



**Class of 2024
Walton
Post-Secondary
Informational
Session**

Who is your school counselor?



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- Registrar
- Records Room
- Transcripts



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- College Visits
- Scholarships
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Lesson Overview

Post-secondary options

Naviance

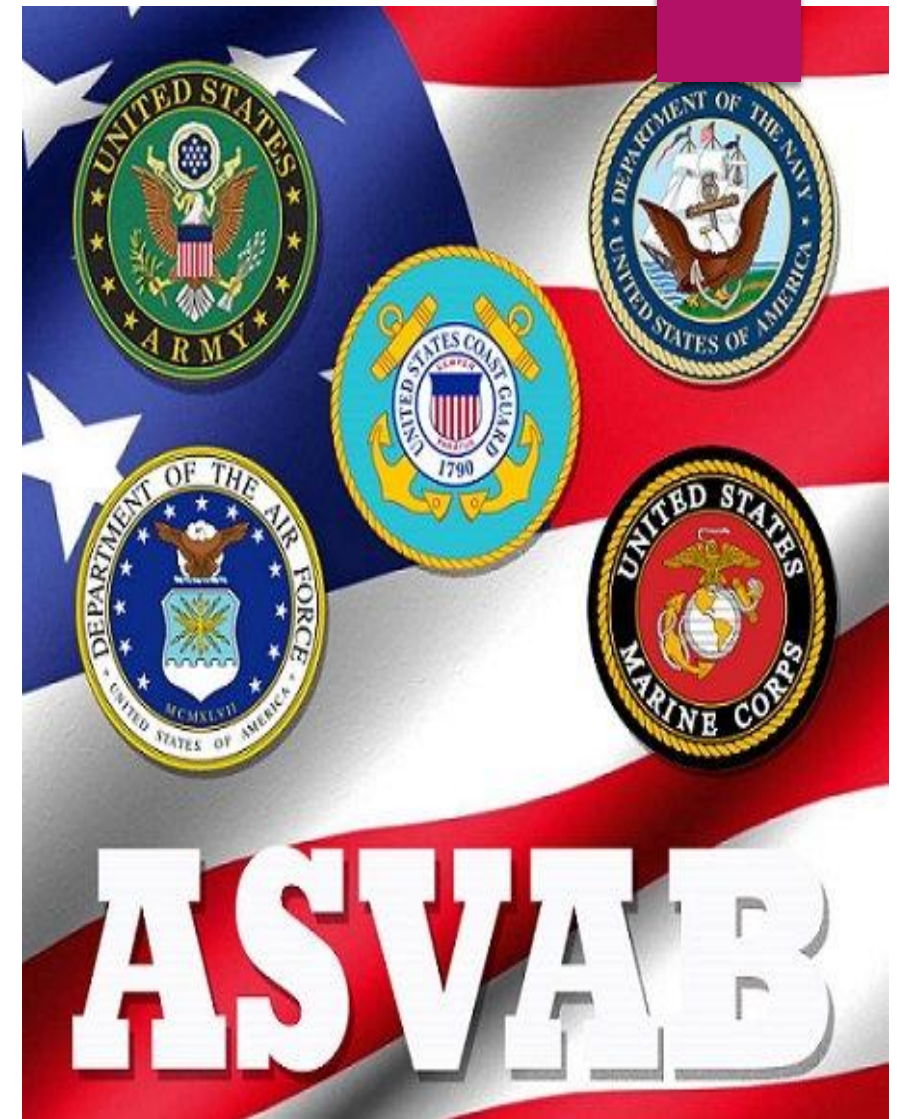
College application process

Scholarships and financial aid

Volunteer hours

Military/Armed Forces

- ▶ High school diploma is required
- ▶ Take the ASVAB
 - ▶ Fall date: Wednesday, November 15 at 1:00 pm (during WEB)
 - ▶ Signup: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DADA723AAF9CF8-asvab3>
- ▶ Make contact with branch recruiter
- ▶ Request your final transcript in May



Trade School / Vocational School

- ▶ Typically completed in two years or less
- ▶ Certificate or diploma programs
- ▶ Career-focused
- ▶ Trains students for a specific job in a career field
- ▶ Examples of jobs:
 - ▶ Welding
 - ▶ Cosmetology
 - ▶ Construction Worker
 - ▶ Automotive, HVAC, Electrician
 - ▶ Dental Assistant
 - ▶ Carpenter
 - ▶ Plumber
 - ▶ Practical Nurse
- ▶ Examples of schools: Chattahoochee Tech, Gwinnett Tech, etc.

2-Year Community Colleges

- ▶ Requirements vary by 2-year colleges. Check websites for current requirements.
- ▶ Check with individual schools to see if the SAT/ACT is required – may take the Accuplacer Exam instead.
- ▶ Transcript – most will require a minimum of your final transcript for proof of graduation. Follow the transcript request process.
- ▶ Examples: Georgia Highlands College, Georgia Perimeter College

4-Year Colleges & Universities

- ▶ Typically have higher admission requirements
 - ▶ e.g., higher GPA, higher test scores
- ▶ On average, it takes students four years to complete
- ▶ Students work towards a Bachelor's, Master's, Specialist's, or Doctorate
- ▶ SAT/ACT test scores may be required (test-optional)
- ▶ Examples: University of Georgia, Kennesaw State University

FACTORS FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION

Extracurricular
Activities

Essays

Letters of
Recommendation

Demonstrated
Interest



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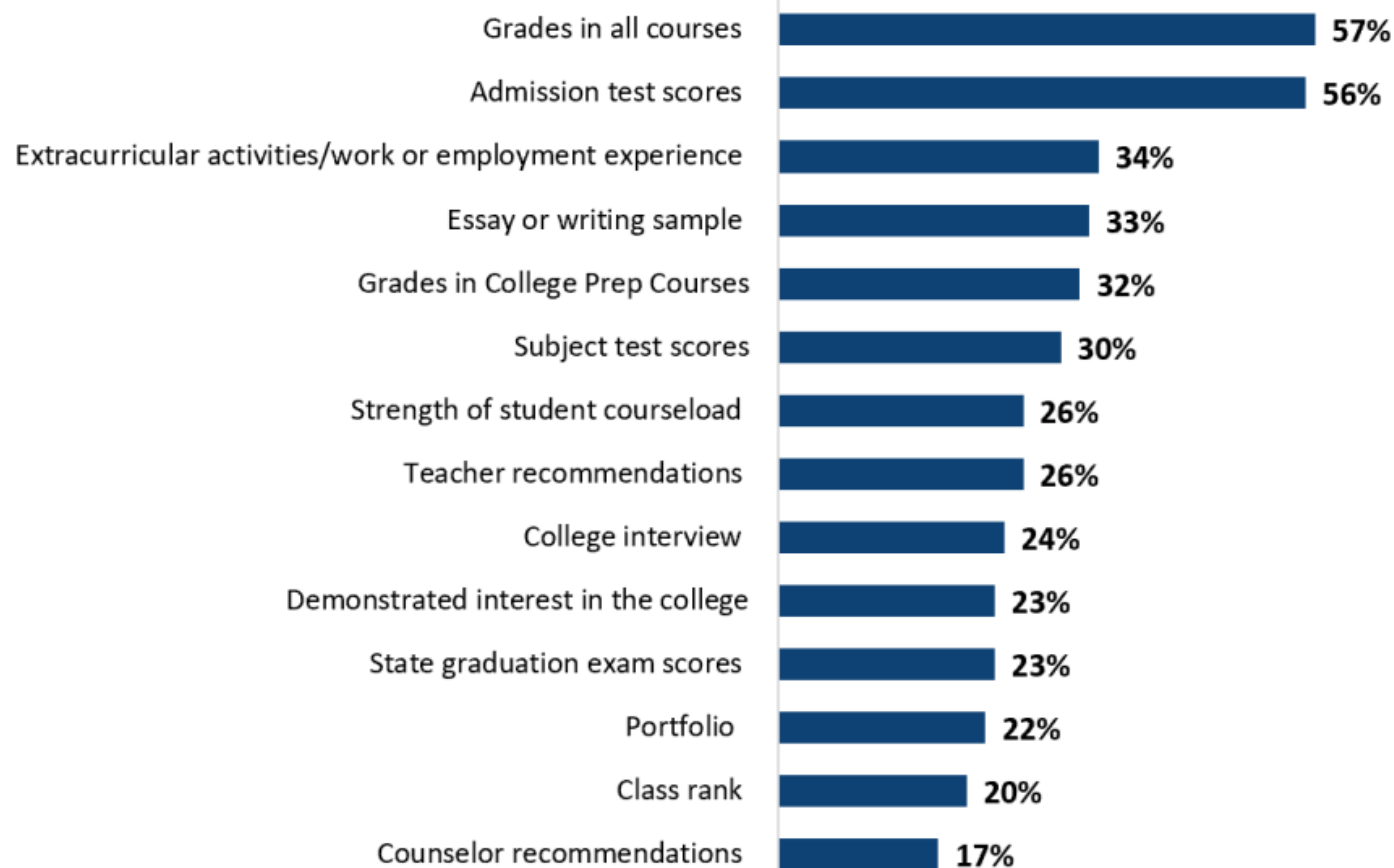
GRADES & GPA

TEST SCORES

Factors In Admission Decisions According to Students

What Matters Most to Colleges when Making Admission Decisions

Select up to 5 responses



Factors in Admission Decision

	Percentage of Colleges Rating As:			
	Considerably Important	Moderately Important	Limited Importance	Not Important
Grades in All Courses	74.5	15.0	5.5	5.0
Grades in College Prep Courses	73.2	16.8	5.9	4.1
Strength of Curriculum	62.1	21.9	8.7	7.3
Admission Test Scores (SAT, ACT)	45.7	37.1	12.2	5.0
Essay or Writing Sample	23.2	33.2	24.1	19.5
Student's Demonstrated Interest	16.1	23.9	28.0	32.1
Counselor Recommendation	15.1	40.4	26.6	17.9
Teacher Recommendation	14.2	40.2	26.5	19.2
Class Rank	9.1	29.1	34.1	27.7
Extracurricular Activities	6.4	42.9	32.0	18.7
Portfolio	6.4	11.9	26.9	54.8
Subject Test Scores (AP, IB)	5.5	18.3	35.2	41.1
Interview	5.5	16.4	28.3	49.8
Work	4.1	28.6	36.9	30.4
State Graduation Exam Scores	2.3	8.7	18.8	70.2
SAT II Scores	1.9	5.6	14.8	77.8

Factors in Admission Decisions

Students OVEREMPHASIZE the Importance of:

- Admission test scores
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience

Students UNDEREMPHASIZE the Importance of:

- Strength of curriculum

Students Accurately Assessed the Importance of:

- Grades in all courses
- Grades in college prep courses
- Essays and/or writing samples



Building a College List

REACH SCHOOLS

Apply to 1 or 2

MATCH SCHOOLS

Apply to 2 or 3

LIKELY SCHOOLS

Apply to at least 1

“Reach schools” are those where your academic credentials fall below the school’s range for the freshman class.

“Match schools” are schools where your academic credentials fall within or perhaps slightly exceed the school’s range for the freshman class.

“Likely schools” are schools you will almost definitely get into because your academic credentials are much better than the typical range for their freshman class.

Points to Consider

Check admissions requirements by visiting college website.

GPA admission requirements vary from school to school.

Weighted and unweighted GPAs will be reported on your CCSD transcript.

Class rank **is not** included on transcripts or reported on secondary reports.

Some colleges want students who show an interest in their school (demonstrated interest).

How Colleges Calculate GPA



Colleges typically calculate your GPA from your CORE ACADEMIC classes

- GPA admission requirements vary from school to school.



Colleges may or may not “weigh” honors or AP courses.



Examples of weighting at different colleges

- UGA weights AP classes only with 1.0
- Alabama and Auburn take the WGPA off our transcript
- University of South Carolina weights honors and AP courses the same

Apply to College

- ▶ Complete and submit your applications as directed by the college.
- ▶ If a college has several application options, choose the one that streamlines the process for you!
 - ▶ No preference is given to one application over the other
 - ▶ Many Georgia colleges will direct you to the [GAFutures](#) website; you must set up an account before you can complete an application
- ▶ Take your time completing your application and essays – this is a very important step!
- ▶ Continue to monitor your application status after you have applied.

Information for College Applications

- ▶ Class size of the Class of 2024: **656**
- ▶ CCSD **does not** rank students
- ▶ Our grading scale is a weighted 4.0 scale.
- ▶ Waive your FERPA rights when requesting recommendations
- ▶ Walton's CEEB code: **111987**

Naviance


NAVIANCE IS A **DELIVERY SYSTEM** AND COLLEGE/CAREER
SEARCH ENGINE, **BUT IT IS ALSO HOW WE COMMUNICATE
WITH YOU AND YOUR PARENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

Logging into Naviance


- You can access Naviance from the CCSD homepage, the Walton website, and the Walton School Counseling webpage.
- If you are on a CCSD computer, then you will be automatically logged into Naviance.
- To log into Naviance from home, you will use the following:
 - Go to www.cobbk12.org
 - Click on “**Find It Fast**” in the upper right-hand corner
 - Choose “**Naviance**” from the menu
 - If prompted, use your CCSD student ID and password




Username:	Password:
Microsoft 365	Microsoft 365
Username	Password

Naviance Student Homepage


 **Naviance**

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Demo's Future Planning





No Path Selected
Plan for life after high school and select the path that will lead to future success.

[Select Path](#)

Career Goals

 Acute Care Nurses

 Chefs and Head Cooks

 Choreographers

[Go to Favorite Careers](#)

Career Essentials

Welcome to Naviance

Welcome 12th grade student


Click: Planner, Tasks and complete all Tasks assigned to you!

[Additional Information from Your School](#)

Tasks from My School

Relax, you have no overdue or upcoming to-dos and tasks. However, you can get ahead by going to My Planner to see what's next or create a goal or to-do.

[Go to My Planner](#)



College Application Step-by-Step Process

1. Determine what colleges you are **applying to**
2. Determine application types: **Common App (preferred method if offered), Coalition, Directly to Institution**
3. Decide your application deadline (e.g., Early Action, Regular Decision, etc.)
4. **Submit** your college applications
5. **Send your test scores** via CollegeBoard/ACT
 - Walton cannot do this!
6. Use Naviance – our “delivery” system -- to:
 - Add colleges to your “Colleges I’m Applying To” list
 - Request teacher recommenders
7. Track your admission status using institution websites



How to use SuperMatch College Search

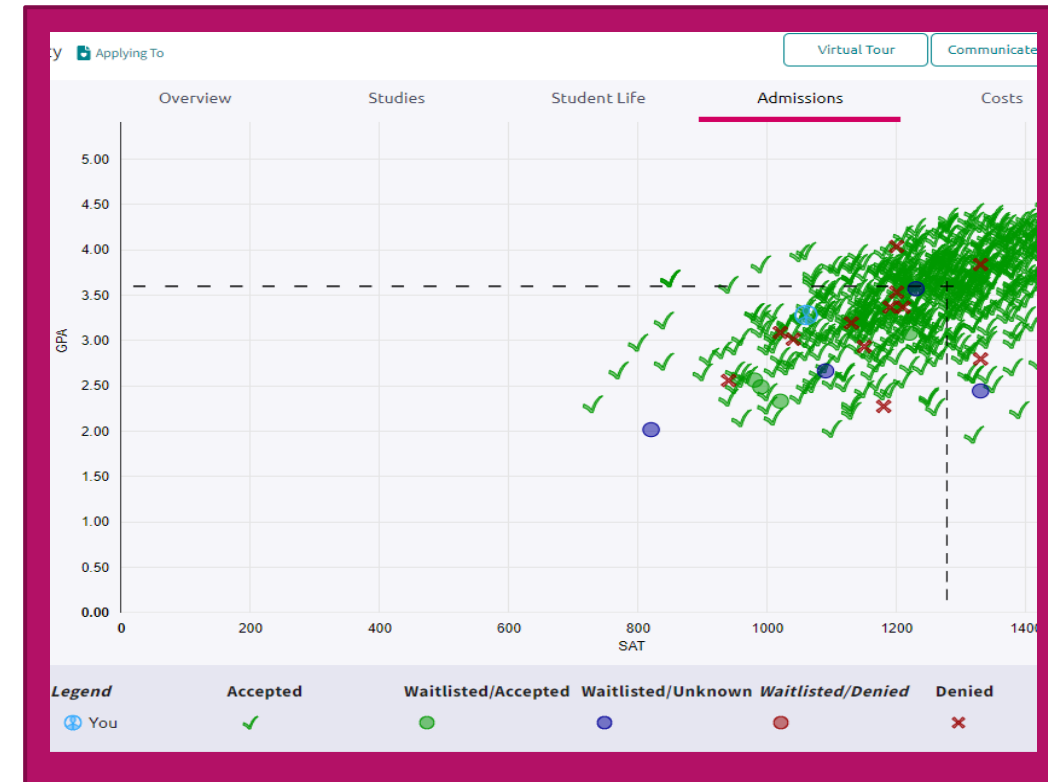
1. Select **Colleges**
2. Select **SuperMatch College Search** under Find Your Fit
3. Select **Select Criteria To Start**
4. Continue refining your search by selecting **Choose Fit Criteria** at the top (e.g., Academics, Admission, Student Life, etc.). The more criteria you add, the more specific your results will be.
5. Sort your criteria into the **Must Have** and **Nice to Have**
6. Select **Pin To Compare** colleges on your results list
7. Select **Favorite** to add colleges you are interested and want to learn more about
8. Select **Save Search** and name this specific search
9. Select **Colleges** and **Colleges I'm Thinking About** to research more about the colleges on your favorites list
10. Repeat the above steps to start a new search or edit or saved search

The screenshot displays the 'Choose Fit Criteria' interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes 'III Choose Fit Criteria', 'Location', 'Academics', 'Admission', 'Student Life', 'Diversity', 'Institution Characteristics', 'Cost', and 'Athletics'. Below this, the 'Your Fit Criteria' section shows 8 selected criteria: Athletics [1], Campus Surroundings [2], Cost < \$30000, Greek Life, Organizations and Clubs [2], Location [4], Master's [1], and Internships and Co-ops. These are organized into 'Must Have' and 'Nice to Have' categories. A 'Save Search' button is visible. The 'Your Results' section indicates that 0 institutions match all criteria. Below this, a table shows the results for Faulkner University, including its location, type, and a comparison of GPA, SAT, and ACT scores against averages and user-defined goals. The table also lists tuition and fees, and a 'Custom Choice' column.

Fit Score	Academic Match	Highlights	Cost	Pick
77%	Average You GPA 2 N/A SAT 1000 N/A ACT 20.5 N/A	No Highlights Available	Tuition & Fees \$19,160 Room & Board \$7,400	Custom Choice

Research Colleges

1. Select **Colleges**
2. Select **Colleges I'm Thinking About**
3. Select the college you want to research
4. Review the college's general information in **Overview**
5. Scroll down to see how your GPA and test scores compare with others who have applied to the college
6. Continue researching the college by selecting **Studies**, **Student Life**, **Admissions**, and **Costs**
7. To learn even more about the college, return to **Colleges I'm Thinking About**
8. Select **More**
9. Select **Scattergram** to view Walton's Application History, Acceptance Rate, Application Requirements, Recommended Courses, Application Factors, and Application Information
10. Select **Communicate** if you would like to send a message to the admission office



Understanding Application Deadlines

- ▶ **Regular Decision**
 - ▶ Deadline date established by the institution
- ▶ **Early Decision (I & II) : Binding**
 - ▶ Cannot apply **early decision** to other colleges, can only apply regular decision.
 - ▶ If accepted, must attend (BINDING)
- ▶ **Early Action: Non-Binding**
 - ▶ Can apply early to other colleges, can apply for regular decision
- ▶ **Single Choice/Restricted Early Action: Non-Binding**
 - ▶ Cannot apply early to other colleges, can apply for regular decision
- ▶ **Rolling Admission**
 - ▶ Open admission, decisions are given throughout the year, not at a specific time
- ▶ **Priority Deadline**
 - ▶ Similar to rolling admissions but priority is given to those applicants who meet the earlier priority deadline

Common App

- ▶ The Common App is an undergraduate college admission application that applicants may use to apply to any 500+ member colleges and universities.
- ▶ **If a school uses Common App, use Common App.**
- ▶ You can access the Common App by going to www.commonapp.org
- ▶ Some schools are Common App exclusive, meaning they do not accept applications other than the Common App. Some schools take the Common App and their own individualized, web-based, or Coalition Application.
- ▶ Of course, this does not apply to schools that do not accept the Common App. To view the 500+ schools that accept the Common App, check out the members page of the Common App website.
- ▶ Limit your Common App to 20 school maximum if possible.
- ▶ Learn more about CommonApp at <https://www.commonapp.org/static/2a6b0ad56f32425731120524fe63780f/FYWhatIsCACARReady.pdf>



Common App Matching

- ▶ For Common App schools, students are required to match their Common App and Naviance Student accounts.



- ▶ To match the Common App account, students must first complete the following steps in their Common App account:
 - ▶ Complete the Education section of your Common Application
 - ▶ Add at least one college to the My Colleges tab
 - ▶ Sign the FERPA Release Authorization (remember you must **WAIVE YOUR FERPA RIGHTS**)

[Click](#) to watch the video on Common App matching.



Georgia Colleges Using Common App

- Agnes Scott College
- Augusta University
- Berry College
- Brenau University
- Clark Atlanta University
- Covenant College
- Emory University
- Georgia College
- Georgia Tech
- Georgia Southern University
- Georgia State University
- Kennesaw State University
- Mercer University
- Morehouse College
- Oglethorpe University
- Paine College
- Piedmont University
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Savannah State University
- Spelman College
- University of Georgia
- University of North Georgia
- Wesleyan College



Non-Common App Schools

- ▶ Some colleges and universities do not accept the Common Application or Coalition.
- ▶ They have created individual web-based applications that can be found on the school's undergraduate admissions website.
- ▶ Just because a school does not accept the Common App does not mean that they do not accept the transmission of important documents, like letters of recommendation and academic transcripts, through Naviance.
- ▶ When a non-Common App school allows us to submit documents through Naviance, it is called **Direct to Institution** designated by this symbol



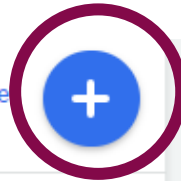
Colleges I'm Applying To

- ▶ This is the section where students will spend most of their time.
- ▶ You can request **teacher letters of recommendation** within this section.
- ▶ You must also designate the application type within this section and indicate that you've applied to the school.
 - ▶ EX: Did you apply through **CommonApp**? If yes, the college should automatically populate in your list
 - ▶ Ex: Did you apply **directly to the institution** or through GAFutures? If yes, you must add the college to the "Colleges I'm Apply To" list.

How to Add Colleges to “Colleges I’m Applying To”

1. Go to **Colleges**
2. Select **Colleges I’m Applying to**
3. Select the **+** symbol

 Manage Transcripts  Application Milestones  Compare Me



4. Complete the information
 5. Select **Add Application**
- **Remember you only need to add colleges if you are applying **Direct to Institution** or through **GAfutures**

If your application type and how you will submit your application are incorrect, the documents **will not** make it to the college!

Which college are you applying to?

Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA



Colleges already in your application list would be unavailable for selection.

App Type


Rolling - Spring 2024 term - Deadline Dec 1



I'll submit my application

Direct to the institution



Are you planning to submit your SAT or ACT scores to be considered during the admission review process? 

No

☐

I've submitted my application

Add Application

eDocs Delivery Type Icons



- **Mail Only** - documents can only be sent by mail



- **Electronic** - documents can be sent through eDocs



- **Common App** - Common App docs can be sent through eDocs






- **Common App via Electronic** - documents can be accepted through eDocs



- **Common App Mail only**: documents prepared but not sent through eDocs

“Colleges I’m Applying to” Dashboard

	College	App Type i	Deadline	Expected Difficulty*	Transcripts	Office Materials	Submission i Type	Application
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Florida	Regular Decision - Fall 2024	Nov 1	N/A	No request	Initial materials submitted		Unknown ▼ EDIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Georgia Southern University	Rolling - Spring 2024	Dec 1	N/A	No request	Pending		Unknown ▼ EDIT

Teacher Recommendations

- ▶ Students must request teacher recommendations by **September 1, 2023**.
 - ▶ It is your responsibility to research which schools require a letter of recommendation on their website.
 - ▶ If they do not ask for a letter of recommendation, they do not use it in their admissions process. DO NOT ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR ONE IF THIS IS THE CASE!
- ▶ Students “invite” their teachers to upload and send letters of recommendation in two steps:
 1. Provide teachers with a copy of your **“TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM”** found on the school counseling website (<https://www.waltonhighcounseling.com/class2024>). Include the deadline date of your first application that requires their letter of recommendation on the form.
 2. Request **Letters of Recommendation** in Naviance (make sure your college has been added to the **“Colleges I’m Applying To”** tab)

***** BE SURE TO **ASK YOUR TEACHER IN PERSON** IF THEY WILL WRITE YOUR RECOMMENDATION **BEFORE** ADDING THE REQUEST IN NAVIANCE *****

How to Request Teacher Letters of Recommendation

Letters of recommendation

Add new request

Here you can ask a teacher to write you a letter of recommendation.

1. Who would you like to write this recommendation?*

Select A Teacher

2. Select which colleges this request is for:*

<input type="checkbox"/> Select All	Colleges -	Due -
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alabama A & M University -- required / -- allowed / 1 requested	Jun 15 2021
<input type="checkbox"/>	American University 1 required / 2 allowed / 0 requested	Nov 15 2021
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boston College 2 required / 2 allowed / 1 requested	Jan 01 2022
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Alabama at Birmingham 0 required / 0 allowed / 0 requested <i>This college does not accept Letters of Recommendation</i>	Jun 01 2021

3. Include a personal note to remind your recommender about your great qualities and any specifics about your request:

Requesting Teacher Letters Of Recs

1. Go to **Colleges**
 2. Select **Letters of Recommendation** under the **Apply to College** column
 3. Select **Add Request**
 4. Select a **Teacher**
 5. Select which **colleges the request is for**
 6. Include a **personal note**
 7. Select **Submit Request**
 8. Select **Request and Finish**
- *** Remember the college must be listed in the “**Colleges I’m Applying To**” tab ***

Track Submission Status of Recommendation Letters

Deadline ^	Recommender(s)	Status ⓘ	Cancel Request
See applications	Genevieve T		✕
Apr 01 2018	Genevieve T		✕
Add Request			
2016, Hobsons Inc			

Recommendation Statuses:

✉ **Requested:** Student has requested a letter of recommendation

📁 **In Progress:** Teacher has written the letter of recommendation

✈ **Submitted:** High school faculty member has sent the letter of recommendation to designated college(s)

✕ **Cancelled:** Either the student, teacher, or counselor has cancelled the request

Requesting Transcripts: 2-Step Process

1. Add the college you are applying to Naviance
 - Log onto your **Naviance student account**
 - Select the **Colleges** tab
 - Under Colleges, select **“Colleges I’m Applying To”**
 - Click on **“+”**, add each college/university, including application information
 - Click **“Add Application”**
2. Go to the Records Room and sign your transcript card. The transcript fee is \$2.00 per transcript.
 - For Common App documents, you MUST link your Common App account to your Naviance account.
 - Please bring the exact dollar amount or check made out to Walton High School.
 - **You are responsible for completing ALL parts of the above process, or transcripts will not be sent.**

We will begin accepting transcript requests on **Monday, August 14, 2023.**
We will begin sending transcripts on **Wednesday, August 23, 2023.**

Unofficial Transcript

- ▶ All seniors will receive a copy of their unofficial transcript via mail and in homeroom the week of **August 14**.
- ▶ Take a picture of your unofficial transcript and put it in a safe place for your records.
- ▶ Many college applications require you to self-report your grades, so you will need a copy of your transcript to do this.
- ▶ Additionally, some colleges may require you to upload an unofficial copy of your transcript.

NCAA & Transcripts



- ▶ Create an account on NCAA Eligibility Center at <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- ▶ Add NCAA to "Colleges I'm Applying To" list in Naviance
- ▶ Add NCAA on your transcript card and pay \$2 in the records room (like you would with other transcripts)
- ▶ Your transcript will be sent to the NCAA Clearinghouse through Naviance once you complete these steps

Counselor Recommendations/ Secondary School Reports

- ▶ Counselors must have a completed **Post-Secondary Options Packet** to write a letter of recommendation.
 - ▶ At this point, you should have emailed this packet to your school counselor as part of your summer reading assignment. Teachers will give you credit for this assignment starting on **Monday, August 14**.
- ▶ If you have not already completed and emailed your packet to your school counselor, you must do so by **September 1**, to allow time for them to complete their recommendation portion of your application!
 - ▶ Download the post-secondary options packet at <https://www.waltonhighcounseling.com/class2024>

How to Create a Resume

1. Select the ▼ symbol next to your circled initials
2. Select **Resume** under Documents and Notes
3. Select the + symbol and category from the dropdown menu
4. Enter the information and select **Add**
5. Select **Print/Export Resume**
6. Select the + symbol
7. Select your preferred template
8. Name your resume and select **Continue**
9. Choose which sections to add to your resume
10. Select **Save Resume**
11. You can now **download** your resume
12. Follow the above steps to **edit** and add information to your resume

Demo

Work Experience	Aug 2021 - Present	Cashier Roswell Rd. Chic Fil A Grade 11, 12 15 Hrs/Week
Education	Aug 2022 - Present	Walton High School 1590 Bill Murdoch Rd., Marietta, GA 30062
Volunteer Service	Aug 2023 - Present	Spanish Tutor Walton High School Spanish Honor Society Grade 11 2 Hrs/Week
Extracurricular Activities	Aug 2022 - Aug 2023	Walton Ambassador Grade 10
	Sep 2021 - Aug 2022	Random Acts of Kindness Club Grade 10 1 Hrs/Week
Awards	May 2023	Excellence in 9th Literature Grade 9
	May 2023	Excellence in H Physics Grade 9
Music/Artistic Achievement	Aug 2023 - Present	Trumpet Section Leader - Mastery Band Grade 11
	Aug 2022 - Present	Marching Band - Trumpet Grade 9, 10, 11 15 Hrs/Week

Standardized Testing Policies

- A college's standardized testing policy will be clearly explained on its website.
- Register for SAT/ACT & upcoming SAT/ACT dates: <https://www.waltonhighcounseling.com/testing>
- SAT/ACT Scores
 - If a college requires an official SAT/ACT score, these scores must be sent directly from the testing agencies' websites.
 - ▶ **SAT:** <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/scores/send-scores-to-colleges/sending-scores>
 - ▶ **ACT:** <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/scores/sending-your-scores.html>
 - ▶ **Electronic sending of scores can take a few weeks, so plan accordingly and pay attention to deadlines.**
 - Some colleges will allow you to self-report your standardized test scores.



Standardized Testing Policies: Test Optional

- For colleges that are test optional for Fall 2024:
 - Students can submit test scores if they think it will enhance their overall application.
 - Students who do not want to include their test scores do not need to send the scores.
 - Colleges may elect to weigh other application components differently since they will not be considering test scores.
 - Students should check the college's website in the fall to see if the college is test optional and to determine other criteria for admission consideration.



Standardized Testing

- ▶ 43% of applicants reported a test score in an application for the 2022-23 season.
 - This rate fell from 73% in 2019-20
- ▶ Far higher average reporting rates among applicants living in more affluent communities
- ▶ First generation and underrepresented minority applicants were less likely to report test scores
 - Rates of reporting declined at sharper rates relative to 2019-20
- ▶ Students were more likely to submit test scores to selective institutions

Campus Visits

- ▶ Take a campus tour (virtual or on campus).
- ▶ Speak with an admission counselor (set up a Zoom meeting).
- ▶ Ask to speak to someone from the academic department or program you are interested in (admissions can help you set up a meeting).
- ▶ Talk to a student attending that college.
- ▶ Seniors have 2 excused visits. You must provide Attendance with a note or email from the college confirming your attendance at a college admission information session/tour.



College Visits

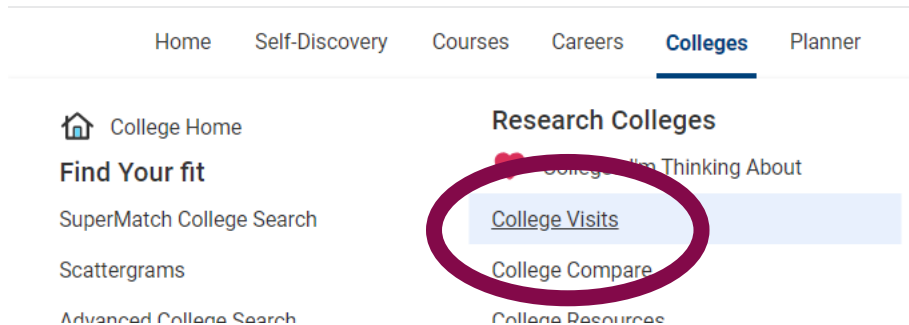
Over 130 college admissions counselors come to Walton each year to present information about academic and special programs, admission requirements, and campus life.

- ▶ College visits are open to **Walton junior and senior students (only)**.
- ▶ All visits are listed in Naviance
- ▶ Students must sign up in Naviance at least 24 hours in advance.
- ▶ Print the Naviance confirmation email to show your teacher before coming to visit.
- ▶ When attending college visits:
 - ▶ Be prepared and ask thoughtful questions.
 - ▶ This is your opportunity to make a good first impression and show that you are interested in that college or university.



How to Sign Up for College Visits

1. Go to **Colleges**
2. Select **College Visits**



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College Home

Find Your fit

SuperMatch College Search

Scattergrams

Advanced College Search

Research Colleges

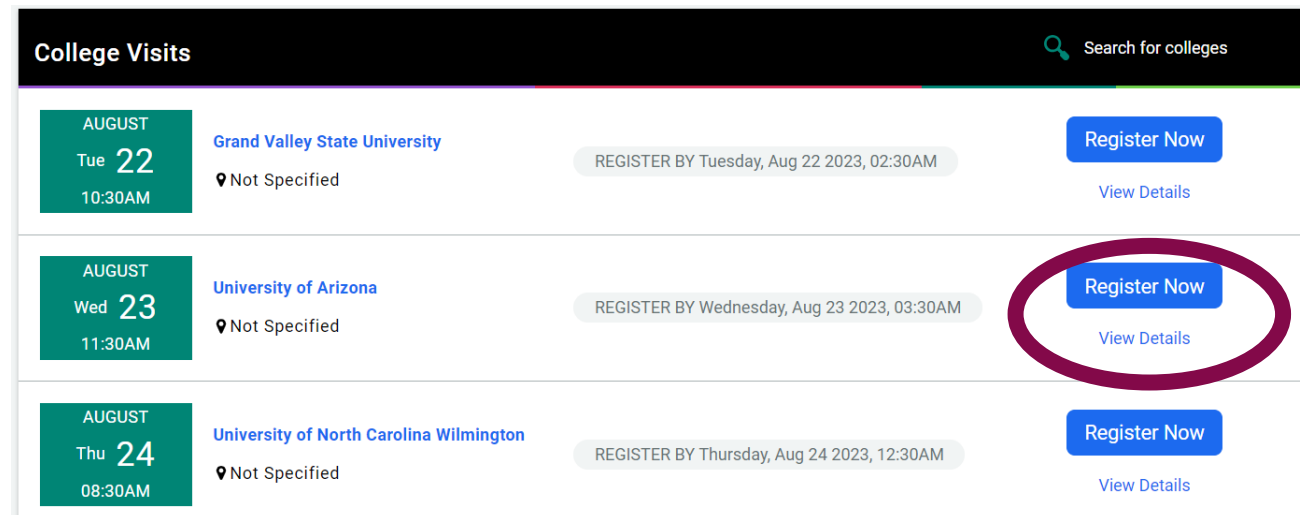
Colleges You're Thinking About

College Visits

College Compare

College Resources

3. Review the upcoming college visits and select **Register Now**
4. Print the Naviance confirmation email to show your teacher before coming to the visit.



College Visits Search for colleges

AUGUST Tue 22 10:30AM	Grand Valley State University 📍 Not Specified	REGISTER BY Tuesday, Aug 22 2023, 02:30AM	Register Now View Details
AUGUST Wed 23 11:30AM	University of Arizona 📍 Not Specified	REGISTER BY Wednesday, Aug 23 2023, 03:30AM	Register Now View Details
AUGUST Thu 24 08:30AM	University of North Carolina Wilmington 📍 Not Specified	REGISTER BY Thursday, Aug 24 2023, 12:30AM	Register Now View Details

Financial Aid

- ▶ Financial Aid helps students pay for college
- ▶ Types of Financial Aid:
 - ▶ Scholarships
 - ▶ Grants
 - ▶ Student Loans
 - ▶ Work-study
- ▶ Scholarships and Grants DO NOT have to be repaid
- ▶ Student Loans MUST be repaid (the amount borrowed + interest)
- ▶ **Upcoming Financial Aid Nights**
 - ▶ **Part 1: Monday, October 23rd @ 6:30 pm (in-person in Walton Theater)**
 - ▶ **Part 2 (focus on FAFSA): Tuesday, December 5th @ 6:30 pm (virtual)**



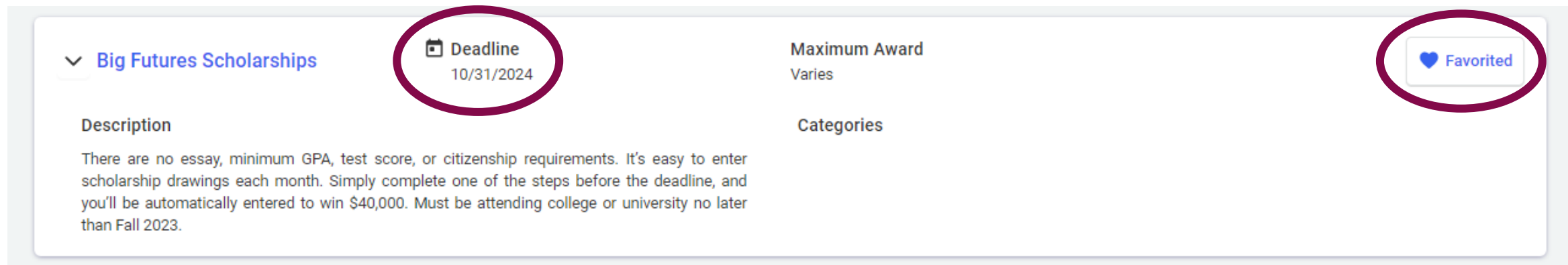
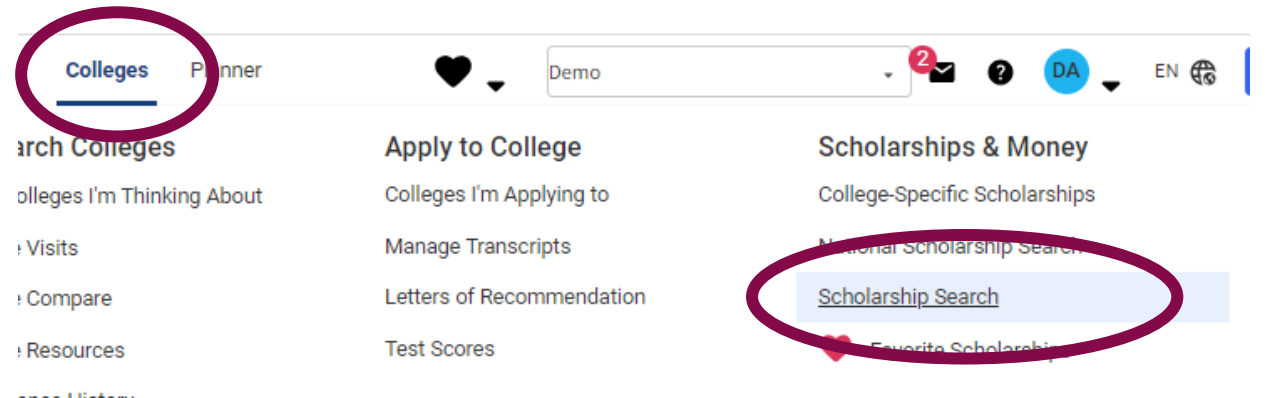
Scholarships

- ▶ Different types of scholarships:
 - ▶ Academic, community service, athletic, hobby/extracurricular, identity-based, need-based, employer, or military
- ▶ Check the Scholarship Resources in Naviance on the Colleges Homepage
 - ▶ Scholarship List – frequently updated by CCSD and Walton
- ▶ Check the college websites and online search engines.
 - ▶ **Pay attention to deadlines!!**



How to Search for Scholarships

1. Go to **Colleges**
2. Select **Scholarship Search** under Scholarships & Money
3. Review the scholarship list
4. Read the descriptions of scholarships
5. Select the heart icon to save your favorite scholarships
6. Apply by the scholarship deadline



FAFSA

- ▶ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**)
- ▶ Submitted annually by college students to determine eligibility for student financial aid
- ▶ Includes sections to be completed by the student and parent/guardian
- ▶ FAFSA goes live December 2023
- ▶ FAFSA website - <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- ▶ Look for the “Net Price Calculator” on the college website to determine the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) -- the estimated amount you will have to pay to attend that institution.

CSS Profile

- ▶ Many private colleges require the CSS Profile in addition to the FAFSA
- ▶ Used by many Early Action/Early Decision Institutions
- ▶ CSS Profile is available October 1, 2023
 - ▶ \$25 Original Application Fee/One College
 - ▶ \$16 for additional college/program
 - ▶ Students eligible for SAT fee waiver may receive a CSS fee waiver
- ▶ Comprehensive list of Schools
 - ▶ <http://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>

HOPE Scholarship

▶ HOPE Scholarship

- ▶ 3.0 GPA for core academic courses (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language)
- ▶ 4 HOPE rigor courses

▶ Zell Miller Scholarship

- ▶ 3.7 GPA for core academic courses
- ▶ 1200 on SAT (1 sitting) or 26 on ACT (1 sitting)
- ▶ 4 HOPE rigor courses

▶ Remember for both HOPE & Zell Miller Scholarships

- ▶ HOPE GPA is calculated by the GSFC and found on the GAfutures website at www.gafutures.org
- ▶ HOPE GPA is not listed on your Walton transcript
- ▶ HOPE rigor course list - https://www.waltonhighcounseling.com/files/ugd/52ce70_3d3520e84431469c8e8009cd5d425eb9.pdf
- ▶ Your SSN must be updated in the Cobb student record system to receive HOPE funds
- ▶ Learn more about the HOPE Scholarship at <https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-scholarships/>



HOPE Scholarship Updates

- ▶ Recently changes were made to the HOPE Scholarship program.
- ▶ Students that qualified for the HOPE scholarship for the 2023-2024 school year received 100% tuition (e.g., Class of 2023).
- ▶ Currently, the 2024-2025 school year has not been approved. There is no guarantee that this will be the case in future years.
- ▶ High school students should still aim for the more academically-rigorous Zell Miller Scholarship, according to the Georgia Student Finance Commission president.

HOPE Grant

- ▶ The HOPE Grant Program is for students seeking a technical certificate or diploma, regardless of the student's high school grade point average or graduation date.
- ▶ The HOPE Grant Award amount will cover a portion of a student's tuition.
- ▶ Full-time enrollment is not required.
- ▶ Students are required to have a postsecondary cumulative 2.0 GPA to maintain eligibility.
- ▶ Learn more about the HOPE Grant at <https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-grants/>



Volunteer Service Hour Update

- X2Vol and Naviance ended their partnership.
- Walton has a new vendor, and the onboarding process is expected to be completed within the next few weeks.
- For now, keep track of any community service hours you met over the summer on a piece of notebook paper. These hours can be submitted once the new program is available.
- Walton has a record of the hours previously recorded in X2Vol, and this data will be transitioned to your new accounts once they are created.
- Email Rebecca.England@cobbk12.org with questions



BRIDGE Law

❖ December Graduates:

- ❖ You will receive a senior graduation survey to complete in Naviance around **Thanksgiving Break**.

❖ May Graduates:

- ❖ You will receive this survey after spring break.
- ❖ This survey is **REQUIRED** to complete before graduation.

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Senior Parent Night: College Application Process**
 - ▶ Tuesday, August 22nd @ 6:30 pm in Walton Theater
- ▶ **ASVAB**
 - ▶ Wednesday, November 15 @ 1:00 pm during WEB
- ▶ **Financial Aid Nights**
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 - ▶ Part 2: Tuesday, December 5th @ 6:30 pm (virtual)



HAVE A GREAT SENIOR YEAR!

