

Paulding County School District  
Counselors Present



# Mission Possible: Graduation and Beyond

*Supports BRIDGE Advisement*



# Heading to college or technical school?



- Early decision binding acceptance
- Meet all remaining deadlines during senior year and after graduation
  - Deposits
  - Final transcript
  - Scholarships
  - Housing
  - Special Programs

# If College is the choice....

## On-campus housing vs. Off-campus housing

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- Location
- Price
- Experiences
- Convenience
- Responsibility

# Important Website www.GAfutures.org

## ▶ GAfutures (MyGAfutures Account)

- MyGAfutures GPA HOPE information
- College Applications in Georgia
- Scholarships
- FAFSA and Financial Aid
- Financial Literacy
- Move on When Ready Application to Georgia Student Finance Commission

Transcripts for in state schools



The screenshot displays the GAfutures website interface. At the top, the logo "GAfutures" is accompanied by the tagline "Explore. Plan. Succeed." and navigation links for "Create an Account", "Sign in", "Help", and a "Google Custom Search" box. Below the header is a horizontal menu with icons and labels for "HOPE & State Aid Programs", "Federal Aid & Scholarships", "College Planning", "Career Exploration", "Resources", "About Us", and "My GAfutures". The main content area is titled "Scholarship Search" and features a search bar with the placeholder text "Search by keyword...". To the right of the search bar, a note states "Use the filter options located in the left menu to search." Below the search bar is a vertical filter menu with options: "Location", "College", "Miscellaneous", "Search All", and "Clear All Selections". On the right side of the page, there is a large image of graduates in blue caps and gowns. Below the image, a dark banner contains the text "Looking for money to help pay for college?" and a smaller instruction: "Choose the categories on the left to help find potential opportunities".

# SAT & ACT



- Sign up now if student needs a better score or needs to take either or both tests
- Make sure official scores (as well as official transcripts) are sent all Universities, Colleges and Technical Colleges and NCAA or NAIA clearinghouse, when appropriate
- Make sure the testing date doesn't conflict with an activity before it is paid for
- Check deadlines for applications so student's score is available to meet those deadlines
- The opportunity at the local high school for SAT Prep is many Saturdays continuing Sept. 22. and free online practice through [Applerouth.com/eastpauldning](http://Applerouth.com/eastpauldning)

# Financial Aid 101 & Scholarships



**FAFSA (FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID) MUST BE COMPLETED, EVEN FOR HOPE SCHOLARSHIP**

# FAFSA



- Apply on-line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) beginning Oct. 1
- You must have income tax information for 2017
- The FAFSA can be used to apply for the HOPE scholarship, as well as all other state and federal student aid
- Getting Started FAFSA Link on GAfutures:  
<https://www.gafutures.org/federal-aid-scholarships/fafsa/>  
Videos are available, so please watch the videos.

It is important to understand the difference between these 3 types of funds.





# Financial Aid Night

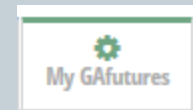


- **Financial Aid Night: November 29th**  
**6:30, Theater**
- **Information will be presented to help with**  
**the FAFSA application as well as**  
**information on scholarships and other**  
**forms of financial aid**

# HOPE Scholarship



- You can apply for HOPE through either FAFSA or the e-HOPE electronic application at [www.gsfc.org](http://www.gsfc.org)
- <https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-scholarships/hope-scholarship/application-procedure-and-deadline/>
- 3.0 Grade Point Average is required in all HOPE Eligible courses (core academics) except for middle school core courses recorded on the high school transcript.
- The HOPE grade point average may be reviewed at anytime via the My Gafutures student sign on.
- All high school students must have a good, working email to have a GAFutures account.
- Paulding County downloads each Senior's high school transcript at the close of each semester to the Georgia Student Finance Commission via GAFutures



# HOPE GPA Eligibility

- District HS transcript is a numeric grade point average, example 83.4%
  - All courses on the entire high school transcript count and this GPA is used to determine class rank
  - District transcript also has a weighted and unweighted 4.0 GPA
    - ✦ This is not the same as the HOPE GPA.
- HOPE GPA – 4.0 scale
  - All academic courses count, even academic electives except a core course in middle school for which the student earned high school credit (ex: Spanish I)
  - Fine Arts, PE, CTAE courses do not count towards HOPE GPA unless the CTAE course is identified as a HOPE Eligible course
  - An 83.4% weighted GPA on the Paulding County School District transcript may not mean that there will be a 3.0 HOPE eligible GPA
  - Students must monitor the HOPE eligible GPA on their My GAfutures account after each semester

# HOPE Scholarship



- Again note.....3.0 Grade Point Average in all academic courses
- AP (Advanced Placement) courses will receive a .5 weight by Georgia Student Finance Commission
  - There is no .5 weight added to an A grade.
- Dual Enrollment Move on When Ready core courses completed in the 15-16 year until now are weighted 10 points on the high school transcript.
- Even if student is eligible, student will not receive HOPE, if there is no match among:
  - Infinite Campus (student information system)
  - FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
  - My GAfutures account
  - College/university application
  - Financial aid documentation at college, university, and/or technical college

PLAN AHEAD to avoid last minute stresses that could effect HOPE !!!

# Areas that cause an eligible student not to show eligible for the HOPE:



- 999 number is in the student information system rather than valid Social Security Number
- Incorrect Social Security Number
- Incorrect Legal Name
- Incorrect birth date and/or high school name



Student must carefully and continually check HOPE information on the MyGAfutures account and talk to the school counselor if there are any issues

# HOPE Information



- The HOPE Scholarship will pay a percentage amount of the standard tuition charges from the previous year for a 3.0 Core GPA.
- Website for HOPE amounts is on the HOPE Fall 2018 information chart on GAfutues. These amounts are for the 2018-19 school year only.
- HOPE will not pay for remedial or developmental courses

# Zell Miller



- Zell Miller Scholar Program
  - Must meet all HOPE requirements
  - Must graduate with a 3.7 GPA in Core Subjects as calculated by GSFC
  - Must have a 1200 SAT Score in Critical Reading and Math from one test OR
  - Must have a 26 ACT Composite Score from one test
  - Must have SAT and/or ACT scores before graduation date to GSFC; Testing service sends scores to GSFC; Parent and student need to be certain that GSFC has scores;
  - Scores of tests taken in June **after graduation are not used**

# HOPE GRANT



- There is not a GPA requirement for the HOPE Grant as a student leaves high school.
- Students might consider going to a technical college on the HOPE Grant and choosing one of these options:
  - ✦ Complete a Certificate or Diploma Program
  - ✦ Complete 30 semester college hours and transfer to college or university
- Link for HOPE Grant information:  
<https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-grants/hope-grant/eligibility/>



# Transcript Requests During Year for Admissions and Scholarship Applications



- University System of Georgia Schools will receive transcripts via GAfutures
- Technical College System of Georgia Schools will also receive transcripts via GAfutures
- Private GA Colleges receive GAfutures transcripts
- Transcripts for out-of-state schools and for other reasons will be printed off and mailed
- There needs to be plenty of lead time for transcripts to accompany college and scholarship applications

# Final Transcript Request in June



- At the end of the school year a final transcript to the college or technical college must be sent either via GAfutures or mailed.
- This request may be completed electronically by the student for all University System of Georgia Schools, TCSG and private colleges in GA through the students MyGAfutures account.
- For out-of-state transcripts, students must submit the school's complete address when requesting a transcript

# Immunization



- Colleges and technical colleges require proof of immunization for entering freshmen
- If you do not have this at home, please request a copy from your family physician

# Local Scholarships



- Local scholarships are available for Seniors
- Also, students may still apply for scholarships that are linked to the postsecondary school after starting college and throughout postsecondary education *years-Example: Kennesaw State University offers scholarships in multiple fields*
- District Website has scholarship information on the Financial Aid 101 & Scholarships Link

# PROBE FAIR, October 17, 6-8 p.m. Paulding County High School

- The Probe Fair is an excellent time to visit with college, university, technical college and military representatives.



Not everyone will make the decision to go to college or technical college next year.....



- Again, you and your student can find valuable information on the career exploration section of the GAfutures website
- <https://www.gafutures.org/career-exploration/>
- Learn about:
  - Yourself
  - Exploring Careers
  - Georgia's Career Clusters and Pathways
  - Skilled Trades-Go Build Georgia
  - Military

# *Who am I?* Resources on Counseling Information Website



## *Who am I?*

Learn strategies to prepare for the journey. After high school you are not only entering a college/technical college or starting your career in the military, completing an apprenticeship, etc.--it's important to stay and be successful in high school!

[Know Yourself](#)

[Learn About Yourself](#)

[Tips in the High School Classroom & Homework Help Sites](#)

# High School Students Profiles




- Each high school student including Seniors has a Profile account on GCIS
- All GCIS exploration and work completed are saved to the student's profile.





# Career Information on GCIS





## Careers


Occupations - Contains descriptions of hundreds of occupations (Career Videos in English and Spanish) 


Job Search - Offers advice about creating résumés and looking for a job 

Keep That Job - Provides information about real-life skills and good job habits 

Self-Employment - Examines how to start and run your own business 

Military Employment - Describes career options in the military 

Industries - Describes Georgia and national industries 

Career Profiles - Provides a first person perspective about careers 

# Where am I Going? Resources



## *Where am I going?*

If you don't know your destination, how do you know when you get there? Research has shown that exploring a variety of options results in a stronger commitment to the final decision. Therefore, use the links below to explore a multitude of careers and post secondary institutions. Look at different avenues for reaching your goal. Many roads lead to a desired college and career choice. Explore them all: 4-year, 2-year, and technical colleges as well as military, apprenticeships, and other types of post secondary training.

[College Exploration](#)

[College Majors](#)

[College Visits](#)

[GAfutures College Planning](#)

[GAfutures Colleges within Georgia](#)

[Make a Plan-Create a Road Map for College Planning](#)

[Major and Career Search](#)

[Selecting the Right College Major for You](#)

[Tips for Inside the Classroom](#)

[US News and World Report College Rankings](#)

[Visiting Guide for College](#)

## *College Admissions*

[5 Things You Need to Know About College Admissions](#)

[College Application Planning](#)

- ▶ **Financial Aid 101 & Scholarships**
- ▶ **GAfutures**
- ▶ **High School Advisement and Counseling**
- ▶ **Home School Information**
- ▶ **Homeless Education Program**
- ▼ **Just Keep Peace**
- ▶ **Middle School Advisement and Counseling**
- ▶ **Mission Possible**
- ▶ **Multi-Year Academic Planner**
- ▶ **REACH Scholars Program**
- ▶ **YouScience**
- ▲ **Suicide Prevention and Resources**
  - ▶ **Warning Signs**
  - ▶ **Resources for Families and Parents**
  - ▶ **Resources for**



- Be reminded about *Youscience* results and the importance of using that information for future decisions

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Youscience website. At the top left is the Youscience logo. To its right is a navigation menu with links for "HOW IT WORKS", "FOR PROFESSIONALS", "ABOUT US", "NEWS", and "CONTACT US". On the far right of the navigation bar are two buttons: a green "BUY NOW" button and a blue "SIGN IN" button. Below the navigation bar is a large dark gray banner. On the right side of the banner is a graphic of three white, chalk-like arrows pointing upwards and outwards. On the left side of the banner, the text reads: "We translate your talents into real world careers." Below this, in a smaller font, is the tagline: "Helping you find your way faster."

# How Will I Get There?

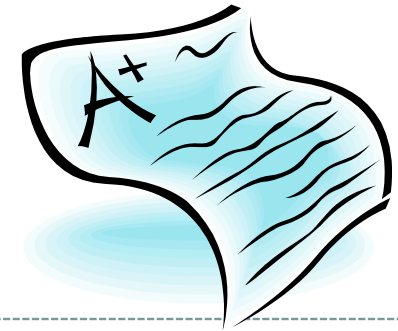


## *How will I get there?*

Once you set a goal, the next step is taking action, deciding how to reach your goal and implementing the plan you have made. A journey requires a map, a timeline, and resources (show me the money!) to arrive at your destination. Utilize the Financial Aid 101 & Scholarships as well as ACT/SAT Testing sections of the district counseling website to learn how to get the money you need (i.e., financial aid), what steps to take along the way, and which admissions tests are right for you.

See these links on the right of web page under Counseling & Guidance.

# Senior Letter



**THIS IS THE GUIDE TO MEETING  
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS!**

**COUNSELORS REVIEW THE SENIOR LETTER  
WITH EACH SENIOR DURING SEPTEMBER**

# Senior Letter – Page 1



- Graduation Requirement Chart
  - Counselors have audited your senior's transcript history.
  - Please remember counselors are supporting your student to be a Pathway Completer with 3 sequential courses in CTAE or Fine Arts or World Language.
  - Counselors consult with students about meeting graduation requirements with one full credit in each of these three areas: CTAE, Fine Arts and World Language, if the student is not a pathway completer.
- Making Decisions About the Next Step After High School
- Very important - 2 credits in the same World Language must be earned to be admitted some two and all four-year colleges and universities.

# Senior Letter-Page 2



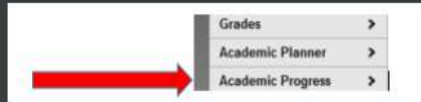
- Courses are listed that must be completed to graduate.
- Pathway completion courses are documented.
- Online and Credit Recovery Courses are listed, if applicable.
- Any other information specific to your student is also noted on page 2 by the school counselor.

# MYAP IC Portal

Remember to view your student's Academic Progress under the IC Portal using the Academic Progress Tab.

## Academic Progress

- It is easy to track Academic Progress during the high school years by going to Academic Progress in the portal and clicking on that option. Students and parents view this information:



Programs Progress Course Plan

Academic Plan Progress

Assigned Graduation Programs: IGP - CTAE

Assigned Career Tech Programs:  
• Web and Digital Design

Viewing progress towards Academic Program | IGP - CTAE (Graduation)

Credit Type	90	10	11	12	Subtotal	Overflow	Total
ENGLISH	1.0/1.0	1.0/1.0	1.0/1.0	1.0/1.0	4.0/4.0		4.0/4.0
MATHEMATICS	1.0/1.0	1.0/1.0	1.0/1.0	1.0/1.0	4.0/4.0		4.0/4.0
SCIENCE	1.0/1.0	1.0/1.0	1.0/1.0	1.0/1.0	4.0/4.0		4.0/4.0
SOCIAL STUDIES		1.0/1.0	1.0/1.0	1.0/1.0	3.0/3.0		3.0/3.0
HEALTH/PERSONAL FITNESS	1.0/1.0				1.0/1.0		1.0/1.0
CAREER TECH & AG ED	2.0/1.0	2.0/1.0	2.0/1.0		6.0/3.0	-3.0	3.0/3.0
FINE/PERFORMING ARTS			1.0/0.0		1.0/0.0	-1.0	0.0/0.0
WORLD LANGUAGE		1.0/0.0	1.0/0.0	2.0/0.0	4.0/0.0	-4.0	0.0/0.0
ELECTIVE	1.0/1.0	0.0/1.0	0.0/1.0	1.0/1.0	2.0/4.0	2.0	16.0/4.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.0/6.0</b>	<b>7.0/6.0</b>	<b>7.0/6.0</b>	<b>6.0/5.0</b>			<b>29.0/23.0</b>

Course Requirements

Requirement	Progress
1a - 8th Grade LitComp or 10th Grade World Lit - If 8th Grade LitComp course was completed in 8th grade. (Required Course)	1.0 / 1.0
1b - 10th Grade World LitComp or Multicultural Lit. or American LitComp or AP Language, if World Lit. course was completed in 8th Grade.	1.0 / 1.0
1c - American LitComp or AP Language (Required Course)	1.0 / 1.0
1d - Fourth English	1.0 / 1.0
2a - GSE Algebra I or Accelerated GSE Coordinate Algebra/Analytic Geometry (Required Course)	1.0 / 1.0
2b - GSE Geometry or Accelerated GSE Analytic Geometry/Balanced Algebra (Required Course)	1.0 / 1.0
2c - GSE Algebra II or Accelerated GSE Pre-Calculus (Required Course)	0.0 / 1.0
2d - Fourth Math	2.0 / 1.0
3a - Biology	1.0 / 1.0
3b - Chemistry/Physical Science	1.0 / 1.0
3c - Physics If Physical Science is taken in grade 10, then, Chemistry may be taken in grade 11.	1.0 / 1.0
3d - Fourth Science	1.0 / 1.0
4a - World History	1.0 / 1.0
4b - U.S. History	1.0 / 1.0
4c - Economics	0.5 / 0.5
4d - Government	0.5 / 0.5
5a - Health	0.5 / 0.5
5b - Personal Fitness	0.5 / 0.5
6 - CTAE 3 courses are selected and completed in one chosen CTAE Pathway	0.0 / 1.0
7 - Fine Arts Note: No Fine Arts courses are required for the IGP CTAE Program Plan.	1.0 / 1.0
8 - World Language Note: No WL courses are required for the IGP CTAE Program Plan. College admissions require 2 units of the same World Language.	4.0 / 1.0
9 - Electives 4 Electives are required to graduate. These may be true elective courses or come from one of the above areas after the graduation requirement has been met for that area.	2.0 / 1.0

Plus sign to the left of Credit Type or Course Requirements expands to list of courses completed, scheduled, and/or planned.



To keep you and your student organized this  
year....



*Use the Advisement Checklist on the High School Counseling page of the district website.*

- There are items to be reviewed and completed each month on the student's checklist.
- As you monitor the list each month, you will know what information your student is getting at the high school to be *College and Career Ready*.

# *Just to Review, Important Links on PCSD Counseling & Guidance Website are:*



- ACT/SAT Testing
- Advisement
- High School Counseling
- Financial Aid 101 & Scholarships

<https://counseling.paulding.k12.ga.us/>

# Senior information



- Don't forget to sign up for Remind if you haven't already.
- Text @ep2019 to 81010 to receive reminders of events throughout the year.
- Senior ad yearbook money is due Nov. 30.
- Senior class meeting Oct. 3 with Herff Jones 9:30-10:15 am.
- Prom is March 16.
- Senior dues are \$65 until Dec. 19.
- Graduation is May 24 at 7 pm.

# Congratulations Class of 2019!

