CLASSOF 2025

Senior Parent Night September 5, 2024



SENIOR CLASS SPONSORS

Senior Class Sponsors

- Dana Clevenger
- Kristin Peavyhouse
- Hope Via

Senior Dues: \$150

- Graduation Ceremony related expenses
- Cap and Gown
- Class list Shirt
- Senior Night
- Additional fun events





AGENDA

- Grad Requirements
- Transcripts & GPAs
- Post-Secondary Options
- College Application Process

- ACT & SAT
- Paying for College
- Researching Careers
- Using Naviance



WHO IS YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR?



Mrs. Marcus
A - EK



Mrs. Lewis EL - Ki



Mrs. Fleming KL - Po



Mrs. Clay Pr - Z

WHO ELSE WORKS IN THE OFFICE OF STUDENT SUCCESS?



Mrs. Nichols
Counseling Secretary



Mrs. Meeks
Assistant Principal/Registrar



Ms. Brooks
Student Information
Systems Coordinator



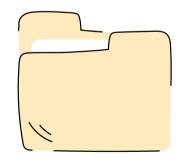




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Starr's Mill High School Counseling



Check out our resources page handout

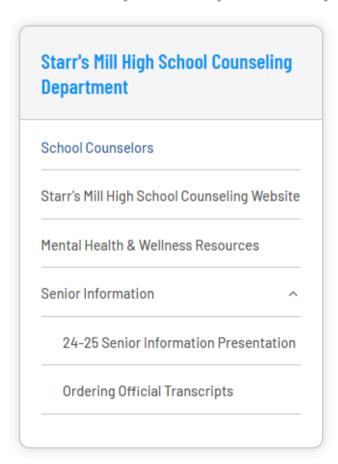


SMHS COUNSELING WEBSITE

www.fcboe.org/smhs --> Counseling

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Welcome!

Our Mission

To foster student success at each developmental stage, increasing the percentage of students graduating from high school prepared for the demands of college and career, one student at a time.

Our Vision

To provide a comprehensive counseling program that will enable all students to acquire the academic, personal/social, and career knowledge to become productive world class citizens.



Your School Counselors



Mrs. Meshanna Marcus

A-EK



Mrs. Pam Lewis



Mrs. Lauren Fleming



Mrs. Ashley Clay

EL-KI

KL-P0

PR-Z

SENIOR MEETINGS

Counselors will meet with all seniors individually from August 26th - September 20th to discuss:

- Graduation Requirements
- GAFutures & HOPE GPA
- Post-Secondary Planning
- College Application Process
- Utilizing Naviance





GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Total Required Credits: 23

English: 4

Math: 4

Science: 4

Social Science: 3

Personal Fitness & Health: 1

CTAE/Fine Arts/World Language: 3

Electives: At least 4 additional

English (4 units)	Math (4 units) ☐ Alg / Acc Alg -Geom	П	Science (4 units)	Social Studies (3 units)	PE/Health	
7 10 th Lit/Comp	/ Acc Geom- Adv Alg		Chemistry/Physical	☐ World History	☐ Health (.5 unit)	
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☐ British Lit / AP Lit / DE Adv. Comp.	Adv Alg / AP Stat Adv Alg / AP Pre Calc		Physics/AP Science Course/ Environmental Science	☐ Am Gov(.5), DE Am Gov, or AP Gov	(.5 unit)	
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UNDERSTANDING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

Starrs Mill High School Transcript Tel: (770)486-2710 Fax: (770)486-2716

Cumulative GPA:

Only weighted GPA is reported on transcripts.

This student's weighted overall SMHS GPA is 3.931.

Percentile:

Rank is reported as a percentile rather than an exact rank.

For Common App, students should note that rank is reported as **decile**.

This student's percentile is 60.80%. Their decile rank is top 40% of the class.

193 Panther Path, Fayetteville, GA 30215 2022-2023 Grade 11 Term 1 Gender: F General High School Diploma 0.5000 0.5 0.5000 0.5 Credit: 2.500 GPA: 92.200 For Weighted GPA, AP Courses are calculated 2022-2023 Grade 11 Term 2 Starrs Mill High School Starrs Mill High School Starrs Mill High School 0.5000 0.5 2023-2024 Grade 12 Term 1 60.0740001 Spanish IVA 2023-2024 Grade 12 Term 2 2020-2021 Grade 09 Term 2 23.0610002 9th Lit/Comp B 0.5000 0.5 26.0611002 Environmental Sci B 93 27.0841002 Precalculus B Credit: 3.000 GPA: 93.833 0.5000 0.5 2021-2022 Grade 10 Term 1 23.0620001 10th Lit/Comp A Credit: 2.500 GPA: 87,000 2021-2022 Grade 10 Term 2 8.000

Student Number:

UNDERSTANDING YOUR GPA

- All student GPAs are reported as weighted GPA.
- Weighted: Includes additional quality points for advanced placement (AP) and Dual Enrollment (DE) courses.
 - AP courses receive I additional quality point
 - DE courses receive 0.5 additional quality point
- To be an <u>Honor Graduate</u>, the student's Weighted Cumulative GPA must be 3.45 or above at the end of fall semester 2024.

Non-AP/DE GPA Calculation:	AP Courses GPA Calculation:	Dual Enrollment GPA Calculation:
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80-89 (3 quality pts)	B= 80-89 (4 quality pts)	B= 80-89 (3.5 quality pts)
71-79 (2 quality pts)	C= 71-79 (3 quality pts)	C= 71-79 (2.5 quality pts) • •
70 (1 quality pt)	D= 70 (2 quality pts)	D= 70 (1.5 quality pts) • •
below 70 (0 quality pts)	F= below 70 (0 quality pts)	F= 69 (0 quality pts)

UNDERSTANDING HOPE GPA

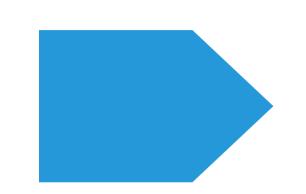
4 Year College:

- HOPE Scholarship Requirements:
 - Minimum 3.0 HOPE GPA (GAFutures)
 - NOTE: This is not calculated by SMHS and is not listed on your SMHS transcript
 - Earn 4 Rigor Credits (<u>HOPE Rigor List</u>)

Students can access their hope transcripts by logging in to their GAFutures Account

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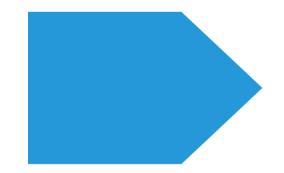
POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS



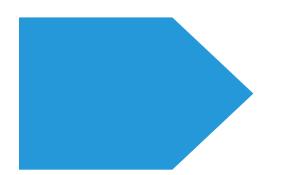
4 Year University/College



2 Year / Technical College



Workforce



Military

TRADE & TECHNICAL SCHOOLS



TCSG School Search

<u>Click here</u> for information on 18 programs of study for which FREE TUITION is available through the TCSG.

- Typically completed in 2 years or less
- Certificate or diploma programs
- Career-Focused
- Trains students for specific jobs in career fields
 - Examples: Welding, Cosmetology, Carpentry,
 Auto Mechanics, Practical Nursing, Dental
 Assisting, HVAC, Electrical
- Examples: Southern Crescent Technical College,
 West GA Technical College



WORKFORCE

- View <u>Georgia's list of HOT CAREERS</u>
- CareerOneStop
- Naviance
 - Go to the Naviance for Students app on your Classlink, and take advantage of the links under the Careers tab.



U.S. Department of Labor Resources



Your source for career exploration, training & jobs



Preparing your resume



How-to Guide: Find a Job Now





MILITARY

- Go to https://www.usa.gov/join-military
- Choose the military branch that is right for your career path
- Meet with a military recruiter
- Take the ASVAB (Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery). Go to https://www.officialasvab.com/
- Students can take the ASVAB at SMHS on Thursday, January 16th Register HERE
- Students can take the ASVAB at local recruiting stations as well, student must be 17 years old.
- Visit the MEPS (Military Entrance Processing Station) with a recruiter & complete a physical, select a
- MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) and join the branch of choice. Go to https://www.mepcom.army.mil/









TWO YEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- Requirements vary by college check websites for the most updated information.
 - SAT/ACT may be required, or they may offer an Accuplacer Exam instead
- Transcript most will require a minimum of your final official transcript for proof of graduation
- Examples: Georgia Perimeter College, Georgia Highlands College
- Click here for information on 18 programs of study for which FREE TUITION is available through the Technical College System of Georgia.

4 YEAR UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

Steps for Applying:

- 1. Application (Common App or Direct to Institution via the college website)
- 2. Send ACT / SAT scores from reporting agencies (if required)
 - a. See information here about the USG's test-optional policy for Fall 2025 Summer 2026 admissions
- 3. Send Transcripts
 - a. If you took dual enrollment courses, you will also need to send transcripts from those colleges as well.

- 4. Some colleges may require a Letter of Recommendation from teachers and/or your counselor
 - a. Ask them and share all application deadlines with them
 - b. Request teacher recommendations in Naviance
 - c. Complete a <u>brag sheet</u> and share with any recommenders
 - d. Please allow at least 10 business days for a recommendation to be completed

- GA Student Finance Commission (GSFC) will send a letter to every GA high school senior in early October
- The letter identifies all the USG and TCSG colleges/universities the student is academically qualified to attend based on HOPE GPA
 - UGA, GA Tech, & GCSU do not participate in this program
- Letter contains MATCHES, but students must still apply for admission

November is <u>Apply to College Month</u> - free applications to participating colleges/universities via GAFutures





Dear Student Name.

April 9, 2024

Congratulations! GEORGIA MATCH recognizes your hard work in school, and I'm happy to say you're an academic match with the Georgia public colleges and universities listed below. This accomplishment is based on your most recent transcript data submitted by your high school to GAfutures.org. The colleges listed below are holding a spot for you in their Fall 2025 class!

Use the QR code to request information from any colleges listed, and once you have chosen the one you want to attend, claim your spot to begin the admission and enrollment process. Now is the perfect time to explore your college options and apply. All TCSG and USG colleges and universities waive their application fee for Georgia's seniors during November's Apply to College Month!

TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (TCSG)

Albany Technical College
Augusta Technical College
Coastal Pines Technical College
Georgia Piedmont Technical College
North Georgia Technical College
Savannah Technical College
Southern Crescent Technical College
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College

Athens Technical College
Central Georgia Technical College
Columbus Technical College
Gwinnett Technical College
Oconee Fall Line Technical College
South Georgia Technical College
Southern Regional Technical College

Atlanta Technical College Chattahoochee Technical College GA Northwestern Technical College Lanier Technical College Ogeochee Technical College Southeastern Technical College West Georgia Technical College

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (USG)

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Albany State University Atlanta Metropolitan State College Augusta University Clayton State University College of Coastal Georgia Columbus State University East Georgia State College
Port Valley State University
Georgia Gwinnett College
Georgia Highlands College
Georgia Southern University
Georgia Southwatern State Univ
Georgia State University

Kennesaw State University
Middle Georgia State University
Perimeter Colleges of Georgia State
Savannah State University
South Georgia State College
University of North Georgia
University of West Georgia
Valdosta State University

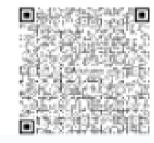
USG requires students to meet Required High School Curriculum and testing requirements. Scan the QR code to learn more.

Attending a public college or university in Georgia is affordable. GAfutures.org can help you plan and pay for college in Georgia by connecting you to information about Georgia's HOPE & Zell Miller Scholarships and Grants as well as 15 additional state-funded financial aid programs and federal financial aid!

Congratulations on making Georgia proud! I look forward to seeing you on one of our college campuses next fall!

3:PL Brian P. Kemp Governor





Click here for more information

TYPES OF ADMISSIONS DEADLINES

Early Decision (ED) I & II - BINDING

Cannot apply ED to other colleges.

If accepted, you must attend.

Regular Decision (RD)

Deadline date is varies by college/university.

Rolling Admission

As soon as the application is complete and has been reviewed, an admissions decision can be offered. There may be advantages to applying early.

Early Action (EA)

Apply by an earlier deadline & can also apply regular decision.

Single Choice/Restricted Early Action

Cannot apply early to other colleges, but you can apply regular decision.

Priority Deadline

Similar to rolling admissions, but priority is given to applicants who meet the earlier priority deadline.



WHAT DO I NEED ON MY TRANSCRIPT TO ATTEND A 4 YEAR UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE?

College Prep Classes:

- 4-Year Colleges in the state of GA require:
 - Two units in the same world language
 - College prep math class during senior year (at least through Advanced Algebra)



USG Freshman Admissions Information

COLLEGE VISITS

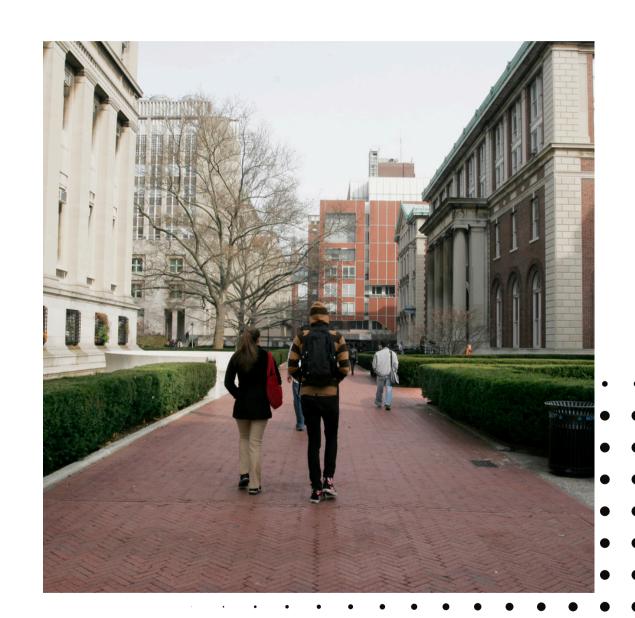
Juniors and Seniors are allowed to schedule up to two school days per academic year for college visits. We encourage you to use them!

The college visit form must be completed in advance, signed by teachers, and turned in to the counseling office at least 3 school days prior to the visit.

All college visits must be completed prior to Spring Break.

SMHS College Visit Policy





COLLEGE FAIRS

Fayette County PROBE

Fair



- Hosted at Sandy Creek High School
- Thursday, October 24th, 6:00 -8:00 pm
- Approximately 80 colleges are typically in attendance

Click here to register & get more information

Peach State Tour

- Augusta University, GA State University, GA Tech, and UGA
- Virtual & In-Person Options **Click here** to register & get more information

College Specific Events

Check college admissions websites for information about preview days, visit days, & additional tours.



SMHS COLLEGE REP VISITS



We invite colleges/university reps, military recruiters, and other special program reps to visit SMHS throughout the school year!



Coming in September:

Emory University	Career Center	7th period		
University of Georgia	Career Center	7th period		
Georgia State University	Cafeteria	11:20AM - 12:56PM		
Georgia College and State University	Career Center	1st period		

PICK SIX: BUILDING A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE APPLICATION LIST

Reach Universities / Colleges - Apply to 2

• Reach universities / colleges are where your academic credentials fall below the school's 50th percentile for the current freshman.

Match Universities / Colleges - Apply to 2

• Match universities / colleges are those where your academic credentials fall within or perhaps slightly exceed the school's range for the current freshman.

Likely Universities / Colleges - Apply to 2

• Likely universities / colleges are those you will most likely get into because your academic credentials are much better than the typical range for the current freshman.

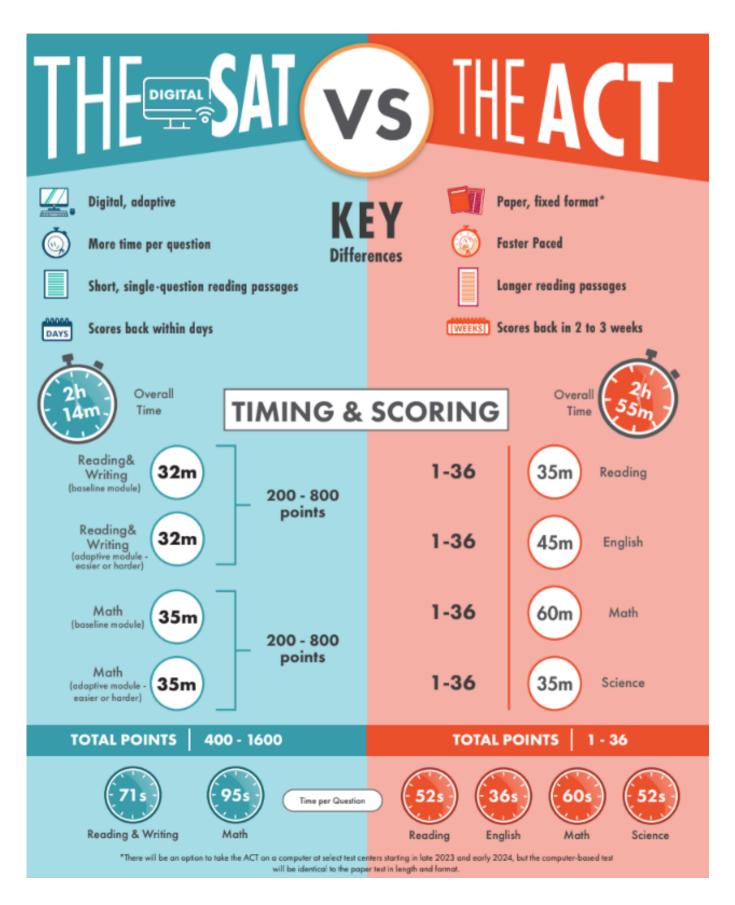
ACT & SAT: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Exam scores for the SAT/ACT must be sent directly from the organizations' websites.

- Test scores may be sent to up to 4 colleges at no charge prior to taking the exam
- An additional charge applies to send scores after you take the exam or to more than 4 schools

Some colleges may require SAT/ACT written or subject tests. Check their admissions websites for requirements.

Colleges with test-optional admissions policies may offer increased awards for merit scholarships.



SAT DATES & DEADLINES

SAT® TEST DATES & DEADLINES 2024-2025



For registration information and other resources, click here to visit the College Board website.



ACT DATES & DEADLINES







ENCAA/NAIA PROCEDURES

- If your child is planning to play sports in college, be sure you are aware of the NCAA or NAIA eligibility rules that apply.
 - NCAA Information
 - NAIA Information
- If you need transcripts to be released to coaches or uploaded to the NCAA portal, please see Mrs. Nichols. Students will need to submit a one time \$5 fee and complete forms that parents sign giving us permission to release their information.
- NCAA Guide for College-Bound Athletes

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Financial Aid helps students pay for college.

Types of Financial Aid:

- Scholarships (do not have to be repaid)
- Grants (do not have to be repaid)
- Federal Work Study (need-based)
- Student Loans (DO have to be repaid + interest)

Click here for more information on paying for college.

HOPE AND ZELL MILLER

HOPE Scholarship

3.0 HOPE GPA

No test score requirement

4 HOPE Rigor Credits

Zell Miller Scholarship

3.7 HOPE GPA

Minimum 25 (ACT) or 1200 (SAT) in one test session

4 HOPE Rigor Credits

Covers 100% of tuition at in-state, public institutions

FAFSA

FAFSA = Free Application for Federal Student Aid

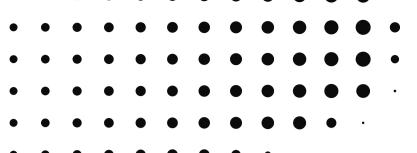
Most colleges and universities require the FAFSA for any financial aid, including scholarships and grants.

The 2025-2026 FAFSA is scheduled to open by December 1st.

FAFSA Website

- The Georgia Student Finance Commission Representative for Fayette County, Ms. Lakissa Jackson, is available for individual appointments. Click here to book an appointment with her.
 - She is able to help with questions about topics such as HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship, completing the FAFSA, and financial aid options.





Scholarships

National Scholarship Search Engines

GoingMerry
College Board BigFuture
FastWeb
Scholarships.Com

Local Scholarships

24-25 Local Scholarships List
This list is regularly updated as we receive information, and most local scholarships are available during spring semester.

Check college websites for information about school-specific opportunities.

Pay attention to deadlines!



NAVIANCE

- Naviance is Fayette County's college & career readiness platform. Students can use it to:
 - research careers
 - discover college options
 - request transcripts
 - request teacher & counselor letters of recommendation

To access Naviance, students should go to to Classlink and click

on Naviance for Students:

WHAT NEXT?



6:00 - 6:10 pm Introduction (Auditorium) 6:10 - 6:30 pm Senior Information Session (SMHS Counselors)

6:35 - 6:55 pm	Financial Aid 101 (media center)	High Demand Careers (606)	Studying Abroad (613)	Aviation (611)	Healthcare Science (608)
7:00 - 7:20 pm	College Admissions (604)	High Demand Careers (606)	Studying Abroad (613)	Engineering (602)	HealthCare Science (608)
7:25 - 7:45 pm	Financial Aid 101 (media center)	Aviation (611)	College Admissions (604)	Engineering (602)	

THANKYOU!

