
 - **MUST HAVE RE-ENROLLED & ENTERED COURSE REQUESTS IN FACTS PRIOR TO ADVISEMENT MEETING!!!**
- ◎ Use this time to ask questions about Diploma Types, Rigor, scheduling of classes, college entrance exams, general questions about applying for colleges

WHAT COMES NEXT & CONTACT INFORMATION

◎ *What comes next?....*

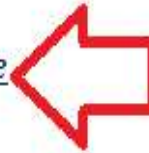
- Fall of 2022 - There will be a detailed “College Planning Meeting” that Freshman/Sophomore students/parents CAN attend but Junior/Senior students/parents MUST attend...Detailed College Planning Process will be discussed.
- Fall of 2022 - I will then meet with Seniors in small class settings to explain how this process works on a day-to-day basis.

◎ *Lisa Ricketts/Director of Academic Counseling,*
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