



2018 February

WHO'S MY COUNSELOR?

Senior Counselor
Mrs. Dean

Junior Counselor
Mrs. Rolison

Sophomore Counselors
Mrs. Rolison (A-L)
Mrs. Randolph (M-Z)

Freshmen Counselor
Mrs. Randolph

GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

Stay up to date with all of the latest guidance information by signing up for your class remind!

Senior News

To receive Senior Remind messages text @bb6h3 to 81010

Have you started applying to college? Scholarships? Need a recommendation letter?

Seniors-Don't forget to check the scholarship section of the school website to make stay up to date on scholarship opportunities!

Junior News

To receive Junior Remind messages text @2624f to 81010.

Have you taken the SAT or ACT? If not, you should plan to take one this spring. Start considering which colleges you want to attend. Spend time narrowing down your list of potential schools, and try to end up with a list of 3-6 that you would like to visit.

Sophomore News

To receive Sophomore Remind messages text @28gaf to 81010

Are you interested in Dual Enrollment?

Freshmen News

To receive Freshmen Remind messages text @bfg9a to 81010

License and Permit Forms

Any student attempting to obtain their learners permit must request a certificate of attendance from the guidance department. Any student attempting to obtain their license must request a certificate of attendance AND ADAP form from the guidance department.

All forms are available for pickup on Fridays during and after lunch. Students must sign up to receive these forms by Thursday of each week.

ADAP and certificate of enrollment forms are only valid for 30 days.



Dates to Remember

February

7th – Progress Reports
17th – Mini College Fair
19th- President's Day (NO SCHOOL)
21st – 2018-2019 Pre-Registration
24th- Attendance Recovery

March

17th – Attendance Recovery
23rd – Report Cards



PLANNING AHEAD

Mini College Fair February 17th

9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
4601 Old Cusseta Rd.

So you want to go to college and don't know how? Please attend this local Mini College Fair to find out how. There will be workshops to provide information on Test Prep, Careers, Financial Aid, & Transitions.

You must RSVP to attend by using the QR code sent out via remind or by phone: 706-687-4567.

SAT or ACT

Start preparing to take the SAT or ACT. There are multiple ways to prepare- old exams questions, prep material in book or computer form, and classes. Decide when you will take the exam(s) and plan your student time accordingly.

Fee waivers are available in guidance for JUNIORS and SENIORS who are on free or reduced lunch.



ACT

\$ 46.00 (with writing \$60.00)
Register at: www.actstudent.org

Content:

- Reading
- Science Reasoning
- Math
- Essay (Optional)

Scored on a scale of 1-36

NO PENALTY for

SAT

\$ 46.00 (with writing \$62.50)
Register at: www.collegeboard.com

Content:

- ✓ Reading
- ✓ Writing & Language
- ✓ Math
- ✓ Essay (Optional)

Scored on a scale of 400-1600

NO PENALTY for guessing



LINKS TO REMEMBER

Scholarship Website

www.fastweb.com

Parent and Student Portal

www.campus.muscogee.k12.ga.us/campus/portal/muscogee.jsp

Northside High School Website

<http://sites.muscogee.k12.ga.us/northside/>

Georgia Career Information Center

www.gcic.peachnet.edu

ACT Test Website

www.actstudent.org

SAT Test Website

www.collegeboard.org

Georgia Futures

www.gafutures.org



Georgia Military College

Georgia Military College recognizes the need to provide academically talented high school students with opportunities for acceleration of their formal academic programs. This recognition has led to the development of the dual enrollment program in which the student, while continuing his/her enrollment in high school as sophomore, junior or senior, enrolls in courses for college credit. Minimum admission standards for the dual enrollment program are listed in the following sections.



Columbus Technical College

If you're a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior that's interested in getting a big head start on a rewarding, hands-on, technically-savvy career and you go to school in Chattahoochee, Harris, Muscogee, Quitman, Stewart or Talbot county, then this Dual Enrollment option is for you. **Earn a complete technical certification while still in high school!** Students must successfully meet Columbus Technical College admissions requirements and have permission from their parents. Here is a list of the participating programs:

Automotive Technology

Certified Nurse Aide

Carpentry

Certified Life & Health Insurance Specialist

Certified Manufacturing Specialist

Customer Service Specialist

Cosmetology

Criminal Justice Certificate

Childhood Development Specialist

Emergency Medical Responder

General Education Core Classes (English, College Algebra, etc.)

Welding

Are you interested in Dual Enrollment?



Columbus State University

English, math, social sciences, sciences, and languages up to 15 credit hours per semester, are covered under the Dual Enrollment program. Any additional credit hours and/or courses not covered under Dual Enrollment must be paid for out of pocket. Should you change your CSU class schedule after the Add/Drop dates, you are held responsible for full payment (refer to the CSU Academic Calendar for Fee Payment Deadlines). All required textbooks for Dual Enrollment approved courses will be provided to the student at no cost; please refer to the CSU Bookstore Agreement form provided by your CSU Academic Advisor for further information.

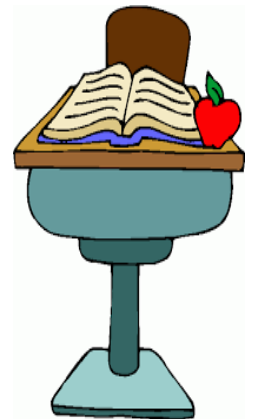
Dual Enrollment Procedures

- Meet with your high school Dual Enrollment Coordinator (Mrs. Dean) to discuss the guidelines and responsibilities of the program. All students and a parent must meet with Mrs. Dean or they will not be able to participate in Dual Enrollment. The meetings will be held from March 1, 2018-May 31, 2018. No meetings will take place after May 31, 2018. If you do not have a meeting you cannot enroll as a Dual Enrollment student for the 2018-2019 school year.

"Focus on your goals, don't look in any direction but ahead"

-Author Unknown

- During this meeting you will sign the required documentation and Northside will approve your potential classes.
- Apply to the college of choice through GAFutures.org.
- When you log into your account go to the college planning tab, find the college, and click apply. You will then be routed to that school's website to apply.
- Request Northside to send your transcript to the college for which you are applying (can be requested in the guidance office).
- Send ACT or SAT test scores to the college for which you are applying.



Drivers Ed Scholarship

Go to SafeteenDrivingAcademy.com -- Fill out the contact form and click submit. Follow instructions & complete application.

- ✓ Deadline: 5th of each month
- ✓ If you are 15-17 years of age with a GA Learner's Permit you may qualify.

Go to barberdrivingschool.com and click Scholarship Program.

*** Neither of these programs are affiliated with NHS

HOPE Scholarship

The HOPE Scholarship is a merit based scholarship that provides assistance towards the cost of tuition at eligible public and private Georgia postsecondary institutions. A student must graduate from an eligible high school with a minimum **3.0 HOPE GPA** (as calculated by GSFC) and meet specific rigor course requirements.

Zell Miller Scholarship

The Zell Miller Scholarship is a merit based scholarship that provides full tuition at a public postsecondary institution and tuition assistance at an eligible private postsecondary institution. A student must graduate from an eligible high school as valedictorian or salutatorian (meeting the requirements of the HOPE Scholarship) or graduate with a minimum **3.7 Zell Miller GPA** (as calculated by GSFC) along with a minimum combined score of 1200 on the math and reading portions of the SAT or a minimum composite score of 26 on the ACT (single national administration of either test) and meet specific rigor course requirements.

HOPE Rigor Classes

You must have 4 classes that meet the rigor requirement for HOPE and Zell Miller:

- AP Language / AP Literature / Dual Enrollment English
- Accelerated Geometry/ Algebra II
- GSE Algebra II / GSE Pre-Calculus / AP Calculus / AP Statistics
- College Math Readiness / Dual Enrollment Math
- AP US History / AP World History / AP Macroeconomics
- Dual Enrollment History
- H Chemistry / AP Chemistry / H Physics / AP Biology
- Dual Enrollment Science
- AP Environmental / Human Anatomy

- Spanish II / Spanish III / Spanish IV / AP Spanish

*** Not all classes listed are offered each school year.

HOPE GRANT

Georgia's HOPE Grant (a separate program from the HOPE Scholarship) is available to Georgia residents who are working towards a certificate or diploma (continuing education programs are not eligible) at an eligible college or university in Georgia.

Zell Miller Grant

Georgia's Zell Miller Grant is available to Georgia residents who are working towards a certificate or diploma at a Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) or University System of Georgia (USG) institution.

HOPE Career Grant

The HOPE Career Grant, formerly known as the Strategic Industries Workforce Development Grant, is available to HOPE Grant-qualified students who enroll in select majors specifically aligned with industries in which there are more jobs available in Georgia than there are skilled workers to fill them. These industries have been identified as strategically important to the state's economic growth.

Going to College?

Graduating from high school is an important accomplishment. But to gain access to a career you are happy with and the future you desire, education beyond high school is necessary.

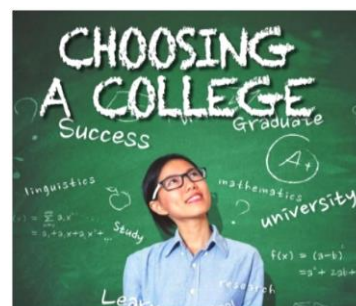
Sometimes called "postsecondary education," college can mean almost any type of education or training beyond high school. This can include:

- College/University
- Community college
- Trade school
- Military
- Apprenticeship
- Technical training



Choosing a Major

Choosing your college major is much bigger than just taking classes you like. This selection will serve as the foundation for your career. The program of study you pick should complement your passion and interests. It should also be able to support your desired future lifestyle



Choosing a College

Once you have decided [what you want to study](#) and a possible career, the next step is to figure out what type of degree is needed and select the ideal place to get your education.

Use the [My Next Move](#) tool to help. Simply enter the type of career you are working towards and the tool will list the skills necessary, if jobs are available, and the education level needed. In the 'Education box', click on the links that will list schools and programs to review.



Paying for College

A college education can be one of the biggest purchases made in your lifetime, so plan accordingly.

Take the time to determine what you can afford, how to pay for it and how those decisions will affect you long term.

Learning how to create a [Spending Plan](#) will help determine how to spend each penny you earn or borrow for your education.

To make sure you are spending as planned, [maintaining a balanced budget](#) and tracking each transaction is necessary.