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Want to keep up with valuable information from the Counseling Office?! Here's how:

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Graduation Requirements

CLASSES: You must have 23 units/credits (in specific areas) to graduate. It is your responsibility to double check your transcript! You need:

- 4 units of math
- 4 units of science
- 4 units of language arts
- 3 units of social studies
- Intro to Lifetime Fitness (0.5 unit) AND health (0.5 unit)
- 3 units of electives (must be foreign language*, technical/business, or fine arts)
- 4 units any electives

*You do not have to have foreign language to graduate, but you need two years of the same language to enter most colleges! If you are an ESOL student, you may qualify for an exemption. You can also use Computer Sciences classes to meet this requirement!! See your counselor for info.

If you're short credits, make plans to take a class **immediately!** Options include:

| Where: | Dates Of Attendance: | Registration Dates: | Cost: | Website: |
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| Phoenix High School (offers full courses & credit recovery) | 2 nd Mini: 10/02/17-12/02/17 3 rd Mini: 1/8/18-3/08/18 4 th Mini: 3/12/18-5/17/18 | 2 nd Mini: 9/18/17-9/25/17 3 rd Mini: 12/04/17-12/12/17 4 th Mini: 2/26/18-3/05/18 | \$250/ 0.5 credit | http://gwinnett.k12.ga.us/PhoenixHS/Page1c.htm?MID=194 |
| Gwinnett Online Campus | Fall 12 Week: 9/11/17-12/15/17 Spring 16 Week: 1/16/18-5/16/18 Spring 14 Week: 1/29/18-5/15/18 Spring 12 Week: 2/12/18-5/15/18 | Fall 12 Week: 7/22/17-9/04/17 Spring 16 Week: 11/1/17-1/7/18 Spring 14 Week: 11/01/17-1/21/18 Spring 12 Week: 11/1/17-2/04/18 | \$250/ 0.5 credit | www.gwinnettonlinecampus.com |
| Georgia Virtual School | Fall: Varies Spring: Varies | Fall: Varies Spring: Varies | \$250/ 0.5 credit | www.gavirtualschool.org |
| DHS – Credit Recovery | 9/12/17 – 11/30/17 | 8/28/17 – 9/08/17 | \$30 | www.daculabs.org |
| DHS GOC/GAVS | Ongoing | Ongoing | Free | See your counselor |

TESTS: You must pass:

- The Science and Social Studies Gateway tests
 - Gateway retest: Sept. 26th (Science) and Sept. 27th (Social Studies)

To prepare, there will be five, two hour review sessions from 2:50 – 4:50pm. Additionally, you will be automatically enrolled in an online Gateway intervention session through your eClass (**2016YR HS PASS Gateway Local Course**). For those students this applies to, more information will be coming your way soon from our Testing Office.

Beyond Graduation

Are you planning on going to a technical college? The Military? A two- or four-year college? To work? No matter what you choose, check out the College and Career Room in the Counseling Office. Our College and Career Specialist, Ms. Adams, is a wealth of information and can provide you with many resources. Stop by during your lunch period or afterschool Monday – Thursday.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS: Most two-year colleges do not require the SAT or ACT, but may use them for placement. Most use the Accuplacer test, which is usually administered at each two-year college campus. Most four-year colleges require EITHER the SAT or ACT. You can take them as many times as you'd like.

- To register for the SAT, visit: www.collegeboard.com
 - STAR student (the student with the highest SAT score from one sitting): Nov. 4th is the last sitting to be considered.
- To register for the ACT, visit: www.actstudent.org

If you are on Free or Reduced Lunch, you qualify to take the tests for free (2 SAT/2 ACT). Waivers available in the Counseling Office (See Ms. Adams). Once you have taken either test on the waiver, you are eligible to receive waivers to apply for 4 colleges as well.

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS: Prep for the SAT/ACT—it works! Buy a book and prep on your own or...

- Visit the ACT or SAT website
- Cornerstone SAT Prep – see DHS website for more information.
- <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat>

COLLEGE! Take advantage of the following events and resources:

- PROBE College Fairs: Visit www.gotocollegefairs.com
- Many college representatives come and visit the College and Career Room in the Counseling Office. Visit the college/career information link under Parents and Students on the DHS homepage. Showing up to talk with a rep can sometimes even increase your chances of getting into a school. >wink wink<
- Mid-November - Dacula Apply to College Day event on campus—many application fees will be waived!
- College Week Live – www.collegeweeklive.com. Online LIVE chats with students and admissions staff
- www.BigFuture.org

APPLY:

Most college applications are available only online now. Most schools require the application, a transcript, test score reports and a fee. Deadlines vary. Some of the more competitive ones require a recommendation. See Ms. Adams in the College and Career Room AT LEAST a month before it's due. The Counseling Summer Assignment is KEY!! Check under "Academics", "Summer Assignments", "Counseling Summer Assignment". **DUE Friday, SEPTEMBER 15th!!**

What are my options?

| Type of degree | Typical length | Examples of who needs this? |
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| Certificate | 2 years or less | Chefs, hair stylists, plumbers |
| Associate's degree | 2 years | Dental assistants, some nurses |
| Bachelor's degree (undergraduate degree) | 4 years (or 2 after associate's) | Many types of professionals--Varies |
| Master's degree (graduate degree) | 2 years past bachelor's | Many types of professionals--Varies |
| Doctoral degree | 3 to 5 (depends on past degrees) | Professors, Varies |
| Professional degree | varies | Lawyers, MDs, MBAs |

Remember, some kind of degree/diploma/training almost **doubles** your starting salary potential (versus a high school grad). Do **something!**

GACOLLEGE411 is now GAFUTURES: GAFutures.com is your friend! GAFutures is your one-stop shop for all things college in Georgia. Amongst other things, you can research schools, apply to college, get financial aid information and send transcripts.

- See GAFutures for updated HOPE info.

How do I log in?

If you created a login as part of a school activity, then your username is likely your student ID number and your 6-digit birthday is your password (i.e., Nov. 28, 1990 = 112890). If you do not remember login information that you created, just create a new account and your old information will merge with your new account.

How do I find out independently my HOPE GPA?

Log on to the GAFutures site and My HOPE GPA is on the left; click "My HOPE GPA." If it does not come up, we may not have your SS# on file at DHS. GPAs are only uploaded to the site twice a year (Jan. and June).

How do I send transcripts from GaFutures?

If you order a transcript from the Counseling Office, it costs \$5...at GAFutures they're free! Log on and click the tab that says, "My Transcript". Send away!

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- Financial aid –FAFSA.gov. Fill out beginning Oct 1st. Check with your college for their financial aid deadline!
- www.zinch.com, www.scholarshipexperts.com, www.fastweb.com, www.cappex.com

MISC.

NCAA Clearinghouse – www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

NAIA Clearinghouse - <http://www.playnaia.org>

Honor Graduates – **Cumulative** 90.0 at end of 1st semester

Males—You **MUST** register with the Selective Service when you turn 18 - www.sss.gov

Other Questions?

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