

12th Grade — Apply, Complete & Graduate

Senior year is the time to put your plan into action. Deadlines matter. Students should check school email, counseling announcements, GAfutures, and college portals regularly.

12th Grade Priorities:

- Review your transcript and graduation status with your counselor. Confirm that you are on track to earn all 25 required credits.
- Continue monitoring your HOPE/Zell Miller GPA and rigor requirements through GAfutures.
- Review GEORGIA MATCH information and other Georgia postsecondary opportunities.
- Finalize your college, technical college, military, apprenticeship, employment, or career plan.
- Complete college applications and pay close attention to Early Action, Early Decision, priority, scholarship, and regular admission deadlines.
- Request transcripts according to your school's procedures.
- Request recommendation letters well before deadlines when they are required.
- Take or retake the ACT/SAT when appropriate for admission or scholarship purposes.
- Apply for institutional, local, state, national, and community scholarships.

- Complete the FAFSA when available and complete the GSFAPP when appropriate for Georgia state financial aid.
- Regularly check college application portals for missing documents and admission decisions.
- Compare financial-aid and scholarship offers carefully before making a final college decision.
- Complete required enrollment steps, deposits, housing forms, orientation registration, and other college requirements by the stated deadlines.
- Request/send your final transcript after graduation when required.
- Finish senior year strong. Colleges can review final grades and may reconsider admission if academic performance drops significantly.