

GRADUATION IS  
JUST UP THE  
ROAD





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# MEET OUR TEAM



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# ADMINISTRATION

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(Assigned to students based on their last name)

Principal	Gabe Carmona
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# GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 4 Units of English
- 4 Units of Mathematics
- 4 Units of Science
- 3 Units of Social Studies
- 3 Units of Career/Technology and/or World Language and/or Fine Arts
- 1 Unit of Health & Physical Education
- 4 Units of Electives (minimum)

A total of 23 Units

NOTE: World Language (Foreign Language) is not required for graduation BUT is required for acceptance into a 4-year College or University in Georgia.



# HONORS & AP COURSES

- **Why take an AP and/or Honors Level course?**

- ❖ Studies show by the time students enter college the TYPE of courses they took in HS is MORE IMPORTANT than test scores, class rank, or grade averages
- ❖ The rigor of curriculum is a factor above all others that is said to determine success in the college admissions process.

- **Benefit to the GPA**

- ❖ Honors & AP courses are weighted
- ❖ If a student passes an honors level course, 5 points will be added onto the final average
- ❖ AP & DE core level courses add 10 points to the final grade, if passed
- ❖ Note that these points are removed by GSFC for the HOPE/ZELL scholarships - Your HOPE GPA



# DUAL ENROLLMENT

- **Dual Enrollment is a program for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade high school students, which allows them to earn college credit while working on their high school diploma.**
- **Interested?**
- ❖ **Review the Step-by-Step information on the counseling website under the Dual Enroll tab**



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**There will be a Virtual Dual Enrollment Summit  
September 18<sup>th</sup> , beginning at 6:00pm**



**Look for an email with more information on how to register/login  
If you are not able to attend, it will be posted on our counseling website**

# DUAL ENROLLMENT

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**Chattahoochee Tech is hosting DE admissions information sessions for enrollment in the Spring 2024 semester**



**To register, scan the QR Code,  
or visit**

[www.chattahoocheetech.edu/  
de-information-sessions](http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/de-information-sessions)

## **Dual Enrollment Spring 2024**

Admissions Information Sessions

### **On-campus Information Sessions**

Please register to receive more details for your selected on-campus visit.

**September 19, 2023 Marietta Campus 6 - 7pm**

**September 21, 2023 North metro Campus 6 - 7pm**

### **Virtual Information Sessions**

Please register to receive virtual link.

**October 24, 2023 Virtual/Online 6 - 7pm**

# BRIDGE BILL

**These are State Mandated activities, which all juniors and seniors will need to complete during the 2023-2024 school year.**

## 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

- Juniors will learn about skilled trades, the High Demand Career Initiative, and choose three or more Post Secondary Colleges/Universities to research, explore, and save to their portfolio

## 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

- Seniors will choose what their **NEXT STEP** is post high school and add this to their portfolio

**These activities will be completed in the students' Advisement Classes.**

# NEXT STEPS

## OPTIONS

- \*\* Work-Force/Apprenticeship
- \*\* Military
- \*\* 2-year Technical College/Trade School
- \*\* 4-year College/University

# WorkForce/Apprenticeship



An Apprenticeship is work-based, occupation related training

- On the job short term or long-term training – typically working 30-40 hours per week
- Completion of an apprenticeship is generally associated with skilled labor
- Training can last 1-5 years, often paid
- These types of programs can lead to secure and well-paying jobs without the need for any college expenses

*Interested?*

Visit with Trade Professionals  
in the Cafeteria at the  
conclusion of the presentation

# MILITARY/ARMED FORCES

**Air Force & Air Force Reserve  
Air National Guard  
Army & Army Reserve  
Coast Guard & Coast Guard Reserve  
Marine Corps & Marine Corps Reserve  
National Guard  
Navy & Navy Reserve  
Space Force**



- High School Diploma is required
- Make contact with a branch recruiter
- Take the ASVAB

## *Interested?*

**Visit with a branch recruiter  
in the Cafeteria at the  
conclusion of the  
presentation**

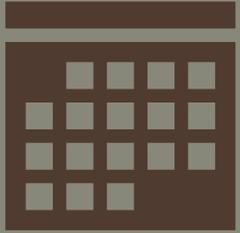
- ❑ **The ASVAB will be administered at NPHS on **October 10<sup>th</sup>****
- ❑ **Sign up using this link <https://forms.gle/7cnw9zHjmSbbFgHYA>  
or the **QR code****
- ❑ **Report to the Media Center by **9:30am on Oct. 10th****



# 2-year Technical College/Trade School

## **Interested?**

**Visit with a technical college admission representative in the Cafeteria at the conclusion of the presentation**



Typically completed in 2 years or less



Certificate or Diploma programs



Career Focused



Examples of Jobs:

- Welding
- Construction
- Cosmetology
- Automotive
- HVAC
- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Dental Assistant

# 4-YEAR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY



Typically have higher admission requirements



On average it takes students four years to complete



Students work toward a Bachelor's Degree



SAT/ACT test scores may be required depending on GPA



Many colleges/universities calculate their own GPA based solely on academic core courses

## **University System of GA test optional Info:**

- **Test Scores waived through 2024-2025 with minimum GPA**
- **Scores required for Georgia Tech, the University of Georgia, or Georgia College and State University**

**\* Test Scores required for Zell Miller Scholarship**

**\*Refer to USG.EDU for more specific information**

**\*\*\*Check college websites for most updated requirements and information**

## **Interested?**

**Visit with a college admission representative in the Cafeteria at the conclusion of the presentation**



# ATHLETES

## NCAA/NAIA Eligibility



**If you are an athlete and planning on playing for an NCAA or NAIA sanctioned school, you must register with the clearing house in order to establish athletic eligibility. You must apply, pay the registration fee, and submit your high school transcript and test scores to NCAA and/or NAIA.**

**You can find more detailed information on our website at <http://gonphs.weebly.com/>**

# TOOLS TO HELP

**YOUSCIENCE RESULTS TO  
EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS and  
Skill Sets**

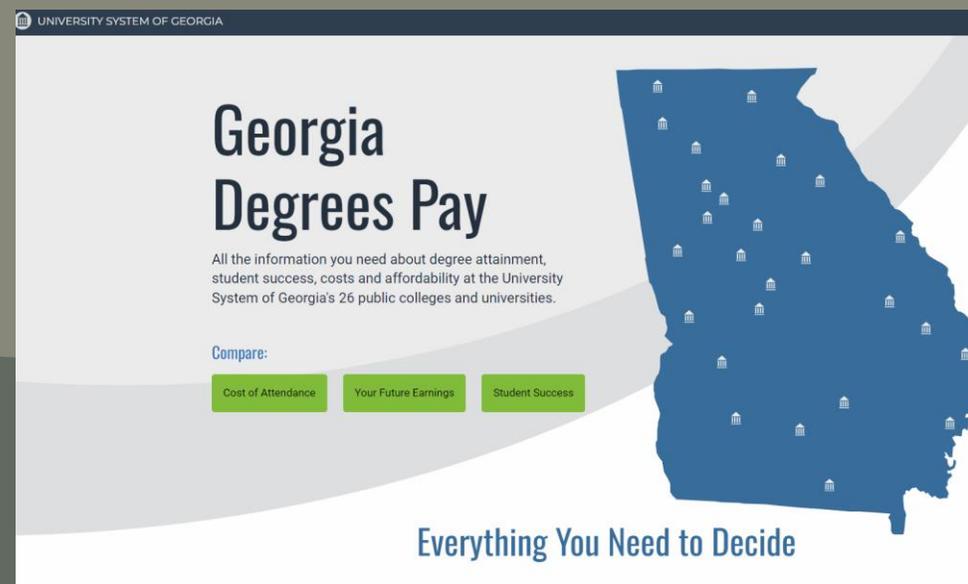


**GEORGIA DEGREES PAY  
COMPARE POST SECONDARY SCHOOLS BASED ON  
Cost of Attendance  
Your Future Earnings  
Student Success**

**<https://www.usg.edu/georgia-degrees-pay>**

**MY NEXT MOVE**

**<https://www.mynextmove.org/>**



# COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

**MAKE A LIST OF  
POTENTIAL SCHOOLS**

**REVIEW ADMISSION  
REQUIREMENTS  
(FOUND ON COLLEGE WEBSITE)**

**KNOW THE SCHOOL'S  
APPLICATION PROCESS**

\*COMMON APPLICATION  
\*APPLICATION FEE  
\*DEADLINES

**TRANSCRIPTS**  
SENT FROM GAFUTURES.ORG OR  
SCRIBORDER

**RECOMMENDATION  
LETTERS?**  
\*COMPLETE **SENIOR PROFILE** OR  
\*LOOK FOR AN EMAIL FROM  
YOUR COUNSELOR TO COMPLETE  
A "**BRAG SHEET**" ON  
COLLEGEVINE

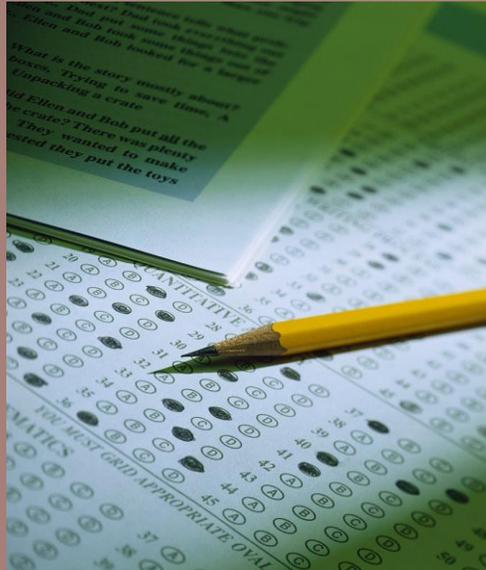
**TEST SCORES**  
SENT FROM TESTING AGENCY

# TESTING INFORMATION

## TESTS YOU MAY NEED

Determine which post-secondary test is right for your college or career choice.

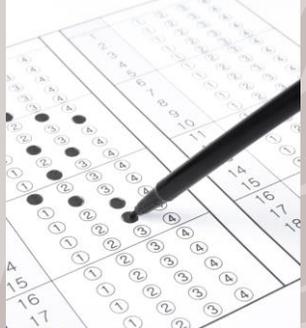
- ▶ SAT
- ▶ ACT
- ▶ ACCUPLACER
- ▶ ASVAB



## **IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED UP TO TAKE A TEST...**

- Is it required for admissions?
- Choose a test date at least two months ahead of the college application deadline.
- Scores are usually returned 2-8 weeks after the test date.
- Links for these standardized tests can be found on our counseling website at <https://gonphs.weebly.com/>

# SAT VS. ACT



## SAT

- Register online at [SAT.ORG](https://sat.org)
- \$60
- Send scores to 4 colleges free on test day! \$14 per additional report

## ACT

- Register online at [ACT.ORG](https://act.org)
- \$68
- Send scores to 4 colleges free on test day! \$18 per additional report

The SAT takes three hours and consists of three tests: (1) the Reading Test, (2) the Writing and Language Test, and (3) the Math Test. Compared to the ACT®, the SAT provides 43% more time per question:

Component	Time Allotted (minutes)	Number of Questions/Tasks
Reading	65	52
Writing and Language	35	44
Math	80	58
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>154</b>

Most of the questions are multiple choice, though some of the math questions ask you to write in the answer rather than select it.

On all questions, there's no penalty for guessing: if you're not sure of the answer, it's better to guess than leave the response blank.

## ACT Test Descriptions

The ACT test consists of four multiple-choice sections—in English, mathematics, reading, and science—with an optional writing section.

Test	Number of Questions	Minutes Per Test
English	75	45
Mathematics	60	60
Reading	40	35
Science	40	35
Writing (optional)	1 essay	40

Your scores will be based only on the number of questions that you answer correctly; there is no penalty for guessing. Try to answer every question within the time allowed for each section.

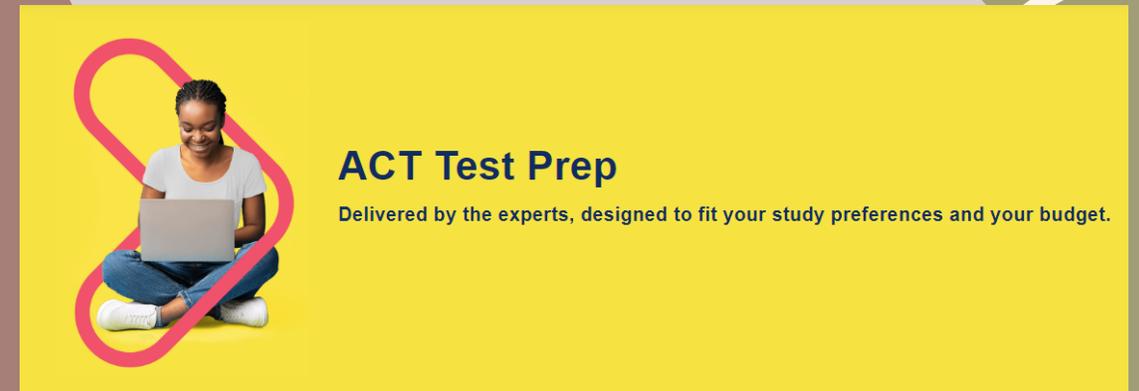
# TOOLS TO HELP

## Free SAT Practice from Khan Academy

<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>



The screenshot shows the top section of the Khan Academy SAT Practice website. At the top left, there are logos for CollegeBoard and Khan Academy. The main headline reads "Maximize your score with Official SAT® Practice". Below the headline is a blue button that says "Let's go". At the bottom of the screenshot, there are four icons with labels: "Personalized for you" (with a triangle and circle icon), "Official" (with a checkmark icon), "Interactive" (with a play button icon), and "Instant" (with a speech bubble icon).



The advertisement features a yellow background. On the left, there is a photograph of a young woman with dark hair, wearing a white t-shirt and blue jeans, sitting cross-legged on the floor and using a laptop. A large, stylized pink infinity symbol is overlaid on the image. To the right of the image, the text reads "ACT Test Prep" in a bold, black font, followed by the tagline "Delivered by the experts, designed to fit your study preferences and your budget." in a smaller, black font.

## ACT Test Prep Information

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html>

# NPHS COUNSELING WEBSITE

**GONPHS.WEEBLY.COM**

SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR YOUR CLASS

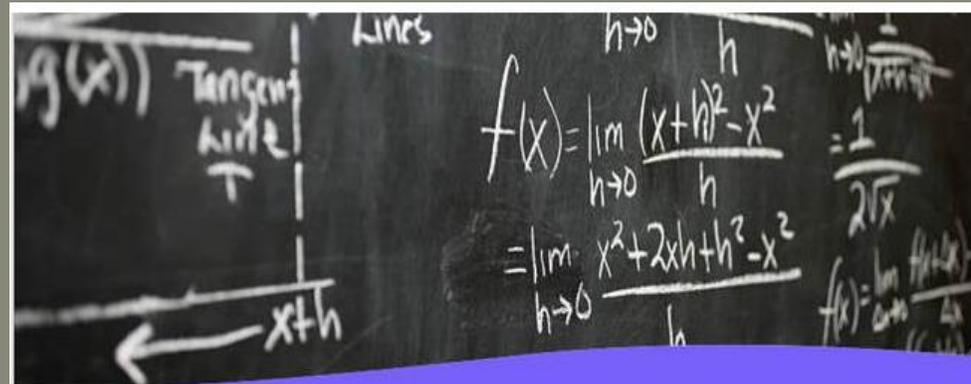
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RISING  
FRESHMEN



ADVISEMENTS & FAQ'S

Your Questions Answered

# TRANSCRIPTS



Transcripts are available for viewing at any time in your Infinite Campus Account.



You should become familiar with your transcript and view it often.



You should become familiar with your GAFutures Transcript.  
This is how you will find your HOPE GPA.

# HOW TO READ A PCSD TRANSCRIPT

**District Name: Paulding County**

**North Paulding High School Official Transcript**

School CEEB Code: 110965 Tel: (770)443-9400 Fax: (678)363-8544

300 North Paulding Drive, Dallas, GA 30132

## Enrollment History

Start	End	Grade	School
08/01/2018		09	North Paulding High School
08/01/2019		10	North Paulding High School
08/03/2020		11	North Paulding High School
08/02/2021	05/27/2022	12	North Paulding High School

## Transcript Statistics

GPA Type	GPA	Class Rank
Weighted GPA	87.828	338 of 630
Unweighted GPA	87.828	

## Paulding 4.0 GPA

GPA Type	GPA
Weighted GPA	3.250
Unweighted GPA	3.250

- Two GPA's, Numeric and 4.0 GPA
- Use the Weighted 4.0 GPA when applying to colleges and scholarships unless noted otherwise on the application
- PCSD used the students weighted numerical GPA to determine Honors Graduate status - 89.5 or higher to qualify.
- Be familiar with your transcript and review the information.

# YOUR GRADE POINT AVERAGE GPA

## • **High School GPA**

- **Average of the final grades in every class taken for high school credit**
- **Will include weighted points awarded for rigor in Honors, AP, and/or DE courses**
  - **Used to determine class rank, honor graduate status**
  - **This is the GPA that most scholarship committees will use**
- **PCSD transcript will show your weighted and unweighted GPA on the 100-point scale and the 4.0 scale**

## • **HOPE GPA**

- **Determined by the GA Student Finance Commission using transcripts submitted by PCSD.**
- **3.0 to qualify for HOPE and 4 rigor courses as listed on the GAFutures website**
  - **Average of your academic core, academic electives, and World Language grades**
- **Does not include high school credits completed in middle school**
- **Local weights for Honors, AP, and DE courses are removed (GSFC will add their own weights for AP and DE, not for Honors courses)**
  - **Estimated HOPE GPA only found on [GAFutures.org](https://www.gafutures.org)**

# GAFUTURES.ORG

- ❖ GAFutures (My GAFutures Account)
  - ❖ Send Transcripts to colleges in Georgia
  - ❖ GPA HOPE information
  - ❖ HOPE Scholarship List of Rigorous Courses
  - ❖ Must have SAT/ACT scores sent to GAFutures to qualify for ZELL Miller Scholarship
  - ❖ Must have 4 Rigorous Courses to qualify
  - ❖ Some College Applications in Georgia
  - ❖ Scholarships
  - ❖ FAFSA and Financial Aid
  - ❖ Financial Literacy
  - ❖ And MORE

To view HOPE GPA, send transcripts, be eligible for HOPE/ZELL Scholarships  
Your GAFutures Student Profile Must Include

- Legal Name
- Birthdate
- SSN
- High School Connection
- Valid, Working email address

# HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

✓ **HOPE Scholarship - for colleges/universities**

\*Award amounts listed on GAFutures

\*Earned a 3.0 HOPE GPA - found on GAFutures

\*Completed 4 Rigor courses

✓ **ZELL Miller Scholarship - for colleges/universities**

\*Award amounts listed on GAFutures

\*Earned a 3.7 HOPE GPA

\*SAT/ACT testing requirements - see GAFutures

\*Completed 4 Rigor courses

✓ **HOPE and ZELL MILLER Grant - technical colleges**

\*Students working toward a certificate or diploma at eligible technical institutes

✓ **HOPE CAREER GRANT - technical colleges**

\*For students who qualify for the HOPE Grant and enroll in select majors

\*For more information on eligible careers visit [GAFutures.org](http://GAFutures.org)



# HOW TO REQUEST A TRANSCRIPT

*Transcript requests are made one of two ways*

- [In-State](#) requests are made online through your **GAFutures account**
  - [Out-of-State](#) requests are made online through **Scriborder**
  - Once you make a request, allow a few days for the college to receive and download the transcript
  - A detailed description of how each of these requests are sent can be found on the counseling website <https://gonphs.weebly.com/> **[“TRANSCRIPTS AND RECORDS”](#)**
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## INITIAL VS. FINAL TRANSCRIPT

- When you apply to a college, you will request your **initial transcript**. This will usually include grades through the end of your junior year.
- After graduation, your college will expect you to submit a **final transcript**. This final transcript will include your grades from spring semester of your senior year and your date of graduation.

# FINANCIAL AID 101

**For much more detailed information -  
Join us in the Auditorium at 7:15pm for a special presentation from Mr. Ben Meadows**

## ➤ **School Specific Scholarships**

- **Information on the college/university website watch for deadlines**

## ➤ **Scholarships**

- **Information on the counseling website: check back often as it is continually being updated**

## ➤ **GSFAPPS**

- **Application (3-5 minutes to complete) found on GAFutures.org. If you are attending a 4-year school, complete this application for HOPE/ZELL Miller Scholarships.**

- **Application opened this morning at 9:00am and is mobile friendly**

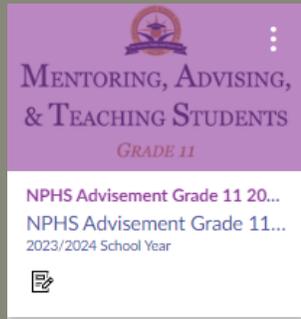
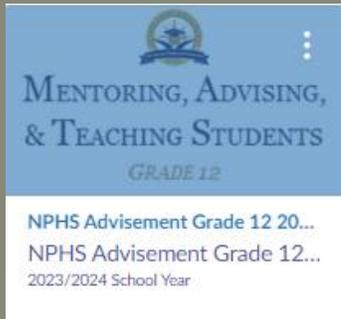
## ➤ **FAFSA**

- **The FAFSA is free to complete and is scheduled to open sometime in December**

Look for the Financial Aid TAB on the NPHS Counselors website, you will find links to a series of videos on how to complete the FAFSA and much more

# STAY INFORMED

**CANVAS** – SIGN UP FOR THE  
NPBS ADVISEMENT GRADE 12  
FOR ALL THE LATEST  
INFORMATION



- **INSTAGRAM** – FOLLOW  
**@NPHSCOUNSELORS**



- **SENIORS** SEND A TEXT TO 81010 WITH THE  
**MESSAGE @NPHS-2024**
- **JUNIORS** SEND A TEXT TO 81010 WITH THE  
**MESSAGE @NPHS-2025**

- **WOLFPACK CHRONICLES** – Sent to parents every Friday



# SENIOR GRADUATION LETTER

- *This is a guide to meeting graduation requirements **AND IS MANDATORY***
- **3-page document listing graduation requirements, the remaining courses needed to graduate and projected plans after HS**

**The SENIOR GRADUATION LETTER is completed using DocuSign**

**Students will begin receiving the document on **September 12th****

**Listed are the **specific courses remaining** for you to meet graduation requirements**

**Review your **HOPE rigor** and add your plans for post high school**

**Review the spelling of your name on the **Diploma Verification Form****

**It will then be sent to a parent/guardian. The parent reviews all 3 pages, initials, and signs**

***The completed document will be returned to you  
Refer to this with any graduation requirement questions***



# SENIOR DUES

**GRADUATION WILL BE ON  
THURSDAY, MAY 23<sup>rd</sup> at  
8:00pm**



- **All seniors must pay Senior Dues.**
- **Senior Dues are \$85.**
- **Senior dues cover the cost of the Graduation Ceremony, the Senior T-Shirt, the Senior Breakfast & the Senior Picnic.**
- **They do not cover the cost of the Cap and Gown.**
- **To pay senior dues please go to [RevTrak](#).**
- **Link and more information can be found on the [SENIOR page](#) of the counseling website**
- **Deadline for paying senior dues is [April 1, 2024](#)**

**SENIORS**

# SENIOR PORTRAITS



Students must register for their individual appointment at one of the Cady Studio locations.



All seniors must have their Senior Portraits taken by November 15 if you want to choose your picture for the Yearbook



Appointments book fast



You can create an account and schedule your appointment at <http://cadystudios.com/>

## SENIOR CAP & GOWN

- **Students will order their Cap and Gown through Herff Jones**



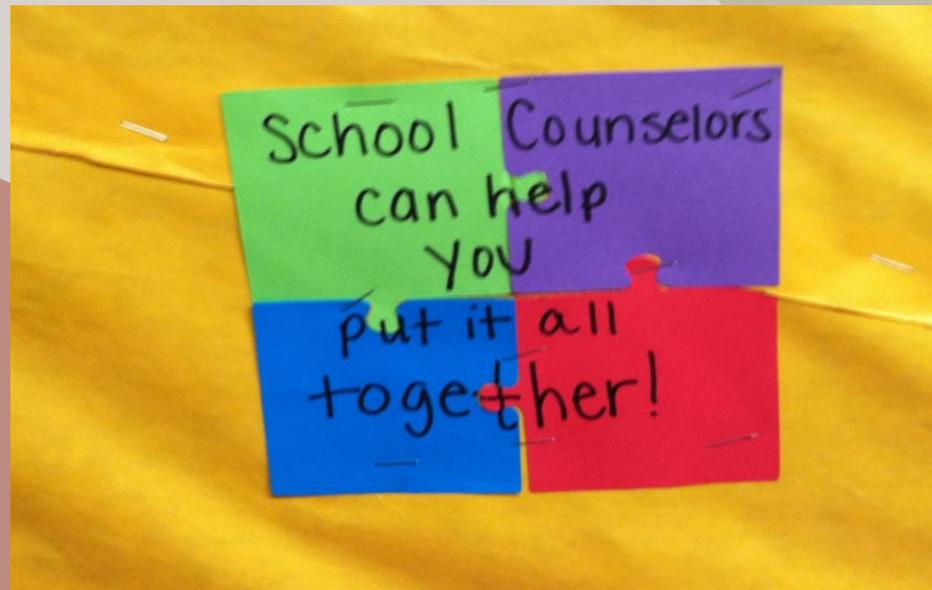
# HOW SCHOOL COUNSELORS CAN HELP

## Academic Planning and Support

- College and Career Planning
  - Dual Enrollment
- Advisement & Course Selection

## Social and Emotional Support of Students

- Helping with Personal Issues, Family Dynamics, Problems with Friends, Social Interactions, etc.



# Probe College Fair

Paulding County High School

Craton Gym

Tuesday, October 3rd

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm



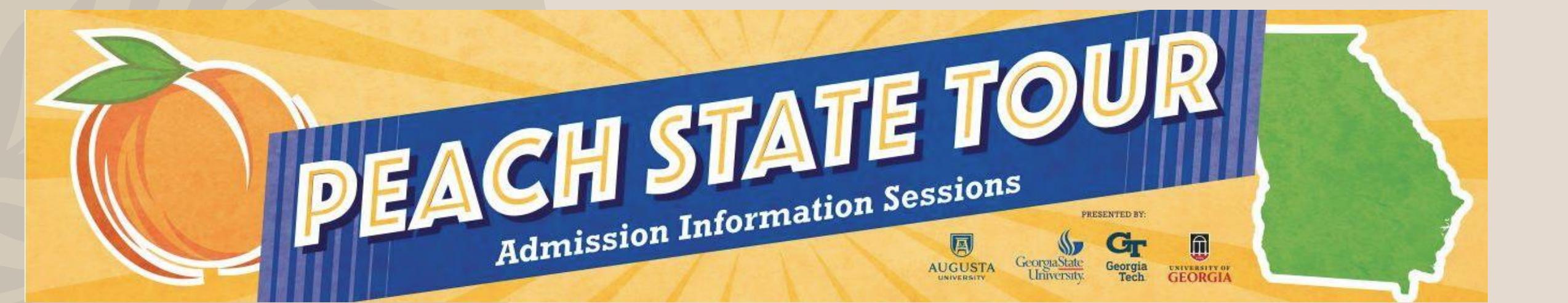
**probe**  
Explore the possibilities

Meet with college and university  
representatives from around the world.

[RegisterProbe.com](https://RegisterProbe.com)

There is no charge to attend; however, pre-registration is  
required





# PEACH STATE TOUR

Admission Information Sessions

PRESENTED BY:



**AUGUST 29 THRU SEPTEMBER 28  
AT A LOCATION NEAR YOU**

**HOSTED BY**

**AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY**

**GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**GEORGIA TECH**

**UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA**

**REGISTER AT  
[PEACHSTATETOUR.ORG](http://PEACHSTATETOUR.ORG)**

# QUOTES/ ACCOLADES/ SUPERLATIVES

More information will come regarding Senior Quotes, Accolades and Superlatives deadlines.

## **Deadlines and**

## **Important Dates:**

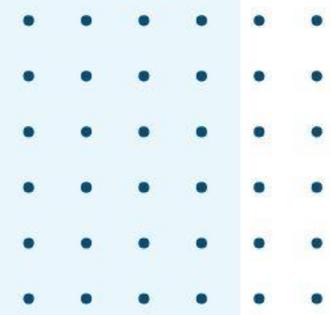
Senior Panoramic- Oct.4

Senior Ads- Oct. 31

Senior Portraits- Nov. 15

Senior Quotes/ Accolades/

Superlatives- TBD



# THANK YOU

- **Mr. Ben Meadows, a representative from the Georgia Student Finance Commission, will be reviewing Financial Aid at 7:15 in the auditorium**
- **The counselors will be available to answer questions**
  - **You can visit with trade professionals, college representatives, and the military in the cafeteria until 8:00pm**