


Paulding County School District
Counselors Present

Mission Possible: Graduation and Beyond

Supports BRIDGE Advisement





Your Son / Daughter is
Graduating...

...So Now What?

- Congratulations Seniors!
- Only 2 semesters remain
- All grades still count!
- Graduation – May 24th, 2019 or May 25th, 2019

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

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

The screenshot shows the GAfutures website homepage. At the top, there is a dark blue navigation bar with the GAfutures logo and the Georgia Student Finance Commission name. To the right of the logo are links for 'Create an Account', 'Sign In', and 'Help', along with a search bar. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with icons and labels for 'Home', 'HOPE & State Aid Programs', 'Federal Aid & Scholarships', 'College Planning', 'Career Exploration', 'Resources', 'About Us', and 'My GAfutures'. The main content area features a large banner with a stack of US dollar bills and the text: 'DON'T LEAVE MONEY ON THE TABLE! FILL OUT THE FAFSA!'. Below the banner is a 'Reminder: FAFSA Is Now Open' section with a 'Learn more' button. To the right, there are three smaller promotional tiles: 'Reminder: FAFSA Is Now Open', 'Find a Probe Fair Near You', and 'Start the College Conversation Now'. At the bottom right, there is a 'HOPE CAREER GRANT' tile.

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: Sept - Nov

Note these Important Links on Counseling and Guidance Website
<https://counseling.paulding.k12.ga.us/index.php/academic/act-sat-testing/>

Counseling Resources

▾ Academic Resources

> [ACT/SAT Testing](#)

> [Advisement](#)

> [Career Planner](#)

> [Dual Enrollment](#)

> [Home School Information](#)

> [Multi-Year Academic Planner](#)

> [REACH Scholars Program](#)

+ [Career](#)

+ [Personal/Social Resources](#)



ACT/SAT Testing


ACT/SAT Testing

- [ACT/SAT Testing Resources](#)
- [ACT and SAT Information](#)
- [The New SAT, What You Need to Know!](#)

Important Links

- [ACT Registration](#)
- [FREE SAT Practice-Khan Academy & The College Board](#)
- [PSAT](#)
- [PSAT 8/9](#)
- [SAT Registration/The College Board](#)

FREE SAT Practice from Khan Academy



The image is a screenshot of the CollegeBoard website's 'About' page for SAT Suite of Assessments. The top navigation bar includes 'CollegeBoard', 'SAT', 'AP', 'College Planning', 'College Search', 'Store', and 'More'. Below this, a secondary navigation bar lists 'SAT Suite of Assessments', 'SAT', 'PSAT/NMSQT & PSAT 10', 'PSAT 8/9', 'About', and 'For Educators'. The 'About' page features a left sidebar with sections: 'About', 'Key Content Changes', 'Content Alignment', 'Grade-Appropriate Testing', 'Scores', and 'Benefits'. The 'Benefits' section is expanded, listing: 'Free SAT Practice from Khan Academy', 'Scholarships and Recognition', 'Connect to AP', 'College Application Fee Waivers', and 'Student Search Service'. The main content area has a heading 'Free SAT Practice from Khan Academy' followed by a paragraph: 'The College Board and Khan Academy are teaming up to provide free practice for all students, with personalized SAT study resources tailored to meet each student's individual needs.' Below this is a sub-heading 'Official SAT Practice Available Now' and a line of text: 'Free SAT practice is available now on Khan Academy.' A larger paragraph follows: 'Starting with the 2015-16 school year, students who take the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or PSAT 8/9 will have access to personalized SAT study resources. Khan Academy's world-class practice tools are free for all students and include:' followed by a bulleted list: 'Thousands of practice questions, reviewed and approved by the College Board', 'Four official SAT Practice Tests written by the College Board', and 'Personalized recommendations for instruction and practice to help students fill their knowledge gaps'. The final paragraph states: 'Official SAT Practice on KhanAcademy.org links to classroom learning — the best preparation for the SAT. We're collaborating with teachers and community-based organizations, such as the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, to ensure that as many students as possible can take advantage of these resources.' The last line of text says: 'Visit Khan Academy's website to learn more about its partnership with the College Board.'

CollegeBoard SAT AP College Planning College Search Store More

SAT Suite of Assessments SAT PSAT/NMSQT & PSAT 10 PSAT 8/9 About For Educators

About

- Key Content Changes
- Content Alignment
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Financial Aid 101 & Scholarships

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) must be completed, even for HOPE Scholarship

FAFSA

- Submit a paper application or apply on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- You must have income tax information
- 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.

Getting Started and FAFSA Checklist

<https://www.gafutures.org/federal-aid-scholarships/fafsa>

FAFSA

GAfutures.org / Federal Aid & Scholarships / FAFSA

FAFSA

- Getting Started
- Student and Parent Resources
- FAFSA Completion Data
- FAFSA Event Resources

FSA ID

What You Need

Choosing the Right Application

Dependent vs. Independent

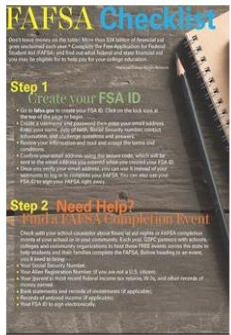

IRS Data Retrieval Tool

Getting Started

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the main application used to apply for federal or state-supported financial aid to pay for a college education. Completing and submitting the FAFSA is free, easy and provides you access to the largest source of financial aid available.

Financial aid covers expenses like tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation and other college-related expenses. The FAFSA can be used to determine eligibility for:

- Federal Student Aid – Pell Grants and student loans.
- State Financial Aid – HOPE Scholarship and Grant programs.
- Institutional Financial Aid – Institutional Scholarships offered by a college.
- Private Financial Aid – Private Scholarships provided by businesses or other organizations.



FSA ID

<https://www.gafutures.org/federal-aid-scholarships/fafsa/getting-started/fsa-id/>

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FSA ID

The FAFSA requires students and parents (for dependent students) to create an FSA ID for security purposes. The FSA ID allows for e-signatures and access to your FAFSA data each year of college. Note: A parent can use the same FSA ID for each child completing a FAFSA. To create an FSA ID, visit the Federal Student Aid website.

How to Create Your FSA ID

Please enter your:

Email:

Confirm E-mail:

Username:

Password:

Confirm Password:

This is a U.S. Federal Government owned computer system, for the use by authorized users only. Unauthorized access is prohibited, but is not limited to any access by an employee or agent of a commercial entity, or other third party, who is not the individual authorized user. For purposes of commercial advantage or private financial gain (regardless of whether that commercial entity or third party is providing services to or conducting work of the service) and any access to information or system or to database of the Government or data of the United States or of any State. Unauthorized access violates 50 U.S.C. Code Section 3352 and other applicable statutes. Violations are punishable by civil and criminal penalties.

If your student is going to be a College Athlete...

College Athletes

[NCAA Guide for College Athletes](#)

[NCAA Eligibility Center](#)

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



GAfutures link is:

<https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/>

HOPE & STATE AID PROGRAMS



State Aid Applications

Learn how to properly apply for state financial aid programs administered by the Georgia Student Finance Commission.



HOPE & Zell Miller Scholarships

Georgia's HOPE Program provides merit-based scholarships for eligible in-state postsecondary institutions.



HOPE & Zell Miller Grants

The HOPE and Zell Miller Grants provide financial assistance for college that does not have to be paid back.



State Loans

GSFC also administers many State Loan programs including the low-interest Student Access Loan and state military programs.



State Scholarships and Grants

Learn about other Georgia scholarship and grant programs including Move On When Ready (MOWR) and Georgia's Tuition Equalization Grant.



Scholarship Search

There's more money for your postsecondary education than you think. Use this tool to find what scholarship will work best for you.



Award Recipients Stories

Read a first-hand account of fellow Georgians who have benefitted from the financial aid programs GSFC administers.



Scholarship Information

<https://counseling.paulding.k12.ga.us/index.php/career/financial-aid-101-and-scholarships/>

Financial Aid 101 and Scholarships

The information below includes both definitions of terms and websites regarding the sources of financial aid that may be used at a college, university or technical college.

Glossary of Terms

The glossary document includes the terminology needed to understand both financial aid as well as college terms.

Even if a student is a high school freshman, the U. S. Department of Education encourages both students and parents to start thinking about money for college or technical college. The three terms listed below will help with the basics. Also, the federal Department of Education checklist [Click Here](#) is a valuable source of information.

1. Scholarships & Grants – Scholarships and grants are funds to pay for your education that do not have to be paid back to the issuer. Grants are often based upon financial need, whereas scholarships are based upon merit (grades, accomplishments, etc.). Grants and scholarships can come from the government, private organizations, individuals, or colleges and schools.
2. Loans – Student loans can originate from the federal government or private financial institutions. Make sure you understand who is making your loan and the terms that are associated with the interest that will be charged and the repayment schedule.
3. Work Study – The federal government can provide some students with Federal Work Study opportunities. These programs allow students to work part-time to earn the money needed to help pay for tuition. Many schools also offer work-study programs on campus for students.

GAfutures

GAfutures – A key website for both College and Career Information, and FAFSA Completion

Financial Aid 101 – Presented by GA Student Finance Commission, a must for both students and parents to review!

HOPE GPA – Connect directly to the GAfutures Georgia Student Information System HOPE and State Aid site.

HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship Information Dual Enrollment

Scholarships

Scholarships and Financial Aid Information

College and Career Websites

There are many College and Career websites that will help a student find potential postsecondary information as well as scholarships. The links are included in this document Some of the well known sites are:

BigFuture (The College Board) Big futures is a website that is updated and maintained by The College Board. Scholarships plus other financial aid and internship information are found on this site.

HOPE Scholarship

- You can apply for HOPE through either FAFSA or the e-HOPE electronic application at 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 411 student's 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 courses completed in the 13-14 and year's thereafter school year will be weighted with a .5 weight by Georgia Student Finance Commission.
- Dual Enrollment core courses completed in the 15-16 and subsequent school years are weighted 10 points on the high school transcript. (Dual Enrollment courses completed prior to July 1, 2014 were weighted on district 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 2017 information chart on GAfutures. These amounts are for the 2018-2019 school year only.
- HOPE will not pay for remedial or developmental courses

Award Amounts

- https://apps.gsfc.org/SecureNextGen/dsp_award_amounts.cfm

Award Amounts

2018-2019 Award Amounts

HOPE - Zell Miller - Dual Enrollment (formerly Move On When Ready)

Select an institution from one of the drop-down choices and then click 'Display Award Amounts.'

The award amounts shown are for the Fall 2018 through the Summer 2019 terms. Summer 2018 award amounts are based on FY 2018 rates. Final eligibility and award amount is determined by the college or university.

Select one institution

Technical College System of Georgia Institutions ▼

Private Colleges in Georgia ▼

University System of Georgia Institutions ▼

Display Award Amounts

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 or processed via Scriborder
- 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



If College is the choice....

On-campus housing vs. Off-campus housing

- Location
- Price
- Experiences
- Convenience
- Responsibility

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



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](#)

Career Exploration and Planning www.gcic.peachnet.edu



Georgia Career Information System



Georgia Career Information Center, through its Georgia Career Information System (GCIS), provides current and accurate occupational and educational information to schools and agencies throughout Georgia in order to help young people and adults make informed career choices.



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  

GCIS

- US Schools outside of GA
- Additional financial aid information
- Programs of Study and Training Information

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](#)
- [College Essays](#)
- [Sample College Essays](#)
- [Tips for Crafting Your Best College Essay](#)



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We translate your talents into real world careers.

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 Capstone Project

- The **Senior Capstone Project** is the culminating activity of a student's high school career. The Capstone Project is embedded in the senior curriculum and will count as a percentage of the grade in core senior course(s). The Capstone Project provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and showcase the skills they have acquired over the past eleven years. It fosters lifetime interests and learning habits while providing students with a sense of accomplishment. The Capstone Project combines academic, career, and business/community components intended to challenge each student's ability, stretch their limitations, and celebrate their individuality. The Senior Capstone Project is a fitting conclusion to a student's high school education.

Senior Capstone Project Goals

- To provide students with the opportunity to apply knowledge and skills acquired in their courses to a project relating to a career interest area.
- To allow students to extend their academic experience into areas of personal career interest and to work with new ideas, organizations, and individuals.
- To refine research skills and demonstrate proficiency in written and oral communication skills.

Components of the Project

- **PROJECT PROPOSAL:** At the end of their junior year or beginning of the senior year, students will choose a career field or work related skill to research. Students may use Youscience results or tools from GAFutures and/or GCIS to narrow their topic of research along with faculty advisors and school counselors. The project begins during the first few weeks of school their senior year.
- **RESEARCH PAPER:** Typically, in the students' senior English class, students will write a research paper after researching their approved proposal topic. The research must be a worthwhile stretch beyond what is commonly known about the topic.
- **PROJECT PORTFOLIO:** The purpose of the portfolio is to document the entire Senior Capstone Project process from inception to completion. The portfolio is submitted according to each high school's requirements.
- **MENTOR:** As part of the project, students must enlist a mentor to assist in learning more about their selected career area or area of interest. The mentor must be someone who is knowledgeable in the chosen area or someone working in the field. It is the student's responsibility to obtain a mentor. If a mentor is not available locally, students and their parents may opt for virtual mentoring.

Components of the Project

- **PRESENTATION:** Students will engage in a formal presentation. Students demonstrate proficient speaking skills and the ability to communicate coherently as they present and defend their Capstone Project. The presentation must be accompanied by tangible evidence/application of the skills acquired from the project.

Work-based Learning Course students complete this project as part of their Work-based Learning requirements.



Senior Letter

This is the guide to meeting graduation requirements!

Counselors review the senior letter with each senior during August and/or September.

Senior Letter



Paulding County School District
Class of 2019, BRIDGE Law Graduation Plan and
Senior Advisement for Graduates

To the Parent(s) or Guardian of _____,

Congratulations on your son/daughter reaching his/her senior year. Transcript history and academic progress can be found under the student's Academic Progress Tab of the Infinite Campus Portal. Students who anticipate graduating this school year, Class of 2019, must earn a minimum of **23 units of credit** in grades nine through twelve. (Please note: Student must have at least 17.0 earned credits to be classified as a senior and be in his/her 4th year of high school.)

High School Diploma Requirements	
Areas of Study	Units of Credit
English/Language Arts***	4 units
Mathematics***	4 units
Science***	4 units
Social Studies***	3 units
Health and Physical Education	1 unit
CTAE and/or World Language and/or Fine Arts	
Student is encouraged to complete a pathway in one of the above areas. Student must earn a minimum of 1 full credit in CTAE, 1 full credit in World Language and 1 full credit in Fine Arts to graduate.	
2 units of the same World Language for admission to colleges and universities	
General Electives	4 units
Total Units Required for Graduation	23 units
***Research, Regional, and State Institutions of The University System of Georgia may require additional units in academic core areas.	

Important Facts About the HOPE Scholarship

All core academic courses (required or elective) are included for a student to qualify for the HOPE Scholarship. For the most recent HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship information provided by Georgia Student Finance Commission, please use the following link:
<https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/>


In addition, students may view their HOPE scholarship eligibility grade point average by using their account on the www.GAFutures.org website (MyGAFutures). Any student graduating in 2018-2019 must have 4 rigorous courses identified by Georgia Student Finance Commission to qualify for the HOPE Scholarship.
<https://www.gafutures.org/media/113414/rigor-course-list-july-2016.pdf>

HOPE Grant

Georgia's HOPE Grant is available for students who opt to work on a certificate or diploma program at an eligible college.
<https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-grants/hope-grant/>

The Infinite Campus Progress Tab (MYAP Tool) is used to review the Individual Graduation Plan as well as transcript history. Also, Georgia Career Information Data is maintained under SLDS within the Infinite Campus portal.

BRIDGE Law, Georgia's state-mandated advisement that begins in elementary school, requires that students select an after high school career option in grade 12. Your student's career plans are indicated in chart below:

Options	
 List three career options below from the Youscience assessment results:	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4-Year College/University <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Year College/University <input type="checkbox"/> Technical College	<input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> Other
1.	
2.	
3.	

Your student, his/her parent or guardian and the professional school counselor review information during the Senior Advisement opportunity. School counselors have the specific date and time of the Senior Advisement opportunity that involves parents/guardians. If you have questions at any time throughout the school year, please call your student's counselor.

I understand and acknowledge the importance of all senior advisement information including all graduation requirements. Therefore, this document, if not signed at the senior advisement opportunity, is to be returned with signatures within five school days. Please carefully review the list of specific requirements on page 2.



Graduation Requirements for Students Graduating Under IHF6 Rule

2018-2019

TO GRADUATE



Student's Name _____ Student's ID No. _____

COURSES

I understand that I must pass the following courses during the school day:

- British Literature or Advanced Composition
 - GSE Algebra II or GSE Pre-calculus
 - Advanced Math Decision Making* or Statistical Reasoning*
 - Technical College Readiness Math* (Course for Technical College Admissions Only)
 - AP Calculus or AP Statistics
 - 4th Science
- Please note: A CTAE course that counts as a 4th Science will meet graduation requirements, however may not meet admissions requirements.
- American Government
 - Economics
 - _____
 - _____

NOTE: Potential NCAA athletes must meet core course requirements that are listed under each district high school's list of approved courses on the NCAA site. Science courses that come from the CTAE credit type to meet graduation requirements and/or Embedded Courses awarded elective credit do not meet the core Science requirement for NCAA eligibility.

*Not a choice for students planning to study a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) field in college and may limit admissions possibilities at any college or university.

Dual Enrollment Program

As a Dual Enrollment student, I know that I must pass the following course(s) to meet graduation requirements. I understand that if I withdraw from any Dual Enrollment course (required or not required to meet graduation requirements) at any time during the semester, I must notify my counselor immediately. Withdrawal from a DE course without notification will result in a 69 on the transcript. See DE Form 1 for specific details.

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|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |

CREDIT RECOVERY and/or ONLINE Courses (Board Policy JBC~4)

I understand that I must pass the following course(s) online and/or complete credit recovery courses within/outside the regular school day. A+, Canvas, FuelEd, Georgia Virtual School, or Plan for Mastery options will be provided. The only NHEC online courses approved and accepted by the NCAA are attached to a NHEC instructor. Applicable GAVS courses are NCAA approved.

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EOC Course Tests, Circle all that apply:

9 th Grade Lit./Comp.	GSE Algebra I	Biology	United States History
American Literature	GSE Geometry	Physical Science	Economics

Student must pass the course with a 70 or higher grade.

Additional Information/Comments and/or Documents are also reviewed and may be attached.

 Student's Signature

 Parent's/Guardian's Signature

 Counselor's Signature

 Date

White copy (Counselor's File) Pink copy (Student's Copy)
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Yellow copy (Signed by Parent and returned to Counselor)
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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.

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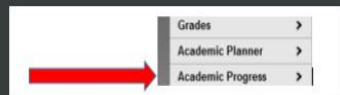
- Courses are listed that must be completed to graduate.
- Pathway completion courses are documented.
- Online and Credit Recovery Courses are listed, if applicable.
- Any other information specific to your student is also noted on page 2 by the school counselor.

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:



Academic Plan Progress

Assigned Graduation Program: IGP - CTAE

Assigned Career Tech Program: Web and Digital Design

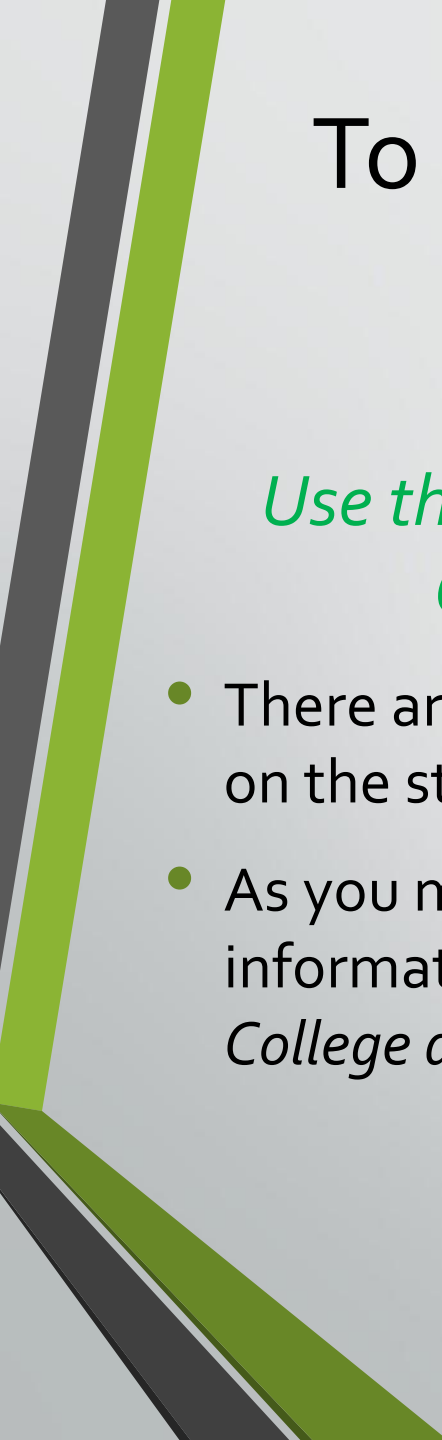
Viewing progress towards Academic Program: IGP - CTAE (Graduation)

Credit Type	09	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	0.0	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	0.0	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	0.0	4.0/4.0
SOCIAL STUDIES	1.0/1.0	1.0/1.0	1.0/1.0	1.0/1.0	4.0/4.0	0.0	4.0/4.0
HEALTH/PERSONAL FITNESS	1.0/1.0				1.0/1.0	0.0	1.0/1.0
CAREER TECH & AGED	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	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
Total	7.0/6.0	7.0/6.0	7.0/6.0	8.0/6.0			29.0/23.0

Course Requirements

Requirement	Progress
14 - 9th Grade LaComp or 10th Grade World L2 - If 9th Grade LaComp course was completed in 9th grade. (Required Course)	1.0/1.0
15 - 10th Grade World LaComp or Multicultural L2 or American LaComp or AP Language, if World L2 course was completed in 9th Grade.	1.0/1.0
16 - American LaComp or AP Language. (Required Course)	1.0/1.0
18 - Fourth English	1.0/1.0
24 - GSE Algebra I or Accelerated GSE Coordinate Algebra/Analytic Geometry (Required Course)	1.0/1.0
26 - GSE Geometry or Accelerated GSE Analytic Geometry/Balanced Algebra (Required Course)	1.0/1.0
27 - GSE Algebra II or Accelerated GSE Pre-Calculus (Required Course)	0.0/1.0
28 - Fourth Math	2.0/1.0
30 - Biology	1.0/1.0
32 - Chemistry/Physical Science	1.0/1.0
33 - Physics II Physical Science is taken in grade 10, then, Chemistry may be taken in grade 11.	1.0/1.0
34 - Fourth Science	1.0/1.0
40 - World History	1.0/1.0
46 - U.S. History	1.0/1.0
47 - Economics	0.5/0.5
48 - Government	0.5/0.5
50 - Health	0.5/0.5
51 - Personal Fitness	0.5/0.5
6 - CTAE 3 courses are selected and completed in one chosen CTAE Pathway	6.0/6.0
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 administrators 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://www.paulding.k12.ga.us/counseling>



Academic



Career



Personal/Social



Counseling Mission

The mission of the Comprehensive School Counseling and Guidance Program is to enable ALL students, regardless of individual differences, to acquire the educational preparation, college and career readiness skills, and social awareness necessary to reach their highest potential in an ever-changing society.

The Paulding County School District professional school counseling program has aligned the work with the American School Counseling Association's (ASCA) National Model. The ASCA National Standards reflect the expectations for all students to achieve. Professional school counselors support students in three areas of their lives: academic, career, and personal/social. School counselors collaboratively work with all stakeholders in the following delivery systems:

1. **School Counseling Curriculum** – guidance lessons or activities to promote the knowledge, attitudes, and skills in three content areas: academic achievement, career development, and personal/social growth. The information is delivered via classroom guidance, group activities (intentional guidance), and parent workshops and instruction.
2. **Individual Student Planning** – activities designed to assist students to establish personal goals and develop future plans, which include career exploration, interest inventories, and individual or small group advisement. These activities meet mandated BRIDGE (Building Resourceful Individuals to Develop Georgia's Economy) advisement requirements and provide support for every student to be college and career ready.
3. **Responsive Services** – activities that meet each student's immediate needs and concerns, such as consultation, individual and small group counseling, crisis counseling, referrals, and peer facilitation.
4. **System Support** – activities that enhance the school counseling program and support the school. The activities include professional development, consultation and collaboration, and program management and operations.

Academic Resource Shortcuts

- › ACT/SAT Testing
- › Advisement
- › Career Planner
- › Dual Enrollment
- › Home School Information
- › Multi-Year Academic Planner
- › Reach Scholars Program

Career Resources Shortcuts

- › Advisement
- › Financial Aid 101 / Scholarships
- › Elementary School Advisement & Counseling
- › GAFutures
- › High School Advisement & Counselign
- › Middle School Advisement & Counseling
- › YouScience

Personal/Social Shortcuts

- › Bullying Prevention Program
- › Care Project - Wellness Resources
- › Celebrating Diversity
- › Homeless Education Program

Congratulations Class of 2019!

