



CLASS OF 2020

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Today's goals:

- Counseling Office information
 - Learn what services are available in the counseling office and the procedure to access those services. **Make sure you accept your EHS Counseling Course on Canvas for important announcements.**
- Post-secondary planning
 - Gain knowledge in next steps toward a student's post-secondary plans.
 - Military service
 - Workforce
 - Apprenticeships
 - College Admissions
 - Other



Requirements for 2020 Graduates

Core Course Requirements

- 4 Units of Literature
- 4 Units of Math
- 4 Units of Science
 - Must include Biology, Physical Science or Physics, and Earth, Environmental or Chemistry
- 3 Units of Social Studies

Elective Requirements

- 1 Unit of Health (.5) and Personal Fitness (.5)
- 3 Units of required electives
 - World Language, Fine Arts and/or Career/Technical
- 4 Units of miscellaneous electives
- TAA provides potential .5 credit Pass or Fail grade

23 total units are required for graduation

Honor Graduates: 89.5 cumulative weighted NGA (89.49 will not round up)



International Skills Diploma (ISDS)

- “The International Skills Diploma Seal is awarded to graduating high school students who complete an international education curriculum and engage in extracurricular activities and experiences that foster the achievement of global competencies.”
- “It is a signal to employers and higher education institutions that a student is prepared to participate in the global economy.”



Preliminary Selection

Three years of the same World Language and
4 units of International Focus courses:

- British Literature and Composition
 - Multicultural Literature and Composition
 - AP Literature and Composition
 - 10th Grade Literature and Composition
 - ENG1102
 - World History
 - Economics/Business/Free Enterprise
 - Anthropology
 - World Geography
 - World Area Studies
 - Sociology
 - Current Issues
 - United States and World Affairs
 - AP Comparative Government/Politics
 - AP Human Geography
 - AP Macroeconomics
 - AP World History
 - Visual Arts 1
 - Legal Environment of Business
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Aerospace Science: Space Exploration
 - Environmental Science
 - AP Environmental Science
- **Total of World Language Units and International Focus Units must equal at least 8**



4 Extracurricular Activities or Experiences

Activities with Global Themes or in a Global Context

Examples:

- Exchange programs
- International and language clubs
- Travel abroad
- Science and social studies fairs
- Model UN
- Global classroom projects



20 Hours of Documented Global Community Service

Examples:

- Raising Money for Hands and Feet Ministries
- Providing activities for children of Spanish speaking parents that come to school for informational evening seminars
- Providing translation services in school based events
- Any approved school-based cross cultural /global community service activity
- Faith-based mission trips
- Volunteering in Citizenship classes
- Volunteering in English classes
- Shoeboxes for Christmas



Capstone Project

- The Senior Project must include an international focus and demonstrate connections between the international course work, the extracurricular activities, the service project, and product developed during the senior project.
- Product Log will include additional work composed of documentation of Global Community Service and Extracurricular Activities along with a written reflection



Interested in ISDS?

- Please check your canvas account for information including an application



Fine Arts Skills Diploma

- “The Fine Arts Diploma Seal is awarded to graduating high school students who complete a Georgia Fine Arts Pathway and engage in creative industry focus courses, extra-curricular activities, and experiences that foster fine arts mastery.”
- “It is a signal to employers and higher education institutions that a student is prepared to participate in the creative economy.”
- Honorees will receive a seal on their diploma, a cord to wear at graduation, and will be recognized at Honors Night



Preliminary Selection

- You must have completed a Fine Arts Pathway
- You must have 1 unit of Creative Industry Skill Focus course **OR** a 4th Fine Arts course and 2 Fine Arts related Extra-curricular Activities:

- Intro to Drafting & Design
- Intro to Digital Technology
- Intro to Business & Technology
- Audio & Video Technology & Film
- Floral Design Management
- Journalism 1
- Advanced Composition
- Oral/Written Communication
- Economics/Business/Free Enterprise
- U. S. History & Film
- Course from state approved list, see link: www.gadoe.org/fine-arts
- Fourth Fine Arts course



2 Fine Arts Related Extracurricular Activities or Experiences:

- Activities that are fine arts related could be -
Examples:
 - One Act Play
 - School Musical
 - Marching Band
 - Jazz ensemble or other musical ensemble
 - FFA or Agricultural competition
 - Photography portfolio
 - Fashion Design portfolio
 - Interior Design project



20 Hours of Documented Arts Related Community Service

Examples:

- ❑ Face painting at our sister schools events
- ❑ Preparing/participating in community haunted houses/zombie fests for charity
- ❑ Caroling for cans (food drive)
- ❑ Volunteer at Elm Street Summer camps and other opportunities throughout the year
- ❑ Working concession stands
- ❑ Host/work at DCI camp
- ❑ Operation Graduation
- ❑ Helping to re-design your neighbors kitchen
- ❑ Being a fashion coach for a freshman



Capstone Project

The Senior Project should include a Fine Arts focus and demonstrate connections between the course work, the extracurricular activities, the service project, and product developed during the senior project. It should also have a written reflection.

If you do not complete a senior project then you will still need to demonstrate all of the components.



Interested in FADS?

- Please contact Travis Schmid by email before September 21:
Travis.schmid@cherookeek12.net
- He will check your transcript and provide you with a packet needed for completion of the FADS expectations.
- You will be required to complete all components and submit by: **March 2nd.**



Direction Determines Destination!

- If you want to go to Nashville, you can't go south on I-75!
- How do I get there from here?
- You have to *move* in the direction of your destination.
- Multiple ways to get to your destination
- You can't just want, you have to act.



Your post-secondary goal?

- Military service
- Workforce
- Technical College
- Two-year college
- Four-year college
- Other



Armed Forces

- High school diploma critically important
 - Very few spots are open for students without a high school diploma.
 - To even be considered, recruits with a GED must have much higher scores on the ASVAB than recruits with diplomas.
 - ASVAB will be offered at EHS on Friday, September 6, 2019 at 8:15 am sign-up online at :
<https://tinyurl.com/etowahasvab19>
- For other requirements, see a recruiter from the branch of service in which you're interested.



Work Force

- ❑ What type of industry do you want to work in?
 - ❑ Do they have special training that's required for entry?
 - ❑ Is there a specific company you want to work for?
 - ❑ Do they have an application online?
 - ❑ Do they require a resume?
 - ❑ What is the long-term growth potential for this industry?
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- ❑ Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook handbook <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>
 - ❑ Georgia's Hot Careers to 2022 https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/CTAE/Documents/hot_careers_current.pdf



Work Force

- Opportunities for Apprenticeships
- Research trade jobs, manufacturing, and industries for benefits, training, and unions.



Work Force: Sample Resume

FirstName LastName

6 Pine Street, Arlington, VA, 12333

home: 555.555.5555

cell: 566.486.2222

email: phjones@vacapp.com

Education

- Arlington High School, Arlington, Virginia
- 2006 – 2010
- GPA: 2.0
- Rank: 1 of 242

Honors and Achievements

- National Honor Society: 2008, 2009, 2010
- Academic Honor Roll: 2006 - 2010

Organizations/Extracurricular Activities

- Member of Arlington High School Tennis Team
- Girl Scout
- Piano

Volunteer Experience

- Big Brother / Big Sisters
- Arlington Literacy Program
- Run for Life

Work Experience

- Sales Associate, The Retail Store
 - June 2008 – Present
 - Maintain and restock inventory.
 - Provide customer service.
 - Operate computerized cash register system.
- Child Care
 - 2007 - Present
 - Provide child care for several families after school, weekends and during school vacations.



Technical, 2 year or 4 year College???

How do you decide which college is right for you?

- ❑ Who are you?
- ❑ What do you need to succeed?
- ❑ What's your admissions profile?
- ❑ How far from home do you want to be?
- ❑ How large a college do you want?
- ❑ What activities are available?
- ❑ What else is important to you?
- ❑ VISIT THE CAMPUS!

*Seniors can take two days for a college visit. The absences will be excused with a dated letter on letterhead from the college visited.



Technical, 2 year or 4 year College???

Technical College:

- SAT/ACT not required. Use Accuplacer exam to determine placement
- Qualifies for HOPE Grant
- Chattahoochee Tech is nearby

2 Year Community College:

- SAT/ACT may not be required: could use Accuplacer exam for placement
- Min. 2.0 GPA
- Nearby 2-year schools: Georgia Highland & GSU Perimeter College

4 Year College:

Each college determines their minimum entrance requirements

- Minimum GPA
- ACT or SAT scores

Georgia 4 year colleges require:

- College Preparatory Curriculum requirements (2 years world language)
- Freshman Index requirement
- Minimum results on Test Scores



Technical Colleges - TCSG

HOPE CAREER GRANT:

Students interested in entering a field in which there are plenty of job openings can choose to enroll in one of **17 programs of study for which FREE TUITION is available!**

- Automotive Technology
- Certified Engineer Assistant
- Computer Programming
- Construction Technology
- Early Childhood Care and Education
- Health Science
- Logistics/Transportation Technology
- Practical Nursing
- Welding and Joining Technology
- Aviation Technology
- Commercial Truck Driving
- Computer Technology
- Diesel Equipment Technology
- Electrical Lineman Technology
- Industrial Maintenance
- Movie Production Set Design
- Precision Manufacturing



*Must maintain a 2.0 once admitted
<https://tcsgeu/free-tuition/>

2 Year Colleges

- Transferring to 4 Year Colleges:
Georgia Perimeter to Georgia State University

Transition Students

If you're enrolled in an associate degree pathway at Georgia State's Perimeter College, we make it easy for you to move on to your bachelor's degree.

Once you complete 30 or more credit hours with at least a 2.0 grade point average at Perimeter College, you can seamlessly transition to the Atlanta Campus for access to the largest selection of bachelor's degree programs in the state. To be eligible, you'll need to submit a Transition Application.



<https://admissions.gsu.edu/bachelors-degree/apply/#transition>

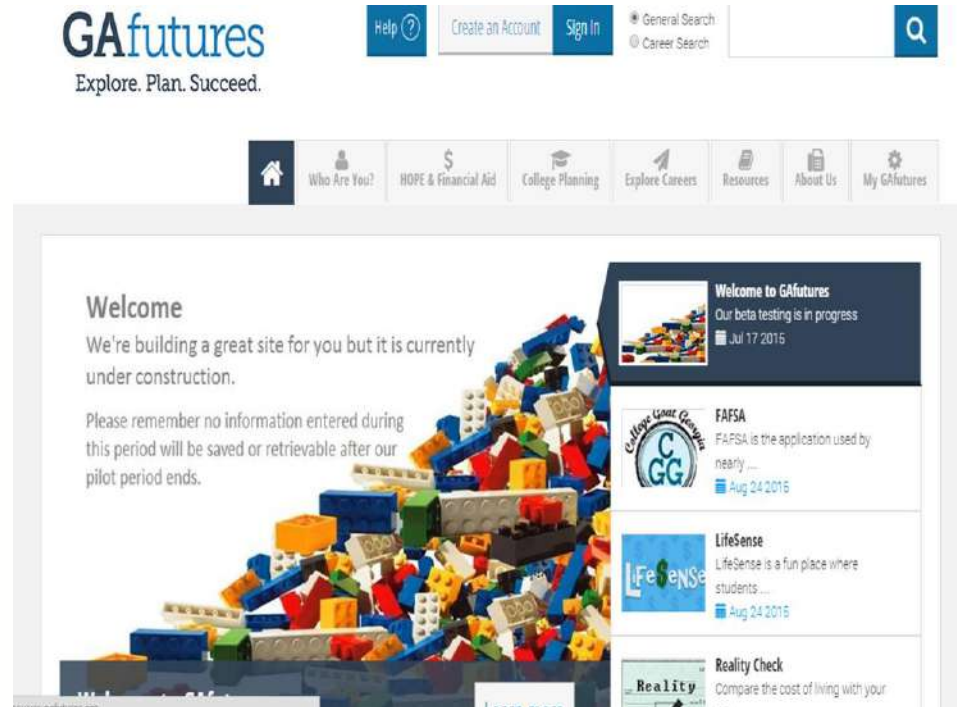
Which type of College is right for me?

Find out with the tools at

GAfutures.org

College Planning

- ONLY place to get your official HOPE GPA!
- Search for colleges
- Take interest inventories to help choose a major
- Send a transcript
- Find the latest HOPE information



****Forgot username or password?**
Do NOT create a new account

2019 Fall College Tour

- Monday, September 9, 6-8PM Marietta High School, Marietta
- Tuesday, October 29, 6-8PM Cherokee High School, Canton

www.gaprobe.org



Atlanta
NACAC Stem
College &
Career Fair

Sunday,
September 29
1 pm to 4 pm
GA Tech



Meet face-to-face with hundreds of college representatives and industry professionals at an upcoming STEM Fair. Get your questions answered about majors, careers, internships, scholarships, and more!



Apply to College Day @ EHS!

- ▣ October 25
- ▣ During all lunch classes
- ▣ Academic Lab next to Media Center
- ▣ Colleges will be here to help
- ▣ Fee Waivers



Future Fair @ EHS!

- ▣ February 14th
- ▣ During all 12th English classes
- ▣ EE pods broken into 3 sections
 - 1 - Paying for college
 - 2 - Applying to college
 - 3 - Noncollege careers



I've got my list of colleges – what's next?

Before you apply make sure you're eligible.

- Have you taken the ACT or SAT?
 - Register directly with the testing agencies!
 - www.collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat & www.actstudent.org
 - Check with the colleges to which you are interested in applying to determine the final test date they accept for admissions.
- Do you meet the grade requirements? What is your Academic GPA?
 - Colleges individually decide how they calculate their admissions academic GPA.
 - Typically, basis is English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language courses.
 - Most will calculate an unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Determine the additional requirements of the application:
 - Counselor or Teacher recommendation?
 - Essay?
 - Interview? Etc...



NOW APPLY!

- ❑ The Common Application: Fill out one form for multiple participating colleges
 - Check to see if your schools are available
 - www.commonapp.org
- ❑ Through GAfutures.org
- ❑ Through the individual college website



You may be asked to...

- Submit an essay:
 - ▣ Not every college application requires an essay.
 - ▣ Number one rule from college admissions officers – PROOFREAD and FOLLOW DIRECTIONS.
 - ▣ Be yourself in your essay!



You may be asked to...

Submit a Transcript

Transcripts can be requested:

- Gafutures.org
 - ▣ In-State participating schools only
 - ▣ FREE!!!
 - ▣ Request the transcript in your gafutures.org account, EHS will release the transcript
- Parchment.com
 - ▣ In or Out of State Colleges
 - ▣ \$5.25 per request



Before submitting your transcript check it for accuracy. VERY IMPORTANT FOR HOPE ELIGIBILITY!

You may be asked to...

Submit a Counselor Recommendation:

- ❑ Not required for all college applications
- ❑ Counselor Recommendation Request packets must be completed and EMAILED NO LATER THAN 2 FULL SCHOOL WEEKS PRIOR TO THE DUE DATE!!
- ❑ Note the due dates on the cover of the Rec Packet



Recommendation Timeline

If the recommendation is due at the college by:	Then the request for the recommendation from your counselor must be made by:
October 15, 2019 UGA & Tech STUDENT <u>Early Action</u>	Friday, September 20, 2019 (earlier due to fall break)
November 1, 2019	Friday, October 18, 2019
November 15, 2019	Thursday, October 31, 2019
December 1, 2019	Friday, November 8, 2019 (earlier due to Thanksgiving Break)
January 1, 2020 (UGA/GT STUDENT REG. DEADLINE)	Monday, December 2, 2019 (earlier due to Exams, Winter Holiday)
January 15, 2020	Monday, December 2, 2019 (earlier due to Winter Holiday)
ANY OTHER DATE	10 school days prior to the due date (please keep in mind that holidays and beginning/ending semester activities can cause delays)



Counselor Recommendation

There is a Counselor Recommendation Request packet under senior info on the EHS website that is required to be submitted to your counselor's email before a recommendation will/can be written.

Counselor Recommendation Form (REQUIRED)

- List each application requiring a recommendation with due dates
- Make sure you link your counselor
- Need another recommendation later?

This is the only form you need to turn in again.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY or SCHOLARSHIP NAME:	DEADLINE:	Method to Submit Recommendation examples: common application, college website, coalition application, email, mail, etc.



Counselor Recommendation

Self-Assessment Form (REQUIRED)

- Answer questions and tell us all about yourself!
- Use this information to create your resume

School Clubs and Activities

PLEASE spell out acronyms and describe what the club/activity represents

Club/Activity	Years of Participation	Main Duties/Accomplishments



Counselor Recommendation

Parent Rating Form

- RECOMMENDED, but will not delay recommendation if not turned in. Parents can email the form directly to your school counselor.

1. Please describe your child in 3 or 4 adjectives and explain why you chose those words.
2. What are some significant ways in which your child has changed since entering high school?
3. Describe a characteristic or accomplishment that we might not know about - something that won't show up on your child's activity record.
4. How has your child overcome obstacles/adversity and demonstrated strength, courage, or resiliency?
5. What is something your child might not tell us, but you feel is important for us to know?



Counselor Recommendation

Teacher Rating Forms

- ❑ RECOMMENDED but will not delay recommendation if not turned in
- ❑ Teachers can email completed forms to your counselor
- ❑ These are not the same as a Teacher Recommendation!!!

ETOWAH HIGH SCHOOLEACHER RATING FORM

Student Name: _____ Deadline to Counseling Office: _____

Teacher: _____ Thank you for the time spent completing this form. We regard your active relationship with the student as the most authentic resource with which to create an accurate and compelling overview of this student for college admissions. Your "evidence-based" information is very important. When you complete this form, please print and return it to the counseling office.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION:

According to your professional judgement, how would you rate this student in the following categories compared to other students in their graduating class. Check 1 box per row.

	No Basis for Judgment	Below Average	Average	Above Average (up to 20%)	Excellent (up to 10%)	Outstanding (up to 5%)
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT						
EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT						
COMMITMENT TO SERVICE						
ABILITY TO INTERACT WITH DIVERSE GROUPS						
POSITIVE IMPACT AT SCHOOL						
CHARACTER & INTEGRITY						

You do not need to list the student's activities, GPA, or courses taken. We are most interested in their functioning in your class/activity. And what you know/perceive about the student's character.

In what capacity do you know this student? _____

How long have you known the student? _____

What words come to mind when you think of this student? _____

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Teacher Recommendation

To receive a teacher recommendation you will need to ask a teacher who knows you well enough to write about you.

- Deal directly with the teacher!
 - ▣ Talk with the teacher to see what he/she requires from you in order to write a recommendation and let your teacher know that they will be receiving a link to upload your recommendation.
 - ▣ Follow-up with a thank-you note!
 - ▣ DO NOT simply leave a recommendation form on a teacher's desk!
- The Counseling Office's Teacher Rating Form is NOT the same as a Teacher Recommendation!



I've applied. What Now?

Once you are notified of acceptance by letter or email to your dream college, you'll be expected to pay for it. The college will communicate with you directly on deadlines for housing, meal plans, financial aid and orientation.

Funding Sources:

- Federal - FAFSA: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>, available Oct 1st
- Institutional
 - Specific college Financial Aid website
 - Departmental
 - Business school, Music Department, etc.
 - Private-Etowah High School/ Student Services/ Scholarships



Financial Aid

- Your financial aid award letter will come from the college you attend. It will list your federal award money, federal loans available to you, any scholarships from the college, and your EFC (expected family contribution).
- Your EFC is the amount of \$\$ you and your parents are expected to contribute to pay for college. It's based on income and other financial assets of you and your parents.
- The point of any financial aid form is to figure your EFC.



FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

- Wednesday, November 6th
- 7:00pm in the Auditorium
- A representative from the Georgia Student Finance Commission will be here to answer questions related to FAFSA, HOPE, LOANS, GRANTS, etc.



HOPE Scholarship

1. HOPE:

- 3.0 Core GPA (AP classes weighted +.5 up to 4.0)
- 4 Rigor classes
- Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA in college
- HOPE amount is capped at 90 percent of the 2010 tuition rate at USG institutions.
- **HOPE GPA IS NOT ROUNDED! 2.9999 is ineligible!!!**

2. Zell Miller:

- 3.7 Core GPA (add .5 weighting for AP courses up to 4.0)
- Combined 1200 CR + Math SAT or 26 Composite ACT in a single test sitting (test must be taken before graduation)
- 4 Rigor Classes
- Students must maintain a 3.3 GPA in college
- Zell Miller Scholarship will cover tuition at 100%
- Students who drop below the college 3.3 GPA can earn Regular HOPE if their college GPA remains above 3.0
- **NOT ROUNDED: 3.6999 will receive HOPE, not Zell Miller**



HOPE GPA

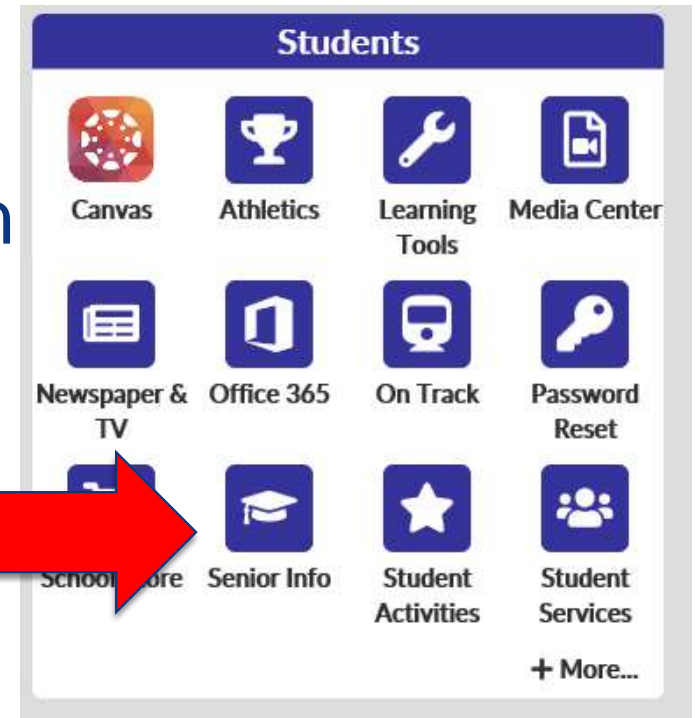
- 3 Ways to college but only one way to calculate your HOPE GPA.
 - ▣ Based on a 4.0 scale
 - ▣ All credits attempted in English, Math, Science, Social Studies and World Languages.
 - ▣ AP classes are given a .5 weight except for a grade of “A”
- B=3.5, but A=4.0
- Other classes are not weighted.NO! Not even Honors classes.



Resources EHS Senior Info Web Page

<https://www.cherokeek12.net/etowahhs/Content2/etowahhs-senior-info>

- A-Z Senior Reference Guide
- Counselor Rec Packet
- Senior TAA Meeting Slides
- This classroom presentation



Post-Test Question # 1

You have finished high school with a core academic GPA of 3.2 and you have an SAT score of 1400 (combined Critical Reading and Math). You qualify for:

- A. The HOPE Scholarship
- B. The Zell Miller Scholarship
- C. The Robert Byrd Honors Scholarship
- D. National Merit Scholarship



Post-Test Question # 2

In order to complete your college application to Auburn University, you need to send an official transcript. You should:

- A. Send a copy of the one you received in TAA.
- B. Email your counselor to send your official transcript.
- C. Visit Gafutures.org to send your transcript.
- D. Visit parchment.com pay and \$5.25 to send it electronically to out of state colleges.



Post-Test Question # 3

One requirement of the college to which you are applying is a teacher recommendation. The best way to request a teacher recommendation is to:

- A. Get a Teacher Rating Form from your counselor and give it to the teacher you would like to write the recommendation.
- B. Talk with the teacher directly about writing the recommendation for you.
- C. Talk with your counselor who will facilitate the teacher recommendation for you.
- D. Give the teacher's name to the college admissions office who will then contact the teacher.



Post-Test Question # 4

How many credits do you need to graduate if you entered high school in 2015?

- A. 24
- B. 22
- C. 23
- D. 23, but 24 to graduate with distinction



Post-Test Question # 5

Which of the following is the correct method for calculating the HOPE GPA?

- A. Core subject classes and world language classes; 4.0 scale; un-weighted except for AP classes (given an additional .5 quality point, with the exception of A's).
- B. All classes; 4.0 scale, un-weighted except for AP classes (given an additional .5 quality point, with the exception of A's).
- C. Core classes; 5.0 scale, Honors and AP classes weighted with an additional .5 quality point.
- D. All classes; 4.0 scale; un-weighted except for AP classes (given an additional .5 quality point).



Your questions?

