

**Northview High School
Counseling Department**



Class of 2027 Junior Information Meeting

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Topics for Discussion

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Counselors and Administrators

Graduation Requirements

ENGLISH 4 UNITS		MATHEMATICS 4 UNITS		SCIENCE 4 UNITS		SOCIAL STUDIES 3 UNITS		HEALTH/PERSONAL FITNESS 1 UNIT		ADDITIONAL CREDITS 4 UNITS	
English9	Fall		Fall	Biology	Fall	American Govt. (1 semester)		General Health		Fall	
English9	Spring		Spring	Biology	Spring	World History	Fall	Personal Fitness		Spring	
English10	Fall		Fall	Physical Science/Physics	Fall	World History	Spring	World Language/Fine Arts/Career Tech 3 UNITS (any combination)		Fall	
English10	Spring		Spring	Physical Science/Physics	Spring	US History	Fall	Fall		Spring	
English11	Fall		Fall	Chem/Earth/Env Sci /AP Sci	Fall	US History	Spring	Spring		Fall	
English11	Spring		Spring	Chem/Earth/Env Sci /AP Sci	Spring	Economics (1 semester)		Fall		Spring	
English12	Fall		Fall		Fall			Spring		Fall	
English12	Spring		Spring		Spring			Fall		Spring	
W Lang and/or Fine Art and/or CTAE								Spring			

Students planning to enter/transfer into a 4 year college/university must take a minimum of two units of the same world language.

Credits and Honor/AP Points

- How many credits are needed to be considered a 12th grader?
 - **17** credits are needed at start of the 2026/2027 school year.
 - You will remain in an 11th grade homeroom if 17 credits are not attained.
- Students can be promoted to 12th grade when proper credit is earned.
- Honors/AP/Dual Enrollment points?
 - **7** additional points are awarded to a passing grade in honors, AP, and Dual Enrollment courses.

Dual Enrollment (DE)

- Students have the opportunity to earn high school and college credit simultaneously.
- Up to 30 hours of tuition is paid for through state funds.
- Please visit www.gafutures.org for more information.
- The NHS Dual Enrollment process can be found on www.northviewcounseling.com.
- TBD: AP/Special Programs Night (typically in January)

GPA or Numeric Average?

- FCS utilizes a Numeric Average:
 - Based on a 100-point scale.
 - All grades included on transcript, including failing grades.
 - Failed courses remain on transcript even if credit is made up.
 - Additional **7** points for passing grades in honors/AP/Dual Enrollment courses.
 - **7** points are included on transcript.



Testing

- Georgia Milestones (20% of final grade)
 - Students taking one of these classes through DE are required to take the corresponding milestone.
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| <u>MATH</u> | <u>SOC STUD</u> | <u>ENG/LANG ARTS</u> | <u>SCIENCE</u> |
| Algebra | US History | Lit/comp II | Biology |
- PSAT
 - TBD: 9th - 11th Grade Students
 - For Juniors, this is the score that may qualify you for the National Merit Scholarship

SAT vs. ACT

Type of Test	SAT Test of critical thinking and problem solving	ACT Content-based test
Test Dates	October 4, 2025 November 8, 2025 December 6, 2025 March 14, 2025 May 2, 2026 *registration deadline is typically 4-5 weeks in advance	October 18, 2025 December 13, 2025 February 14, 2026 April 11, 2026 *registration deadline is typically 4-5 weeks in advance
Score	400 to 1600	1 to 36
Structure	Critical Reading Math (through Algebra 2) Writing (Optional)	English Math (through trigonometry) Reading Science Reasoning Writing (Optional)

SAT and ACT scores are **NOT** automatically sent with your transcript. You must send your scores directly to the college/university through College Board or ACT.

Post-Secondary Options

Gap Year

Military

Workforce

Travel, missions
work, etc.

Technical/Trade
School

Two-Year and Four-
Year
College/University

Researching Options



GAP Year

Researching Options

- ▶ Military
 - ▶ Local Recruiting
 - ▶ Air Force - <https://www.airforce.com/find-a-recruiter>
 - ▶ Army - <https://www.goarmy.com/locate-a-recruiter.html>
 - ▶ Coast Guard - <https://www.gocoastguard.com/about-us/find-recruiter>
 - ▶ Marine Corps - <https://rmi.marines.com/request-information>
 - ▶ Navy - <https://www.navy.com/local>
 - ▶ ASVAB
 - ▶ Career exploration tools offered to 10th - 12th grade students
 - ▶ Required for entry into all military branches
 - ▶ More information to come regarding our test date



Researching Colleges

- ▶ Sign-ups are located in the counseling office outside of Ms. Woolstenhulme's office.
- ▶ Did you know....You are allotted 6 pre-approved absences for college visits both junior and senior years!?
- ▶ Please visit attendance office prior to college visit
- ▶ Meet with representatives from admissions, financial aid and from your area of interest.
- ▶ Utilize www.gafutures.org

Where Should I Apply?

Dream/Reach School

- Less than 30% chance of admission
- Your academic record and test scores are at or below average

Target/Good Fit School

- 30%-60% chance of admission
- Your Academic Record/Test Scores are in line with average

Safety School

- Greater than 60% chance of admission
- Your Academic Record/Test Scores exceed requirements
- You need at least **one** safety school

A highly selective school should not be considered a safety school



College Admission Standards

► *How Am I Being Evaluated?*

- **Numeric Average** - Average of your academic core classes
- **Course Selection (rigor; difficulty level)** - Selective colleges are looking at the strength or rigor of your courses throughout high school, including your senior year. We highly recommend seniors take a minimum of 4 academics each semester. (For highly selective colleges, a minimum of 5 each semester)
- **Test Scores (SAT and/or ACT)**
- **Extracurricular Activities** - Leadership and participation in clubs, service and sports can be particularly important to competitive colleges



Application Components

- ▶ Essays - Required essays on the college application are important because they demonstrate your writing ability and give the college more information about you. Please seek advice when writing an essay and be sure to proofread for errors.
- ▶ Letters of Recommendation - Often preferred from core academic teachers
- ▶ Resume - Contains academic info, honors & awards, extracurricular activities, work/volunteer experience, etc.
- ▶ Interviews - Colleges will notify students if an interview is desired.
- ▶ ****NHS does not have class rank****

Types of Admission

- *Rolling Admissions*
- *Regular Decision*
- *Early Action* – Invites early applications and receives early notice of decision. If accepted, ***student is not obligated to attend.***
- *Early Decision* – Invites early applications and receives early notice of decision. If accepted, ***student is obligated to attend and withdraw all other applications. Students can only apply to ONE Early Decision school.***

Scholarships and Financial Aid

- ▶ Scholarships will be posted to the NHS Counseling website. Check often!
- ▶ Research scholarships on the internet:
 - ▶ www.scholarships.com
 - ▶ www.fastweb.com
 - ▶ www.gsfc.georgia.gov
 - ▶ www.gafutures.org
- ▶ Visit college websites directly about financial aid and scholarship opportunities. Colleges award many renewable scholarships. Ask about criteria, procedures and deadlines.
- ▶ A great site to learn about types of Financial Aid, who is eligible, FAFSA and more is: <http://studentaid.ed.gov/>
- ▶ Financial Aid Night: Tuesday, October 3rd @ 6:00 PM
 - ▶ FAFSA Application does not open till December 31st

H.O.P.E. Scholarship

- Partial tuition covered - varies by year
 - Payment amount for private & public colleges and universities can be located on www.gafutures.org
- Requirements:
 - Graduate from an eligible high school
 - GPA of at least a 3.0 (calculated by GSFC)
 - Academic Rigor: 4 classes that are academically rigorous.
 - <https://www.gafutures.org/media/ks5f5zw5/rigor-course-list-09252024.pdf>
- In college, must maintain 3.0 GPA.
 - If a student falls below a 3.0 GPA in college, he/she may only regain the HOPE Scholarship one time.
- A student that does not graduate from high school as a HOPE Scholar can earn a 3.0 GPA in college.

Zell Miller Scholarship

- ▶ 100% of tuition covered
- ▶ Must meet all the requirements to be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship, plus:
 - ▶ Graduate from an eligible high school
 - ▶ GPA of at least a 3.7 (calculated by GSFC)
 - ▶ Academic Rigor: 4 classes that are academically rigorous.
 - ▶ <https://www.gafutures.org/media/188054/rigor-list-august-2019-print-ready-rv10232019.pdf>
 - ▶ SAT: min. 1200 combined critical reading score and math score (single administration)
 - ▶ ACT: min. composite score of 25
 - ▶ *SAT/ACT scores MUST be submitted to GSFC to be considered*
 - ▶ *No info has been released from GSFC regarding whether the testing requirement will be optional, more info to come*
 - ▶ Valedictorian or Salutatorian
- ▶ In college must maintain 3.3 GPA

H.O.P.E. GPA

A **3.0 GPA** is calculated by averaging core coursework, including failing grades, on a 4.0 scale

Core Courses

English

Math

Science

Social Science

World Language

Conversion

A	90 to 100	4.0 Points
B	80 to 89	3.0 Points
C	70 to 79	2.0 Points
F	0 to 69	0 Points

Honors points are removed and a 0.50 weighting is added back in for AP courses/Dual Enrollment/IB courses only, not to exceed 4.0

Middle school credit is not calculated in the HOPE GPA

All calculations are done by the Georgia Student Finance Commission

**Counselors are not responsible for calculating the HOPE GPA
A 2.99 GPA does NOT qualify you for HOPE**



H.O.P.E. Scholarship

- ▶ **Apply for the HOPE**
 - ▶ Apply for the HOPE or complete FAFSA starting October senior year:
 - ▶ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - ▶ Georgia Student Financial Aid Application System (GSFAPPS) - www.gafutures.org
- ▶ **View your preliminary HOPE average**
 - ▶ Go to www.gafutures.org and login to your account.
- ▶ **For Additional Information on HOPE**
 - ▶ Contact Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) www.gsfc.georgia.gov

Grade Point Average (GPA)

- Contact each college/university to determine how GPA is calculated.
- Most colleges only consider academic courses (Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language)
- Some colleges may take off the additional **7** points added for Honors, AP and college courses.
- Fulton County reports on a 100-point scale. The weighted and unweighted grades are included on the transcript.

High School GPA is calculated by the postsecondary institution not the high school (Fulton County does not calculate)

College GPA is different than the Fulton County Numeric Average

NCAA Eligibility Clearinghouse



- If you are planning to participate in intercollegiate athletics at an NCAA Division I or II institution, you must register with the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse
- Access the registration materials by visiting the NCAA website www.ncaaclearinghouse.net
- When taking the SAT/ACT, enter 9999 for scores to be sent to NCAA
- You will need to send your official transcript directly to the NCAA clearinghouse through Naviance

Students and parents are responsible for submitting documentation for NCAA eligibility to Division I and Division II schools via the Clearinghouse

Counselors are neither responsible nor allowed to determine eligibility

Junior Status Meetings

Students meet individually with their counselor from October- February to discuss graduation requirements , 12th grade classes and post secondary plans. Whether you are attending college, technical school, military, or work, come to the junior status meeting prepared to discuss your senior year and your post-secondary plans.

Student must bring to meeting

1) List of colleges of interests

2) Questions to ask your counselor pertaining to the information presented here

- NHS Counselors will send meeting invites via email
- Students will meet in person with their counselor and parents will join virtually through Teams

Communication

- www.northviewcounseling.com
 - Check the counseling website frequently for scholarship opportunities, tutoring resources, summer opportunities, course catalog, registration information, and much more!
- This entire presentation will be added to the counseling website to review as needed.
- NHS Counselors will provide a FAQ document after the presentation

Communication



You should have received email alerts for this meeting.



If you do not receive any email communication from the counseling office, make certain we have your updated email address.



You may send your updated email to our registrar @ angelk@fultonschools.org

Be sure to include student's legal name and grade level.

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Resources

School Code: 111148

SAT

www.collegeboard.org

ACT

www.act.org

GA Futures
(HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship Info)

www.gafutures.org

Northview Counseling Department

www.northviewcounseling.com

Naviance

<https://student.naviance.com/northview>

SOAR

<https://soarfamily.org>

Questions?

► Please scan the QR Code to submit questions:





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Rethinking Prevention

**For more information on our programs or to register for
our parent workshops, please scan this code.**

