



Class of 2019

Mission Possible: Graduation and Beyond

Supports BRIDGE Law Advisement

Our Counseling Program

- Promotes development and support for *EVERY* student:
 - Academic
 - Rigorous courses
 - Course completion
 - Increased graduation rates
 - Career
 - Links to next step and eventually world of work
 - Personal/social/emotional

Purpose of Completed Classroom Guidance

- Students will
 - understand the purpose and completion of all graduation requirements on the Senior Letter (note page 2)
 - review the Senior checklist document
 - be updated on GAfutures and Georgia Career Information Center information
 - be presented again with HOPE Scholarship eligibility information
 - be reminded about *YouScience* results and the importance of using that information for future decisions
 - be advised about the importance of their career interest and choices upon graduation and next step choices
 - be learning about resources on the Counseling & Guidance site on the Paulding County School District website:

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



Paulding Counseling

Counseling Resources Paulding County School District

 [Search](#)

- Overview
- Academic ▾
- Career ▾
- Personal/Social ▾



Overview

Academic

Career

Personal/Social

 [Search](#)

School Safety

Tip Line

School Safety Hotline

1-877-SAY-STOP



Paulding Counseling

Counseling Resources Paulding County School District

Search

Overview

Academic ▾

Career ▾

Personal/Social ▾

Paulding Counseling > Academic Resources > Advisement

Advisement

Here, you can find links for discovering more about yourself, being more successful in the classroom, exploring colleges, majors, and careers, and planning, applying, choosing, and paying for college or technical college.

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](#)
- [You and the College Planning Timeline](#)

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](#)

Search

School Safety

Tip Line

School Safety Hotline

1-877-SAY-STOP



- [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](#)

College Athletes

NCAA information is available on the [High School Advisement and Counseling](#) page.

[High School Advisement & Counseling](#)

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.

Senior Capstone Project

The Senior Capstone Project is designed to answer: Who am I and Where am I going? It is the culminating activity of a student's high school career. The Capstone Project provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and showcase the skills they have acquired over their past school years. The Capstone Project combines academic, career, and personal goals and components intended to challenge each student's ability, stretch their limitations, and celebrate their individuality. At Paulding School District High Schools the implementation of the Senior Capstone Project may be slightly different. However, all of the Georgia Department of Education Senior Capstone Project Guidance components are followed. [Click Here](#) for the link to the GaDOE Capstone Guidance document. Click on the local high school website for each high school's information.

For our Seniors...

Dennis Whatley, author of many leadership books, states,

"Winners can tell you where they are going, what they plan to do along the way, and who will be sharing the adventure with them."

- Transcript history is really important and the Senior Letter lists all of the requirements for graduation
 - courses required
 - online courses required, if applicable
 - credit recovery courses, if applicable
 - tests
 - EOC Assessments-courses must be passed (80% course and 20% assessment)
 - pathway completion information
- There needs to be a focus on current classes and doing well in each class.
- **All grades count toward the overall GPA and earning credits for graduation! Transcript history started being built at the end of first semester of the ninth grade year and for some students during the 7th grade year with the Middle School Spanish Part A course.**

Checklist for Seniors

- Get organized!
- Know your deadlines
- SAT and ACT Testing Information
 - Links for test preparation including SAT, ACT, are on the school district website.
- HOPE Q & A
- Grades Count
- Use www.GAfutures.org and MyGAfutures

Checklist continued

- Know where to find NCAA information and how/when to register-see district website for links
- Follow guidelines of local school on lead time needed for the application and/or letters of recommendation process
- Always ask questions and ask for help!

BRIDGE Advisement and Career Decisions

As courses were considered during the advisement and registration utilizing the IC MYAP Tool plus additional advisement opportunities along the way, all students were told to ask:



- What kinds of classes really interest me?
- What do my *YouScience* results tell me about my abilities and interests?
- Where do I see my future:
 - technical college
 - college
 - military
 - work
 - other

For each student to answer, “Who Am I?”

- Students may answer future career questions along with the school counselors by completing

- *YouScience* Ability and Interest Inventory



- GCIS, Georgia Career Information System Interest Inventories

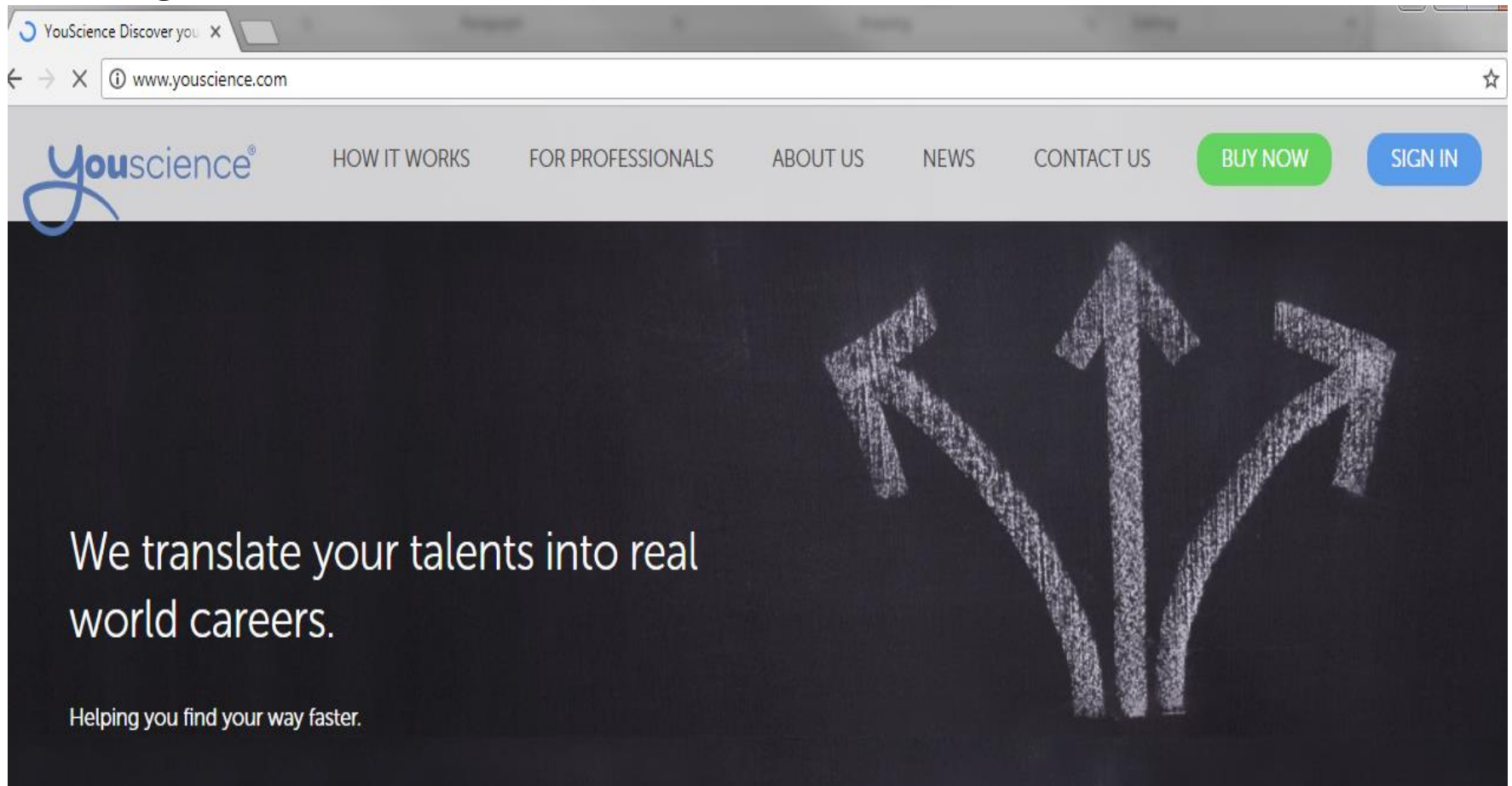
- GAfutures – Career Exploration of a Targeted Career Interest

- Post secondary school comparison should be reviewed

- Senior Capstone Project



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



Link on the PCSD website

<https://counseling.paulding.k12.ga.us/index.php/academic/advisement/>

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](#)



BRIDGE Advisement



Senior Checklist – Reviewed during Classroom Guidance

Surviving the Senior Year Guide

BRIDGE Advisement Checklist for Seniors

Surviving the Senior Year

(Linked on High School Counseling Page of PCSD Website)

Surviving the Senior Year

*A Guide for
Juniors and Seniors*



*Paulding County School District
Counseling Department*

The purpose of this handbook is to help juniors and seniors as well as their parents understand the career decision-making process and explore the options available during the senior year and after high school. Every student is College and Career Ready!



Senior Advisement Checklist

July-May Checklist to Guide Seniors

(Linked to High School Counseling Website on PCSD Website)

Senior Advisement Checklist for Students

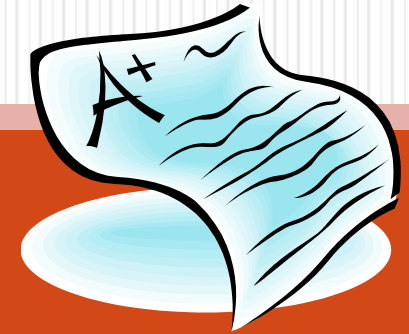
With the right grades, right planning and right steps, you will be college and career ready. For you, college and career ready could mean college/university, technical college, specialty school, military or a skilled job. You can make sure being career ready happens! Two valuable resources are www.GAFutures.org and The College Board's Big Future www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org websites. Another valuable site is the Georgia Career Information System site: <http://www.gaic.peachnet.edu/>

Below is a checklist to make certain that you take the right steps and make the right choices for your postsecondary decision:

| Month | Senior Advisement To Do List: |
|-----------|--|
| August | <p>Think Future! Think about and discuss any college or work setting visits as well as military staff discussions that may be valuable for your career decisions after high school graduation. Use the district Surviving the Senior Year guide. Most importantly use your Cognitive results from the ability and interest assessment that you completed last school year. Use these links to research information: GAFutures: www.GAFutures.org Campus Tours: www.collegeboard.com College Board: www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org College Express: www.collegeexpress.com CollegeNet: www.collegenet.com Georgia Skilled Trades: http://www.gobuildgeorgia.com/ Military Careers: www.militarycareers.com Occupational Outlook Handbook: http://www.bls.gov/ooh/</p> |
| September | <p>Review your grade point average. First semester admissions documents use the grade point average through the junior year. The high school transcript has both a numeric as well as a 4.0 grade point average. Class rank uses the numeric grade point average. Link for HOPE GPA is under My GAFutures on www.GAFutures.org site. Motivate Yourself! Continue to be sure that you are enrolled in challenging courses. Keep up and do well in these courses. Remember your parent/guardian may use IC Parent Portal for schedule and grade information. Check the HOPE GPA on GAFutures on your My GAFutures account. Remember all academic courses count both required and elective courses including an academic work-based learning course(s). Also remember no middle school academic courses count. General HOPE Scholarship information may be found on this link: https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/ Rigorous course information may be found on this link: https://www.gafutures.org/media/113414/hope-course-list-july-2016.pdf All core courses taken in grades 9-12 are calculated in the HOPE GPA. Again, no middle school courses taken for high school credit are calculated in the HOPE GPA. Meet with your professional school counselor about Dual Enrollment Move on When Ready documents. Seniors involved in Dual Enrollment courses under the Move on When Ready Program must have an advisement conference completed at the beginning of each semester and the appropriate documents completed by the professional school counselor. Narrow the List! Review a list of target post-secondary options and discuss the finalized list of choices based on research completed during junior year. Use GAFutures to compare and contrast Georgia schools both public and private. Resources: Surviving the Senior Year district guide Focus on a Career! Think about and discuss the Senior Capstone Project, a career-focused research project with a presentation and career mentor component. Narrow your career choice. Use your Cognitive results! Make sure that all applicable information and documents are completed. This project is required in the 16-17 school year at all high schools. Obtain testing schedule for SAT and/or ACT and consider your time line is for test preparation as well as registration. Link for SAT: www.collegeboard.org Link for ACT: www.act.org Test preparation link on GAFutures: https://www.gafutures.org/college-education/online-decision-guide/test-prep/ Participate in BRIDGE (Building Resourceful Individuals to Develop Georgia's Economy) Senior Advisement and Letter opportunities during Classroom Guidance with your school counselor. Remember, the counselors in the counseling office are available to help YOU! Always contact the counselor regarding any of your questions or concerns. Go to the Fair! Plan to attend PROBE Fair (Explore the Possibilities) in October. Talk with military, technical schools and college representatives. Most representatives will be from in-state schools. However, there are also some out-of-state postsecondary institutions represented. Typically, there are 60+ representatives at this valuable event.</p> |

| | |
|----------|---|
| | <p>Again think about registering for the SAT and/or ACT. Link for SAT: www.collegeboard.org Link for ACT: www.act.org Test preparation link on GAFutures: https://www.gafutures.org/college-education/online-decision-guide/test-prep/</p> |
| October | <p>Attend the PROBE Fair held in early October at one of the district high schools. Location is announced during August. Take a Trip! Make plans to attend a campus or campuses that you were not able to attend last year or last summer. Oftentimes, this visit provides you with valuable information to make a final decision. Attend along with your parent/guardian the mandated by Georgia law, BRIDGE Advisement session at the high school. Your Senior Letter is finalized during this event. Page 2 of the Senior Letter lists all graduation requirements that are still outstanding. Valuable information is presented during this opportunity and is the second part of the Senior Seminar experience with the first opportunity being classroom guidance by the school counselor with seniors. Stay Calendar Coordinated! Be organized and put together a calendar of important "things to do". This calendar should include SAT/ACT testing dates as well as early admission, application, scholarship, and financial aid information deadlines. Identify colleges, universities, and/or technical schools in which you are interested. Use GAFutures information to compare and contrast at least 3 different postsecondary options, if this process was not finalized in August. Check on the identification of a specialty school, work or the military if you are not interested in attending a post-secondary institution. Georgia Skilled Trades Link: http://www.gobuildgeorgia.com/ Military Careers Link: www.militarycareers.com Occupational Outlook Handbook Link: http://www.bls.gov/ooh/ Use the www.GAFutures.org website for online application in the state of Georgia. Make certain you obtain additional application and admission procedures via online websites for individual postsecondary institution(s) both in and out-of-state. Think about the "Senior Survival" presentation during classroom guidance. Be sure to review the Surviving the Senior Year guide. This guide has important information as well as a glossary of terms. It is linked to the district counseling department website. Explore scholarship, grant and financial aid options. Website resources are listed toward the back of the Surviving the Senior Year guide. Begin this process early as scholarship deadlines are staggered throughout the senior year. Think Scholarships! Make sure you have a good grasp on local scholarships as well as researching a possible list of scholarships that you will apply for this school year. Research scholarships that are unique to the postsecondary institution you may attend. School counselors have local scholarship information. Helpful links are: GAFutures Financial Aid and Scholarships: https://www.gafutures.org/federal-aid-scholarships/ FastWeb - www.fastweb.com Double check NCAA Clearinghouse certification applications, if you intend to participate in college athletics. Remember the only online courses approved by NCAA are those completed via Georgia Virtual School. Link for NCAA Eligibility Center: http://web1.ncaa.org/ECMR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.jsp Register for the SAT and/or ACT. Use test preparation materials. Link for SAT: www.collegeboard.org Link for ACT: www.act.org Test preparation link on GAFutures: https://www.gafutures.org/college-education/online-decision-guide/test-prep/</p> |
| November | <p>Be sure you are maintaining an organized calendar of important dates. Keep Talking! See your counselor and discuss applying to schools with early admission application deadlines. Some of these deadlines occur this month and may have already occurred for some schools earlier in the fall semester. If a letter or letters of recommendation by teachers or counselors is a requirement, make sure you are asking about these being completed well ahead of the deadline. 3 weeks ahead is recommended. Check on the mailing of ROTC and military academy applications, if applicable. Consider registering for and taking COMPASS, if applicable. This test is needed for technical schools. Take the SAT and/or ACT, if needed. Use test preparation materials as needed. Link for SAT: www.collegeboard.org Link for ACT: www.act.org Test preparation link on GAFutures: https://www.gafutures.org/college-education/online-decision-guide/test-prep/</p> |
| December | <p>Think \$! Communicate with the Financial Aid offices of the postsecondary school(s) that you are interested in, requesting information about financial aid and scholarships. Participate in Apply to College Week/Month at the high school. Counselors guide you through this process. Think about the ASVAB test. This is an optional test provided at the high school. The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery is a very widely used multiple-aptitude test battery. As an aptitude test, the ASVAB measures your strengths, weaknesses, and potential for future success. The ASVAB also provides valuable career information for various civilian and military occupations and is an indicator for success in future endeavors whether you choose to go to college, technical college, or a military career. Link: http://www.military.com/ab-army-futures/evsib</p> |

Senior Letter



This is the guide to meeting graduation requirements!

Senior Letter



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 **13 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 | |
|--|-----------------|
| Area of Study | Units of Credit |
| English/Language Arts*** | 4 units |
| Mathematics*** | 4 units |
| Science*** | 4 units |
| Social Studies*** | 2 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 | 29 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.gsfutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/>

In addition, students may view their HOPE scholarship eligibility grade point average by using their account on the www.gsfutures.org website (800.669.6669). Any student graduating in 2018-2019 must have a **2.0 minimum GPA** identified by Georgia Student Finance Commission to qualify for the HOPE Scholarship. <https://www.gsfutures.org/files/training/career-link-fall-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.gsfutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-grant-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 | |
|--|--|
| <p>List three career options below from the YouScience assessment results:</p> | |
| <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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> British Literature or Advanced Composition <input type="checkbox"/> GSE Algebra II or GSE Pre-calculus <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Math Decision Making* or Statistical Reasoning* <input type="checkbox"/> Technical College Readiness Math* (Course for Technical College Admissions Only) <input type="checkbox"/> AP Calculus or AP Statistics <input type="checkbox"/> 4th Science <p style="font-size: small;">Please note: A CTAE course that counts as a 4th Science will meet graduation requirements, however may not meet admissions requirements.</p> <input type="checkbox"/> American Government <input type="checkbox"/> Economics <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | |
| Pathway Courses to Complete: 3 in one pathway in either CTAE, Academic, World Language or Fine Arts Courses must be full credit courses. <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> 2 courses in one pathway and 1 course from another pathway in either CTAE, Academic, World Language or Fine Arts. Courses must be full credit courses. | |
| Numeric Grade Point Average: Not the Same as HOPE GPA Weighted: Unweighted: _____ This is the numeric average of all courses on the high school transcript and the weighted GPA is used for class rank. | |
| 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 0.0 on the transcript. See DE Form 1 for specific details. <p>1. _____ 3. _____ 2. _____ 4. _____</p> | |
| 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. Ar, Canvas, Duolingo, 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. <p>1. _____ 3. _____ 2. _____ 4. _____</p> | |
| 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 White copy (Counselor's File) Pink copy (Student's Copy) Revised 5/21/2018 | _____ Date Yellow copy (Signed by Parent and returned to Counselor) Page 2 |

Senior Letter – Page 1

- Graduation Requirement Chart
 - Please remember counselors are supporting you to be a Pathway Completer with 3 sequential courses in CTAE or Fine Arts or World Language.
 - Counselors will consult with you about meeting graduation requirements with one full credit in each of these three areas: CTAE, Fine Arts and World Language.
- 3 *YouScience* Career options
- Making Decisions About the Next Step After High School
- Very important - 2 credits in the same World Language must be earned to be admitted some two and all four-year colleges and universities.

Senior Letter-Page 2

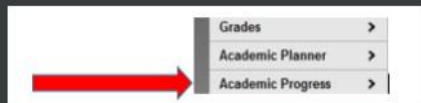
- Courses are listed that must be completed to graduate
- Pathway completion courses are documented.
- Online and Credit Recovery Courses are listed, if applicable
- Any EOC Assessments are listed for required courses, usually Economics for Seniors

MYAP IC Portal

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

Academic Progress

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



Programs Progress Course Plan

Academic Plan Progress

Assigned Graduation Programs: IGP - CTAE

Assigned Career Tech Programs:
• Web and Digital Design

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

| Credit Type | 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 | | 4.0/4.0 |
| MATHEMATICS | 1.0/1.0 | 1.0/1.0 | 1.0/1.0 | 1.0/1.0 | 4.0/4.0 | | 4.0/4.0 |
| SCIENCE | 1.0/1.0 | 1.0/1.0 | 1.0/1.0 | 1.0/1.0 | 4.0/4.0 | | 4.0/4.0 |
| SOCIAL STUDIES | | 1.0/1.0 | 1.0/1.0 | 1.0/1.0 | 3.0/3.0 | | 3.0/3.0 |
| HEALTH/PERSONAL FITNESS | 1.0/1.0 | | | | 1.0/1.0 | | 1.0/1.0 |
| CAREER TECH & AG ED | 2.0/1.0 | 2.0/1.0 | 2.0/1.0 | | 6.0/3.0 | -3.0 | 3.0/3.0 |
| FINE/PERFORMING ARTS | | | 1.0/0.0 | | 1.0/0.0 | -1.0 | 0.0/0.0 |
| WORLD LANGUAGE | | 1.0/0.0 | 1.0/0.0 | 2.0/0.0 | 4.0/0.0 | -4.0 | 0.0/0.0 |
| ELECTIVE | 1.0/1.0 | 0.0/1.0 | 0.0/1.0 | 1.0/1.0 | 2.0/4.0 | 2.0 | 16.0/4.0 |
| Total | 7.0/6.0 | 7.0/6.0 | 7.0/6.0 | 8.0/5.0 | | | 29.0/23.0 |

Course Requirements

| Requirement | Progress |
|---|----------|
| 1a - 9th Grade LitComp or 10th Grade World Lit - if 9th Grade LitComp course was completed in 9th grade (Required Course) | 1.0/1.0 |
| 1b - 10th Grade World LitComp or Multicultural Lit. or American LitComp or AP Language, if World Lit. course was completed in 9th Grade. | 1.0/1.0 |
| 1c - American LitComp or AP Language (Required Course) | 1.0/1.0 |
| 1d - Fourth English | 1.0/1.0 |
| 2a - GSE Algebra I or Accelerated GSE Coordinate Algebra/Analytic Geometry (Required Course) | 1.0/1.0 |
| 2b - GSE Geometry or Accelerated GSE Analytic Geometry/Advanced Algebra (Required Course) | 1.0/1.0 |
| 2c - GSE Algebra II or Accelerated GSE Pre-Calculus (Required Course) | 0.0/1.0 |
| 2d - Fourth Math | 2.0/1.0 |
| 3a - Biology | 1.0/1.0 |
| 3b - Chemistry/Physical Science | 1.0/1.0 |
| 3c - Physics if Physical Science is taken in grade 10, then, Chemistry may be taken in grade 11 | 1.0/1.0 |
| 3d - Fourth Science | 1.0/1.0 |
| 4a - World History | 1.0/1.0 |
| 4b - U.S. History | 1.0/1.0 |
| 4c - Economics | 0.5/0.5 |
| 4d - Government | 0.5/0.5 |
| 5a - Health | 0.5/0.5 |
| 5b - Personal Fitness | 0.5/0.5 |
| 6 - CTAE 3 courses are selected and completed in one chosen CTAE Pathway | 6.0/1.0 |
| 7 - Fine Arts Note: No Fine Arts courses are required for the IGP CTAE Program Plan. | 1.0/1.0 |
| 8 - World Language Note: No WL courses are required for the IGP CTAE Program Plan. College admissions require 2 units of the same World Language. | 4.0/1.0 |
| 9 - Electives 4 Electives are required to graduate. These may be true elective courses or come from one of the above areas after the graduation requirement has been met for that area. | 2.0/1.0 |

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

As a part of the counseling focus on learning for students, we promote: www.GAfutures.org

GAfutures
Explore. Plan. Succeed.



• **NOTE: GAfutures account must have a good, working email.**

• GAfutures helps students:

- Explore options after high school including in-state college, university, and technical college options
- Utilize information as well as the online application document for the Dual Enrollment Program

<https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/scholarships-grants/move-on-when-ready/application-procedure-and-deadline/>

- Review the HOPE GPA
- Request that an electronic transcript be sent to a technical college, college or university
- Process college, university, and technical college applications for in-state schools

<https://www.gafutures.org/media/113398/final-qg-quick-guide-user-apply-to-college.pdf>

- Gain information about state scholarships, loans and grants
- Review scholarship opportunities

If a new account is created on Gafutures use:

- GTID for User Name
- After email comes from Gafutures key password as:
mmddyyyy (birth date) plus
lower case first name initial and
upper case last name initial
Example:
xxxxxxxxxB

GCIS Accounts will use the same format:

- GTID for User Name

mmddyymm (birth date) plus
lower case first name initial and
upper case last name initial

xxxxxxxxxB

This information will be keyed
after the initial sign in process.

The initial password for all
students is Password1.

Each of two security questions
is answered with Paulding

Account Creation

<https://www.gafutures.org/media/113397/final-qg-quick-guide-user-create-account.pdf>

Account Creation



Quick Guide Student

Step 1:

Select the **Create an Account** option at the top of the GAfutures homepage.



Step 2:

Complete the form. Information marked with a red asterisk is required.

Create new account?
Please complete all fields below to create a new account in the system. Fields marked with * are required.

First Name* Middle Name Last Name*

Account Type* School

Email* Confirm Email*

Alternate Email Confirm Alternate Email

Username*

Password* Confirm Password*

Account Creation



Quick Guide Student

Step 3:

After completing the *Account Creation Form*, make sure you check the box acknowledging acceptance of the *Terms of Use* and *Privacy Policy*.

Note: You are able to view the *Terms of Use* and *Privacy Policy* by selecting the appropriate links.

After everything is complete, select **Create Account**.

Step 4:

Congratulations, you have successfully created an account on GAfutures.



Requesting a Transcript

<https://www.gafutures.org/media/113401/final-qg-quick-guide-user-requesting-transcript-through-gafutures.pdf>

Requesting Your Transcript through GAFutures

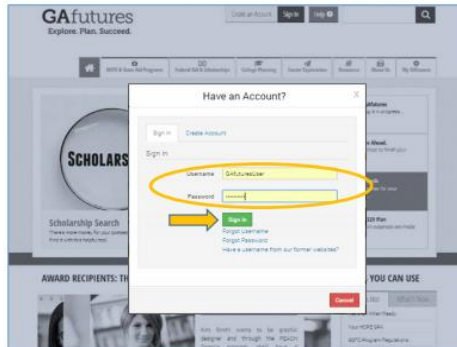


Quick Guide Student

Step 1:
Select the **Sign In** option at the top of the GAFutures homepage.



Step 2:
Enter your **Username** and **Password** information, then select **Sign In**.

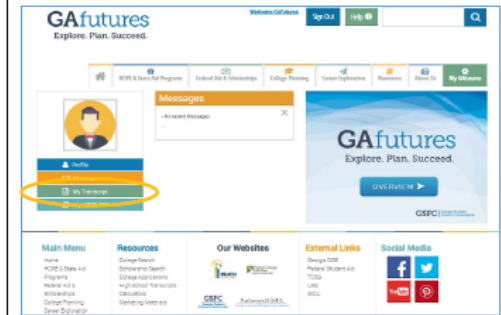


Requesting Your Transcript through GAFutures



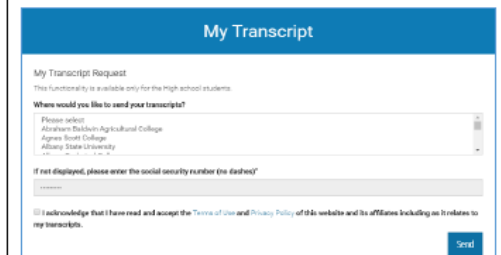
Quick Guide Student

Step 3:
Select the **My Transcript** option.



Step 4:
Electronic Transcript Requests can only be made if your high school allows you to request them through GAFutures.
To complete the request, select the **eligible colleges** in Georgia where you want your transcript to be sent, complete remaining fields, select **Send**.

Note: Make sure all information is entered in order for your request to be processed.
🤖



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

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



Where am I going?

- Graduation Requirement Chart
- Making Decisions About the Next Step After High School-note next slide for resource links
- Very important - 2 credits in the same World Language must be earned to be admitted some two and all four-year colleges and universities.

Exploration 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](#)

Senior Capstone Project

The Senior Capstone Project is designed to answer: Who am I and Where am I going? It is the culminating activity of a student's high school career. The Capstone Project provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and showcase the skills they have acquired over their past school years. The Capstone Project combines academic, career, and personal goals and components intended to challenge each student's ability, stretch their limitations, and celebrate their individuality. At Paulding School District High Schools the implementation of the Senior Capstone Project may be slightly different. However, all of the Georgia Department of Education Senior Capstone Project Guidance components are followed. [Click Here](#) for the link to the GaDOE Capstone Guidance document.

College Admissions Links

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](#)

ACT and SAT Registration and Information Links

[ACT and SAT Information](#)

[New SAT Exam Overhaul](#)

[The New SAT, What You Need to Know!](#)

Important Links:

[ACT Registration](#)

[FREE SAT Practice-Khan Academy & The College Board](#)

[PSAT](#)

[SAT Registration/The College Board](#)

Helpful College Admissions Links

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](#)



Important Dates

(Dates, locations, etc. are different at each high school)

- Senior Parent Night:
Scheduled by each high school
- Financial Aid Opportunity:
Scheduled by each high school
- Apply to College Month:
Scheduled by each high school

Financial Aid Opportunities & Scholarships

How will I get where I am going?

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



If you are a 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.



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.

Explore Financial Aid 101 on GAfutures site:
<https://www.gafutures.org/federal-aid-scholarships/>

Federal Aid & Scholarships

Home / Federal Aid & Scholarships

FEDERAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS



Financial Aid Basics

Financial aid is money from various sources to help students pay for college. View some of the basics.



FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) determines eligibility for all federal financial aid programs and must be completed each year when applying for financial aid.



Federal Student Loans

Take a look at the various types of loans available through Federal Student Aid and the repayment options.



Federal Student Grants

Learn about the federal grant programs available to assist with students paying for college or career school.



Scholarship Search

There's more money for your postsecondary education than you think. Use this tool to find what scholarships you may be eligible for.



NEWS YOU CAN USE

Trending

Shortcuts

GAfutures Quick Guides and FAQs

2016-2017 Award Amounts

Georgia National Guard SCL

Move On When Ready

SIWDG Provides High-Demand Careers

PROBE College Fairs

Go Back. Move Ahead.

LifeSense



LifeSense is a fun place where students can learn about money and what it means to them.

Learn more

HOPE Scholarship

- 3.0 Grade Point Average in all academic courses (core and elective 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.
- Honors courses are not weighted by Georgia Student Finance Commission
- Dual Enrollment courses will receive a .5 weight by Georgia Student Finance Commission beginning in 14-15 school year.
 - The PCSD transcript adds 10 numeric bonus points for dual enrollment courses in English, math, science, social studies and world language courses.

Important HOPE Information

- 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)
 - MyGAfutures account on GAfutures
 - College/university application
 - Financial aid documentation at college, university, and/or technical college

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
- Incorrect high school name



Student must carefully and continually check HOPE information on MyGAfutures account on Gafutures.org

GSFC does not permit counselors to calculate HOPE GPA.
Students and parents must always use MyGAfutures site.

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 are linked on the GAfutures website and are updated each spring semester.
- HOPE will not pay for remedial or developmental courses

HOPE After High School

- Student leaves high school with a 3.0 Core GPA and finishes the first 30 hours at a college or technical college with a 2.9 GPA (known as Tier 1)
 - Student would lose HOPE after first year.
 - Student can only lose the HOPE Scholarship one time during the college years.
 - While in college there is a HOPE check at the end of 30, 60 and 90 hours, also known as Tiers 1, 2 and 3.

HOPE

<https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-scholarships/hope-scholarship/>

HOPE & Zell Miller Scholarships

Home / HOPE & State Aid Programs / HOPE & Zell Miller Scholarships

HOPE & ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIPS

HOPE Scholarship

Zell Miller Scholarship

 Print

[Eligibility](#)

[Award Amounts](#)

[Eligible Colleges and Universities](#)

[Application Procedure and Deadline](#)

[Maintaining Eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship](#)

[Administrative Reviews and Exceptions](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

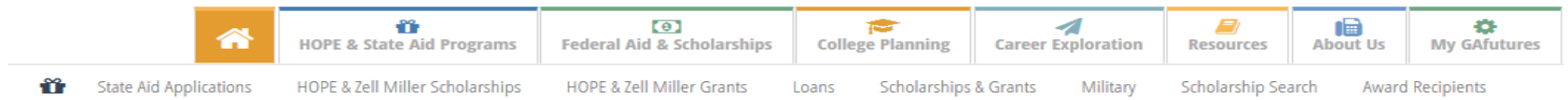
HOPE Scholarship

Georgia's HOPE Scholarship is available to Georgia residents who have demonstrated academic achievement. The scholarship provides money to assist students with the educational costs of attending a [HOPE eligible postsecondary institution](#) located in Georgia.

[Frequently Asked Questions about the HOPE Scholarship](#)

Zell Miller

<https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-scholarships/zell-miller-scholarship/>



Zell Miller Scholarship

GAFutures.org / HOPE & State Aid Programs / HOPE & Zell Miller Scholarships / Zell Miller Scholarship

HOPE & ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIPS

HOPE Scholarship

Zell Miller Scholarship

 Print

[Eligibility](#)

[Award Amounts](#)

[Eligible Colleges and Universities](#)

[Application Procedure and Deadline](#)

[Maintaining Eligibility for the Zell Miller Scholarship](#)

[STEM Weighted Course Directory](#)

[Administrative Reviews and Exceptions](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Zell Miller Scholarship

Georgia's Zell Miller Scholarship is available to Georgia residents who have demonstrated academic achievement. The scholarship provides money to assist students with the educational costs of attending a [Zell Miller Scholarship eligible college](#) located in Georgia.

[Frequently Asked Questions about the Zell Miller Scholarship](#)

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**

Scholarship Search

<https://www.gafutures.org/scholarship-search>

The screenshot shows the GAfutures Scholarship Search page. At the top left is the GAfutures logo with the tagline "Explore. Plan. Succeed." To the right are buttons for "Create an Account", "Sign In", and "Help", along with a "Google Custom Search" box. Below this is a 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". A large blue banner reads "Scholarship Search". Below the banner, the URL "GAfutures.org / Scholarship Search" is shown. A search bar contains the text "Search by keyword.." and a magnifying glass icon. To the right of the search bar is the instruction "Use the filter options located in the left menu to search." The left menu includes "Location", "College", and "Miscellaneous" categories, a "Search All" button, and a "Clear All Selections" button. The main content area features a photograph of a group of smiling graduates in blue caps and gowns. Below the photo is a dark blue banner with the text "Looking for money to **help** pay for college?" and a sub-message: "Choose the categories on the left to help find potential opportunities".

My HOPE GPA

<https://www.gafutures.org/media/113400/final-qg-quick-guide-user-my-hope-gpa.pdf>

My HOPE GPA



Quick Guide Student

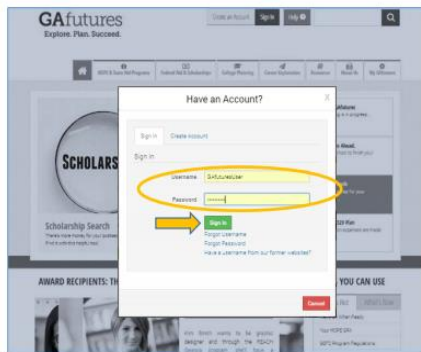
Step 1:

Select the **Sign In** option at the top of the GAfutures homepage.



Step 2:

Enter your **Username** and **Password** information, then select **Sign In**.



My HOPE GPA



Quick Guide Student

Step 3:

Your HOPE GPA can be found by selecting **My HOPE GPA**.

Note: This HOPE GPA is based on courses completed while in high school. If you are a college student and want to find out about your college GPA as it applies to qualifying for HOPE, contact the financial aid office at your institution.

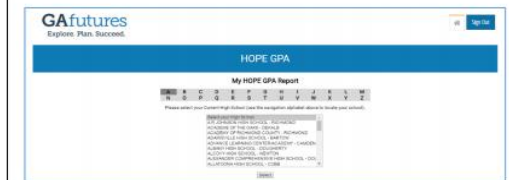


Step 4:

Your HOPE GPA report can be generated by selecting your current high school.

Note: You will only have information regarding HOPE GPA if your high school has sent GSFC your transcript for calculation.

Also, Your GAfutures profile must include your high school name, your Social Security number and your date of birth.



All professional school counselors in our district are here for you.

