



**12TH GRADE
DESTINATION
GRADUATION
GUIDANCE LESSON**

Westlake Guidance Department

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DISCUSSION TOPICS



- Graduation Requirements
- Life After High School
- HOPE Scholarship
- What are colleges looking for?
- Entrance Exams (SAT/ACT)
- Importance of Rigor
- College Application Process
- Scholarships
- NCAA
- Parchment
- FVCR/FVS Deadlines

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation Requirements

4 English

4 Math

4 Science

3 Social Studies

3 Fine Arts/Foreign Language/Career Tech

$\frac{1}{2}$ Personal Fitness

$\frac{1}{2}$ General Health

4 Elective



PLAN FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL...

Post- Secondary Options can include:

- ❖ 4-year college or university
- ❖ 2-year college
- ❖ Technical school
- ❖ Military
- ❖ Work

POST SECONDARY PLAN – CLASS OF 2017 (SELF REPORTED)

College of Attendance (4 Year)	% Attending
Other	36%
Georgia State	5%
Albany State	5%
Kennesaw State University	4%
College of Attendance (2 Year)	% Attending
Atlanta Metropolitan College	22%
Atlanta Technical College	28%

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

❖ HOPE Scholarship

Students must graduate from high school with a **GPA of 3.0** in CORE classes (Math, Science, Social Studies, ELA, For. Lang.)

Pays a percentage of the standard TUITION charges

Middle school courses not counted

7pts removed from honors, AP and college level courses

Additional .5 granted for all AP and IB courses only

❖ Zell Miller Scholar Program

Graduate from high school with a **GPA of 3.7**

At least a 1200 SAT score (combined reading/math) or at least a 26 ACT score

Pays 100% of tuition (Covers full standard-rate tuition at a public college or university . Covers \$4,000 per academic year at a private college or university)

❖ Hope Grant

Used for Technical Schools

Tuition, fees, & \$300 book allowance

No GPA requirement

HOPE RIGOR

Students must earn at least 4.0 credits in courses from the following categories:

- ❖ **Advanced foreign language courses** (includes 2nd and 3rd year of a language);
- ❖ **Advanced math, such as GSE Algebra 2, GSE Pre-Calculus**
- ❖ **Advanced science, such as Chemistry, Physics**
- ❖ **Advanced Placement courses** in core subjects (English, math, science, social studies, and foreign language)
- ❖ **Dual Enrollment courses** in Core Subjects;
- ❖ **International Baccalaureate** courses in core subjects
- ❖ For a full list of courses, visit :

<https://www.gafutures.org/media/187520/rigor-course-list-september-2017.pdf>



WHAT COLLEGES ARE LOOKING FOR?

- Grades (Numeric Grade Average /NGA)
- SAT / ACT Score
- Rigorous High School Courses
- Co-Curricular Activities

Leadership Activities

Community Service

- Special Talent (Band, Chorus, Sport, etc.)

IMPORTANCE OF RIGOR

University of Georgia	Admission Decision	Numeric Average	ACT	# of Honors	# of AP Courses
Student A	Denied	94	27	6	1
Student B	Accepted	93	26	7	6
Georgia Tech	Admission Decision	Numeric Average	ACT	# of Honors	# of AP Courses
Student A	Denied	94	33	7	7
Student B	Accepted	93	29	9	10



COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Application – online
- Test Scores (**Counselors DO NOT send test scores. They must be sent by the testing agency.**)
- Transcripts (**MUST be requested through Parchment**)
- Counselor Recommendations and/or School Report (**Please allow 10 business days for the counselor to complete the requested documents**)
- Teacher Recommendations (if required)
- Essay (if required)

STUDENT/PARENT ROLE IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- ❖ Submit the application online, directly to the college or university.
- ❖ Send SAT and/or ACT scores directly from the testing agency via their website.
- ❖ Turn in a completed Senior Resume to your counselor at least 2 weeks prior to needing a letter of recommendation.
- ❖ **Request transcripts through Parchment**
- ❖ Request recommendations (if required) at least 2 weeks in advance
- ❖ Adhere to requested deadlines:
- ❖ 2/3 day notice for paper transcripts (\$3.00 per transcript)
- ❖ 2 weeks notice for letter of recommendation and/or school report (including Common App)

APPLICATION PROCESS

- ❖ NCAA
- ❖ Student requests electronic transcript via Parchment to be sent to NCAA site.
- ❖ Common Application
- ❖ SENDedu

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SCHOLARSHIP

How can I find out about scholarships?

- Online resources
- Never pay for a company or website to research scholarships for you, this is a scam!
- Westlake Student Services website, many applications are links on the page for quick access
- College Advisor (Vacant)
- College/University websites
- Your (and/or your parents') workplace
- Remind Me

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