



Senior Information Meeting

Class of 2023

 **FORSYTH**
CENTRAL
COUNSELING
DEPARTMENT

Connect With Counseling

- Please join our remind and follow all our social media accounts for timely updates and news.
- These accounts will provide you with information regarding:
 - College Visits
 - College & Career Information
 - Graduation
 - Counseling Events & Deadlines & More!



Remind

Class of 2023 Last Names:

A-E	@dawgs23a
F-L	@dawgs23b
M-R	@dawgs23c
S-Z	@dawgs23d

Text your code to 81010.



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Topics for Discussion



- Meet Your Counselors
- Graduation Requirements
- Researching Colleges
- College Admission Standards
- College Application Process
- Transcript Request Procedure
- Scholarships & Financial Aid
- Resources

Your Counseling Team



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Additional Student Services Support



Madonna Owens, School Social Worker

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Maggie McKnight, College and Career Center

Sandra Dupee, Counseling Secretary

Veronica Bowermaster, Graduation Coach

Karen Cole, Wellness Coach



In Your Packet

- ✓ FCCHS Transcript
- ✓ Graduation Status Sheet
- ✓ HOPE GPA Instructions
- ✓ HOPE Rigor Course List



High School Graduation Requirements



4 Credits of English

9th Lit/9th Lit Honors

10th Lit/10th Lit Honors

American Lit/AP American Lit/Lang

AP Lit, Adv Comp, or Dramatic Writing



4 Credits of Math

Must be 4 sequential math credits



4 Credits of Science

Biology/Biology Honors

Physical Science/Physics

Chemistry, Earth Systems, or Environmental

4th Science



3 Credits of Social Studies

World History

US History

(0.5) American Government/(0.5)Economics OR AP

Macroeconomics/AP Government



1 Unit of Physical Education/Health

(0.5) Health/(0.5) Personal Fitness



3 Credits of CTAE and/or World Language and/or Fine Arts



4 Additional Electives

After High School Options

- Gap Year
- Military
- Workforce
- Travel, missions work, etc.
- Technical/Trade School
- Two-Year and Four-Year College/University



Researching Options

- GAP Year
 - Work
 - Travel/Missions
 - <https://www.goaheadtours.com/>
 - <https://www.adventures.org/mission-trips/>
 - Volunteer
 - www.peacecorps.gov
 - <https://www.volunteer.gov/>
 - <https://www.volunteermatch.org/>
 - Attend Workshops (Cooking classes, Managing finances, etc.)
- Employment Opportunities and Apprenticeship Programs
 - www.indeed.com
 - www.dol.gov/apprenticeship
 - <https://www.ziprecruiter.com/>



Researching Options

- Military
 - Local Recruiting
 - Air Force - <https://www.airforce.com/find-a-recruiter>
 - Army - <https://www.goarmy.com/locate-a-recruiter.html>
 - Coast Guard - <https://www.gocoastguard.com/about-us/find-recruiter>
 - Marine Corps - <https://rmi.marines.com/request-information>
 - Navy - <https://www.navy.com/local>
 - ASVAB
 - Career exploration tools offered to 10th – 12th grade students
 - Required for entry into all military branches
 - Will be available at FCHS in February 2023



Narrowing Down Your College List

- Research Colleges and Universities
 - Virtual Tours & Representative Visits
 - <https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/54601>
 - Consider location (In-state/Out-of-state)
 - Consider schools that match your personality, interests, and career goals
- How Many?
 - Narrow your list to somewhere around 4-8 colleges
 - List should be balanced, including safety, target and reach schools.
- Check Admissions Data
 - View the school profiles and compare the admissions data to your own academic record and test scores.



Deciding Where to Apply



Dream/Reach School

- Less than 30% chance of admission
- Your Academic Record/Test Scores are below their averages

Target/Good Fit School

- 30%-60% chance of admission
- Your Academic Record/Test Scores are in line with their averages

Safety School

- Greater than 60% chance of admission
- Your Academic Record/Test Scores are above their averages
- You should have at least one safety school

A highly selective school should not be considered a safety or target school

Sample Admissions Profiles

AVERAGE FALL ACADEMIC PROFILE*

GPA **4.22** SAT **1325** ACT **28.4**



Students represent **52** U.S. states and territories
TOP 5: FLORIDA, NEW JERSEY, NEW YORK, GEORGIA, PENNSYLVANIA



Students represent **32** Countries
TOP 5: INDIA, BAHAMAS, BRAZIL, VIETNAM, SAUDI ARABIA



Students come from **758** FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOLS
1,553 OUT-OF-STATE HIGH SCHOOLS



7.9%
APPLICATION INCREASE VS. 2019



1,063
number of students



54
full-time faculty



13
research centers



20:1
student-faculty ratio



47
countries represented

3,500+
alumni worldwide

23,780 ENROLLED



FEMALE



MALE

3,697
NEW FRESHMEN

- 85 VALEDICTORIANS
- 69 SALUTATORIANS
- 89 STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS
- 107 EAGLE SCOUTS
- 20 GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARDS



82 MISSISSIPPI COUNTIES



50 STATES



3.59
AVG. GPA



25
AVG. ACT



86 COUNTRIES

College Application Components

- **Essays** – Required essays on the college application are important because they demonstrate your writing ability and give the college more information about you. Please seek advice when writing an essay and be sure to proofread for errors.
- **Letters of Recommendation** – Most committees prefer letters from core academic teachers in your junior or senior year
- **Resume** – Contains academic information, honors, awards, extracurricular activities, work/volunteer experience, etc.
- Interviews



College Admissions: How am I being evaluated?

- **GPA**– Most colleges will view your GPA on a 4.0 scale. Some will look at a cumulative GPA (all courses including electives) or just a core academic GPA (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language). Some will include the extra weight for AP and Dual Enrollment courses and others may not.
- **Class Rank** – As reported on your transcript
- **Course Selection (rigor; difficulty level)** – Colleges are looking at the strength of your courses throughout high school, including your senior year.
- **Test Scores (SAT/ACT/Accuplacer)** - Most states have gone back to requiring test scores for this year (including the Univ. System of GA). Please check the institutions' admissions page for additional info.
- **Extracurricular Activities** – Participation and leadership roles in clubs, service, and sports can be particularly important to competitive colleges.



Types of Admission

- Rolling Admissions
- Regular Decision
- **Early Action** – Students apply for an earlier deadline and receive early notice of decision. If accepted, **student is not obligated to attend.**
- **Early Decision** – Students apply for an earlier deadline and receive early notice of decision. If accepted, **student is obligated to attend and withdraw all other applications. Students may only apply to ONE early decision school.**



Where do I go to apply?

- Directly to the college's website
- Common App - <https://www.commonapp.org/>
- Coalition - <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>

For each of these options, students will need to create a profile and be sure to keep up with their usernames and passwords for each.



College Website

Apply Now >

- Most colleges have an Apply Now button OR click on their Admissions Tab to find the Application
- After clicking Apply, it will redirect you to their application or to their application platform.
 - Some colleges will utilize GA Futures for their applications so you will need to create an account to proceed



Application Platforms

- A list of member schools can be found on each website.
 - Common Application: www.commonapp.org
 - Coalition: www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org
- All documents (letters of recommendation, transcripts, etc.) are electronically uploaded.
- Make sure to indicate the type of admissions deadline, i.e. Early Action, Early Decision, Regular Decision, when completing your application for each school.
- Both platforms **require** counselor information. Please make sure your counselor's email address is correct prior to adding them.
- This link will teach you how to complete an application on The Common App: <https://www.commonapp.org/apply>
- This link will guide you through the steps of completing an application on Coalition: <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/apply-coalition-on-scoir>



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Upcoming SAT & ACT Dates

ACT

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Scores Available
June 11, 2022	May 6 th	June 21 st
July 16, 2022	June 17 th	July 26 th
Sept. 10, 2022	Aug. 5 th	TBD
October 22, 2022	Sept. 16 th	TBD
December 10, 2022	Nov. 4 th	TBD
February 11, 2023	Jan. 6 th	TBD
April 15, 2023	Mar. 10 th	TBD

Register to take the ACT @ act.org

SAT

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Scores Available
June 4, 2022	May 5 th	July 13 th
August 27, 2022	July 29 th	Sept. 9 th
October 1, 2022	Sept. 2 nd	Oct. 14 th
November 5, 2022*	Oct. 7 th	Nov. 18 th
December 3, 2022	Nov. 3 rd	Dec. 16 th
March 11, 2023	Feb. 10 th	Mar. 24 th
May 6, 2023	April 7 th	May 19 th

Register to take the SAT @ sat.org *Test date for United States, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands only.

Senior Information Sheet

- All seniors needing a letter of recommendation must submit a Senior Information Sheet by **September 30, 2022**. This document can be found on our counseling site under our Senior Class of 2023 webpage:
 - <https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=2179>
- Please attach as a .doc or .pdf and email to your counselor
- Counselors will use your information sheet for letters of recommendation for any path you choose
- Be thorough in your responses!



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Deadlines & Expectations

- Students will have 15 school days prior to their application deadline to request the following:
 - Transcripts
 - Letters of Recommendation
 - Counselor Evaluations
- Deadline examples
 - October 15 – request by September 19
 - January 1 – request by November 30
 - April 1 – request by March 13
- Admissions committees strongly prefer students waive their right to view letters of recommendation and counselor evaluations.



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How to Request a Transcript

- All transcripts are sent electronically through Parchment. Please use our website link to make the request: <https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/21823>
- Fees for transcripts requested on Parchment may vary from college to college
- Students will need to create a Parchment account
 - Graduation Year: 2023
 - Current School of Attendance: Forsyth Central High School
- If you are applying through Common App or Coalition, you still need to request a transcript through Parchment.



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Scholarships & Financial Aid

- Scholarships will be posted to the FCHS Counseling website and promoted in our College and Career Center. Please check often! We will begin posting scholarships in September: <https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/21818>
- Research scholarships on the internet
 - www.scholarships.com
 - www.fastweb.com
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
 - <https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/>
 - Many More!
- Contact colleges directly about financial aid and scholarship opportunities. Colleges award many renewable scholarships. Ask about criteria, procedures and deadlines.
- A great site to aid in completing the FAFSA, as well as learn about eligibility, types of aid, and more is: <http://studentaid.ed.gov/>. The FAFSA will open on October 1st of your senior year. Each college has their own deadline to submit the FAFSA.
- **Financial Aid Night – 10/27**
 - Georgia Student Finance Commission Financial Aid Night at FCHS to outline the FAFSA form and review HOPE scholarship information.



HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarships

- **Zell Miller – 100% of Tuition Covered**

- 3.7 GPA (at end of senior year) in core classes + 26 ACT or 1200 SAT + 4 rigor classes
- SAT/ACT scores *MUST* be submitted directly to GSFC by the student to be considered

- **HOPE – Partial Tuition Covered (% Varies by School each year)**

- 3.0-3.69 GPA (at end of senior year) in core classes + 4 rigor classes.
- Award Amounts can be found on:
 - www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/

- **Zell Miller Grant – Certificate & Diploma programs at Technical Colleges**

- No HS GPA required, 3.5+ in college.

- **Hope Career Grant – Certificate & Diploma programs at Technical Colleges**

- No HS GPA required, 2.0+ in college.



HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarships

- Your current HOPE GPA is in your packet along with instructions on how to view it online.
- A 2.9999 GPA does NOT qualify you for HOPE
- Counselors are not able to calculate the HOPE GPA
- You must apply for HOPE/Zell to be eligible, it is not an automatic scholarship

How to Apply for the HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship

- Apply for the HOPE/Zell Miller or complete FAFSA starting in October of your senior year
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Georgia Student Financial Aid Application System (GSFAPPS) - www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/state-aid-applications/

For Additional Information on HOPE/Zell Miller

- Contact Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) www.gsfc.org



College Athletic Eligibility



- If you are planning on participating in intercollegiate athletics at an NCAA Division I or II institution you must register with the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse
- Access the registration materials by visiting the NCAA website <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- When taking the SAT/ACT, enter 9999 for scores to be sent to NCAA
- You will need to send your official transcript by requesting your transcript through Parchment

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS



If you are planning on participating in intercollegiate athletics at an NAIA school, you must register on their site as well as request the transcript through their site:

<https://www.naia.org/landing/index> Please email Ms. Brenda Hamilton once a request has been made for the transcript.



**Students and parents are responsible for determining NCAA eligibility to Division I and Division II schools
Counselors are neither responsible, nor allowed to determine eligibility.**

FORSYTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

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College & Career
Center

- Assistance with Post-Secondary Planning
 - Scholarships
 - College Applications
 - Military Exploration
 - Career Exploration
 - College Rep Visits
 - Essay Assistance
 - Register for SAT/ACT

College and Career Center Workshops



- **College and Career Center (CCC) will host workshops three days a week**
 - Mondays and Fridays during Power Hour
 - 1st session – 12:20-12:50 p.m.
 - 2nd session – 1:25-1:55 p.m.
 - Wednesdays during Homeroom
 - 1st session – 10:07-10:57 a.m.
 - 2nd session – 11:02-11:52 a.m.

College and Career Center Workshops

September 2022

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Monday, September 5th	Wednesday, September 5th	Friday, September 9th
Labor Day Holiday No Workshops	Creating Your College List	SAT vs. ACT Registering for the SAT/ACT
Monday, September 12th	Wednesday, September 14th	Friday, September 16th
Visiting Colleges: Making the Most Out of College Visits	Academic Awards No Workshops	Your Senior Information Sheet
Monday, September 19th	Wednesday, September 21st	Friday, September 23rd
Getting Organized and Applying to College	Writing Your College Resume	Requesting Transcripts via Parchment

PROBE Fair
*Permission Forms
available



FORSYTH COUNTY

Probe Fair

OVER 70
COLLEGES &
UNIVERSITIES
PARTICIPATED

Join FCHS Counseling
on a college fair field trip!

Stop by the Counseling Department
to pick up your permission slip
due no later than August 31.
Event is limited to 110 students.

September 08

LANIER TECH CONFERENCE CENTER
10:00AM - NOON

Limited to 110 FCHS Seniors & Juniors
First come, First Serve!

For more information:

<https://www.gaprobe.org/student-fair-registration/forsyth-county-probe-fair-2/>



Upcoming Events



- College and Career Center Workshops – begin 9/7
- PROBE College Fair Field Trip – 9/8
- FAFSA Opens – 10/1
- UNG College Admissions Panel – 10/5 during HR
 - UNG Students, Financial Aid, and Admissions Reps
- Financial Aid Night – 10/27 @ 6:30p
- Apply to College Day – 11/2 (All Day)
 - English teachers, College Reps, and Transcript help
- Evening with UGA – 9/14 @ 6:00p
- ASVAB – February 2023

Any Questions Bulldogs?



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