

Junior Advisement Topics for Students and Parents/Guardians to Discuss at Home

○ Credits/courses required for graduation

- Download your unofficial transcript from Infinite Campus (Documents tab) and use it to complete the blank graduation status report found at <http://bit.ly/GradStatusReport>. Ensure you are not missing a course needed for graduation OR for admission to any specific college or university you are considering, especially for out-of-state colleges.
- Personal Fitness waivers must be submitted by the end of Junior year – <https://bit.ly/PersonalFitnessWaiver>.

○ Choose the proper schedule for your Senior year

- Consider your teachers' level recommendations they make in early Spring along with district placement guidelines.
- Keep in mind the combined workload of the classes as well as your other commitments – sports, clubs, outside activities, family responsibilities, job, etc. – and make the best choice for you.

○ GPA Calculations

- Use the Calculating GPA link on the Counseling webpage (under Academic Advisement, then click on GPA) to see the difference between numeric, weighted, unweighted, academic, cumulative, and HOPE/Zell GPAs.
- Each college admissions office may calculate your GPA differently, so it is the student's responsibility to check with the colleges on their exact process, what courses are included in their calculation, weighted/unweighted, etc.

○ Recommended to take SAT and/or ACT at least one time during your junior year

- Most colleges do not prefer which test students take for admissions, but students/families are still responsible for checking with their desired colleges to be certain.
- Peach State Tutoring offers a free SAT/ACT diagnostic to see which test would likely be a better fit for students - <https://www.peachstatetutoring.com/diagnostic-testing>.

○ Dual Enrollment - <https://chattahoochee.weebly.com/>

- Interested students should check the admissions requirements for the college they wish to attend as well as take the SAT or ACT sooner rather than later, dependent upon the college.
- Submit your application and all required supplemental documents by the posted Fulton County deadlines.

○ Research colleges

- Use college search tools on Naviance, admissions websites, college visits, virtual tours, college fairs
- Determine your safety, match, and reach schools – 2 in each category is a great start. Apply to at least 1 safety school!
<https://www.collegexpress.com/articles-and-advice/admission/articles/find-college/safety-reach-and-realistic-schools-and-secret-picking-yours/>
- Start an organizational notebook and/or calendar to keep track of college research, SAT/ACT test dates and scores, application and supporting document deadlines, financial aid information, etc.

○ College Visits

- Juniors and Seniors may attend 7 college visits per year with the admissions representatives that visits Chattahoochee. Sign up online through Naviance/Colleges/College Visits.
- Student are allowed 6 preapproved off-campus college visits. Student are required to request a preapproved absence at least 3 days prior to the visit. Bring a note signed by a parent/guardian to the Attendance Office.

○ Scholarships and Financial Aid opportunities

- Students can search in Naviance, the Counseling website, the financial aid page of college websites, etc.
- Financial Aid Night is Wednesday, November 2, 2022. The information presented is posted on the Counseling website.
- Complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) during Senior year – opens October 1st each year.

○ HOPE & Zell Miller - <https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-scholarships/>

- Students should check their HOPE Progress GPA on GAFutures. GPA is calculated by GSFC, not by Chattahoochee.
- Students must earn 4.0 credits of rigor requirements by graduation to earn either HOPE or Zell Miller. Eligible rigor classes are listed here: <https://www.gafutures.org/media/kswotdbu/rigor-list-november-2021-print-ready.pdf>.
- SAT / ACT scores only required for Zell Miller Scholarship.
- FAFSA serves as the application for HOPE and Zell Miller, but parents can also complete the GSFAPP - https://apps.gsfc.org/gsfa/gsfapps_index_ng.cfm.

○ Options for getting back on track if necessary

- Credit Recovery (only available during the school year), Summer School, Fulton Virtual School, GA Virtual School

○ Athletics

- Counselors do not make recommendations or advise on course selection regarding NCAA eligibility.
- There are specific requirements for each Division if you hope to be NCAA eligible in college – see <http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future> to register and for more information.
- Kim Hagan in the Main Office handles NCAA transcripts – email her at HaganK1@fultonschools.org

○ Communication

- Follow us on Twitter (@HoochCounselors and @HoochHappenings), like us on Facebook (Chattahoochee Counseling and Chattahoochee High School) and check out the Counseling page on www.chattcoulgar.com under Students & Families.

Important Dates for Juniors

February 1, 2023 – Dual Enrollment Night – all current students, potential students, and parents/guardians should attend if considering participating in Summer 2023 and/or the 2023-2024 school year.

February 28 - March 21, 2023 - After course verifications are released to students (date TBD), the Counseling Department will offer 10-minute appointments to students and parents/guardians who have questions about scheduling for the 2023-2024 school year. Specific days and times will be advertised via email blast, announcements, Naviance, and Twitter/Facebook.

March 2023 – Registration opens for students wanting to take online classes through Fulton Virtual or GA Virtual in the Fall and/or Spring of the 2023-2024 school year (not including Summer 2023). **Deadline for registering online and submitting Virtual Contract TBD – watch for date published via email blasts and announcements.** A Virtual Contract is **not needed** for summer classes.

Fulton County Dual Enrollment:

Semester of Participation	Deadline
Summer	March 1 st
Fall	March 31 st
Spring	***November 1st

***We strongly advise students to apply earlier than November 1st if they want to start Dual Enrollment in the Spring! You need to consider the amount of time it will take the college to process your application file (once complete) as well as when you are able to complete orientation and register for classes. ***

Items that are due by the deadlines:

- Fulton County DE contract completed and uploaded to Naviance
- Apply online to the college
- Both student and parent portions of funding application submitted on www.GAFutures.org

SAT/ACT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines



ACT TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
September 10, 2022	August 5, 2022	August 19, 2022
October 22, 2022	September 16, 2022	September 30, 2022
December 10, 2022	November 4, 2022	November 11, 2022
February 11, 2023	January 6, 2023	January 20, 2023
April 15, 2023	March 10, 2023	March 24, 2023
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 19, 2023
July 15, 2023	June 16, 2023	June 23, 2023

SAT TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
August 27, 2022	July 29, 2022	August 16, 2022
October 1, 2022	September 2, 2022	September 20, 2022
November 5, 2022	October 7, 2022	October 25, 2022
December 3, 2022	November 3, 2022	November 22, 2022
March 11, 2023	February 10, 2023	February 28, 2023
May 6, 2023	April 7, 2023	April 25, 2023
June 3, 2023	May 4, 2023	May 23, 2023

Register at www.collegeboard.org for SAT and www.act.org for ACT. Students typically get 4 free score reports sent to colleges each time they take the test. Enter the colleges' codes at the time you register, or you can request them for a brief period after you take the test. Check with the testing organizations for the timeframe of free score reports. After that, a fee will be charged to send scores. Additional fees apply for Late Registration and to change your test date.

Students who qualify for an SAT/ACT registration fee waiver (typically those approved for free or reduced-cost lunch) – come to the Counseling Office to request it. The fee waiver only covers the registration fee – not late registration fees, no fees to change your test date, and no fees to send test scores to colleges later. We strongly advise you to take advantage of the free score reports that are available to you each time you take a test!