

## PRINCE AVENUE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

College Planning 2023-2024

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> grade (earlier than that)

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



COLLEGE

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?"

#### Brett Birdsong

May 29, 2015 · Instagram · 📀

Good image for kids. This is a scout at the Auburn vs College of Charlston game. The CofC pitcher is projected to be a high draft pick. He radar gun'd him the whole 6 innings he pitched - then when he came out this guy took out his phone and looked up the CofC guys Twitter account and started looking through it. Be careful what you put out there.



**"EVERYTHING** youpostonsocial mediaimpacts your**PERSONAL BRAND.**How doyouwantto beknown?"

> Lisa Horn, a.k.a. The Publicity Gal Taeday - Jaly 24, 2012(1966 am)

# WHAT ARE COLLEGES LOOKING FOR?

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

#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 that 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 11<sup>th</sup> grade, you can send in additional transcript after Sem.1 grades are in senior year

### SAMPLE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

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 Grading Scale
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 A

 A 650-100
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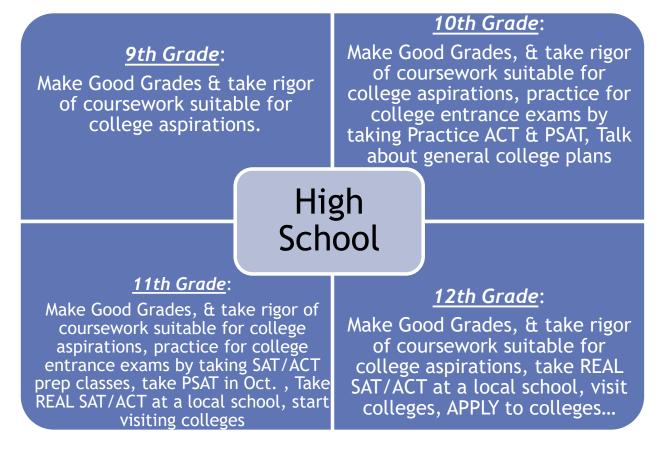
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 Lisa Ricketts, Director of Academic Counseling
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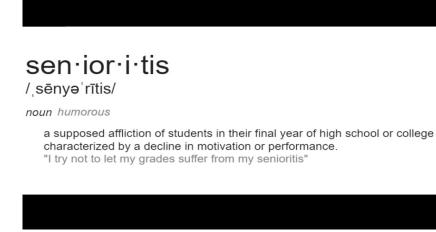
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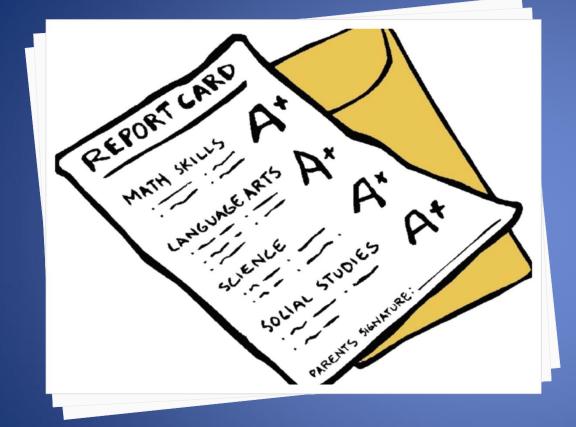
## YEAR BY YEAR:



## 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?





*CORE GRADES* #1 *FACTOR IN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS* 

## *SAT/ACT* #2 FACTOR IN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

NEW

### **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 establishe	d 1926
Grading scale (	no essay) 1600
Test takers (201	14) 1.67 mil

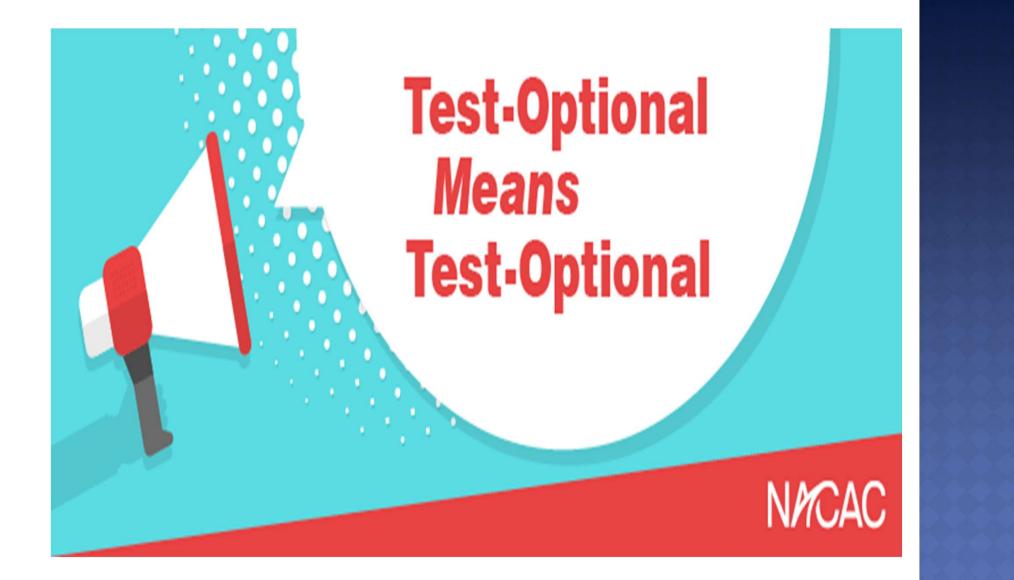


GRAPHICS BY ASHWINI BANDI

### **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 establish	ed 1959
Grading scale	36
Test takers (20	1.85 mil



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.



### USG to extend temporary test optional admission for Academic Year 2023-2024

The University System of Georgia (USG) will continue the temporary waiver of test score requirements for Academic Year 2023-2024 (Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Summer 2024) admission at 24 of the 26 USG institutions. The temporary waiver does not apply to the Georgia Institute of Technology and the University of Georgia.

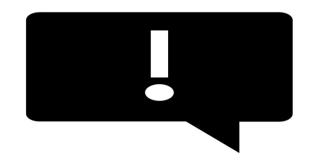
For Academic Year 2023-2024, the remaining institutions have two options to make admission decisions:

1. Freshman index: Includes high school grade point average and test scores for either the SAT or ACT.

2.Test Optional: Use the high school grade point average on the required high school curriculum without a standardized test score at the following minimum grade point averages:

- 1. 3.4 for research universities: Augusta University and Georgia State university
- 2. 3.2 for comprehensive universities and Georgia College and State University: Georgia Southern University, Kennesaw State University, University of West Georgia and Valdosta State University.
- 3. 3.0 for state universities: Albany State University, Clayton State University, Columbus State University, Fort Valley State University, Georgia Southwestern State University, Middle Georgia State University, Savannah State University and the University of North Georgia.
- 4. State colleges (Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Atlanta Metropolitan State College, College of Coastal Georgia, Dalton State College, East Georgia State College, Georgia Gwinnett College, Georgia Highlands College, Gordon State College and South Georgia State College) continue to be test optional in accordance with Board policy.

Test scores continue to be required to apply for Zell Miller scholarships. The test optional path is not available for dual enrollment. Students applying for dual enrollment must still meet existing admissions requirements.



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.

## **COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS ACT/SAT**

### • A CT (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
- <u>\*Optional essay was discontinued June 2021</u>
- Total highest possible score = 1600 (800 each section)
- No wrong answer penalty
- SAT II Subject Test- <u>\*Discontinued June 2021</u>

	Evidence Based Reading & Writing	Math	Max. TOTAL
SAT	800	800	1600
State of Georgia Board of Regents Minimums	<ul><li>430 research, comprehensive, or state university</li><li>330 state college</li></ul>	<ul><li>400 research, comprehensive, or state university</li><li>310 state college</li></ul>	
	Reading		
	Reauling	Writing & Language	Math
SAT	40	40	Math 40

#### SAT 🖯 CollegeBoard

### SAT Score Report

#### Your Total Score

#### 13 400-1600

92nd Nationally Representative Sample Percentile

87th SAT User Percentile

#### Section Scores 90<sup>th</sup> 650 200-800 Nationally Representative Sample Percentile 86<sup>th</sup> Your Evidence-Based SAT User Percentile You've met the benchmark Reading and Writing Score

660 | 200-800 Your Math Score





13 Command of Evidence



11 Heart of Algebra 12 Passport to 12 Problem Solving Advanced Math and Data Analysis

Get your full report online at sat.org/scorereport

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

#### 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: 480 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?

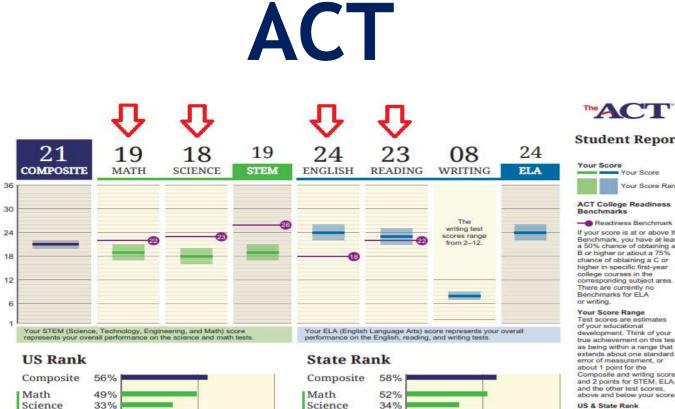
To see which skills are your strongest and what you can do to boost your college readiness, go to your full report online and look for Skills Insight\*\*

#### 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		7 research, comprehensive, or state university 4 state college		<ul><li>17 research, comprehensive, or state university</li><li>12 state college</li></ul>	



100%

50%

STEM

English

Reading

Writing

ELA

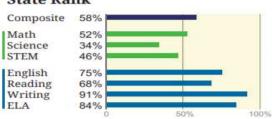
43%

74%

66%

90%

82%



Student Report

Your Score Your Score Your Score Range

ACT College Readiness Benchmarks

-Beadiness 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

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.

Your ranks tell you the approximate percentages of

## 2022-2023 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> <li>Aug.27, 2022</li> <li>Oct. 1, 2022</li> <li>Nov. 5, 2022</li> <li>Dec. 3, 2022</li> <li>Mar.11, 2023</li> <li>May 6, 2023</li> <li>June 3, 2023</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sep. 10, 2022</li> <li>Oct. 22, 2022</li> <li>Dec. 10, 2022</li> <li>Feb. 11, 2023</li> <li>Apr. 15, 2023</li> <li>Jun. 10, 2023</li> <li>July 15, 2023</li> </ul>	<ul> <li><u>SAT</u></li> <li>Oct. 27,2022 (12)</li> <li>Apr. 12, 2023 (11/12)</li> <li><u>ACT</u></li> <li>Oct. 18, 2022 (11/12)</li> <li>Mar. 7, 2023 (11/12)</li> </ul>
www.sat.collegeboard.org	www.act.org	Register via Prince-Mr. Owens will email reg. info. close to date

## U.S. STUDENTS WILL TAKE SAT ENTIRELY ONLINE BEGINNING 2024

- ✓ Digital SAT will begin 2023-2024 school year, with Class of 2025 (this year's 9<sup>th</sup> grade)
- ✓ 1st digital PSAT will be offered Fall 2023 (Oct?)
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. SAT (Sat.) & SAT school day will be offered March 2024
  International PSAT-Related U.S. SAT and

	SAT	Assessments	SAT School Day
Spring 2023			
Fall 2023			
Spring 2024			
	-	Paper and Pencil Digit:	al

www.sat.org/digital

## **GEORGIA COLLEGE TIERS**

### <u>Research Universities</u>

- 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.

### □ <u>State Universities</u>

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

### □ <u>State Colleges</u>

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

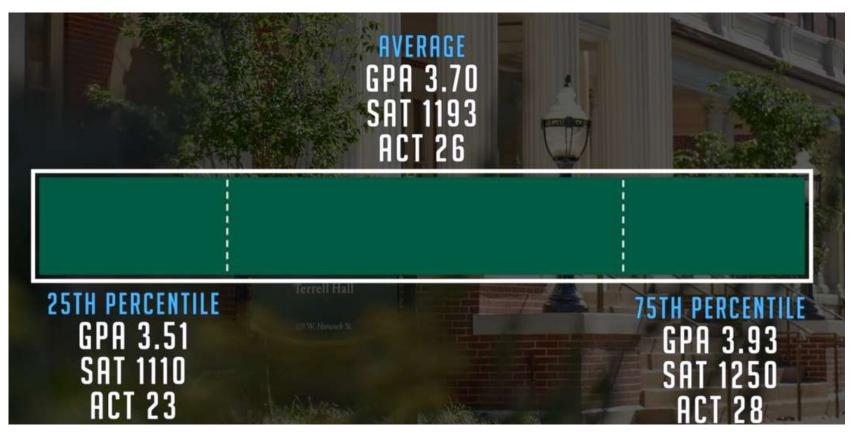
### □ <u>Technical Colleges</u>

- Athens Tech, etc.

## CLASS OF 2023 FRESHMAN PROFILE ADMISSION STATS

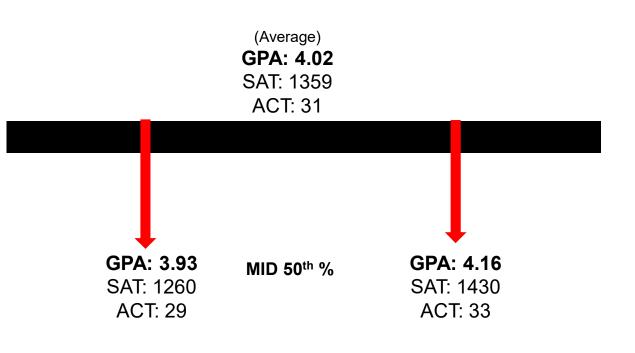


GEORGIA'S PUBLIC LIBERAL ARTS UNIVERSITY





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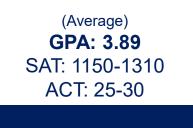
29,300 applied, 5,500 admitted

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LR1 Lisa Ricketts, 9/5/2019









## 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!

### **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
  - <u>www.gafutures.org</u> (Georgia Southern uses)
  - <u>www.commonapp.org</u>
  - 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.



### 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.



EACH COLLEGE IS UNIQUE... YOU MUST CHECK THEIR REQUIREMENTS

### **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**



Must send a TRANSCRIPT of grades to each college!

#### **COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR**

- Fill out a "<u>Transcript Request Form</u>" to have high school grades sent to a college or organization.
   Forms are located in:
  - High School Office
  - School website <u>www.princeave.org</u> (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 <u>\*\*\*YOU MUST LOOK</u> 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



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#### **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 TIP: If you are sending to a college in Georgia and did not use co	below: mmon app, please select electronically via GaFutures.
Mail Transcript	Send transcript electronically via:
	GaFutures
Mail Transcript and (check all that apply):	Common App
Counselor evaluation (attached)	Send Edu
Counselor evaluation online. I've emailed link.	College's Private site:
Senior schedule	Other:
Teacher recommendation (attached)	
Other:	Pick up an OFFICIAL Transcript. 1 understand
	this will be in a sealed envelope and must remain

Send a PDF transcript for me to upload. My email address is listed above.

sealed to be considered official.

#### 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**

- 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 <u>Super-scoring</u>? 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

### **RESUME...**Used for some college apps and scholarship apps

- Work on a personal resume/portfolio at the end of 9<sup>th</sup> grade...you'll forget by senior year! <u>Tip: After Honors Day</u> <u>in May</u>
  - 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!**

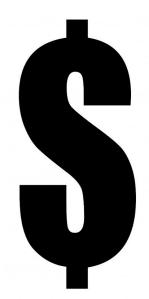
- From School Handbook/Briarwood Christian School in <u>Alabama</u>...Is there a fee for Dual Enrollment courses? Yes, for the 2020-2021 school year a 3-hour DE course was \$456 per semester. This amount covers all JSCC tuition and fees for one semester. Parents pay the community college.
- In Georgia...the 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.
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  - AVG. TOTAL: \$21,700 (with HOPE Scholarship: \$14,500)

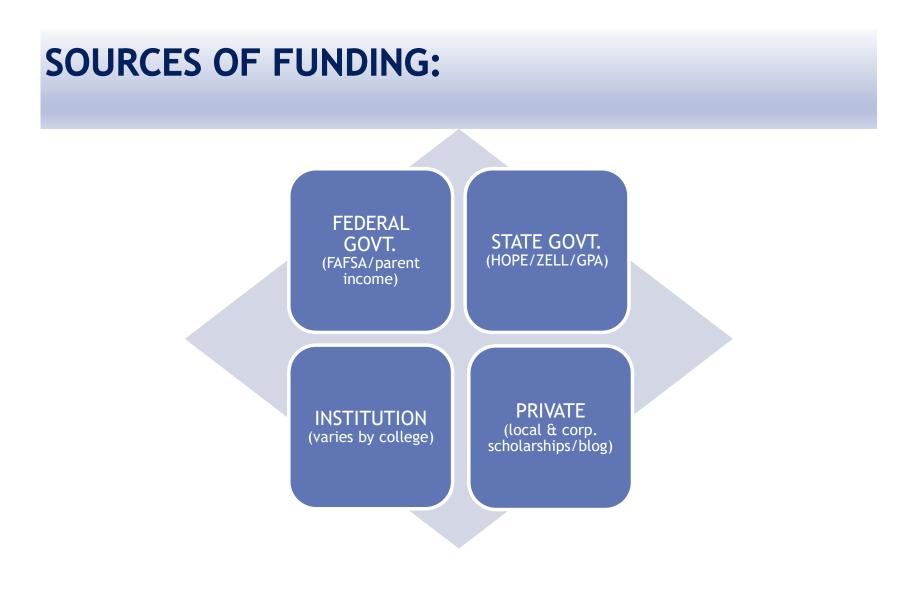
\*Average Out of State Tuition/year:=Normally 3 times in state tuition ...JUST TUITION...\$28,626/large, \$18,444/mid size



### **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)



## FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID: FAFSA (NEED BASED)

- <u>Free Application for Federal Student Aid</u>
- 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 2023 report taxes from 2021
- 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 <u>www.fafsa.ed.gov</u>
- If you complete FAFSA...you are automatically registered for HOPE

### **STATE FINANCIAL AID:**

Main = Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC)

- They maintain the GAFUTURES.org website
   Dual Enrollment (DE) funding done here (old MOWR)
  - oApply for HOPE/ZELL here or via FAFSA

# FINANCIAL AID: HOPE/ZELL

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)

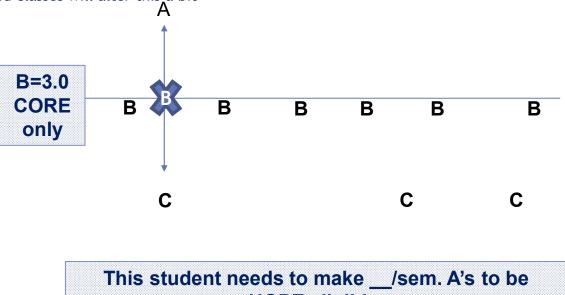
Zell Miller scholarship: Zell GPA (core only) is different than PACS overall GPA on transcript

- 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

## 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



HOPE eligible.

## **FINANCIAL AID: HOPE/ZELL**

#### When to apply for HOPE/ZELL?

□ 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <u>ONCE</u>.
- 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.

### **GRADES...**MOST IMPORTANT THING! SEVERAL GPAS/NUMERICAL AVGS:



**STUDENT ATHLETES:** (REGISTER BY END OF JUNIOR YEAR)

□ NAIA: Register at <u>www.naia.org</u>

NCAA: Register at <u>ww.ncaaclearinghouse.net</u>

- 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:**

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



### YOU CAN SUBSCRIBE TO OUR BLOG:

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### USEFUL PARENTING WEBSITES

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

### **FEBRUARY ADVISEMENT:**

#### • 3 Phases:

- I-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-Mar. 3	times vary
	Rising 9 & 10	Mr. Owens	Feb. 1-Mar. 3	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 2023 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 2023 I will then meet with Seniors in small class settings to explain how this process works on a day-to-day basis.

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