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# NAVIGATING THE SENIOR YEAR

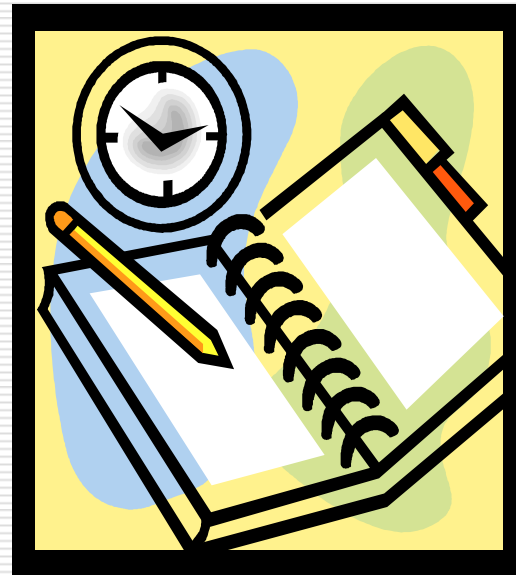
## **BHS Class of 2009**



# ITINERARY

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- Provide an Overview
- Provide general direction



# GUIDANCE & COUNSELING DEPT.

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- A-B Mr. Caudell/Mrs. Dehnke
  - C - F Dr. Loyd
  - G - J Dr. Benjamin
  - K - M Ms. Kelly
  - N - Sm Ms. K. Jones
  - Sn - Z Mrs. Ward
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Mrs. Kennedy
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# GRADUATION "COACH"

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□ Ms. Joyce Ricks

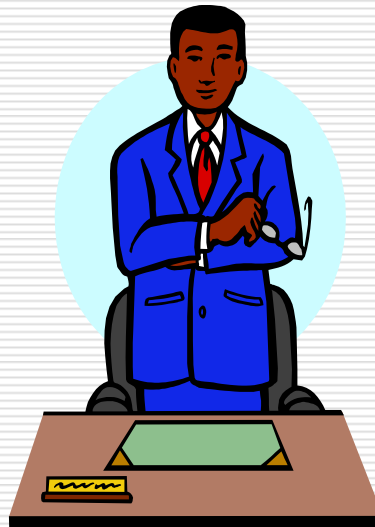
Thank you, Gov. Perdue!



# 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Administrator

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□ Mr. Jeff Hall



# SENIOR CLASS SPONSOR

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□ Mrs. Dee Anna Bean



# INVOLVE YOUR SENIOR

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- Develop Realistic Goals
- Evaluate Problem-solving Skills
- Give Your Senior Responsibility



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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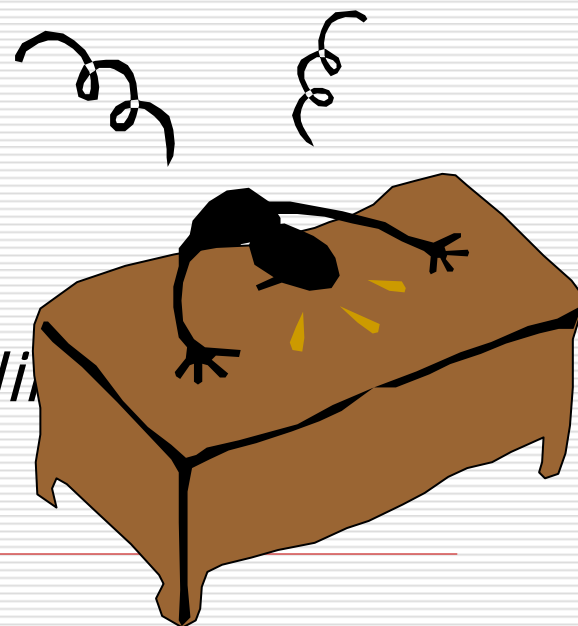
- College Prep Diploma
- Technical Diploma
- Diplomas with Distinction
- Test Requirements



# IF REQUIRED CLASSES ARE FAILED.....

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- Student's responsibility to check on grades
- Contact a counselor to determine options
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Period Classes
    - Phoenix
    - Community Schools
  - On-line [www.gwinnettk12online.com](http://www.gwinnettk12online.com)



# PLEASE NOTE:

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ALL course requirements must be completed in order to participate in the graduation ceremony!!



# *Application for Graduation*

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- Appointment with counselor
- Requirements for graduation participation
- Discussion of future plans
- Information for letters of recommendation



# CHOICES—DETERMINING FUTURES

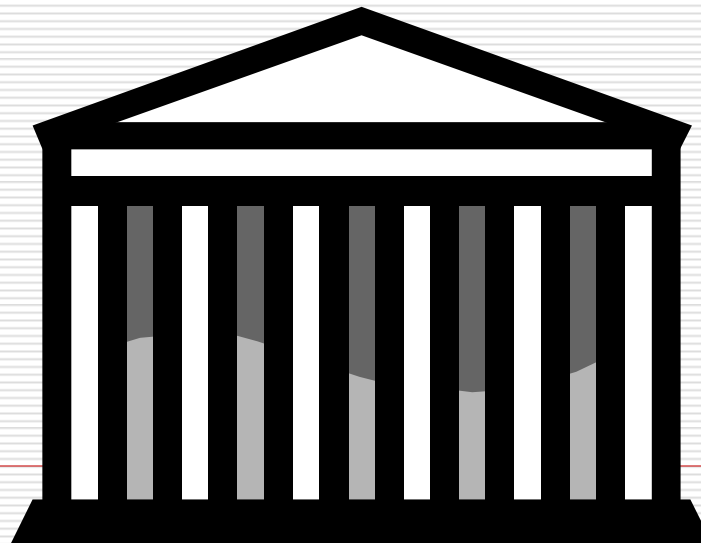
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- “The future is not the place we’re going to, but one we are creating.”
  - John Schaar
  
- “It is our choices...that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.”
  - J.K. Rowling , Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
  
- “You are what you are because of the conscious and subconscious choices you have made.”
  - Barbara Hall, A Summons to New Orleans, 2000

# 4-YEAR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

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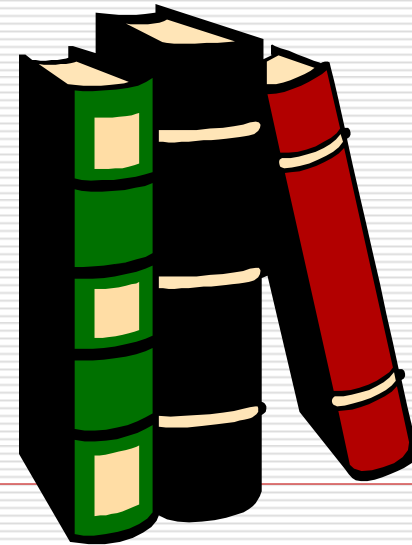
- Grants Bachelor's Degrees
- Public Colleges/Universities
- Private Colleges/Universities



# 2-YEAR COLLEGE

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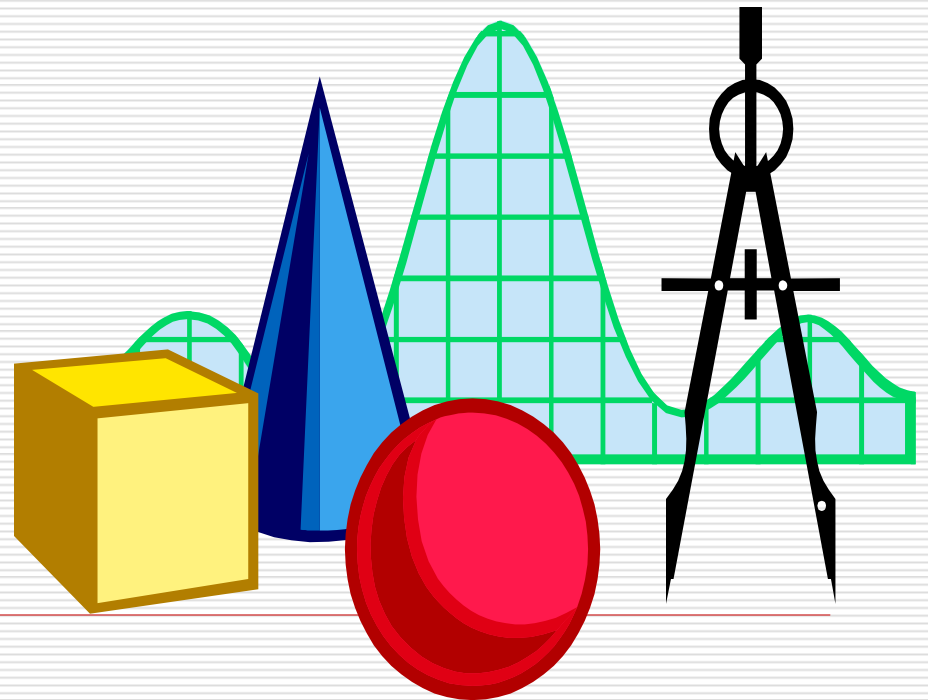
- Grants Associate Degrees
- Public
- Private
- Transfer to a 4-Yr. College



# TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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- Programs
  - Degree
  - Certificate or Diploma



# MILITARY

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- Opportunities

- Training
- Education
- Travel

- Policies

- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery—September 30, 2008\*\*



# WORLD OF WORK

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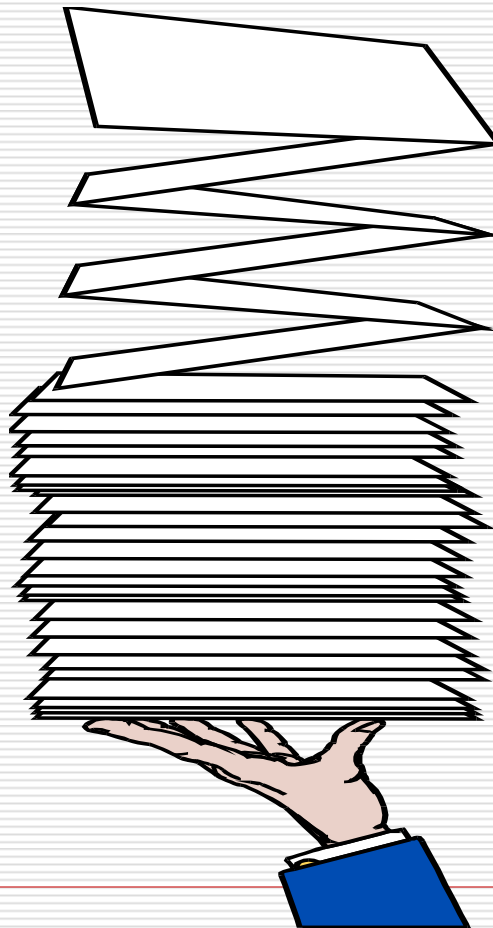
# CAREER INFORMATION

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- [www.gcic.peachnet.edu](http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu)
  - [www.Gacollege411.org](http://www.Gacollege411.org)
  - [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)
  - College and Career Room
    - Video Library
    - Books
    - *Dictionary of Occupational Titles*
    - *Occupational Outlook Handbook*
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# APPLICATION PROCESS

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# THE APPLICATION

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## □ Sources

- College Admissions Office
- College web site
- BHS College and Career Room
- [www.gacollege411.edu](http://www.gacollege411.edu)

## □ When

- “the early bird....?”
  - Deadlines
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# HOW MANY?

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- "Dream School"
  - Likely—a pretty good chance of getting in
  - Safety—a sure thing for admission and cost
  - 1 to 2 schools in each category
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# PARTS OF AN APPLICATION

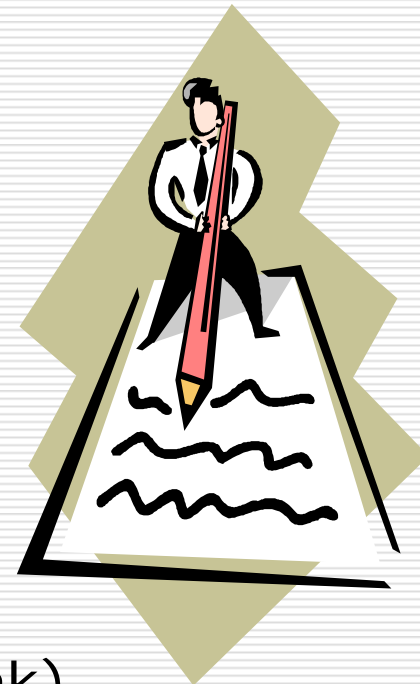
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- Application
  - Fee
  - Personal Statement/Essay
  - School or Counselor Recommendation
  - Test scores
  - Interview or Audition
  - Teacher Recommendations
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# THE PROCESS

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- Complete on-line
  - Save
  - Print, Edit, Proof, Save
    - No e-mail/texting jargon
  - Submit
  - Record confirmation number
- Complete paper application
  - Copy for rough draft
  - Proof
  - Complete neatly (type or dark ink)
  - Copy



# "OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT"

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## □ *GEORGIA PUBLIC COLLEGES*

- *www.gacollege411.org*
- *Transcript as of June*

## □ *PRIVATE AND OUT-OF-STATE COLLEGES*

- *Request "paper" transcript from Counseling Office*
  - *\$2.00 cost*
  - *You mail*
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# TRANSCRIPTS

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- Mid-year reports
- Final transcripts



# ADMISSIONS STANDARDS

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**You Investigate**

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# Admissions Factors

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- Grades—Core Classes
  - Test Scores
  - Rigor of classes
  - Activities and achievements—depth not breadth
  - Community service/volunteerism
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# "CORE" CLASSES

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- Language Arts
  - Math
  - Science
  - Social Studies
  - Foreign Language (for College Prep)
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# TESTS

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- S.A.T. I (reasoning tests)
  - A.C.T.
  - S.A.T. II (subject area tests)
  - T.O.E.F.L.
  - ASSET/COMPASS
    - Public Ga 2-Yr Colleges & Tech. Colleges
  - Armed Services Vocational Battery Aptitude
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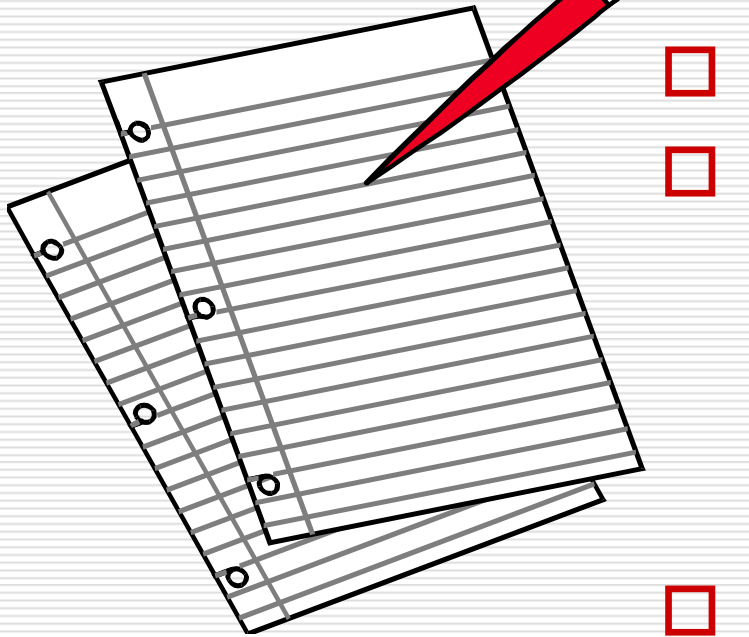
# TEST PREP RESOURCES

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- ❑ [www.gacollege411.org](http://www.gacollege411.org)
  - ❑ Core classes @ BHS
  - ❑ Brookwood Community School
  - ❑ Commercial organizations
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# RECOMMENDATIONS

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- Only when requested
  - Plan ahead
  - Senior Profile
  - Resume
    - [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)
    - Computer labs Sept 2-12 w/ counselors
  - Mind your Manners
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# PLAN AHEAD

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- Check deadlines
  - Post-mark vs. received by
- Allow teachers & counselors at least 2 weeks for letters



# THE LETTER ARRIVES.....

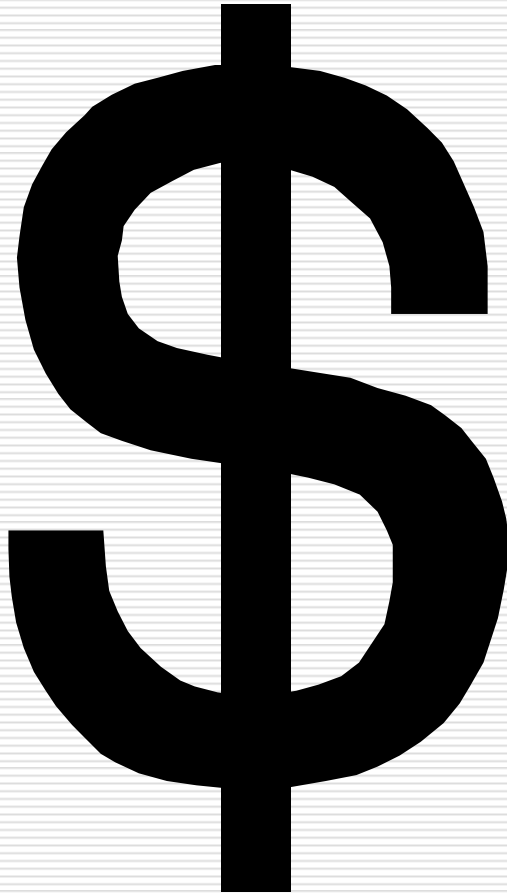
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- ❑ ACCEPTED! (Hooray)
  - Send deposits
    - ❑ May 1, 2009 deadline
  - Celebrate
- ❑ Wait-Listed
  - Don't panic
  - Evaluate back-up plan
- ❑ Denied—
  - It'll be o.k.
  - Go to back-up plan



# FINANCIAL AID

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- College Financial Aid Office
  - GA. Student Finance Commission:  
Nov. 6th
  - Forms
    - F.A.F.S.A.
    - C.S.S. Profile
    - GA. Tuition Equalization Grant
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# TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

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- Scholarships
    - Academic
    - Special Talents
    - Special Circumstances
  - Grants
    - Generally don't require repayment
    - Based on financial need
      - Federal Pell Grant Program
  - Loans
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# SOURCES

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- ❑ Federal Government (68%)
  - ❑ State Government (5%)
  - ❑ College (20%)
  - ❑ Private Sources (7%)
    - Employers
    - Corporations
      - ❑ Coca Cola, Target, Wal-Mart
    - Civic Organizations
      - ❑ Elks, VA, Rotary, Lilburn Women's Club, etc.
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# SCHOLARSHIPS

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- ❑ *VERY COMPETITIVE*
  - ❑ *98% Scholarships Awarded to Top 25% of Class*
  - ❑ *Beware of Companies Making Promises*
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# ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

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- Register with [www.ncaaclearinghouse.com](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.com)
  - Send a transcript
  - S.A.T./A.C.T. scores must be sent directly from the testing service
  - Calculate core average according to NCAA requirements
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# Senior Bulletin

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Guided Studies—Thursdays

[www.brookwoodhighschool.net](http://www.brookwoodhighschool.net)



# H.O.P.E. SCHOLARSHIP

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- College Prep Diploma
    - 3.0 CORE Average
  - Technical Diploma
    - 3.2 CORE Average
  - Social Security Number
  - F.A.F.S.A. or e-HOPE
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# HOPE CALCULATIONS

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$A = 4.0$

$B = 3.0$

$C = 2.0$

$D = 1.0$

## Advanced Placement Classes

10 pts. Subtracted

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# "CORE" CLASSES

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- Language Arts
  - Math
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  - Social Studies
  - Foreign Language (for College Prep)
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# HOPE GRANT

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- No minimum average required
  - Applicable at Technical Colleges for diploma and certificate programs
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# HELPFUL WEB SITES

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- Brookwood High School
    - [www.brookwoodhighschool.net](http://www.brookwoodhighschool.net)
  - College Board/S.A.T.
    - [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
  - A.C.T.
    - [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
  - Commons Application
    - [www.commonap.org](http://www.commonap.org)
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## WEB SITES CONT'D

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- On-line applications for GA. Colleges and much more
    - [www.gacollege411.edu](http://www.gacollege411.edu)
  - GA. Student Finance Commission (H.O.P.E.)
    - [www.gsfc.org](http://www.gsfc.org)
  - Free App. For Federal Student Aid
    - [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
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# STAY TUNED.....

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- Sept. 2-12
    - Guided Study classes in computer labs
      - Resumes
      - Electronic Transcripts
      - Electronic Applications
  - Sept. 16—College Applications
    - Register through the Community School
  - Oct. 15—College 101
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# OUR AIM. . .

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- Provide an Overview
- Provide general direction

