



# Welcome to Sophomore Parent Information Session

Hosted By the WFHS Counseling Office

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# 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.



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

# Counseling Department

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# How can we help?

- Individual Counseling
- Academic Counseling
- College/Career Readiness
- 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 Ms. Jackson 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 😊

# Graduation Requirements

- ✓ 4 English credits
- ✓ 4 Math credits
- ✓ 4 Science credits
- ✓ 3 Social Studies
- ✓ 3 Career/Fine Arts/Modern Lang.\*
- ✓ Health/Per. Fit
- ✓ 4 additional electives
- ✓ **23 Total Units**

Special Note: If you are planning on attending a 4-year university you must take a minimum of 2 credits in the same modern language.



# Pathway Recognition

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

For more information, please check out the CTAE/Career Pathway tab under ACADEMICS on the WFHS Website.

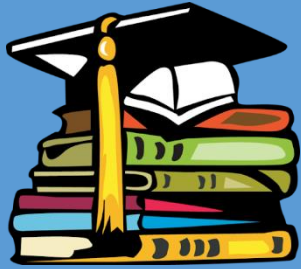
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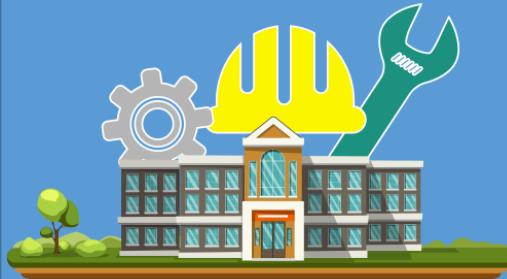


# Post-Secondary Opportunities

College/University



Technical School



Apprenticeship



Workforce



Military



# Career Exploration

Now is a great time to start exploring your interests and abilities. Here are two great places to start:

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

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



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# Post-Secondary Admission Testing

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

- All 10<sup>th</sup> Graders take the test
- 11<sup>th</sup> graders can sign up and qualify for National Merit Scholarships
- Sophomores will receive a detailed report later in the year explaining test scores.

Video for interpreting test scores: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5i-b0hSzyig>

You can also go to College Board for more info on how to interpret scores:

[Understanding PSAT/NMSQT Scores - SAT Suite \(collegeboard.org\)](https://collegeboard.org/understanding-psat-nmsqt-scores-sat-suite)

## **SAT and ACT – Grades 11 and 12**

- It is recommended that students take both exams
- Students register through *College Board* website
- Or ACT.org (for the ACT)

# Start Thinking About 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)

# 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 available 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 Advanced Placement (AP) Courses (Excluding AP Art)
- Accel Geom B/Alg II, Algebra II, Statistical Reasoning, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, AMDM
- 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
- 1200 SAT on a single test administration  
OR a 26 composite on the ACT

**RIGOR Requirement – FOUR rigor Courses**

# HOPE Grant

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

# 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.

- A common example:

A student can take ENG 1101 at UNG. This course would count as their first semester college course **and** count as their High School Senior Lit course at WFHS.

## 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.

# Upcoming Events

## **Dual Enrollment Info Sessions:**

**University of North Georgia (Cumming Campus) – Nov 29th & Dec 6th @ 6pm  
300 Aquatic Circle Cumming, GA 30040**

**Lanier Technical College (Forsyth Campus) – November 30th @ 6 PM  
3410 Ronald Reagan Blvd. Cumming, GA 30041**

*Info sessions will also be held at WFHS throughout December.  
The link to sign up will be posted on the Counseling page  
before Thanksgiving break!*

# SOPHOMORE MEETINGS

Counselors will be visiting 10th Lit classes over the next few weeks to discuss the following:

- Grad Status Check Sheets/Grad Requirements
- Dual Enrollment
- Post-Secondary Options/Career Exploration
- Understanding GPA
- HOPE

# What should Sophomores 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 junior year schedule.
- Start thinking about how you plan to prepare for the SAT/ACT next year.
- Visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

# Warning Signs your Teen Needs Help

- extreme weight gain or loss
- sleep problems
- rapid, drastic changes in personality
- sudden change in friends
- skipping school often
- falling or failing grades
- talk or even jokes about suicide
- signs of tobacco, alcohol, or drug use
- run-ins with the law



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# Communication

West Forsyth High School website  
Student Services > Counseling



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