



# 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Classroom Lesson

Presented by the Milton Counseling Department  
**October 3, 2024**



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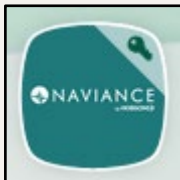
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# 11th Grade BRIDGE Bill Activities

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Log in to ClassLink and go to **Naviance-Stu**



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On your homepage, click **Go To My Planner**




Tasks from My School		
Task Or To-Do	Priority	Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Complete Career Interest Profiler</a> Task	None	04/30/25
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">z10th Grade Bridge Bill &amp; Post Secondary O...</a> Task	None	04/30/25
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Complete SuperMatch College Search</a> Task	None	04/30/25

[Go to My Planner](#)

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*Complete **ALL** the following activities:*

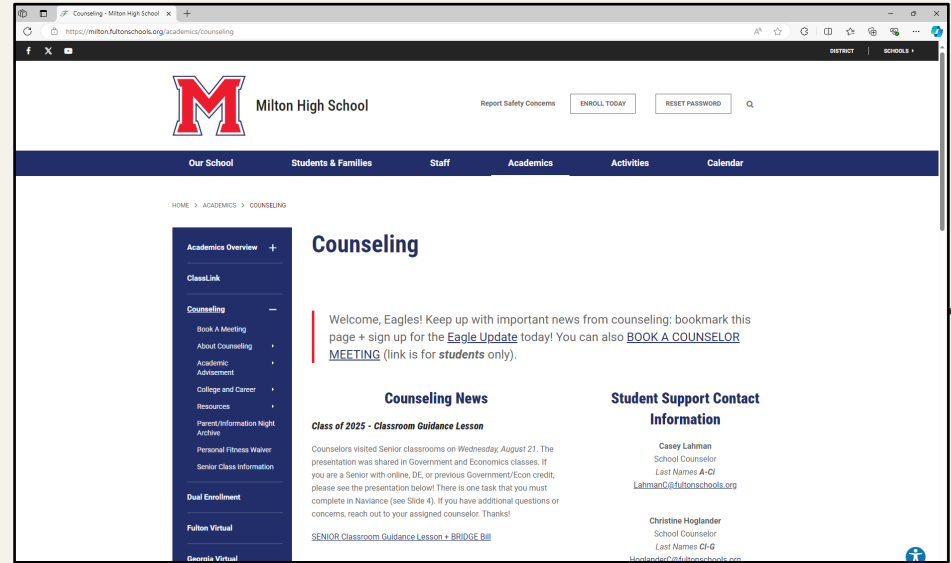
## Tasks you Need to Work On

 TASK	<a href="#">11th Grade Bridge Bill &amp; Junior Survey</a>	REQUIRED
	DUE Wednesday Apr 30, 2025	
	Assigned by Your Counselor	
 TASK	<a href="#">Add 3 Colleges to Favorites List</a>	REQUIRED
	DUE Wednesday Apr 30, 2025	
	Assigned by Your Counselor	
 TASK	<a href="#">Complete SuperMatch College Search</a>	REQUIRED
	DUE Wednesday Apr 30, 2025	
	Assigned by Your Counselor	

# Your #1 Resources for Information

Want to stay in the know?

- Bookmark the Milton Counseling website
- Sign up for the Eagle Update
- Update your email address in IC to receive IC Messenger emails



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# Junior Advisement

- Junior Advisement Meeting begin October 21<sup>st</sup> and run through January
  - You will receive a **POSTCARD** invitation vis U.S. Mail with your designated appointment time
    - Students will also have a postcard invitation delivered to them in class
    - Mandatory for all Juniors
    - Parent attendance is *optional* and must be VIRTUAL
      - We ask for at least 24 hours notice for parent attendance so we can send you a TEAMS link
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# Junior Advisement Postcard

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## MILTON HIGH SCHOOL Junior Advisement Meeting Notice

Welcome to Junior Year! On the reverse side of this postcard, you will find the scheduled date and time of your Junior Advisement Meeting with your assigned counselor.

The Junior Advisement meeting is a **mandatory**, 20-30 minute long meeting for Juniors.

If you are a parent, attendance is **optional** and must be VIRTUAL to maintain timeliness. Parents must email their student's assigned counselor a minimum of 24 hours before the scheduled meeting to request the virtual link.

Thank you,  
MHS Counseling Department

Place Address  
Sticker here

BACK

## SAVE THIS POSTCARD

*This will serve as your pass to your appointment.*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor:

- ☐ Lahman (A-Ci)
- ☐ Hoglander (Cl-G)
- ☐ Latham (H-Li)
- ☐ Rhodes (Lo-Pen)
- ☐ Wilson (Per-S)
- ☐ Harrison (T-Z)

Location: 1340 1360

Scan the QR Code for  
further details regarding  
the Junior Advisement  
Meeting:



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# Junior Advisement

- Junior Advisement Meetings are **30 minutes** long and consist of:
  - Graduation Status
  - Discuss Senior Courses
  - Discuss Post-Secondary Plans
  - Share ACT/SAT Information
  - Share HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship Information
  - Answer any other questions



# Graduation Requirements

CORE AREAS	UNITS OF CREDIT	COURSES
English/Language Arts	4	1 Unit of 9th Literature/Composition
		1 Unit of 11th American Literature/Composition
		2 additional Units of ELA, including equivalent AP/DE Courses
Science	4	1 Unit of Biology
		1 Unit of Physical Science OR Physics
		1 Unit of Chemistry, Earth Systems, Environmental Science, or AP/DE Science
		1 Unit of an approved 4th Science, including an AP/DE Science Course or from approved list: <a href="#">GA DOE 4th Science Options</a>
Mathematics	4	1 Unit of Algebra C&C
		1 Unit of Geometry C&C
		1 Unit of Advanced Algebra C&C
Social Studies	3	1 additional Unit of Math (Precalculus, AMDM, AP/DE Course)
		1 Unit of World History
		1 Unit of US History
		.5 Unit of Personal Finance/Economics
World Language, CTAE (Career, Technical and Agricultural Education), and/or Fine Arts  *See Note	3	.5 Unit of American Government/Civics (excludes AP Comparative Government)
		World Language (Spanish, French, Latin, Japanese)
		CTAE (Entrepreneurship, Sports Medicine, Surgical Technology, Food/Nutrition/Wellness, Film & Television, Forensic Science, Computer Science)
		Fine Arts (Art, Drama, Music)
Health/Physical Education	1	.5 Unit of General Health
		.5 Unit of Personal Fitness
Electives	4	4 additional Units of courses. Can be Core/WL/CTAE/FA.
<b>Total Units (Minimum):</b>	<b>23</b>	

- Students interested in attending a 4-year college need two consecutive years of the same World Language
- Some courses count towards graduation requirements but may not be recognized as core credit by colleges. Verify by viewing [USG's Staying On Course](#) document
- Personal Fitness Waiver is now digital. Instructions are on the Milton Website> Academics > Personal Fitness Waiver

Promotion from 9th to 10th Grade = **5 Credits**  
 Promotion from 10th to 11th Grade = **11 Credits**  
 Promotion from 11th to 12th Grade = **17 Credits**

# Tracking Graduation Status

<b>Graduation Status Report</b> <b>23 Credits Required for Graduation</b>						<b>Name:</b> _____	
<b>English 4 Credits</b>						<b>Total Credits Earned to Date:</b> _____	
<b>Math 4 Credits</b>		<b>Science 4 Credits</b>		<b>Social Studies 3 Credits</b>		<b>Health/Personal Fitness 1 Credit</b>	
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- Unofficial Transcripts are available for viewing any time in Infinite Campus > Documents > Unofficial FCS Transcript
- Printable Track Sheet is located on the Milton Website > Academics > Counseling > Counseling dropdown > Academic Advisement
- If you are planning on attending a 4-Year College in Georgia, monitor your HOPE Rigor Courses

# Calculating Your GPA

- Fulton County uses a 100-point scale
- Core vs. Cumulative
- Weighted vs. Unweighted
- HOPE Scholarship GPA Calculator is located on GA Futures
  - **GA Futures Website**
  - **Shortcuts**
  - **Your HOPE GPA**
- Default reporting GPA should be the cumulative, weighted numeric average unless the application requests otherwise
- Do not recalculate to a 4.0 scale for your applications



**Fulton County does not rank students**

**You will select 'does not rank' or 'no ranking' on any application that asks for your rank or what percentile of the graduating class you are in**

# Testing

To register and view upcoming test dates for the SAT, visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

To register and view upcoming test dates for the ACT, visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

- Options for Test Prep:
  - **CollegeBoard and ACT Website**
  - **Counseling Website > College & Career > ACT/SAT/PSAT**
  - **Applerouth**
  - **Khan Academy**

Many schools returned to SAT/ACT required for admission. Check the admissions page for your school of interest for information on whether they are test-optional



# Testing – Fee Waivers

- Each counseling office will have SAT and ACT Fee Waivers
- Students using the Common Application can also apply for a fee waiver through their website and application portal


## **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Must be enrolled in/eligible for the National School Lunch Program
- Annual family income falls within the Income Eligibility Guidelines set by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service.
- You are enrolled in a federal, state, or local program that aids students for low-income families.
- Your family receives public assistance.
- You live in federally subsidized housing, a foster home, or are homeless.
- You are a ward of the state or an orphan.

If you meet the financial requirements to qualify for a fee waiver, reach out to your assigned counselor!

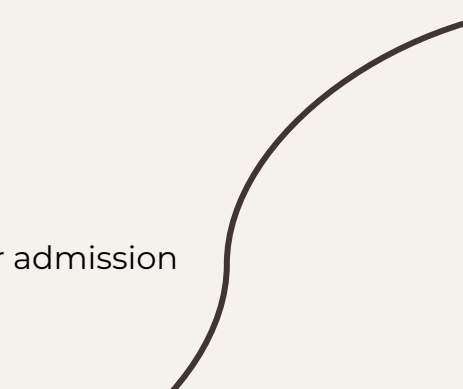


# Junior Timeline

- Create Initial List of colleges you are interested in
    - Final list should be **balanced** (Reach, Target, and Safety schools)
  - Make a Testing Plan (SAT or ACT)
    - Applerouth has a free diagnostic available to see your best fit
  - Begin college visits and meet with college representatives that visit Milton
    - View & sign up for rep visits in Naviance
  - Start working on creating an Academic Resume
    - Write down everything you have done since 9<sup>th</sup> grade
    - Use the method of tracking that you prefer
  - Begin working on college essay/personal statement
    - Prompts usually don't change, so brainstorm early!
  - Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center if you intend to play sports in college
  - Begin compiling a portfolio if you plan on pursuing Fine Arts
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# Junior Timeline

## Making a College List

- Make an Initial List of schools
    - Use BigFuture on College Board
    - Use Naviance College Search Tool
  - Establish your priority schools
  - Research the schools, the application process, and dates/deadlines during the summer before Senior year
  - Look at the school's current Freshman Profile
  - Evaluate Fit
  - Refine College List
    - Balanced list of 7-9 Schools
      - 1-2 Reach – Student has lower GPA, SAT/ACT, etc. than needed for admission
      - 4-5 Target – Admitted students have same GPA, SAT/ACT, etc.
      - 2-3 Safety – Student exceeds admissions requirements
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# Junior Timeline

## College Visits

### Campus Tours

- Schedule your visit through the College Admissions office/Website
- See more of the campus
- Try to schedule a time to visit when school is in full session
- Avoid visiting over Spring Break

### Virtual Campus Tours

- Colleges are still offering virtual tours
- Visit their website for availability and additional information

### Milton Rep Visits

- Students can sign up for visits at Milton through 'Naviance Rep Visits'
- Visits are virtual during advisement
- Colleges > College Visits > Sign Up





# Sign Up for College Visits

## How do I sign up in Naviance?

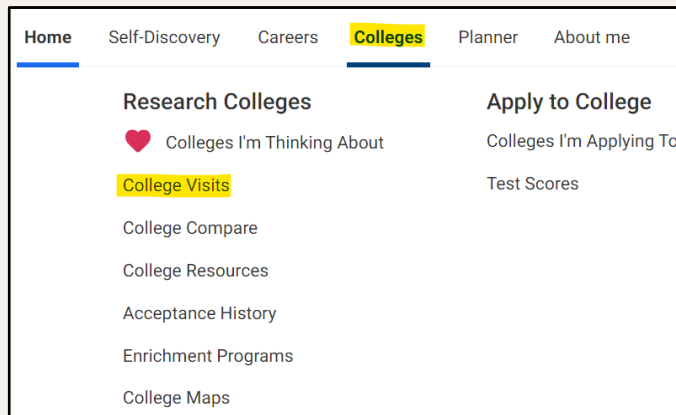
Most visits will be virtual on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during Advisement. Some in-person meetings will be offered this year.

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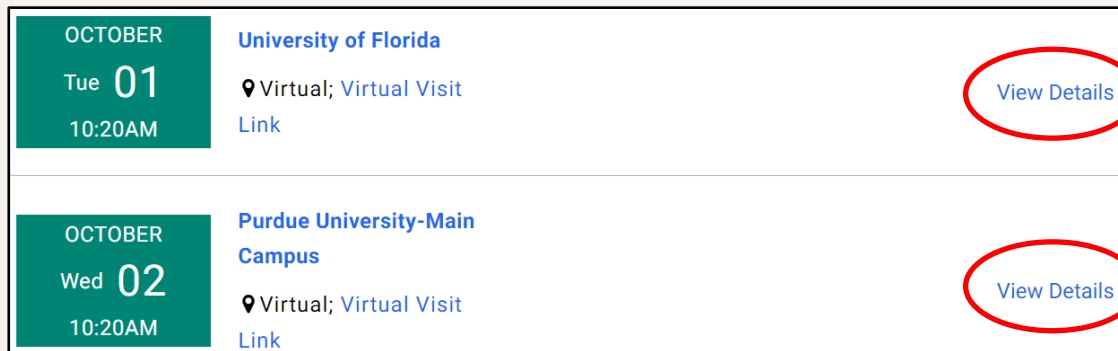
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# Georgia MATCH

- Determines eligibility into University System of Georgia (USG) public colleges and universities based on HOPE GPA from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade (with exception of University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, and Georgia College & State University)
- Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) sends letters home to all seniors in October
- Students may not receive a letter if they do not match with any schools
- Students would still need to apply to schools; however, this gives students a good idea if they would qualify for admission
- More information is available on <https://www.gafutures.org/>



# Financial Aid

## FAQs

### 1. I probably don't qualify for aid, should I apply anyway?

*Yes! Most families don't think they qualify, but they do, and you need to file to get specific loans.*

### 2. Do I have to reapply for financial aid every year?

*Yes! Most schools will send a renewal application after the first year. Material changes will have an impact.*

### 3. What is the earliest date I can submit my financial aid paperwork?

*Typically, October 1 of Senior year*

### 4. Do I need to start the financial aid process before Senior Year?

*Yes! You need to know your financial situation before you start looking at schools. If you can lower your EFC, you need to start as early as Sophomore year.*

### 5. What is Merit-Based vs. Need-Based Aid?

*Merit-Based is earned through accomplishments, Need-Based is Earned through financial circumstances.*



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# Financial Aid

## Georgia's HOPE Program

HOPE (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally) is Georgia's unique scholarship and grant program that rewards students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges

### Qualifications:

- Be a U.S. citizen and legal resident of Georgia
- Be a graduate of an eligible high school and meet academic achievement standards
- Be in compliance with Selective Service registration requirements (male students)

### Application:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year
- Complete the Georgia Student Finance Application (GSFAPPS)

**Additional college-specific application and deadline requirements may be required. Check with your postsecondary institution.**

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# Financial Aid

## Georgia's HOPE Program

HOPE Scholarship	Zell-Miller Scholarship	HOPE Grant	Zell-Miller Grant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use at <b><u>4-Year Colleges</u></b></li><li>• Must have <b>3.0</b> Unweighted Core GPA upon graduation</li><li>• Meet <b>4 rigor course</b> requirement</li><li>• Will pay a <i>percentage</i> of tuition up to 15 credit hours for public institutions</li><li>• Will pay a <i>stipend</i> amount towards tuition at private institutions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use at <b><u>4-Year Colleges</u></b></li><li>• Must have <b>3.7</b> Unweighted Core GPA upon graduation</li><li>• Meet <b>4 rigor course</b> requirement</li><li>• Earn a <b>1200</b> in one sitting of SAT or <b>25</b> in one sitting of ACT</li><li>• Will pay <i>full amount</i> of tuition for public institutions</li><li>• Will pay a <i>stipend</i> amount towards tuition at private institutions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use at <b><u>2-Year or Technical Colleges</u></b></li><li>• Not required to graduate with a specific GPA</li><li>• Must maintain a <b>2.0 GPA at checkpoints</b> in college to keep</li><li>• Will pay a <i>percentage</i> of tuition</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use at <b><u>2-Year or Technical Colleges</u></b></li><li>• Not required to graduate with a specific GPA</li><li>• Must maintain a <b>3.5 GPA at end of each term</b> in college to keep</li><li>• Will pay <i>full amount</i> of tuition</li></ul>

# Financial Aid

## Georgia's HOPE Program

If you are interested in obtaining HOPE or Zell Miller, you must take four rigorous courses by the time you graduate.

How to monitor the status of your HOPE rigor courses:

- Log on to GaFutures to view your rigor course count
- Use your transcript in IC and count your rigor courses
- Reach out to your counselor if you need assistance

Stay up to date on HOPE/Zell Miller information at

<https://www.gafutures.org/>

Milton High School HOPE/Zell-Miller Rigor Requirements	
The following courses are offered at MHS and meet the standard for a HOPE/Zell-Miller Rigor Courses. Students must successfully complete a total of <b>4 Rigor Courses</b> (any 4 from the list below or from the comprehensive list linked), in addition to fulfilling grade point average and other requirements. Students may choose any of the courses below:	
ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS
AP Language/Composition	Acc Geometry B/Algebra 2 (discontinued course)
AP Literature/Composition	GSE Algebra II (discontinued course)
AP Seminar ELA	Acc Pre-Calculus (discontinued course)
AP Research ELA	GSE Pre-Calculus (discontinued course)
WORLD LANGUAGE	Advanced Algebra C&C (+Honors) (available Fall 2023 and later)
French 2, 3, 4 (+Honors)	Precalculus (available Fall 2023 and later)
AP French Language	Calculus
Spanish 2, 3, 4 (+Honors)	Advanced Math Decision Making
AP Spanish Language	AP Statistics
Spanish for Native Speakers 2	AP Calculus AB
Latin 2, 3, 4 (+Honors)	AP Calculus BC
AP Latin	AP Precalculus
Japanese 2, 3, 4 (+Honors)	SOCIAL STUDIES
AP Spanish Language	AP Human Geography
American Sign Language 2, 3	AP Government/Politics: U.S. (meets grad. requirement)
SCIENCE	AP Government/Politics: Comparative (does not meet grad. requirement)
Astronomy	AP Microeconomics
Chemistry (+Honors)	AP Macroeconomics
Physics (+Honors)	AP Psychology
Human Anatomy/Physiology (+Honors)	AP U.S. History
AP Biology	AP World History
AP Chemistry	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
AP Computer Science Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transcript credits earned by a high school student in any DE Science, Math, English, Social Studies, or World Language course, substantially apply as one in the list above and taken at an eligible postsecondary institution in Georgia, will be counted towards the HOPE Rigor Requirement.</li><li>• High school courses taken in Middle School earn credit towards graduation, but <u>do not</u> count for HOPE Rigor and are not calculated in the HOPE GPA.</li><li>• Some PVS/GAVS courses not offered at Milton are included in the comprehensive HOPE Rigor Course List (updated September 2023):</li></ul>
AP Computer Science A	
AP Environmental Science	
AP Physics 1	
AP Physics C	
AP Research, Life Science (discontinued course at Milton)	



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# Financial Aid

## Georgia's HOPE Program

- This is your *skinny, ugly, GPA*
- Final calculations are conducted by GA Student Finance Commission after student graduates from high school
- ALL **core** classes are used for the calculation (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language)
- Middle School courses are not used when calculating the HOPE/ZELL GPA
- 7-point weight for Honors, AP, and Dual Enrollment courses is removed
- GPAs are not rounded (2.9999 is not a 3.0)

**Check [www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org) to view your Preliminary HOPE GPA and to see the rigor courses that are counting towards the 4-credit Rigor Requirement.**

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# Additional Post-Secondary Options



## Gap Year

Travel Abroad  
Volunteer  
Mission Work  
Peace Corps

## Certificate Programs

Esthetician  
Cosmetology  
Medical Assistant  
Dental Assistant

## Trade

Construction  
Electrician  
HVAC  
Metal-Work  
Mechanic

## Military

ASVAB in Fall or Spring  
Paid College  
Travel the world





# Mental Health Matters

- Preparing for the future is important, but so is your **mental health**
- Consider your workload and cut where necessary. You don't win any awards for being the first to break down over the stress
- Take time to pursue your interests beyond post-secondary planning. Spend time doing things that fill your cup:
  - **Quality time with family, friends, pets**
  - **Community service**
  - **Exercising**
  - **Reading**
  - **Cooking**
  - **Gaming**
  - **Arting (doing the Art?)**
- Practice **healthy** coping mechanisms:
  - **You are not alone; lean on others**
  - **Take walks**
  - **Meditate**
  - **Yoga/Breath Work**

# Save The Dates Junior

<b>October 3, 2024</b>	<b>Junior Classroom Guidance through US History Classes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If your student has US History via DE, FVS, or GAVS: please have them see the classroom guidance presentation on the counseling website to complete the required BRIDGE Bill Activities</li> </ul> <b>Princeton Review Virtual Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Test-Optional Admissions</li> </ul>
<b>October 8, 2024</b>	<b>PSAT School Day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If your student does not have an FCS Device, they MUST pick one up <b>during their lunch</b> this week from Room #7123</li> <li>- Even if the app works on a personal device, students CANNOT test on a personal device per FCS</li> </ul> <b>Peachtree College Planning Virtual Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- College Financial: How to Maximize College Scholarships &amp; Financial Aid</li> </ul>
<b>October 21, 2024</b>	Junior Advisement Meetings Begin
<b>January 14, 2025</b>	Dual Enrollment Information Night
<b>January 21, 2025</b>	<b>Peachtree College Planning Virtual Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- College Selection: How to Find the Right College and Avoid Paying Retail</li> </ul>
<b>January 23, 2025</b>	<b>Princeton Review Virtual Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AP 101</li> </ul>
<b>March 11, 2025</b>	<b>Peachtree College Planning Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- College Jumpstart: Learn the Facts Every Family Must Know to Get Their Student Into Their Dream College</li> </ul>
<b>April 1, 2025</b>	<b>Princeton Review Virtual Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AP Strategy</li> </ul>

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**College 101**  
 The 5 Critical Steps to a Successful College Plan


**August 2024**  
 Dates: 27th, 28th, 29th  
 Time: 12 PM & 7 PM


**College Financial**  
 How to Maximize College Scholarships and Financial Aid


**October 2024**  
 Dates: 8th, 9th, 10th  
 Time: 12 PM & 7 PM


**College Selection**  
 How to Find The Right College and Avoid Paying Retail


**January 2025**  
 Dates: 21st, 22nd, 23rd  
 Time: 12 PM & 7 PM


**College Jumpstart**  
 Discover Essential Steps for Debt-Free College Enrollment\*


**March 2025**  
 Dates: 11th, 12th, 13th  
 Time: 12 PM & 7 PM



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