

Martha Ellen Stilwell
School of the Arts

12th Grade
2020-2021



Who is my counselor?

- Ms. Bentley: Last names beginning with A – H
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- Ms. Johnson: Last name beginning with I – Q
 - Jasmine.Johnson@clayton.k12.ga.us
- Ms. Simmons: Last name beginning with R – Z
 - Yumeko.simmons@clayton.k12.ga.us

How to contact your counselor?

- Email

- School Website, Counselors
- Counselors Google Classroom: n6s2ido
- Phone: 770-472-2838
- Request to speak to counselor form:
<https://forms.gle/8LdXMtTJu65MaSDb9>
- Remind account: @stilwell21

Senior Meetings

- Starting September; will meet with each 12th grader to discuss graduation requirements and college information
(Parents are welcomed)
- Sign-up form will be sent via Remind and Counselors Google Classroom
- If you do not sign up, we will schedule a date and time for you.

Graduation Status

23 specific credits are required for graduation.

Credits must be earned by the end of the school year

Failed courses should be made up during afterschool credit recovery opportunities.

High School Graduation Requirements

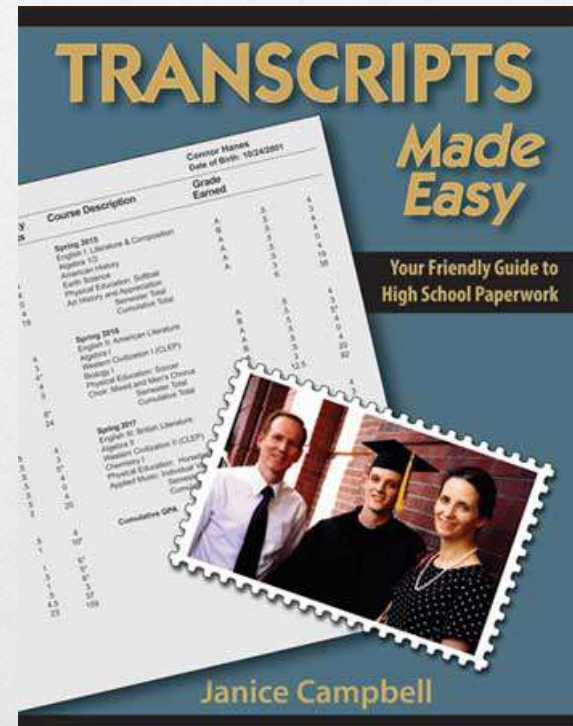
Areas of Study	Course Requirements
English/Language Arts	4 units including: 1 unit of 9 th grade Lit/Comp 1 unit of American Lit/Comp
Mathematics	4 units of math including: 1 unit of Math 1 1 unit of Math 2 1 unit of Math 3 1 additional Math unit chosen from of GPS/AP/IB designated courses
Science	4 units of science including: 1 unit of Biology (can be AP/IB) 1 unit of Physical Science or Physics (AP/IB) 1unit of Chemistry, Earth Systems, Environmental Science or an AP/IB course 1unit of a 4yr, including any AP/IB, academic science, or career tech science

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Areas of Study	Course Requirements
Social Studies	3 units including: 1 unit of World History 1 unit of United States History ½ unit of American Government/Civics ½ unit of Economics
Health and Physical Education	1 units is required ½ unit of Health ½ unit of Personal Fitness 3 units of JROTC may substitute for the Health/PE requirement
Electives	7 units of electives required 3 units must be in: CTAE and/or; Foreign Language; and/or Fine Arts Students are encouraged to earn two units in the same language (required for entry into the University System of Georgia)
Total Minimum	23 units

How to request a copy of transcripts?

- Ms. Tillman- handles all transcript request
- GAFutures
- Scribbles
- Parchment – Fee applies



Reading Your Transcript

School Identification

Student Information (your name should match what's stated on your birth certificate)

GPA Summary

Attendance History

Enrollment Summary

Course History

Standardized Test results (EOCT, GMAS)

Credit Summary

Grading Scale

Class Rank-Finalized 1st semester of your 12th grade year

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When can you start?

Where can you start?

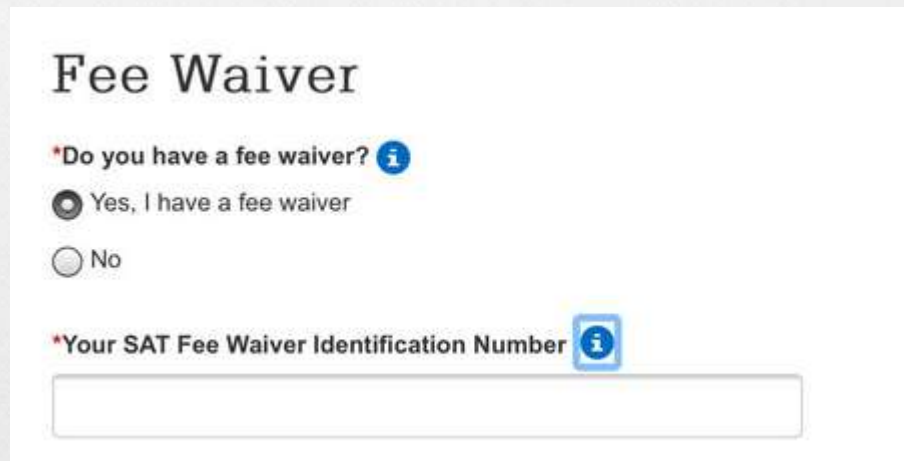
How you should prepare?

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SAT/ACT Registration Fee Waivers

submit request for fee waivers via email to your counselor.

Create an account with collegeboard or ACT
Register for the test



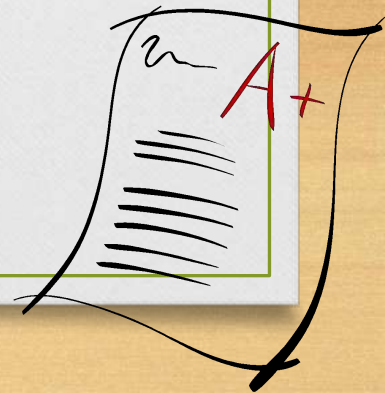
Fee Waiver

*Do you have a fee waiver? ⓘ

Yes, I have a fee waiver

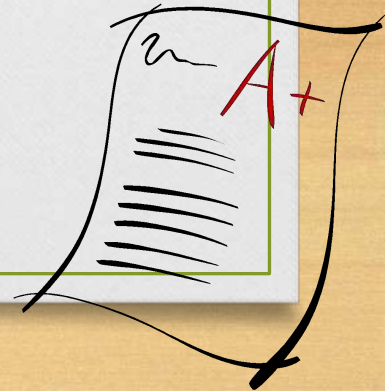
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*Your SAT Fee Waiver Identification Number ⓘ



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- **SAT/ACT College Application Fee Waivers**
 - Once you take the SAT and have used a fee waiver, College board will upload 4 college application fee waivers.
 - The ACT test fee waiver serves as the College Application Fee waiver.
 - NACAC College Application Fee Waiver



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- For more information/practice

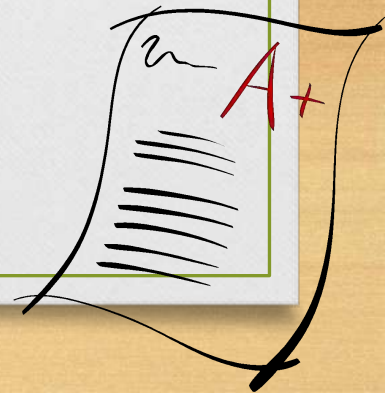
www.collegeboard.com

www.actstudent.org

www.gafutures.org

www.opened.com

www.khanacademy.com



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1. College Research

- Naviance

- Georgia Student Finance website:
www.gafutures.org
- The College Board website:
www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org

Both websites contain information on college costs; college selection; financial aid; and college visitation information.

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2. College Application- Forums

Common Application- enables students to complete application information once for multiple colleges www.commonapp.org

SENDEDU- free, secure electronic document transfer service
www.sendedu.org

Common Black College Application- enables students to complete application information once for multiple HBCU's
www.commonblackcollegeapp.com

Coalition Application-free online college planning tools that aid students in preparing and applying to college www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org

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2. College Application

- Request Counselor Recommendation Letter (at least 10 days prior to deadline)
 - Submit your Senior Brag Sheet to your counselor:
<https://forms.gle/j9pnGYDTFTYiRifVA>

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2. College Application- Admission Options

Early Admission Options: Apply prior to October 15

Early Decision- Binding/Not binding/Apply to only one early decision college/2 deadlines (EDDI) or (EDDII); must withdraw application to all other colleges if accepted

Early Action-Not binding/Apply to more than one early action college/can accept right away or wait for regular admission

Single-Choice Early Action-Apply to only one early action college/can accept right away or wait for regular admission

Regular Admission- Apply prior to January 1

GPA

What is your GPA?

How can you improve your GPA?

How it relates to scholarships/college acceptance?

Grade point average (GPA)

How to calculate GPA?

Assign the numeric grade earned to a value

Ex: Econ 94=4.0, Eng Lit. 85=3.0, etc

Add all the values together and divide by the number of courses.

Ex. Biology 75=2

Eng 85=3

Econ 95=4

Math 70=1

Total 10 divided by 4 = 2.5 GPA

How Does Admissions Recalculate High School Grades?

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Grade	Value
A - Excellent	4.0
B - Good	3.0
C - Satisfactory	2.0
D - Passing	1.0
F - Failure	0.0

GPA

What is your GPA?	
Why is your GPA important?	It is an important factor when applying for admission to college and when applying for scholarships.
How to increase your GPA?	Taking more classes and doing well in the classes you take. Enrolling in course that offer extra quality points.

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3. Hope Scholarship

Hope Scholarship

Zell Miller

Hope GPA 3.0

Earn 4 credits
(rigorous courses)

Advanced Science

Advanced Math

**Advanced
Placement Courses**

**Advanced Foreign
Languages**

**Dual Enrollment
Courses**

Hope GPA 3.7

Earn 4 credits (rigorous
courses)

Combine SAT Score-
1200; OR Combine ACT
Score-26

Eligible for this
scholarship if you are the
Val or Sal of the
graduation class



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3. Overall GPA VS Hope GPA

Overall GPA includes all classes in which the student has attempted

Hope GPA includes all academic courses attempted and world language courses

Fine Art/PE/Health courses are not included in the Hope GPA

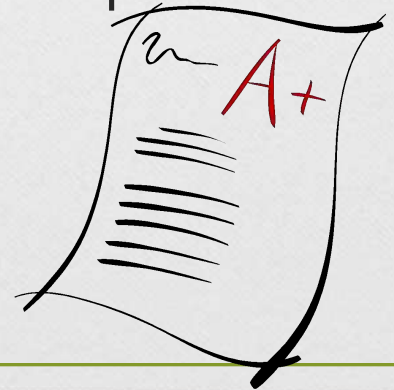
Courses taken for high school credit in middle school are NOT included in the Hope GPA

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3. Hope Scholarship-Eligibility

Determine after final grades from spring semester are uploaded by the county to Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC)

Student SSN is required via gafutures to be eligible for the Hope Scholarship



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4. Scholarship

There are a wide range of scholarships available to students. Some are based on your academics (merit scholarships) other are based on your interests

Take advantage of all scholarship opportunities for which you are eligible to apply. Meet any deadlines

Check Remind and the counseling website for scholarship information

Research scholarships on your own behalf (Scholarship Sundays)

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4. Scholarship

Popular Scholarships Search Engines:

www.gafutures.org

www.fastweb.com

www.cappex.com

www.fafsa.ed.gov

www.scholarships.com

www.blackexcel.com

www.zinch.com

www.scholarships4students.com

www.clayton.k12.ga.us

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5. FAFSA-Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Provides student financial assistance in the form of:

Grants- state and federal; do not have to repay; based on financial need

Scholarships-Awarded based on merit or high academic achievement; do not have to repay

Loans-Public and Private; have to be repaid

Work-study funds- opportunity to work and earn money while in college to pay for college expenses

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5. FAFSA-Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Free application

OCT 1

2018-2019 Tax information

Need username and password- FSA ID

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Fine Arts Diploma Seal

Requirements

1. Pathway completion - 3 units in one Fine Arts area (dance, music, theatre, and visual arts).
2. Completed one additional unit in a fine arts course and being involved in two fine arts related extracurricular activities OR one unit in a CTAE course that provides creative industry skill focus. EX. Journalism, Oral/Written Communication, Economics.
3. 20 Hours of Community Service
4. Capstone Presentation
5. Written reflection of fine arts community service activities and experiences your gained.

Fine Arts Diploma Seal-

Community Service

Types of Approved Service

- Painting Murals at Elementary Schools/Senior Centers
- Dance Team, Band, Choir, Praise Team, Orchestra at Religious Organization
- Designing/Maintaining Website for religious organization
- Flyer or non-profit event/agency
- Singing/playing an instrument at senior citizens center
- Singing/playing for homeless shelter
- Singing/playing during a toy drive
- Dramatic reading at elementary schools
- Tutoring in the community in a fine arts area
- Community concert
- Photographer at a community service event
- Volunteering at a summer camp or Arts Camp using fine arts area skills

Fine Arts Diploma Seal-

Community Service

Types of Services Not Approved:

- Large Group Performance Evaluations (LGPE)
- Principals Partner Day
- Con Sabor
- Tutoring at Stilwell
- Performance Hours
- Recruitment Program
- Rehearsals for school performance (i.e. fall concerts, musicals, showcases)
- Anything for which you have received a grade or payment.
- Fundraisers for your Fine Arts Area/Singing Brothers

If you have any questions, please ask your Fine Arts Directors.

FADS Packet

FADS 20-21\Fine Arts Diploma Seal Capstone
Project.pdf

Other Seals Available

- ISDS – International Skills Diploma Seal
 - Requires 3 years of same World Language

 - 20 hours community service and capstone project
 - More info available in Span III
- Biliteracy Seal
 - Take proficiency test to demonstrate fluency in language
 - 3.0 GPA in all English courses
- Civic Engagement Seal
 - Take Civic Engagement exam
 - Research paper
 - Capstone Project

Questions

