



**DODGE
COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL**

**WELCOME TO
SENIOR PARENT NIGHT
December 5, 2016**

AGENDA

- What Colleges Consider
- SAT/ACT
- Exploring College Options
- College Applications
- Exploring Financial Aid
- Upcoming Dates
- Graduation & Honor Graduate Info

WHAT COLLEGES CONSIDER

PRIMARY FACTORS

QUALITY/RIGOR OF
ACADEMIC CLASSES

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE/
GRADES

TEST SCORES

Additional Factors

Extracurricular Activities

Essay(s)

Letters of Recommendation

Demonstrated Interest

SAT/ACT

- 2-3 times is typical(*Check the application deadline.)
- Fee waivers available in the Counseling Office
- Superscore-highest combined
 - SAT - most schools
 - ACT - some schools.

*Zell Miller does NOT superscore.

SAT Cost	ACT Cost
\$57 (\$45 without writing)	\$58.50 (\$42.50 without writing)

SAT

- If taking SAT –again or for the first time- the time is now!
- The SAT has undergone a complete redesign.
- Conversion charts are available at collegeboard.com
- The SAT will be offered at DCHS on:

➔ AT DCHS

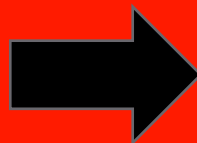


SAT Test Dates & Deadlines

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	SAT Scores Available
December 3, 2016	Nov. 3, 2016	Dec. 22, 2016
➔ January 21, 2017	Dec. 21, 2016	Feb. 23, 2017
March 11, 2017	Feb. 10, 2017	Apr. 13, 2017
➔ May 6, 2017	Apr. 7, 2017	Jun. 8, 2017
June 3, 2017	May 9, 2017	Jul. 12, 2017

SAT Subject Tests

- Certain schools require or recommend them as part of the admission process.
- If your colleges require them, you must take **2-3** subject tests.
- Some colleges will accept ACT scores in lieu of SAT subject tests - check with school first.



AT DCHS

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	ACT Scores Available
December 10, 2016	Nov. 4, 2016	Dec. 20, 2016
February 11, 2017	Jan. 13, 2017	Feb. 22, 2017
April 8, 2017	Mar. 3, 2017	Apr. 18, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017	Jun. 20, 2017



EXPLORE COLLEGE OPTIONS

Which colleges are right for you?

Now that you know what colleges are looking for, it's time to put them to the test.

Sending Your SAT/ACT Scores

- Can send scores to 4 schools for free if coded on registration before test day
- If you did not choose to have your scores sent at time of registration, you will need to log into your SAT and ACT account and go to SEND SCORES and select the schools you are applying to.
- ❖ Cost is \$11.50 per school.

Creating a List of Colleges

- 1 or 2 safety colleges:
 - colleges to which students will almost certainly be admitted
- Some “matches”:
 - colleges where students' GPA, test scores, and other features look very similar to those of recent entering classes
- A reach (or 2):
 - colleges where students meet the criteria for admission but may not have the stellar qualifications of most first-year students

List of colleges-EXAMPLE

- GPA: 3.9
- SAT CR & Math: 1300
- ACT: 30
- AP Classes: 8

- **Safety Schools:** Auburn, Georgia College, Georgia State
- **Match Schools:** UGA, Clemson
- **Reach Schools:** Vanderbilt, Emory, Duke

Admission Statistics

University	Average GPA	Average SAT	Average ACT	Average # of AP	Other factors
UGA	3.81- 4.06	1810 - 2060	27- 31	4- 8	Rigor very important
GaTech	“A” average	2060 - 2250	30 - 33	7- 12	Rigor very important
KSU	3.2	1580	22		
GSU	3.4	1580	23		
MGSC	2.25	430 CR minimum 400 M minimum	17 English minimum 17 Math minimum		Will take composite



- ❑ **Early Action - *October 15th* (Part 1 of the Application)**
 - ❑ Counselor/ School Evaluation Form
 - ❑ Official High School Transcript
 - ❑ Official SAT/ ACT scores

- ❑ **Regular Decision - *January 15th* (Part 1 and Part 2 of the Application)**
 - ❑ Part 2 of Application includes short essays
 - ❑ Counselor/ School Evaluation Form
 - ❑ Official High School Transcript
 - ❑ Official SAT/ ACT scores
 - ❑ Teacher Recommendation Form

**** Check out the UGA Admissions Blog <http://ugaadmissions.blogspot.com/>



Georgia Institute of Technology

- ❖ Early Action - October 15th
- ❖ Regular Decision - January 1st
- ❖ Financial Aid - January 31st

- ❖ Application Materials
- ❖ Online Application (Common App)
- ❖ Includes Personal Essays and Extracurricular Activities

- ❖ Official SAT/ACT scores

- ❖ Self Reported Academic Record (Not an Official Transcript)

GA Tech Factors for freshman Admission

Factors we DO consider

- GPA/Rigor of Curriculum
- Standardized Test Scores
- Extracurricular Involvement
- Personal Essays
- School Report

Factors that are OPTIONAL

- SAT Subject Tests
- AP/IB Scores
- Teacher Recommendation
- Additional Information

Factors we DO NOT consider

- Major Choice
- Personal Interview
- Class Rank
- Other Recommendations

Compare Colleges

Use this tool to compare up to 3 colleges you're interested in.

You can compare up to 3 colleges at a time. Remove a college to add a new one.

COLLEGES



Middle Georgia State University

Macon, GA

[+ Add to My College List](#)

[Remove college from comparison](#)



University of Georgia

Athens, GA

[+ Add to My College List](#)

[Remove college from comparison](#)



Georgia Southern University

Statesboro, GA

[+ Add to My College List](#)

[Remove college from comparison](#)

LOCATION

Macon, GA
South

Athens, GA
South

Statesboro, GA
South

TYPE

Public

Public

Public

CAMPUS LIFE

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Undergraduates enrolled



Medium-sized



Urban

27,547

Undergraduates enrolled



Large



Suburban

17,963

Undergraduates enrolled



Large



Rural

COLLEGES



Middle Georgia State University



University of Georgia



Georgia Southern University

ADMISSIONS

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Requirements

- SAT Reasoning Test or ACT: Required

New SAT Scores [?](#)

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Old SAT Scores [?](#)

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ACT Composite Scores

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Somewhat selective

53% of applicants admitted

Requirements

- Essay(s): Required
- SAT Reasoning Test or ACT: Required
- SAT Subject Tests: Consider If Submitted

New SAT Scores [?](#)

- Math: 600-700
- Evidence Based Reading & Writing: 620-700
- Reading Test: 31-35

Old SAT Scores [?](#)

- Critical Reading: 570-660
- Math: 580-670
- Writing: 560-660

ACT Composite Scores

- 26-30

Somewhat selective

60% of applicants admitted

Requirements

- SAT Reasoning Test or ACT: Required

New SAT Scores [?](#)

- Math: 540-610
- Evidence Based Reading & Writing: 560-640
- Reading Test: 28-32

Old SAT Scores [?](#)

- Critical Reading: 520-590
- Math: 510-590
- Writing: 480-570

ACT Composite Scores

- 21-25

COST & AID

\$4,542

In-state tuition and fees

\$13,328

Out-of-state tuition and fees

\$8,510

Room & board

\$11,634

In-state tuition and fees

\$29,844

Out-of-state tuition and fees

\$9,600

Room & board

\$7,318

In-state tuition and fees

\$20,536

Out-of-state tuition and fees

\$10,070

Room & board

Other Factors to Consider

- ❖ Size and diversity of student body
- ❖ Location
- ❖ Academic programs
- ❖ Campus life—athletics, activities, housing
- ❖ Graduation and retention rates
- ❖ Financial aid and scholarship opportunities

Above all, think about where you will be the *most happy and successful* in your college life.

College Navigator:

<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

ies INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION SCIENCES

NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS

Enter search terms here

Publications & Products | Surveys & Programs | Data & Tools | Fast Facts | School Search | News & Events | About Us

COLLEGE Navigator

Back to Results Print Save MY FAVORITES

Name of School
Georgia Southern

States (use map for more than 1 state)
No Preference
Alabama
Alaska

ZIP Code **Miles from**

Programs/Majors
0 Items Selected

Level of Award

Certificate Associate's
 Bachelor's Advanced

Institution Type

Public 4-year
 Private non-profit 2-year
 Private for-profit < 2-year

+ MORE SEARCH OPTIONS

Show Results

[Guide Me](#) | [Clear Search](#)

Georgia Southern University

Brannen Hall, Room 2015, 2670 Southern Drive, Statesboro, Georgia 30460-8126

General information: (912) 478-5391
Website: www.georgiasouthern.edu
Type: 4-year, Public
Awards offered: Bachelor's degree
Postbaccalaureate certificate
Master's degree
Post-master's certificate
Doctor's degree - research/scholarship
Campus setting: Town: Distant
Campus housing: Yes
Student population: 20,517 (18,004 undergraduate)
Student-to-faculty ratio: 21 to 1

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Expand All **Collapse All**

- GENERAL INFORMATION**
- TUITION, FEES, AND ESTIMATED STUDENT EXPENSES**
- FINANCIAL AID**
- NET PRICE**
- ENROLLMENT**
- ADMISSIONS**
- RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES**
- PROGRAMS/MAJORS**
- SERVICEMEMBERS AND VETERANS**
- VARSITY ATHLETIC TEAMS**
- ACCREDITATION**
- CAMPUS SECURITY**
- COHORT DEFAULT RATES**

Visit Campuses*

Get a feel of the campus! It can help you determine whether that particular college is the right place for you.

Take a campus tour. (Register Online)

Speak with an admission counselor.

Ask about financial aid opportunities.

Talk to students and faculty.

*Seniors can speak about a college visit to Ms. Melvin in the Attendance Office:

- 1 visit excused

- excused absence with OFFICIAL documentation; others will be marked personal

College Admissions Options

Regular Decision

Early Action – “non-binding”
(example:UGA)

Early Decision – “binding”
(example:Emory)

Rolling Admission- only 2 in GA:
Berry & Oglethorpe

Factors to consider....

- ❑ In order to be considered for merit based, school-specific scholarships, most universities want you to apply for their early action deadlines.
 - ❑ Check with individual institution.
- ❑ Consider Honors College! Check requirements. Honors College deadlines are typically in the fall.

If letters of recommendation are required...

Ask teachers who have taught you in *11th or 12th grade core academic subjects* who can speak to your ability.

Provide your counselor or teacher with resume or [senior information sheet](#) (pick up form in the counseling office or online).

Be sure to give your counselors/teachers at least 2 weeks notice.

Only send letters if they are required.

College Essays

“If I want to read a great literary work, I’m going to read Faulkner, What I want to do is read the students’ words. I want to get to know the students.”

– Nancy McDuff, Dean of Admissions at University of Georgia

“A strong essay shows what students are interested in and what they’re committed to.”

- Jean Jordan, Dean of Admissions at Emory University.

Admission Essay Tips

1. Ask yourself: “Could anyone else have written this?”
2. Be you! Showcase your unique personality/passion.
3. Start early!
4. Proofread!!
5. Stay organized.

<https://www.gafutures.org/>

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HOPE Programs

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[Learn more](#)



College Goal Georgia

The FAFSA is now available! Get the facts...



HOPE Programs

HOPE is Georgia's unique scholarship and...



Scholarship Search

There's more money for your postsecondary...



College Search

There's lots to consider when choosing a...

<https://www.gafutures.org/college-planning/>



Previously
Ga411

The screenshot shows the GAfutures website's "College Planning" page. At the top, the GAfutures logo is displayed with the tagline "Explore. Plan. Succeed." To the right are buttons for "Create an Account", "Sign In", and "Help". Below the logo is a navigation bar with icons and labels for "Home", "HOPE & State Aid Programs", "Federal Aid & Scholarships", "College Planning" (highlighted in orange), "Career Exploration", and "Resources". A secondary navigation bar includes "College Decision Guide", "State of Georgia Colleges", "National College Search", "College Applications", "High School Transcripts", and "GATRACS". A large blue banner at the top of the main content area reads "College Planning". Below this, the breadcrumb "GAfutures.org / College Planning" is visible. The main section is titled "COLLEGE PLANNING" and features four featured articles, each with an icon, a title, a brief description, and a right-pointing arrow:

- College Decision Guide**: Deciding what to do after high school can be a stressful decision. Use some of these facts to guide your decisions.
- State of Georgia Colleges**: Find colleges and universities in Georgia that are eligible for state aid (HOPE Scholarship, Zell Miller Scholarship, HOPE Grant, etc.)
- National College Search**: Search for colleges by different attributes such as public/private, size of school, or even by programs offered from all over the country.
- College Applications**: Once you've decided on your top picks, you can start applying to participating colleges and universities right here.

The Common Application

commonapp.org

- ❑ Accepted by more than 500 colleges and universities
- ❑ Provides a common, standardized first-year application form for use at any member institution
- ❑ Students fill out one application and select schools they want to receive it.
- ❑ Counselors/Teachers upload one recommendation/school report for colleges to review.
- ❑ Examples of schools that use Common App: *Georgia Tech, Georgia State, Emory, Vanderbilt, Oglethorpe, Mercer, Yale, Harvard*

College planning process

1. Have a clear understanding of career and education goals.
2. Research schools for academic, financial, and personal fit.
3. Take admissions tests.
4. Complete admissions applications.
5. Complete the Financial Aid process.

Financial Aid Information

Develop A Plan

- Determine all **college costs** —not just tuition.
- Calculate your college **savings** so far, and see if you're on track.
- Estimate your family's **expected contribution**.
- Search for **scholarships**

Remember to explore every opportunity!

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

fafsa.ed.gov

- The FAFSA enables you to apply for student financial aid.
- Schools use this information to determine if you're eligible to receive money from:
 - Hope or Zell Miller Scholarship
 - Federal grants
 - Loans
 - Work-study programs



Home



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FSA ID



StudentAid.gov



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English

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Get help paying for college

Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



New to the FAFSA?

**Start A New
FAFSA**

Returning User?

- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...

Login

College Scorecard

Information on college costs, graduation, and post-college earnings.

Deadlines

Information about your deadlines.

School Code Search

Find your college's school code. Also find detailed information about your college.

FAFSA Filing Options

Learn about the other options for filing your FAFSA.

Announcements

- FSA ID Reminder: Login to the FAFSA with your FSA ID *only* if you are the student. Parents: Refer to *Help*, *Trending Questions* if you're helping your child fill out the FAFSA.
- The new 2017-2018 FAFSA is here and earlier than ever!

Thinking About College?



Use *FAFSA4caster* to see how federal student aid can help you pay for college!



Check out how Federal Student Aid can put you on a path to success. [View Videos on YouTube](#) or [Download the Accessible Videos](#)

HOPE Requirements

- **HOPE Scholarship (Covers about 80-90% of tuition)**
 - Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA in core academic classes
 - There is a chart on gacollege411.org to see how much money students are receiving this year for each school.
 - **Zell Miller Scholarship (Covers full tuition)**
 - 3.7 GPA or higher in core academic classes
 - SAT combined score of 1200 in math and reading in one setting
or,
 - ACT score of 26 or higher
- *ZELL MILLER DOES NOT SUPERSCORE**
- GEORGIA STUDENT FINANCE COMMISSION**
<https://gsfc.georgia.gov/hope>
- **WE MUST HAVE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON FILE FOR YOUR STUDENT TO RECEIVE HOPE!**

Scholarships

RESEARCH, RESEARCH, RESEARCH.

- College websites that you are applying to (many scholarship deadlines are in the Fall of senior year)
- Check your workplace or organizations to which you belong.
- Check websites:
 - www.finaid.com
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.gacollege.com
 - www.scholarships.com
 - Bigfuture.org
 - www.nasfaa.org

College-Bound Student Athletes

- If you are you planning on participating in intercollegiate athletics at an NCAA Division I or II institution, you must register with the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse.
- Prospective student athletes should:
 - Access the registration materials by visiting their website at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net
 - Submit the Parent Release Form to Ms. McRae in Counseling Dept.
 - When taking the SAT/ACT, enter 9999 for scores to be sent to NCAA Clearinghouse.
 - Review the NCAA requirements as they might differ from graduation requirements!

Making a Decision

- Try to visit colleges where you've been accepted.
- Compare financial aid packages.
- Send your deposit.
- Get ready to graduate!
- Send your final transcript in June.

Congratulations, you're off to college!

Announcements

- College Day in Gym: DECEMBER 1ST
- College Readiness w/ Mercer in advisement:
 - December 8
 - February 9
- FAFSA Completion w/ Mercer: April 13(8 a.m. - 3 p.m.) in labs
- Senior Letters will be mailed home in end of January.
 - Check social security number.
 - Check the name for the diploma.
- GradBash for Seniors to Universal/Islands: April 28

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To receive a diploma, a student must have

1. accumulated the appropriate number of Carnegie units, (23)
2. met attendance guidelines, (7 allowed absences, <11 before BOE request)
3. met grade requirements, (70+ for credit)
4. maintained good conduct,
5. completed ALL financial obligations to DCHS, and
6. be in good standing with the school.

To participate in the DCHS graduation ceremony, candidates MUST have completed ALL requirements by 8:00 a.m. on the FIRST day of official graduation practice on May 23, 2017.

HONOR GRADUATE REQUIREMENTS

An honor graduate will have earned

1. 2 units of the same foreign language,
2. ½ unit of Introduction to Business Tech/Computer Apps,
3. ½ unit of speech, and
4. earned an overall academic average of 94.

OR

1. maintained a 90 average and
2. scored 1185 or better on the verbal and math sections on the SAT, or
3. scored 26 or better on the ACT, and
4. has met all other graduation requirements.

QUESTIONS??????

Thank you for coming!

We hope your student has a
wonderful senior year!