

TIGER PLANS

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College Admission

How Colleges Admit Students

- Academic Rigor
- ACT, SAT, and Related Test Scores
- Extracurricular Activities and Work Experience
- Community Service
- Teacher and Counselor Recommendations
- Essays and Writing Samples

Admission Plans—Modes of Admission Access

- Regular Admission—The student submits an application by a specified date and receives a decision in a clearly stated period of time.
- Rolling Admission—The student's application is reviewed as it is received and an admission decision is made immediately.
- Early Decision—The student agrees to abide by the rules of the plan, have only one Early Decision application active at a given time and commits to enrolling at the college or university if admitted.
- Early Action/Notification—The student can file multiple applications according to an expedited timetable and learn of an institution's admission decision early.
- Early Action/Single Decision—The student cannot file any other early action or early decision applications, however students are free to apply elsewhere for regular admission.

Graduation Requirements:

Review your transcript to ensure you are on track to graduate. A total of 23 units is required for graduation. The graduation requirements are as follows:

English—4 Units

Health/Personal Fitness—1 Unit

Math—4 Units

Fine Arts, Technology/Career, and/or Foreign

Science—4 Units

Language—3 Units

Social Studies—3 Units

General Electives—4 Units

Senior Timeline

August/September

Senior Parent Night—September 24 @ 6:00 p.m, FCHS Auditorium

- Sign up to see college representatives on FCHS campus in Counseling Dept.
- Register for SAT and/or ACT online (sat.org; act.org)
- College visits—Form in attendance
 - Begin completing college applications

October/November/December

Oct. 8th—Financial Aid Night

- Review admissions deadline for each college/university
- Complete college applications (Ideal goal—December 1)
- Complete and submit the FAFSA forms
- Request recommendations for a January deadline by December 1
- Study for semester exams
- Order cap and gown

January/February

- Request mid-year reports (1st semester grades) if necessary
- Apply for Scholarships
- Evaluate acceptance notices. Have you made a decision yet?

March/April

- Continue to check on financial aid, scholarships, etc.
- Make final college admission decision.
- Submit copies of scholarship award letters to your counselor as you receive them.

May

- Prepare for AP exams and final exams.
- Request an additional “final transcript.”

June

- Mail final official transcript to college

Graduation—May 22

College Application Procedures

Step I: Send official test scores from sat.org and act.org to each of the post secondary schools to which you plan to apply. Those scores must come from the SAT/ACT test company.

Step II: Apply online—most colleges prefer this.

Step III: Request counselor and teacher recommendations if required. Please allow a minimum of 3 weeks for completion. Students must complete a “Brag Sheet” for recommendations to be completed (Brag Sheet can be found on our website. fchstigers.org.) Look under the Counseling Blackboard.

Step IV: Send transcript

Step V: Write any essays and have someone else proofread it. Be aware of all deadlines.

Step VI: If you are mailing your application, include a check for the application fee with the SSN and name on the check.

Georgia HOPE & Zell Miller Scholarship

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

- 3.0 GPA as calculated by Georgia Student Finance Commission
- For the class of 2019 a minimum of 4 rigorous courses are required.
- Apply for the HOPE Scholarship online using the GSFAPPS application at: www.gafutures.org
- At an eligible post secondary institution, pays a percentage amount of the standard tuition charges.

ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

- 3.7 GPA as calculated by Georgia Student Finance Commission
- At least 1,200 combined critical reading score and math score on a single administration of the SAT or an ACT score of at least 26 composite.
- A student meeting the requirements to be a Zell Miller Scholar must also meet all the requirements to be a HOPE Scholar.
- At an eligible post secondary institution, pays 100% of the standard tuition charges.

How to Apply for HOPE

Public Colleges, Universities, and Technical Colleges

- By using your GAFutures account, and accessing the FAFSA application, you can reduce the amount of time it takes to apply.

Private Colleges and Universities

- All HOPE applicants attending private colleges or universities must complete the Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant Application.

Naviance

www.naviance.com

“Naviance is a comprehensive college and career readiness solution that helps districts and schools align student strengths and interests to postsecondary goals, improving student outcomes and connecting learning to life.”

Username: school email

Password: password for school email (first two letters of last name date of birth)

Seniors will use Naviance Student as a platform to send documents (transcripts, letters of recommendation) to the colleges.

If using Common App, Seniors MUST match that account with Naviance .

Transcripts

Electronic Transcripts can be sent through Naviance

Official Paper to be mailed:

Complete a “Request for Transcript” form (\$3.00 fee per transcript.) Allow 3 days for the requests to be fulfilled. Mail the transcript to the post secondary institution.

Note:

Do not open the transcript or it will be invalid.

College Resources

www.naviance.com
www.collegeboard.com
gafutures.org (gacollege411)
www.collegenet.com
www.collegeview.com
www.petersons.com
www.princetonreview.com
www.march2success.com
www.fastweb.com
www.ets.org
www.kaplan.com
www.finaid.org
www.salliemae.com
www.fafsa.ed.gov
www.collegemeasures.org
www.collegerealitycheck.com

Free National Search Programs

www.scholarships.com
www.studentscholarships.org
www.schoolsoup.com

College Visits

Seniors are allowed two official college visitation days. In order for the two visits to count as an excused field trip you must do the following:

1. Make an appointment with the College Admissions Office.
2. Obtain and complete a College Visitation form from the Attendance Office.
3. Have the form signed by a college official and return the form to the Attendance Office.

Tips for a Successful Visit:

- Write down your questions prior to the visit.
- Try to see as much of the campus lifestyle as you can.
- Talk to students and faculty.
- Seek permission to attend a class.

Many colleges host a Visitation Day. These events can fill up quickly so plan your visit well in advance.

SAT/ACT Dates

SAT

Aug. 24

Oct. 5

Nov. 2

Dec. 7

Mar. 14

May 2

June 6

ACT

Sept. 14

Oct. 26

Dec. 14

Feb. 8

April 4

June 13

July 18

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) should be filed by all students between October and June. This is the database used by most colleges for awarding local fund as well as federal funds.

Scholarships - Follow@FayCoCounselors) on twitter. Join Remind 101 accounts and check our website at www.fchstigers.org. We also send a Senior Newsletter at the end of each month!

Grants—Often awarded for special interests or projects.

Loans—Subsidized loans do not need to be repaid until after graduation. Unsubsidized loans begin to accumulate interest and often have a repayment schedule which can begin before graduation.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association)

In order to participate in college athletics and receive athletically-based financial aid, student athletes must do the following:

1. Register with the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse and meet eligibility standards.
2. Have a valid U.S. Social Security Number, and a VISA or MasterCard.
3. Complete the amateurism certification questionnaire.
4. Print the Transcript Authorization Form and bring it to Guidance with \$6.00

www.eligibilitycenter.org

Are you NOT planning to attend a 4 year College or University? Check out this important information regarding Careers and Technical Schools!

*If you get a job or enter the military directly out of high school, you'll receive training specific to the job. Some employees may even pay you to get related credentials, such as industry certification!

***Apprenticeships** are a form of job training in which a sponsor, such as an employer, pays a trainee to learn and work in a particular occupation. Some jobs in the military include apprenticeship training, but others involve different types of hands on training.

***Vocational School (Trade/Technical College)**- Programs designed to give you hands on training in a specific field. Many of these programs lead to non-degree credentials, such as a certificate or diploma. Occupations that you can prepare for at these types of schools include: Welding, Automotive Mechanic, Aviation Technology, Licensed Practical Nurse, Emergent Medical Technician and may more! Visit www.tcsg.org for more information about the Technical College System of Georgia.

*Some Vocational/Technical Schools specialize in certain occupations or career fields, such as Commercial Truck Driving, Culinary Arts, or Cosmetology. Others provide a diverse range of programs such as Medical Assisting and Precision Production.

*Earning a certificate allows you to prepare for a career in a relatively short amount of time. Nearly all certificate programs take fewer than 2 years to complete. For example, you may earn a nursing assistant certificate in less than 1 year.

***Associate's Degree**—May qualify you for occupations such as a Dental Hygienist and Funeral Services Manager. Associate Degree programs are available through public community colleges and other 2 year schools. Some 4 year schools also offer Associate Degrees that complement or lead directly into their bachelor's degree program.

For More Information, please visit these websites:

Mynextmove.org

Occupational Outlook Handbook at bls.gov

HOPE Career Grant Info (free tuition for 17 Skilled Trade Careers)

<https://tcsg.edu/free-tuition>