

Junior
Advisement
Class of 2028



THREE TASKS TO COMPLETE BEFORE YOUR JUNIOR ADVISEMENT APPOINTMENT

- Detailed instructions on how to complete the required tasks through SchoolLinks can be found in the Junior Advisement PowerPoint slides 11-15
- Important: We will complete the Individual College & Career Plan (ICCP) during Junior Advisement with a Walton school counselor.



REGISTRATION DAY FOLDER INFORMATION

Inside your folder, you will find:

- Your transcript
- Your current schedule
- Your HOPE Report (yellow paper)

Possibly any or all of the following may be in your folder:

- ISA or STEM flowchart
- Social Security Number letter – if we are missing your SSN
- Records Room reminder for immunization booster: Form MCV4

You can also access the PowerPoint presentation from the Walton School Counseling website at

www.waltonhighcounseling.com/presentations



WHAT IS JUNIOR ADVISEMENT?

Junior Advisement aims to help you plan for senior year and ensure you have all your Georgia high school graduation requirements. There are four parts:

- 1. PowerPoint Presentation** – This provides you with further information about postsecondary options after graduating high school. Please review this before your Junior Advisement appointment.
- 2. Top State For Talent (TSFT)** Georgia requires all juniors to complete TSFT tasks. Students must complete three tasks before advisement: Favorite Careers, 11th Grade Top State For Talent Survey 2026-27, and adding their personal emails to SchoolLinks.
- 3. Individual Graduation Plan (ICCP)** – A school counselor will work with you to plan out courses for senior year to meet academic and career goals. Parents/Guardians may view this plan on ParentVue >> Student Info >> Update Student Info >> Graduation Plan
- 4. Check out with a school counselor** – Once you've completed the TSFT, you will meet individually with a school counselor during your pre-registered time. At this appointment (20 minutes), a school counselor will help you complete your ICCP and answer your questions.



Today's Agenda

- Outline of Junior Advisement
- Counseling Department Info
- SchoolLinks and tasks required
- Graduation Requirements & Options
- Post-secondary Options
- HOPE Programs, Financial Aid, & Georgia MATCH, Dual Enrollment
- Junior Advisement and ICCP





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SchoolLinks is a **delivery system** and a college/career readiness platform that helps students explore their interests, discover career pathways, and plan for life after high school.

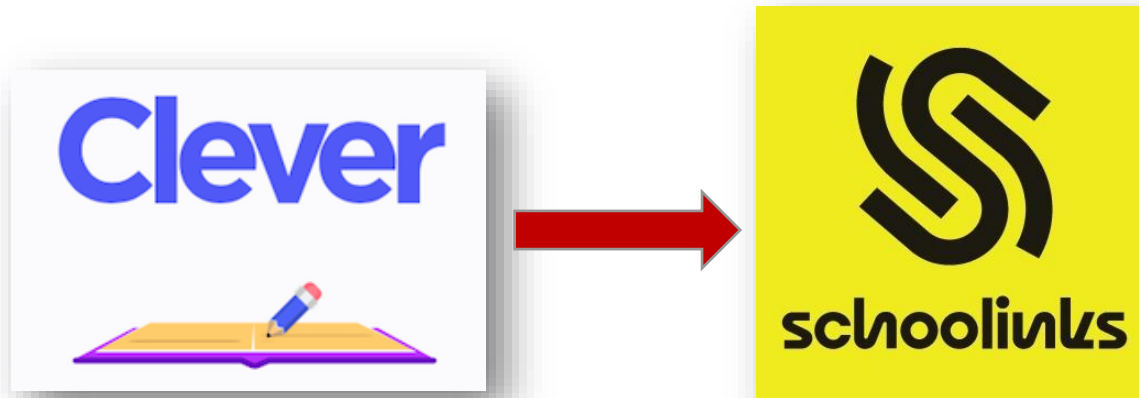
We will use it to communicate with you and to coordinate various activities throughout the year.

You can access SchoolLinks from CLEVER or Walton's website.



Accessing SchooLinks

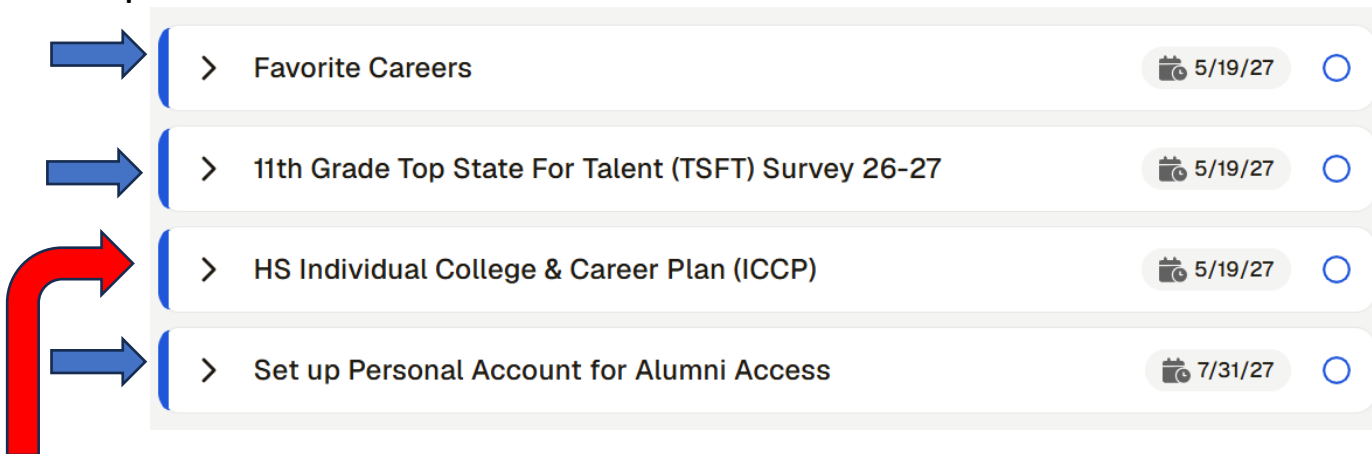
- Go to Clever
- Look under “More Apps” for SchooLinks





Three Tasks To Complete Before Advisement

- On your homepage, you will see the tasks to complete under the **To Do List**
- There are three tasks to complete before Junior Advisement:
 1. Favorite Careers
 2. 11th Grade Top State For Talent (TSFT) Survey
 3. Set Up Personal Account for Alumni Access



You will complete the HS Individual College & Career Plan (ICCP), during Junior Advisement with a school counselor. **Do not do this on your own.**



Task 1: Favorite Careers

You must favorite at least 3 careers in the Career Center.

1. Click **Favorite Careers**
2. Click **Go to Feature**
3. You will see a list of careers. You can filter these careers based on region, clusters, education level, etc.
4. Click on a career you're interested in
5. Click **Add to Favorites**
6. Click **Back**
7. Repeat the process for two additional careers so you will have three total favorited careers. Click **Home**.



The screenshot displays the 'Accounting and Auditing' career page. At the top, the title 'Accounting and Auditing' is followed by a list of related roles: '(Accountant, Financial Officer, Bookkeeping, CPA, Certified Public Accountant (CPA), +1 More)'. Below this is a blue link for 'Management & Entrepreneurship'. The 'Profile Navigation' section on the left includes 'General Overview' (selected), 'Education & Training', 'Career Q&A', and 'Career Outlook'. The 'Career Actions' section at the bottom features three buttons: 'Favorited' with a heart icon, 'Set as Career Goal' with a triangle icon, and 'Related opportunities'. On the right, the 'General Overview' section shows a 'State area filter' dropdown set to 'N...', and several metrics: 'High Job Growth' (green), 'Medium Salary' (blue), 'Current Employment' (green), 'AI Impact' (orange), and 'Minimum Education' (blue). Below these are sections for 'Accountants manage &' and 'Frequently asked qu'.



Task 2: 11th Grade TSFT Survey

1. Click on **Home**
2. Click **11th Grade Top State For Talent (TSFT) Survey**
3. Click **Start**
4. Answer each question
5. When you have completed the survey, click **Next**
6. Click **Back to Dashboard**



Congrats, you completed this activity!



[Back to dashboard](#)

[Restart task](#)



Task 3: Set Up Personal Account for Alumni Access

1. Click **Home**
2. Click **Set Up Personal Account for Alumni Access**
3. Click **Go To Feature**
4. Click **Add Email**
5. Enter your personal email address (not your students.cobbk12.org)
6. Create a new password and confirm the new password. Your password must be 8-20 characters and include at least one lowercase, one uppercase, and one number.
7. Click **Save Email**
8. Click **Home**
9. You should now only have the HS Individual College & Career Plan (ICCP) task remaining. You will complete this task during Junior Advisement with a school counselor. **Do not do this on your own.**



> HS Individual College & Career Plan (ICCP)



Graduation Requirements & Options

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Subject Area	Required Credits
English/Language Arts	4 credits (9 th Lit, Lit II, 3rd & 4th ELA)
Mathematics	4 credits (Alg I, Geom, Adv Alg, and 4 th math)
Science	4 credits (Biology, Physics/Physical Science, Chem/Earth Sci/Env Sci, 4 th science)
Social Studies	3 credits (World History, U.S. History, Gov/Econ)
World Language/CTAE/Fine Art	3 credits
Personal Fitness	0.5 credit
Health	0.5 credit
General Electives	4 credits

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS VS. COLLEGE ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

High School Graduation

- Determined by GA Department of Education (GaDOE)
- Tracked by you, your teachers, and your school counselor
- You graduate if you earn the minimum 23 required credits in specific areas

College Admissions

- Determined by the individual college
- Tracked by you – it is your responsibility to find out what the school needs/wants
- Materials that are needed before you can be accepted – you may not be accepted with just the minimum
- May include college entrance exams (SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer)



Post-Secondary Options

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Key Questions To Guide You



What path is the best fit for me after graduation?



What steps or requirements do I need to reach that goal?



Which tests or assessments should I prepare to take?



How will I pay for my education or training?

Postsecondary options

Apprenticeships and job training

Military

Specialty School

2-Year and/or Technical College

4-Year College/University

APPRENTICESHIPS & TRADES

- Training lasts 1 – 5 years and provides on-the-job training, often paid.
- These kinds of programs can lead to secure and well-paying jobs.
- Additional education and training can provide high levels of advancement and increased salaries.
- Examples include electricians, plumbers, HVAC technicians, certified cooks, firefighters, automotive/aviation technicians, licensed practical nurses, welders, and legal assistants.





Military Options

Military Branch	Website	Military Academy
Army	www.army.mil www.goarmy.com	U.S. Military Academy (West Point) www.westpoint.edu
Navy	www.navy.mil www.navy.com	U.S. Naval Academy www.usna.edu
Air Force	www.af.mil www.airforce.com	U.S. Air Force Academy www.usafa.af.mil
Marine Corps	www.marines.mil www.marines.com	Future Marines attend the U.S. Naval Academy
Coast Guard	www.uscg.mil www.gocoastguard.com	U.S. Coast Guard Academy www.uscga.edu

What does “College” mean?

Someone with a high school diploma can attend several types of schools to earn an undergraduate degree or certificate



SPECIALTY SCHOOL

- Certificate or diploma
- ex: Aveda Institute



2-YEAR AND/OR TECHNICAL COLLEGE

- Certificate, diploma, or Associate's Degree

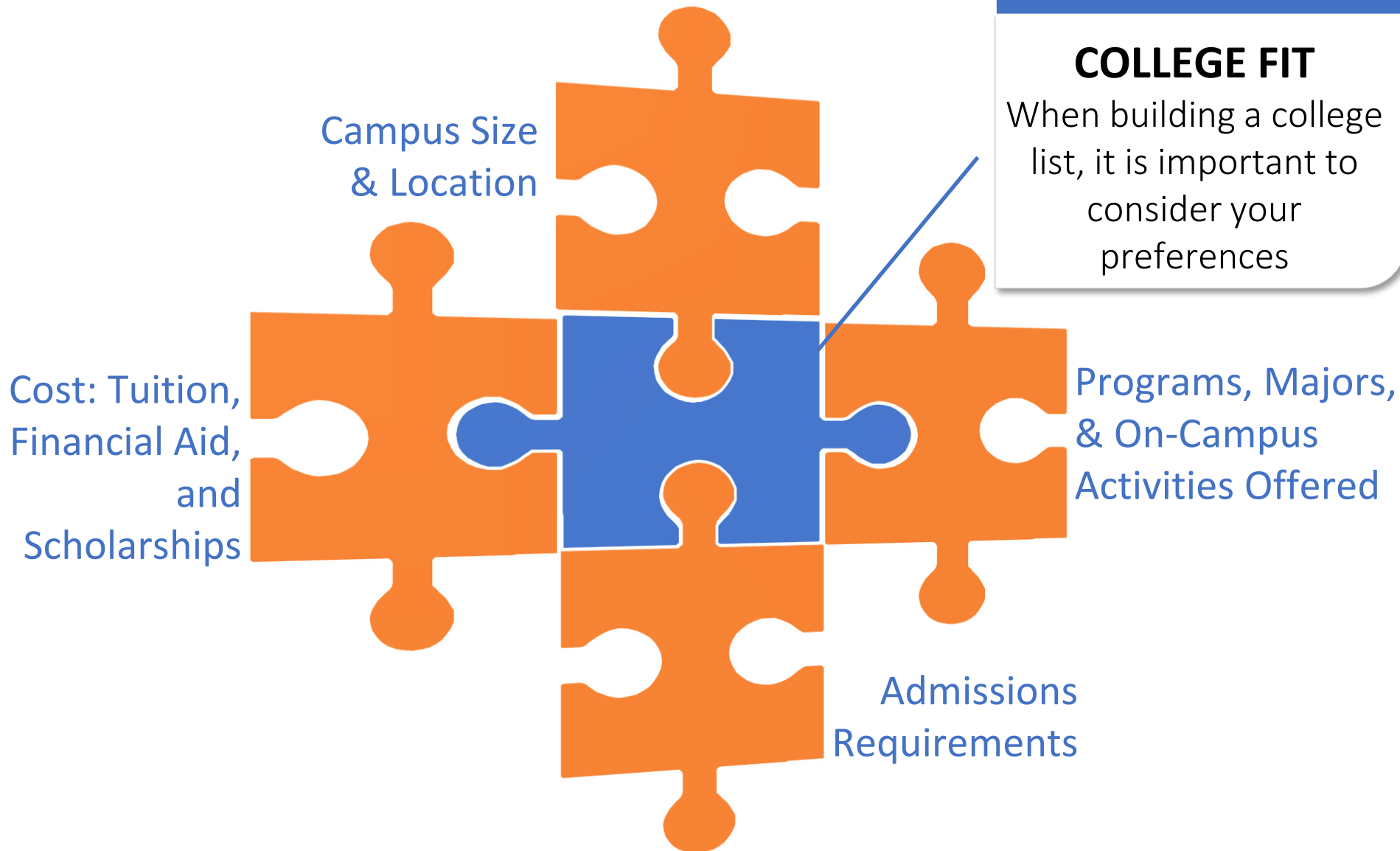
ex: Chatt Tech,
GA Highlands



4-YEAR COLLEGE UNIVERSITY

- Bachelor's Degree
- ex: KSU, UGA

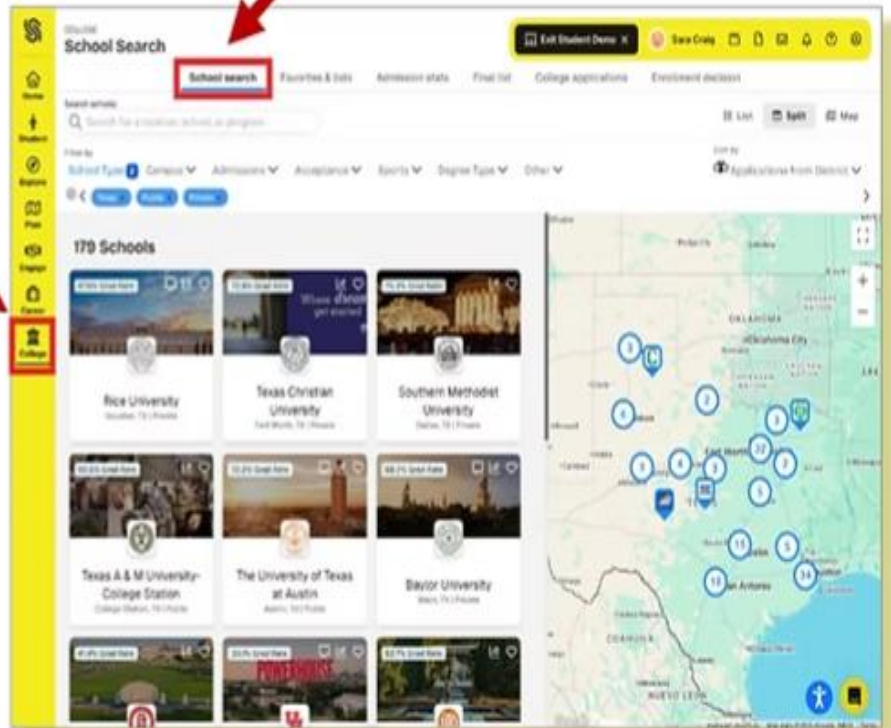
SELECTING COLLEGES





College School Search in SchoolLinks

1. From your SchoolLinks homepage, click **College**
2. Select **School Search**
3. Use the default filters (e.g., State, Public, and Private) or apply additional filters to further narrow your search results
4. Use the search bar to search to find a specific college or academic program
5. Click on a college card to view a specific school's profile, including admissions information, majors, costs, and other details





Favoriting, Setting Goals, and Adding Schools to School List in SchoolLinks

After choosing a School Profile:

- Learn about admission stats, campus life, application requirements, and more.
- Watch current student videos.
- You can add the colleges to **favorite** , **set as a goal** , and add to a **school list**. 

COLLEGE School Profile

Rice University
Houston, Texas | Private

Overview

Undergrad degrees offered: Bachelor's Degree

Acceptance rate: 8% (Based on national data)

Graduation rate: 94% (4 years, 6 years, 8 years)

Undergrad/Total Enrollment: 4,574/8,556

US News Ranking: 18th

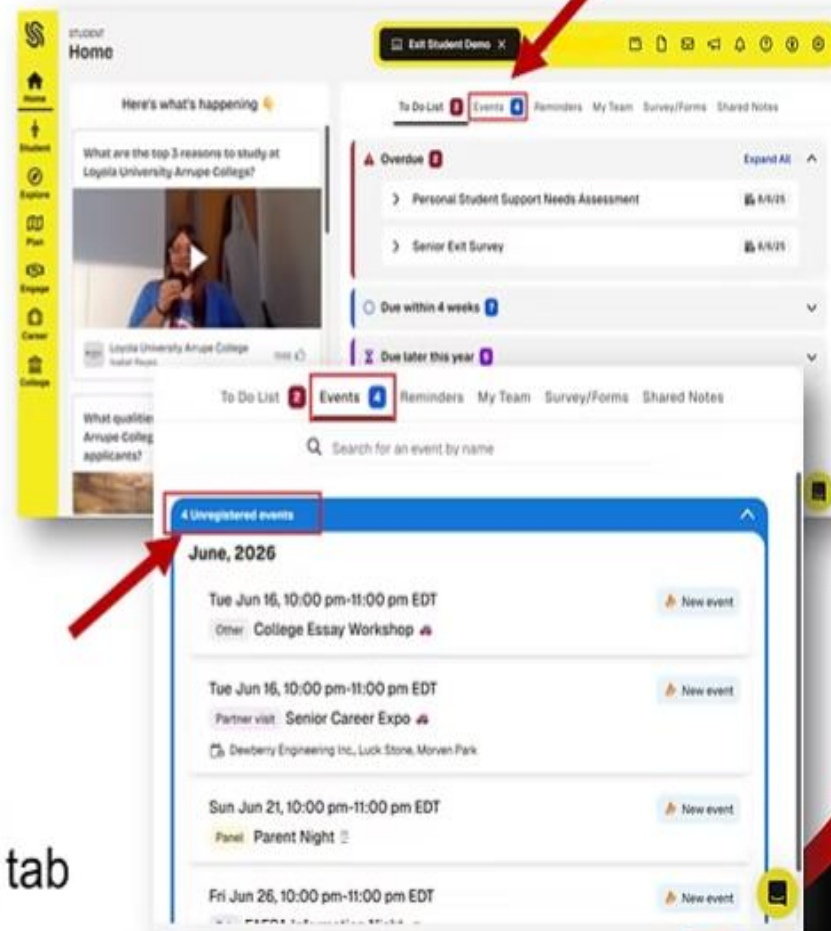
Campus Setting

School Size: Medium (Up to 15K Students)
School Setting: City/Large
Campus Housing: Available
Campus Safety: 33 (on a scale of 1-50)



How to Sign Up for College Rep Visits in SchoolLinks

1. From your SchoolLinks homepage, click **Events** at the top of your dashboard
2. Browse the list of upcoming college rep visits
3. Click on the college rep visit you'd like to attend
4. Click **Register For This Event**
5. After registering, you will receive automated **email reminders** about the event
6. You can view all your registered college rep visits at any time by returning to the **Events** tab





TESTING

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COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS – SAT & ACT

- Most colleges will accept either SAT or ACT
- We recommend that students take both the SAT and ACT at least once by the end of their junior year, whether officially or as a practice test.
- Students receiving free/reduced lunch qualify for fee waivers (email rebecca.England@cobbk12.org)
- [Click here](#) for more information about college entrance exams



THE SAT **vs** THE ACT

KEY Differences



Digital, adaptive



More time per question



Short, single-question reading passages



Fewer math concepts, complex problems



Paper or online, fixed format



Faster paced



Longer reading passages



More math concepts, straightforward problems

TIMING & SCORING



Overall Time

Reading & Writing
(baseline module)

32m

Reading & Writing
(adaptive module - easier or harder)

32m

Math
(baseline module)

35m

Math
(adaptive module - easier or harder)

35m

200-800 points

200-800 points

TOTAL POINTS | 400-1600



Reading & Writing



Math

Time per Question



Overall Time

1-36

1-36

1-36

1-36

35m

English

50m

Math

40m

Reading

40m

Science (optional)

TOTAL POINTS | 1-36



English



Math



Reading



Science (optional)

OTHER TESTS YOU MAY NEED

Accuplacer

- May be required placement exam for 2-year and technical colleges
- Schedule to take this test at the chosen college if required for admissions purposes
- [Click here](#) for more information



ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Battery)

- Aptitude/career exam required for entrance into the military that determines your eligibility for jobs
- ASVAB dates: October 28 & March 17
- [Click HERE](#) to register.







State Workforce Development Initiatives

HOPE Career Grant

- Helps students start a well-paying career with little to no debt while also building a skilled workforce for Georgia employers.
- Be a Georgia resident
- Must be a recipient of the HOPE or Zell Miller Grant
- Eligible for students working towards a certificate or diploma at a technical college in programs that are considered high-demand career fields
- To learn more about the workforce development initiatives in Georgia, visit the Linktree (or scan the QR code) below:
 - <https://linktr.ee/GAWorkForceDevInitiatives>
 - <https://tcsq.edu/free-tuition/>



To learn more, visit [GAfutures: HOPE Career Grant](#)

STATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE



[Click here](#) to learn about workforce development initiatives in Georgia

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The [HOPE Career Grant](#) can boost a student's ability to start a rewarding career in a well-paying, high-skilled, high-demand job without accumulating much student debt. Combined with the [HOPE Grant](#), these two grants can cover the tuition for 17 programs of study. [Click here](#) to learn more about the HOPE Career Grant.

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[Dual Enrollment Accelerated Career Diploma](#) offers an alternate path to high school graduation by allowing students to earn 2 technical certificates, a technical diploma, or an associate's degree at a technical college (e.g., Chatt Tech) in a high-skilled, high-demand field. Email betsy.alpert@cobbk12.org for more information.



Understanding Georgia's HOPE Programs

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The HOPE Scholarship

- Be a U.S. citizen or meet eligible non-citizen requirements.
- Be a Georgia resident for at least one year.
- Must graduate from a Georgia high school
- Be in compliance with Selective Service registration requirements.
- Must pass 4 rigor classes from GSFC's [Academic Rigor Course List](#).
- Must have a minimum of a 3.0 HOPE GPA upon graduation.
- Must have your SSN updated in the CCSD student record.
- Covers a **portion** of tuition!

To see your HOPE GPA, visit GAfutures.org



Zell Miller Scholarship

- Be a U.S. citizen or meet eligible non-citizen requirements
- Be a Georgia resident for at least one year
- Must graduate from a Georgia high school
- Be in compliance with Selective Service registration requirements
- Must pass 4 rigor classes from GSFC's [Academic Rigor Course List](#)
- Must have a minimum of a 3.7 HOPE GPA upon graduation
- 1200 SAT (Math and Reading) or 25 ACT (Composite)
- Must have your SSN updated in the CCSD student record.
- Covers **full** tuition!

To check your HOPE GPA, visit GAfutures.org

You must have a GAfutures account to review your HOPE GPA.



The HOPE Grant

- Be a U.S. citizen or meet non-citizen requirements
- Be a Georgia resident for at least one year
- No GPA requirement
- No test score requirement
- Eligible for students working towards a certificate or diploma at any Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG)
- Covers **a portion** of tuition!
- Learn more about the HOPE Grant [HERE](#)



How HOPE Grants Cover Your Tuition

Automotive Technology

Aviation Technology

Certified Engineer Assistant

Commercial Truck Driving

Computer Programming

Computer Technology

Construction Technology

Diesel Equipment Technology

Early Childhood Education

Electrical Lineman Technology

Health Science

Industrial Maintenance

Logistics/Transportation Technology

Movie Production Set Design

Practical Nursing

Precision Manufacturing

Welding and Joining Technology

These programs train you for **high-demand careers** and can be completed at a technical college with tuition covered. There is no minimum GPA to qualify for the HOPE Grant or HOPE Career Grant. **Learn more at**

<https://tcsg.edu/free-tuition>



Understanding Your HOPE GPA

HOPE includes your core academic courses—**not** every elective.

All classes that begin with the following count:

- **23.xx English**
- **27.xx Math**
- **26.xx Science**
- **40.xx Science**
- **45.xx Social Studies**
- **60.xx-64.xx World Language**
- Additional electives listed in Gafutures (courses approved for 4th year of science, advanced fine arts courses, etc.)

HOPE Reminders

- HOPE GPA calculates all courses that are HOPE eligible
- Review your HOPE GPA and rigor courses at GAfutures.org
 - Check your HOPE GPA each year
 - **To view your HOPE GPA, your school must have your Social Security number on file.**



YOUR HOPE GPA IS NOT ON YOUR CCSD TRANSCRIPT

Monitor your HOPE GPA on GAfutures.org

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Georgia Match

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GEORGIA MATCH



GEORGIA MATCH is a state-wide initiative that gives Georgia HS seniors a personalized list of colleges and universities at which they meet initial academic eligibility.

- It uses the HOPE GPA after junior year to show a personalized list of colleges and technical schools across Georgia in which the student may be accepted.
- Students will receive a letter and can access the information through the Student Dashboard on their GAfutures account. **Students must have a GAfutures account to view this information.**
- Students may request more information about “matched” colleges through their student account in GAfutures.
- Some colleges may offer fee waivers when applying through Georgia MATCH.

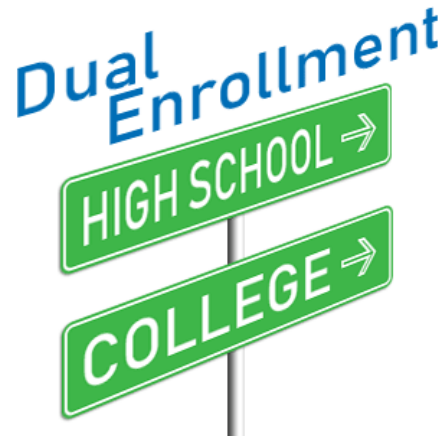


Dual Enrollment

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DUAL ENROLLMENT

- Georgia's Dual Enrollment (DE) program allows high school students to earn college credit while working on their high school diploma.
- DE covers tuition, mandatory fees, and required textbooks.
- The goal of DE is to increase college access and completion and prepare students to enter the workforce with the skills they need to succeed.
- Students can take both academic and CTAE (career tech) courses.
- [Click here](#) for more information regarding DE, including how to register for upcoming mandatory DE information sessions.





DE: Accelerated Career Diploma

- Students must complete 9 HS credits:
 - **2 English courses**
 - State-required English course + EOC and one other state-funded English course
 - **2 Math courses**
 - State-required Math course + EOC and one other state-funded core Math course
 - **2 Science courses**
 - State-required Science course + EOC and one other state-funded course Science course
 - **2 Social Studies courses**
 - 2 state-funded core Social Studies courses or 1 state-funded Social Studies course + a third state-funded Math course
 - **1 Health & an approved Personal Fitness course**



DE: Accelerated Career Diploma

- If you are **sure** you do not plan to attend a 4-yr college or university immediately after high school (HS), **and** you plan to go straight into the workforce with a particular skill, this option may be for you (**with parent approval**).
- Requires only 9 high school credits and allows you to graduate with both a CCSD diploma **and** Chattahoochee Tech credentials at the same time
- If interested, contact Dr. Betsy Alpert at Betsy.Alpert@cobbk12.org for more information.



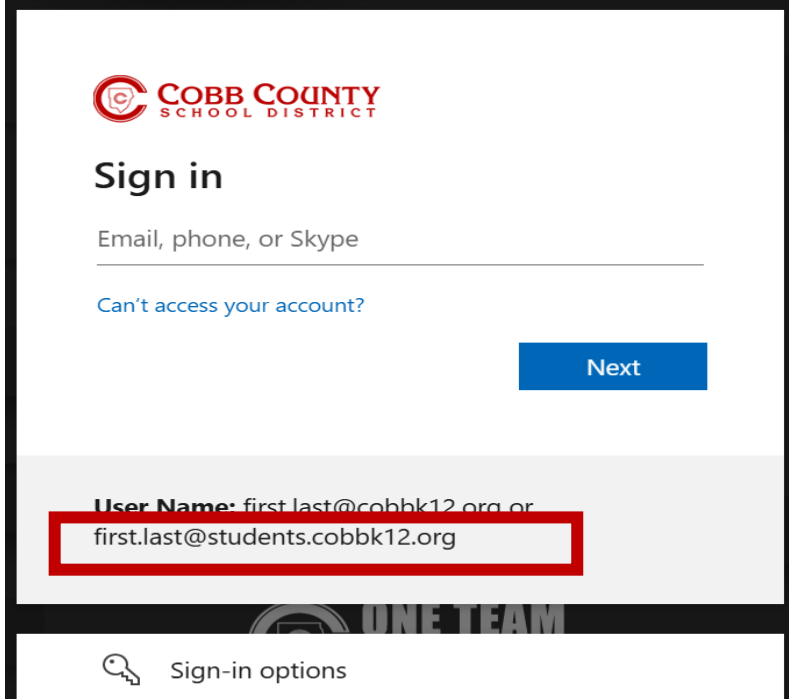
Individual Graduation Plan

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Getting There

- Log on to Google Chrome
- Type <https://studentportal.cobbk12.org> into the search bar
- Sign in using your CCSD student email address and password

A screenshot of the Cobb County School District sign-in page. The page has a white background with a black border. At the top left is the Cobb County School District logo. Below it is the text "Sign in". Underneath is a text input field with the placeholder "Email, phone, or Skype". To the left of the input field is a link that says "Can't access your account?". To the right of the input field is a blue button with the text "Next". Below the input field is a grey box containing the text "User Name: first.last@cobbk12.org or first.last@students.cobbk12.org". The text "first.last@students.cobbk12.org" is highlighted with a red rectangle. At the bottom of the page is a white bar with a key icon and the text "Sign-in options".

COBB COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sign in

Email, phone, or Skype

[Can't access your account?](#)

Next

User Name: first.last@cobbk12.org or
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Sign-in options

Individual Graduation Plan

Your Individual College & Career Plan (ICCP) is a tool used to help you when planning your courses and to ensure you are on track for graduation.



Today, you will be creating or updating your IGP predicting what courses to take next school year. Each student's plan will look different. Remember this is just a plan, registration is a separate process.



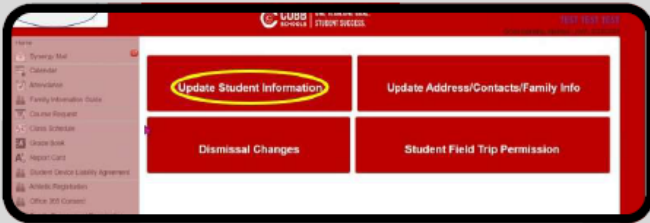
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Student IGP view in ParentVue



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Log into ParentVue
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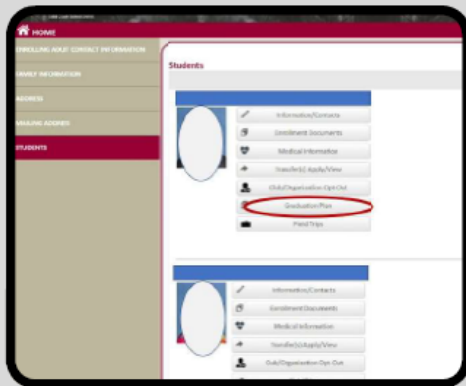


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Select **"Student Information"** on the left side of the screen:

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Select **"Update Student Information"**:



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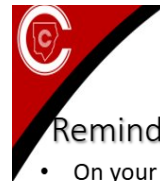
Select **"Graduation Plan"** :
If you have more than one student, make sure to select this button under the student you the student you want to view is showing in the top left corner

A few notes:

- The Graduation Plan is only available to high school students
- It **does** work on mobile devices
- The report viewed through ParentVue is a snapshot in time of when the student last worked in the IGP portal

REVIEW

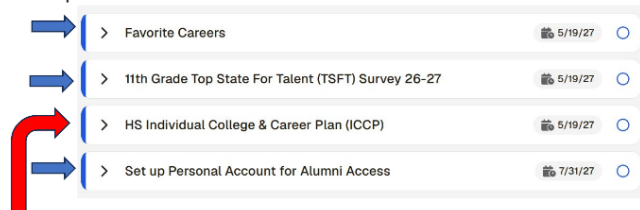
- After your Junior Advisement Session you will have:
- Reviewed Junior Powerpoint
- Completed Three Required Tasks
- Received a folder with your transcript, HOPE report, Applerouth Materials
- Met with a Walton School Counselor to review Individual College & Career Plan



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Reminder-Three Tasks To Complete Before Advisement

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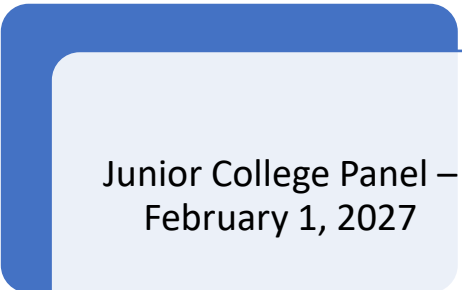


UPCOMING EVENTS

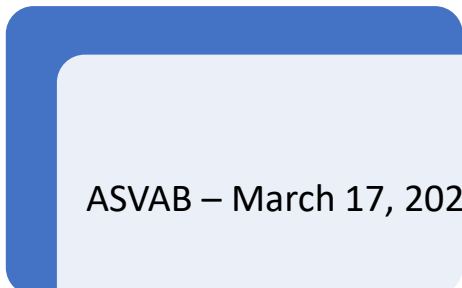
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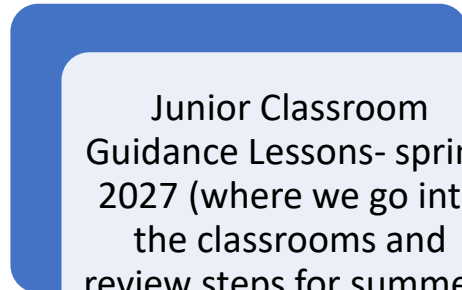
Upcoming Events for Spring 2027



Junior College Panel –
February 1, 2027



ASVAB – March 17, 2027



Junior Classroom
Guidance Lessons- spring
2027 (where we go into
the classrooms and
review steps for summer)
