

Junior Information Meeting

Class of 2025

 **FORSYTH**
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DEPARTMENT

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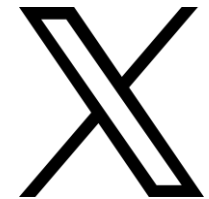
- the College & Career Center,
- college visits,
- counseling events, and more!



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Topics for Discussion



- Meet Your Counselors
- Graduation Requirements
- Postsecondary Options
- College Admissions
- College Application Process
- Scholarships & Financial Aid
- Athletic Eligibility
- Junior Advisement Meetings

Your Counseling Team



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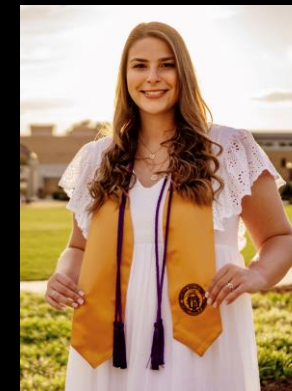
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Additional Student Services Support



Madonna Owens, School Social Worker

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Veronica Bowermaster, Graduation Coach

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High School Graduation Requirements



4 Credits of English

9th Lit/9th Lit Honors

10th Lit/10th Lit Honors

American Lit/AP American Lit/Lang

AP Lit, Adv Comp, or Dramatic Writing



4 Credits of Math

Must be 4 sequential math credits



4 Credits of Science

Biology/Biology Honors

Physical Science/Physics

Chemistry, Earth Systems, or Environmental

4th Science



3 Credits of Social Studies

World History

US History

(0.5) American Government/(0.5)Economics OR AP

Macroeconomics/AP Government



1 Unit of Physical Education/Health

(0.5) Health/(0.5) Personal Fitness



3 Credits of CTAE and/or World Language and/or Fine Arts



4 Additional Electives



Sample Senior Classes

- Research classes carefully and be sure that they align with your future plans
- Seniors must take a minimum of four classes, senior athletes a minimum of 5 classes
- If you wish to take AP or Dual Enrollment classes next year, please attend our AP Promo Night and Dual Enrollment Night

Sample Senior Classes
ELA
Math
Science
American Government and Economics
World Language
Elective
Elective



GPA

- Based on a 4-point scale
- Includes all grades on the transcript including failing grades
- Failed courses will remain on the transcript, even if credit is made up
- An additional point (1.0) is added for passing grades in AP and Dual Enrollment courses



Testing

- Georgia Milestones (20% of final grade)
 - Social Studies – US History
 - English/Language Arts – American Literature
- Students taking American Literature through DE are required to take the corresponding milestone



Dual Enrollment

- Opportunity to earn high school and college credit simultaneously
- Up to 30 hours of tuition is paid for through state funds
- Please visit www.gafutures.org for more information
- Attend Dual Enrollment Night on January 23, 2024



Postsecondary Options

- Gap Year
- Military
- Workforce
- Travel, missions work, etc.
- Technical/Trade School
- Two-Year and Four-Year College/University

Researching Options



- GAP Year
 - Work
 - Travel/Missions
 - <https://www.goaheadtours.com/>
 - <https://www.adventures.org/mission-trips/>
 - Volunteer
 - www.peacecorps.gov
 - <https://www.volunteer.gov/>
 - <https://www.volunteermatch.org/>
 - Attend Workshops (Cooking classes, Managing finances, etc.)
- Employment Opportunities and Apprenticeship Programs
 - www.indeed.com
 - www.dol.gov/apprenticeship
 - <https://www.ziprecruiter.com/>

Researching Options

- Military
 - Local Recruiting
 - Air Force - <https://www.airforce.com/find-a-recruiter>
 - Army - <https://www.goarmy.com/locate-a-recruiter.html>
 - Coast Guard - <https://www.gocoastguard.com/about-us/find-recruiter>
 - Marine Corps - <https://rmi.marines.com/request-information>
 - Navy - <https://www.navy.com/local>
 - ASVAB
 - Career exploration tools offered to 10th–12th grade students
 - Required for entry into all military branches
 - Will be available at FCHS in February 2024



A close-up photograph of a hand holding a silver pen, writing on a checklist. The checklist has several items with checkboxes, some of which are already marked. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the document and the hand.

Narrowing Down Your College List

- Research Colleges and Universities
 - Virtual Tours & Representative Visits
 - <https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/54601>
 - Consider location (In-state/Out-of-state)
 - Consider schools that match your personality, interests, and career goals
- How Many?
 - Narrow your list to somewhere around 4-8 colleges
 - List should be balanced, including safety, target and reach schools.
- Check Admissions Data
 - View the school profiles and compare the admissions data to your own academic record and test scores.



Sample First Year or Freshman Profiles

23,780 ENROLLED



FEMALE



MALE

3,697
NEW FRESHMEN

85 VALEDICTORIANS

69 SALUTATORIANS

89 STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS

107 EAGLE SCOUTS

20 GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARDS



82 MISSISSIPPI
COUNTIES



50 STATES



86 COUNTRIES



AVG.
GPA



AVG.
ACT

Average Freshman Student Profile

GPA: 3.36

SAT: Evidence-based-writing: 579 | Math: 563

ACT: English: 23 | Reading: 25 | Math: 22

AVERAGE FALL ACADEMIC PROFILE*

GPA
4.22

SAT
1325

ACT
28.4



Students represent **52** U.S.
states and territories
TOP 5: FLORIDA, NEW JERSEY,
NEW YORK, GEORGIA,
PENNSYLVANIA



Students represent **32**
Countries
TOP 5: INDIA, BAHAMAS,
BRAZIL, VIETNAM, SAUDI
ARABIA



Students come from
758 FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOLS
1,553 OUT-OF-STATE HIGH
SCHOOLS



7.9%
APPLICATION
INCREASE VS.
2019

Deciding Where to Apply



Dream/Reach School

- Less than 30% chance of admission
- Your Academic Record/Test Scores are below their averages

Target/Good Fit School

- 30%-60% chance of admission
- Your Academic Record/Test Scores are in line with their averages

Safety School

- Greater than 60% chance of admission
- Your Academic Record/Test Scores are above their averages
- You should have at least **one** safety school

A highly selective school should not be considered a safety or target school

College Application Components

- **Essays** – Required essays on the college application are important because they demonstrate your writing ability and give the college more information about you. Please seek advice when writing an essay and be sure to proofread for errors.
- **Letters of Recommendation** – Most committees prefer letters from core academic teachers in your junior or senior year
- **Resume** – Contains academic information, honors, awards, extracurricular activities, work/volunteer experience, etc.
- **Interviews**



College Admissions: How am I being evaluated?

- **GPA**– Most colleges will view your GPA on a 4.0 scale. Some will look at a cumulative GPA (all courses including electives) or just a core academic GPA (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language). Some will include the extra weight for AP and Dual Enrollment courses and others may not.
- **Class Rank** – As reported on your transcript
- **Course Selection (rigor; difficulty level)** – Colleges are looking at the strength of your courses throughout high school, including your senior year.
- **Test Scores (SAT/ACT/Accuplacer)** - Most states have gone back to requiring test scores for this year (including the Univ. System of GA). Please check the institutions' admissions page for additional info.
- **Extracurricular Activities** – Participation and leadership roles in clubs, service, and sports can be particularly important to competitive colleges.



Types of Admission

- Rolling Admissions
- Regular Decision
- **Early Action** – Students apply for an earlier deadline and receive early notice of decision. If accepted, **student is not obligated to attend**.
- **Early Decision** – Students apply for an earlier deadline and receive early notice of decision. If accepted, **student is obligated to attend and withdraw all other applications. Students may only apply to ONE early decision school.**



Where do I go to apply?



- Directly on the college's website
- Common App - <https://www.commonapp.org/>
- Coalition - <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>

For each of these options, students will need to create a profile and be sure to keep up with their usernames and passwords for each account

Apply Now >





Upcoming SAT & ACT Dates

SAT		ACT	
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Test Date	Registration Deadline
November 4, 2023	October 5, 2023	December 9, 2023	November 3, 2023
December 2, 2023	November 2, 2023	February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024
March 9, 2024 (Digital)	February 23, 2024	April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024
May 4, 2024 (Digital)	April 19, 2024	June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024
June 1, 2024 (Digital)	May 16, 2024	July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024
www.sat.org		www.act.org	

Scholarships & Financial Aid

- Scholarships will be posted to the FCHS Counseling website and promoted in our College and Career Center. Please check often! We will begin posting scholarships in September: <https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/21818>
- Contact colleges directly about financial aid and scholarship opportunities. Colleges award many renewable scholarships. Ask about criteria, procedures and deadlines
- A great site to aid in completing the FAFSA, as well as learn about eligibility, types of aid, and more is: <http://studentaid.ed.gov/>. The FAFSA will open on October 1st of your senior year. Each college has their own deadline to submit the FAFSA
- **Financial Aid Night – November 9th at 6:30 p.m. in FCHS Cafeteria**
 - Georgia Student Finance Commission Financial Aid Night at FCHS to outline the FAFSA form and review HOPE scholarship information.



Scholarship Resources

Research scholarships on the internet

- www.scholarships.com
- www.fastweb.com
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- <https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/>
- And many more!

Scholarships for students without an SSN

- www.questbridge.org
- www.thedream.us
- www.goldendoorscholars.org



HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarships

- **Zell Miller – 100% of Tuition Covered**

- 3.7 GPA (at end of senior year) in core classes + 26 ACT or 1200 SAT + 4 rigor classes
- SAT/ACT scores MUST be submitted directly to GSFC by the student to be considered

- **HOPE – Partial Tuition Covered (% Varies by School each year)**

- 3.0-3.69 GPA (at end of senior year) in core classes + 4 rigor classes.
- Award Amounts can be found on:
 - www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/

- **Zell Miller Grant – Certificate & Diploma programs at Technical Colleges**

- No HS GPA required, 3.5+ in college

- **HOPE & HOPE Career Grant – Certificate & Diploma programs at Technical Colleges**

- No HS GPA required, 2.0+ in college



HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarships

- Your current HOPE GPA is in your packet along with instructions on how to view it online.
- A 2.9999 GPA does NOT qualify you for HOPE
- Counselors are not able to calculate the HOPE GPA
- You must apply for HOPE/Zell to be eligible, it is not an automatic scholarship

How to Apply for the HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship

- Apply for the HOPE/Zell Miller or complete FAFSA starting in October of your senior year
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Georgia Student Financial Aid Application System (GSFAPPS) - www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/state-aid-applications/

For Additional Information on HOPE/Zell Miller

- Contact Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) www.gsfc.org



College Athletic Eligibility



- If you are planning on participating in intercollegiate athletics at an NCAA Division I or II institution, you must register with the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse
- Access the registration materials by visiting the NCAA website <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- When taking the SAT/ACT, enter 9999 for scores to be sent to NCAA
- You will need to send your official transcript by requesting your transcript through Parchment



If you are planning on participating in intercollegiate athletics at an NAIA school, you must register on their site as well as request the transcript through their site:

<https://www.naia.org/landing/index> Please email Ms. Brenda Hamilton once a request has been made for the transcript.



Students and parents are responsible for determining NCAA eligibility to Division I and Division II schools. Counselors are neither responsible, nor allowed to determine eligibility.



College & Career Center

Assistance with Postsecondary Planning

- Scholarships
- College applications
- Military exploration
- Career exploration
- College rep visits
- Register for SAT/ACT

Individual Junior Conference



- Students will meet individually with their counselor from October to February to discuss the following:
 - Graduation requirements
 - Senior course schedule
 - Postsecondary plans
- Email with link to sign up for a meeting will be sent to parents/guardians on Thursday, September 21st. Deadline to sign up for a conference will be October 5th
- Parent/guardian attendance is optional but encouraged

Upcoming Events



- CTAE Pathway/Academy Night – October 26th at 6 p.m.
- Financial Aid Night – November 9th at 6:30 p.m.
- UNG Dual Enrollment Info Night – November 29th at Cumming campus at 6 p.m.
- LTC Dual Enrollment Info Night – November 30th at Forsyth Conference Center at 6 p.m.
- FCS Dual Enrollment Night – January 23, 2024 at FoCAL at 5:30 and 7 p.m.
- AP Promo Night – January 25, 2024 at 6 p.m.
- ASVAB – February 2024

Any Questions Bulldogs?

