

**South Forsyth High
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Handout (Freshman)



College Prep Checklist

Welcome to High School

This is an amazing and exciting time! Planning for college just got kicked up a notch and it's important to start your high school years off on the right foot. Checklists are great tools to keep you organized, focused and connected with everything that needs to be done.

Students

- Create a GAfutures account at GAfutures.org. GAfutures is a great resource to help you explore and plan for college and your career.
- Start thinking about what careers you may be interested in and choose your classes accordingly. Check out the *Career Exploration* section on [GAfutures](http://GAfutures.org) to help you determine your interests and the different types of careers out there.
- Be sure to introduce yourself to your school counselor. Make an appointment to discuss your classes and ask questions about education options after high school.
- Ask your counselor or teachers what Advanced Placement courses are available, whether you are eligible and how to enroll.
- Start building your high school portfolio. Keep track of your awards, recognitions and extracurricular activities (volunteering, sports, band).
- Your HOPE GPA begins calculating as soon as you set foot into high school. Be sure to develop good study habits. Create a schedule and stick to it.

Parents

- Know your child's class schedule and teachers.
- Learn about the tax benefits of Georgia's Path2College 529 Plan.

Check out what you need to do **each** year of high school. →

9th Grade Checklist

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Annual Checklist

Students

- Discuss financial aid and college saving options with your parents.
- Use the FAFSA4caster to help understand your options for paying for college.
- Know your graduation requirements and take challenging classes.
- Participate in school- or community-based activities that interest you.
- Talk to your counselor about Dual Enrollment and your education opportunities after high school – college, military, career.
- Check your HOPE GPA through your [GAfutures](http://GAfutures.org) account beginning in 10th Grade to see if you are on track to be eligible for the HOPE or Zell Miller Scholarship.*

Parents

- Talk to your child about how a college education can benefit them.
- Stay involved! Encourage your child to take classes that prepare them for the college they want to attend. Remind them to check their HOPE GPA, monitor their grades and watch their study habits.
- If you haven't done so, consider opening a Path2College 529 Plan college savings account and contribute regularly. It's never too late to save!

*High schools must provide transcript data to GSFC in order for a student's HOPE GPA to be available through their [GAfutures](http://GAfutures.org) account.

Visit the *College Planning* section of [GAfutures](http://GAfutures.org) for additional information on preparing for college.

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Handout (sophomores)



College Prep Checklist

Sophomore Year

Don't let planning for college get you stressed. Checklists are great tools to keep you organized, focused and connected with everything that needs to be done.

Students

- Research careers that fit your interests and match them up with college majors.
- Use the **GAfutures College Search** tool to start researching colleges and create a list of top choices.
- Attend PROBE College Fairs or other college prep events at your school or in your area.
- Discuss your classes and review graduation, college entrance and academic rigor requirements with your guidance counselor and parents.
- Check your HOPE GPA to see if you're on track to be eligible for the HOPE or Zell Miller Scholarship.
- Take the PSAT/NMSQT to help you prepare for the real thing.
- Look into skilled trade careers and the HOPE Career Grant.
- Think about how to spend your summer: work, volunteer or take a college-level course.
- Update your high school portfolio with all your achievements and activities.

Parents

- Attend a PROBE College Fair or a GSFC Outreach event like a financial aid night with your child.
- Encourage your child to take responsibility by balancing homework and other activities or a part-time job.
- Learn about the different options for your child's standardized tests.

Visit the [College Planning](#) section of [GAfutures](#) for additional information on preparing for college.

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10th Grade Checklist

College Prep Vocabulary

When it comes to financial aid and planning for college, there are some key terms you should know to help you understand the process and make informed decisions.

529 Plan: Tax-advantaged savings plan designed to encourage saving for future college expenses. Path2College is Georgia's 529 plan.

COA (Cost of Attendance): Total cost of attending a college or university, including tuition, room and board, books, lab fees, transportation and basic living expenses.

EFC (Expected Family Contribution): Number used to determine your eligibility for federal student financial aid. EFC is determined by the financial information you provide on your FAFSA, the application for federal student aid. Your EFC is reported to you on your Student Aid Report (SAR).

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid): Filling out a FAFSA is the first step in the financial aid process. To be eligible to receive federal financial aid, a student must complete a FAFSA.

FSA ID: Provides access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature. You must have an FSA ID to complete the FAFSA.

Grant: Money given to students for their education that does not have to be repaid. Often based on need, grants may come from federal or state programs, or sometimes from private charitable organizations.

HOPE GPA: Your HOPE GPA determines if you are academically eligible for the HOPE or Zell Miller Scholarship. It includes only grades earned in core subjects – English, math, science, social studies and foreign language. You can check your HOPE GPA beginning in 10th grade through your *My GAfutures* account.

Merit-based: Financial aid based on academic, athletic or some other type of achievement.

Need-based: Need-based financial aid is reserved for low-income students.

Pell Grant: Federal program that provides need-based educational grants for low-income students. Pell Grants do not have to be repaid.

SAR (Student Aid Report): Your SAR summarizes the information entered on your FAFSA form and shows the amount of your EFC.

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Promotion Criteria



Credits	Grade Level
5 units	From Grade 9 to 10
11 units	From Grade 10 to 11
17 units	From Grade 11 to 12

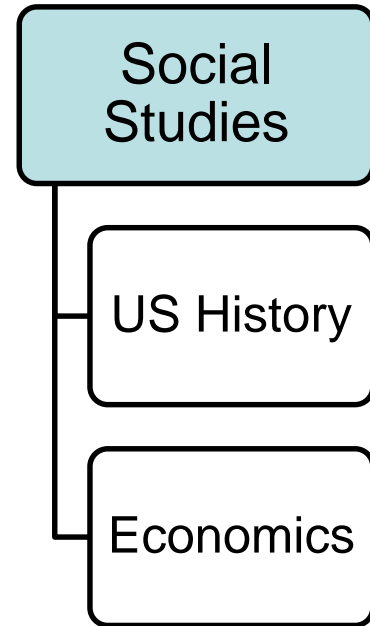
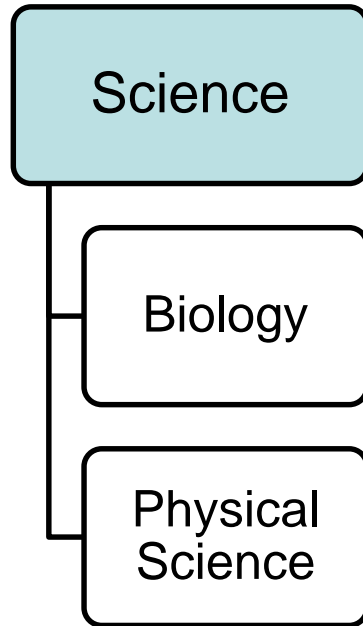
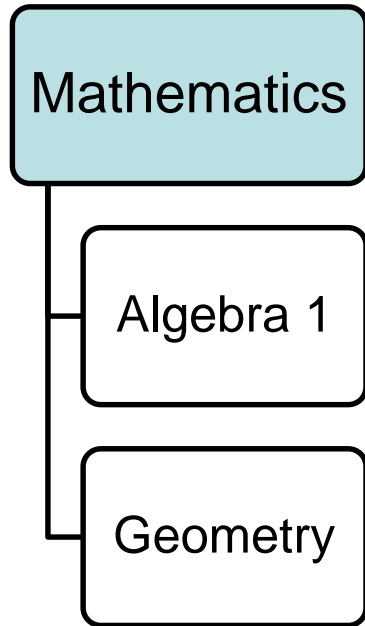
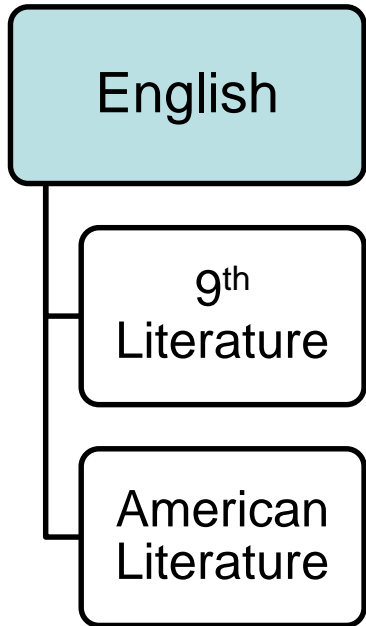
Graduation Requirements



Requirements	Credits
Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Social Studies	3
Science	4
Health/Personal Fitness	1
W Lang and/or Fine Art and/or CTAE	3
Electives	4

Students planning to enter/transfer into a 4 year college/university must take a minimum of two units of the same world language.

EOCs (End of Course Tests)



Career Pathways



Business Accounting

Computer Science

Culinary Arts

Engineering and Technology

Entrepreneurship

Fashion, Merchandising and Retail Management

Financial Services

Human Resources Management

Manufacturing

Marketing Communications and Promotions

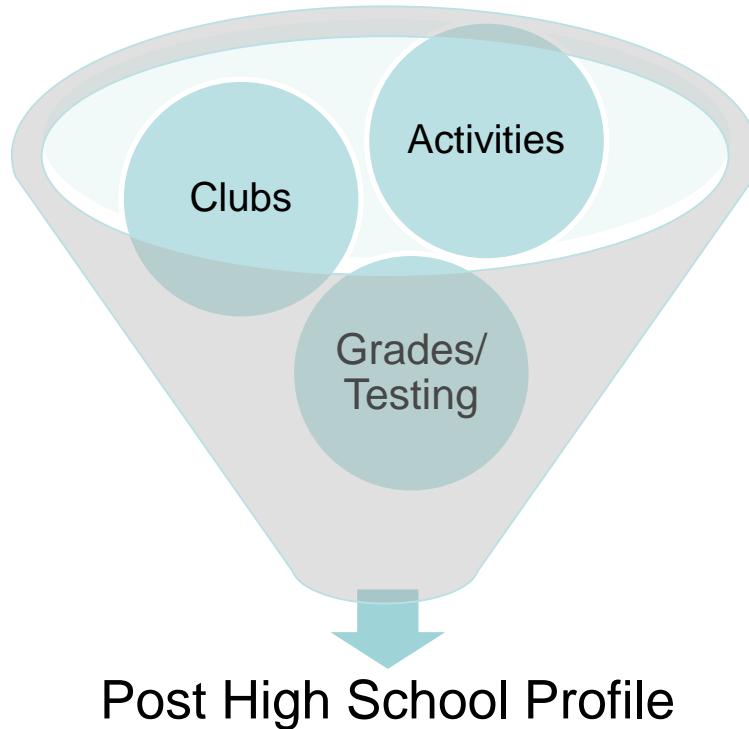
Marketing and Management

Programming

Sports and Entertainment Marketing

Teaching as a Profession

Why Is all this important?



What colleges are looking for...



- GPA (academic/core GPA)
- Curriculum rigor indicated on transcripts
- Extracurricular activities
 - Depth versus breadth
- Test scores
- Best students 1st, well-rounded students 2nd
- Application “read”
 - Questions and essays
 - Complete, specific, and grammatical

Admissions Testing



- PSAT Wednesday, October 10th, 2018
- SAT/ACT Direct registration links and tutoring resources are available on our website.

HOPE/Zell Miller



- **HOPE Scholarship:** Minimum 3.0 HOPE GPA & **4 rigor requirements**
- **Zell Miller Scholarship:** Minimum 3.7 Zell Miller GPA; 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 **4 rigor requirements**
- **How is it computed?** Core classes only including foreign language, .5 quality point for AP/IB/DE courses, never goes above a 4.0
- **How do I apply?** <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> (senior year)
- **How do I check my HOPE GPA?** Go to <https://gafutures.org>
- **Rigor requirement:** 4 courses [CLICK HERE FOR LIST OF RIGOR COURSES](#)



What is Dual Enrollment?

- Dual Enrollment allows high school students (9th –12th grade) to earn college credit while working on their high school diploma. The Dual Enrollment program covers tuition, mandatory fees and required textbooks.
- The goal of Dual Enrollment is to increase college access and completion, and prepare students to enter the workforce with the skills they need to succeed.
- Dual Enrollment Information Night: **Tuesday, December 4th at 6:00 PM**

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In closing...



Have a wonderful first semester and see your counselor for any questions!



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