

11th Grade — Plan & Prepare

Junior year is a major college and career planning year. Students should begin narrowing their options, preparing for admission testing, and becoming familiar with the application and financial-aid process.

11th Grade Priorities:

- Review your transcript with your counselor and confirm that you are on track to earn the required 25 credits.
- Check your HOPE GPA and rigor credits through GAFutures.
- Prepare for and take the ACT and/or SAT. Retest when appropriate based on your goals.
- Research colleges, universities, technical colleges, apprenticeships, military opportunities, and career pathways.
- Attend college fairs, campus visits, information sessions, and career events when possible.
- Learn the admission requirements, GPA expectations, test policies, and deadlines for schools you are considering.
- Develop a balanced college list that includes realistic, target, and more competitive options.
- Research scholarships and understand HOPE and Zell Miller eligibility requirements.
- Continue meaningful extracurricular involvement, leadership, community service, and/or employment.

- Create or update a student resume that includes activities, honors, awards, employment, service, and leadership.
- Begin identifying teachers, counselors, coaches, or other adults who may be appropriate recommendation writers.
- Plan a strong senior-year schedule. Colleges may consider the rigor of senior-year coursework.
- Become familiar with GEORGIA MATCH and other Georgia college-planning resources.