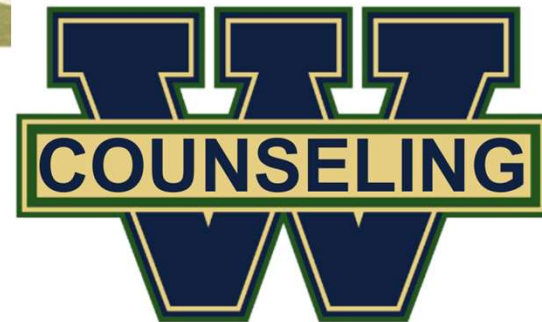


# Welcome Juniors!



Hosted By WFHS Counseling

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Administrator

# WFHS PTO Involvement

- Membership dues allow WFHS PTO to support the students, teachers and staff with student scholarships, teacher grants, hospitality events and much more!
- You can join @  
<https://forms.gle/P9b6siGarVmoBGU47>  
and pay via VENMO or check.
- Stay informed and connected to @WestForsythPTO through Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.



*Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!*



## How can we help?

- Individual Counseling
- Academic Counseling
- College/Career
- Support Academic Achievement
- Classroom Guidance
- Parent Information Programs



# How and When to See a Counselor

- To see a counselor, students should use the QR code posted in classrooms. If the reason is of an urgent nature, they should see Mrs. Anderson in the counseling suite.

**We are here to help!**

- Reasons to see a counselor:
  - Struggling academically and need help making a plan
  - Questions about college/career planning
  - Questions about the four-year plan for graduation
  - Help with personal concerns
  - Just want to meet your counselor 😊

# Why is Junior Year so Important?

1. Your grades this year will be the last grades colleges see when you apply.
2. You need to start preparing to take the college entrance exams (SAT/ACT).
3. You should start thinking about what life after high school looks like for you...

# Graduation Requirements

- ✓ 4 English credits
- ✓ 4 Math credits
- ✓ 4 Science credits
- ✓ 3 Social Studies credits
- ✓ 3 Career/Fine Arts/Modern Language\*
- ✓ Health/Personal Fitness
- ✓ 4 additional electives
- ✓ **23 Total Units**

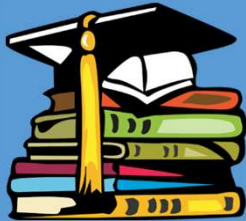
\*Special Note: If you are planning on attending a four-year university, you must take a minimum of two credits in the same modern language.



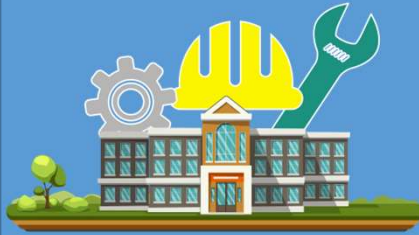


# Post-Secondary Opportunities

College/University



Technical School



Apprenticeship



Workforce



Military



# Post-Secondary Admission Testing

## **PSAT – Practice SAT for Grades 9, 10, 11**

- Administered each October during the school day (Oct 19th, 2023)
- All 10<sup>th</sup> Graders take the test (paid for by the State)
- 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students are encouraged to sign up (MyPaymentsPlus)
- 11<sup>th</sup> graders can qualify for National Merit Scholarships

## **SAT and ACT – Grades 11 and 12**

- It is recommended that students take both exams
- Students register through *College Board* website ([collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org))
- ACT.org (for the ACT)

# SAT/ACT

- ✓ See websites for dates/locations and registration information.
- ✓ Prep Options
- ✓ Do you need to take SAT's?
- ✓ Send scores to respective colleges directly w/ the 4 FREE score reports.
- ✓ SAT: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- ✓ ACT: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
- ✓ High School Code: 110929



If you need help preparing check out Sycamore Learning Company at [prepareforthefuture.com](http://prepareforthefuture.com), C2 Education of Cumming, or Applerouth at <https://www.applerouth.com/>, or Khan Academy.

**Please note that while we are supplying you with these resources,  
we do not endorse any of these programs.**

# SAT/ACT Calendar

	SAT	ACT
Test Dates	October 7th, 2023 November 4th, 2023 December 2nd, 2023 March 9th, 2024 May 4th, 2024 June 1st, 2024	October 28th, 2023 December 9th, 2023 February 11th, 2024 April 13th, 2024 June 8th, 2024 July 13th, 2024
Score Range	400 - 1600	1 - 36
Structure	Reading Math (through Alg. II) Writing	English Math (Geometry focus) Reading Science Reasoning

# How do I choose a College?

- What am I looking for?
  - Size, location, costs, majors, clubs/groups, etc.
- How does the BIG 3 affect my admissions?
  - GPA, SAT/ACT, Curriculum Strength
- Have I narrowed my list down to 5-7 schools?
  - 1-2 Dream/Reach
  - 2-3 Moderate level
  - 2-3 Safety/Fall Back





# What are Colleges Looking For?

- ✓ GPA
- ✓ College Entrance Exams (SAT/ACT)
- ✓ Academic Rigor - AP/Dual Enrollment/Honors
- ✓ Extracurricular Activities – Athletics, Clubs, Volunteer Work
- ✓ Leadership
- ✓ Teacher Recommendations (if required)
- ✓ Counselor Recommendations (if required)

# Early Action vs. Early Decision

Regular Decision	Early Action	Early Decision
Students apply by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated time period.	<b>Non-Binding</b> Students apply early without making a commitment to attend. Decisions are received early (typically December).	<b>Binding</b> Students make a commitment to enroll and are obligated to withdraw all other applications if they are accepted.

# Campus Visits

The best way to know if a college is a good fit is to visit and tour the campus.

- ✓ Juniors and Seniors are permitted to take 4 days off school to visit colleges.

**Permission Slips are required prior to the visit and available in the counseling office.**

- ✓ It is recommended that you contact the admissions office and arrange to attend information sessions and take a guided tour.
- ✓ Many colleges are offering virtual tours. Check the college website for those options.
- ✓ Don't be afraid to ask questions!

# ASVAB Testing

**Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)**

**Measures students' strengths and weaknesses in multiple domains and allows them to learn about post-secondary options that align with their interests, skills, and work values.**

**More info coming regarding a test date/time, etc.**

# Athletes and the NCAA

**Students interested in playing College Sports must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.**

**Once junior year final grades are available on transcripts:**

- ✓ **Register at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)**
- ✓ **Submit official high school transcript through Parchment**
- ✓ **Submit official SAT/ACT scores directly to the Eligibility Center from the testing agency**



## Financing College

- ✓ Determine the cost of a particular school
- ✓ Don't let the cost keep you from applying.
- ✓ Investigate all resources for funding.
- ✓ HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship
- ✓ College Scholarships
- ✓ Local Scholarships
- ✓ National Merit Scholarship
- ✓ Government Financial Aid – Loans, Grants
- ✓ FAFSA filing December- June 30



# HOPE Scholarship

- ✓ Be registered for Selective Service (males only)
- ✓ Meet Georgia residency requirements
- ✓ 3.0 CORE GPA (academic courses only)
  - \*English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language
- ✓ RIGOR Requirement - FOUR rigor Courses
- ✓ Middle school courses are not calculated in the HOPE GPA
- ✓ All calculations are done by the Georgia Student Finance Commission. (not by WFHS or Forsyth County Schools)
- ✓ HOPE GPA is not rounded up, so 2.99 **does not** qualify.
- ✓ AP quality pts. (only 0.5 given for AP, nothing above a 4.0)

# HOPE Scholarship

- ✓ Covers a percentage % of tuition (based on Lottery Funds)
- ✓ Award Amounts: \$\$\$ varies and depends on the type of institution you are attending (public/private)

**RIGOR Requirement – FOUR rigor Courses  
(see next slide)**

# Rigor Courses for HOPE offered at WFHS

- All **academic** AP Courses (i.e., AP Human Geography)(NOT AP Art)
- Accel Alg 1, Accel Geom, Advanced Algebra, Statistical Reasoning, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, AMDM, AP Precalc
- Human Anatomy/Physiology, Chemistry, Physics, Forensic Science, Scientific Research I
- Any Modern Language (French, Spanish, Latin) level II or higher
- American Sign Language II
- Dual Enrollment Science, Math, English, Foreign Language, or Social Studies

**Special Note:** Rigor here is only referring to HOPE scholarship qualification and not to what some Universities might require.

## Zell Miller Scholarship

Covers 100% of tuition (based on Lottery Funds)

### Requirements:

Must meet all the requirements to be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship, plus:

- Core GPA of 3.70
- 1,200 SAT on a single test administration  
OR a 25 composite on the ACT

**RIGOR Requirement – FOUR rigor Courses**



# How to Keep HOPE/Zell Miller in College

## HOPE:

- ✓ Students must maintain a 3.0+ GPA in college to keep HOPE Scholarship.
- ✓ If a student falls below 3.0 they may only regain the HOPE Scholarship one time, if their GPA returns to 3.0+ or higher.

## Zell Miller:

- ✓ Students must maintain a 3.3+ GPA in college to keep Zell Miller Scholarship.
- ✓ If a student falls below 3.3 they may only regain the Zell Miller Scholarship one time, if their GPA returns to 3.3+ or higher.  
(As long as student's GPA does not fall below 3.0, this student is still eligible to receive the HOPE Scholarship)

## All HOPE is Not Lost!

- Did you know that if you graduate from high school with less than a 3.0 GPA, you could still earn HOPE once you get into college?
- At 30, 60, or 90 hours, if a once ineligible student earns a 3.0+, they become HOPE eligible.

This does not apply to Zell Miller. Students must be eligible for Zell Miller upon graduating from high school, to receive the award at any point in college.

## HOPE Grant

- ✓ Pays a percentage of tuition at all Georgia Technical Colleges for certificate programs
- ✓ NO High School GPA requirement
- ✓ Must maintain a 2.0 in college
- ✓ Must be full time – 12 hours per semester

# How to Apply

## **Apply for the HOPE or Zell Miller**

- Complete FAFSA (Between October 1 and June 30)  
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- OR apply on GAFutures [www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org)

## **View your HOPE average**

Go to [www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org) and login to your account. There is a link titled calculate my HOPE GPA. (HOPE GPA is NOT listed on your school transcript)

## **For Additional Information on HOPE**

Contact Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC)  
770-724-9000 or [www.gsfc.org](http://www.gsfc.org)

## Other Scholarship Options

- ✓ College based: check college financial aid websites for criteria
- ✓ Community based: church, civic groups, local organizations.
- ✓ Private based: parents place of work, FREE scholarship search through websites.
- ✓ Visit the following websites for more info:
- ✓ [WFHS Counseling Website.](#)
- ✓ [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
- ✓ [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- ✓ [www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org)
- ✓ [www.gsfc.com](http://www.gsfc.com)
- ✓ [www.goingmerry.com](http://www.goingmerry.com)





# Dual Enrollment

- Dual Enrollment – Opportunity for GA high school students to take courses from a state public or private postsecondary institution while still enrolled as a high school student and receive credit BOTH at the high school and at the postsecondary institution.

## Dual Enrollment Information Nights

**Tuesday,  
November 28**  
6 - 7:30 p.m.  
<https://enroll.ung.edu/register/CMGDE>



In-Person Event  
(limited seating)

**Tuesday,  
December 5**  
6 - 7:30 p.m.  
<https://enroll.ung.edu/register/CMGDEVirtual>



Zoom  
webinar


REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

**UNG**  
UNIVERSITY of  
NORTH GEORGIA

**LANIER** Technical College  
Equal Opportunity Institution


## FORSYTH DUAL ENROLLMENT INFORMATION NIGHT

**NOVEMBER 29, 2023 @ 6:00PM**  
3410 Ronald Reagan Blvd Cumming, GA 30041



**LEARN ALL ABOUT  
DUAL ENROLLMENT!**

[laniertech.edu/dual-enrollment](https://laniertech.edu/dual-enrollment)



## Dual Enrollment 101

- Financial assistance for tuition, fees, and books is provided. Courses do not count against any maximum hourly caps for HOPE scholarships or grants.
- Students may participate part-time or full-time.
- Student must apply and be accepted to a participating postsecondary institution (University System of GA, Technical College of GA, or Private University).
- Extra quality point added to GPA.
- The most common schools attended by WFHS students are UNG (Cumming Campus) and Lanier Tech.

# Important Resources

✓ GA Futures ([www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org))



✓ You Science ([www.youscience.com](http://www.youscience.com))



✓ Bigfuture (<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>)



# Pathway Recognition

- ✓ Career Tech Recognition
- ✓ Fine Art Recognition
- ✓ Advanced Academic Recognition
- ✓ World Language Recognition



# Upcoming Events

## **Dual Enrollment Info Sessions**

**University of North Georgia (Cumming Campus) – Nov 28th**

**Lanier Technical College (Forsyth Campus) – Nov 29th**

# What should Juniors do now?

- Start your post-secondary research.
  - Understand the difference between being able to get into a college and being able to AFFORD a college.
  - Understand the difference between high school graduation requirements and college entrance requirements
- Start thinking about your rigorous (but manageable) senior schedule.
- Register and prepare for the SAT/ACT
- Take advantage of campus visits
- Visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

# Junior Meetings

**Counselors will be meeting with students at school during the month of October. Parents are welcome to attend, but counselors will still meet with student regardless of parent availability.**

**Sign-up times will be available for students via QR code only and info will be released this week.**

**Once the deadline has passed counselors will meet with students based on availability and student sign up.**



# Please Visit the WFHS Counseling Page

- West Forsyth High School website
  - Student Services > Counseling



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**CLASS of 2025**

**THANK YOU FOR  
COMING!!!**

**Have a great year!!!**