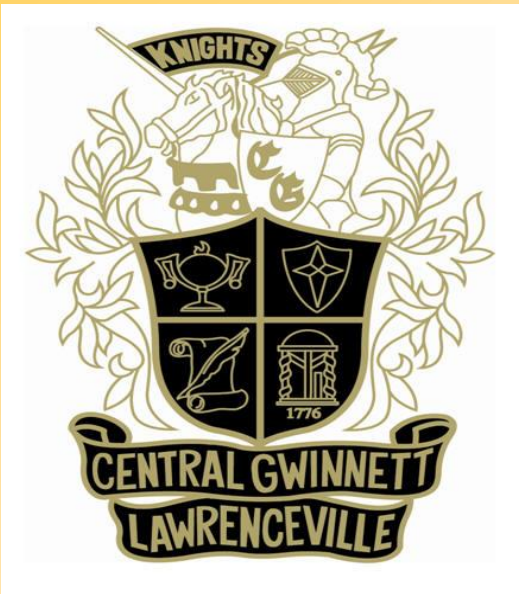


Senior Parent and Student Meeting

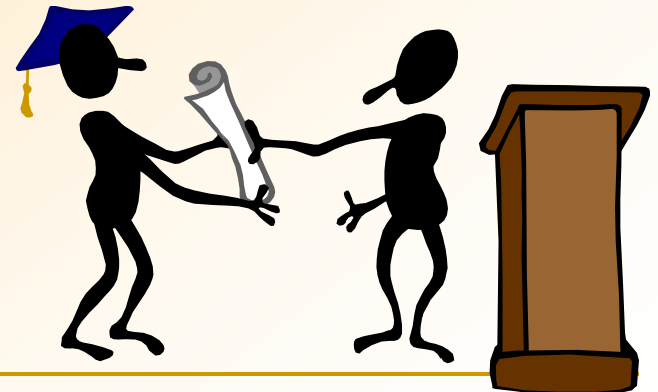


PLANNING FOR
THE FUTURE

Academy Counselors

Tamekia Bradshaw
Mariah Smith
Chris Kimbro
Emmanuel Rutledge
Tiffany Brown

Business & Entrepreneurship (A)
Medical & Healthcare Sciences (B)
STEM (C)
Law, Education & Public Service (D)
Fine Arts & Communications (E)



Preparing for Graduation and Beyond

- 9th Grade - Four Year Plans
Graduation Requirements/Credit Evaluations
- 10th Grade - Career Exploration
- 11th Grade - Junior Conference
Classroom Guidance - Preparing for the Senior Year
- 12th Grade - Senior Application for Graduation
(Senior Letter) Individual
Classroom Guidance
College Representatives on campus
Apply to College Activities - Fall and Spring

Graduation Requirements

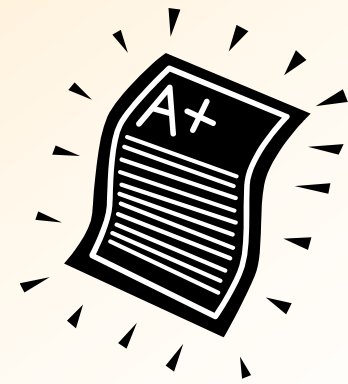
- 4 units of Language Arts
 - 4 units of Math
 - 3 units of Social Studies (World History, US History, Political Systems, Economics)
 - 4 units of Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics and one Science elective)
 - 3 units Modern/Classical Language and/or Technical Education and/or Fine Arts
 - 4 elective units
 - Introduction to Lifetime Fitness/ Health

 - **Total Units (Minimum) 23**
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Testing Requirements for Graduation

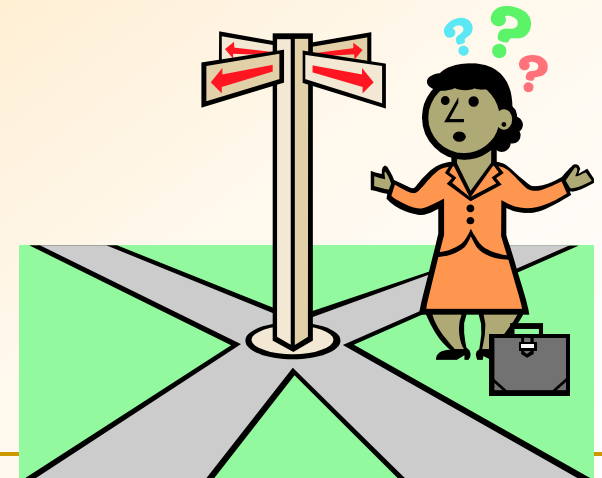
(for students who began high school in 2011 or since)

- Georgia High School Writing Test
- Gwinnett County Public Schools High School Gateway Assessment
 - Science
 - Social Studies



Where are you going after high school?

- 4 Year College or University
 - Bachelor of Arts degree
 - Bachelor of Science degree
- 2 Year College
 - Associate degree
- Technical College
 - Associate degree
 - Diploma programs
 - Certificate
- Military
- Workforce



Common Concerns

- Fear of making the wrong decision
- Fear of taking a risk
- Fear of change
- Procrastination
- Feeling overwhelmed with lack of time
- Not knowing where to begin
- Pressure to attend college or a certain college
- Financial worries



Taking the ACT and SAT

- Register online at the websites below
- ACT - www.actstudent.org
- SAT - www.collegeboard.com
- SAT II
- ASVAB - February 2015
- COMPASS



Central Gwinnett High School code - 111805

Where to get information at Central

Sign up to get notifications about colleges visiting Central, scholarship information, and other opportunities for seniors.

Text @bd5f60 to 770-212-9753

Where to get information about colleges

VISITS TO COLLEGE CAMPUSES

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES AT CGHS

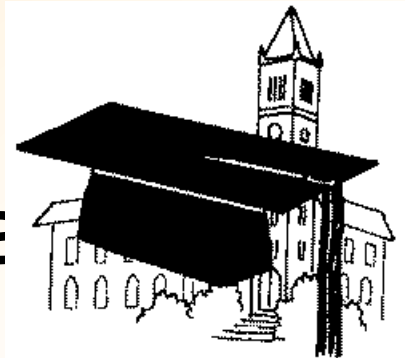
COLLEGE FAIRS

MEDIA CENTER - COLLEGE CORNER

COLLEGE WEBSITES

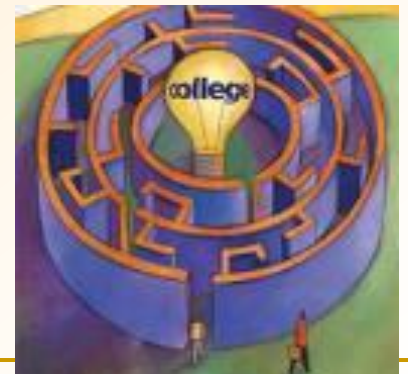
www.GACOLLEGE411.org

CENTRAL GWINNETT WEBSITE



Your Campus Visit

- Plan in advance. Decide what you want to see and with whom you wish to speak.
- Visit the college website for details on campus tours.
- Contact the school in advance for a formal visit.
- Prepare a list of questions and do not be afraid to ask them!
- Take a copy of your high school transcript and SAT/ACT scores. You may have the opportunity to visit with an admissions representative.
- Be on time!
- Use a college comparison worksheet to record information.



What Colleges Consider

- ✓ **GRADE POINT AVERAGE**
- ✓ **SAT/ACT SCORES**
- ✓ **COURSE SELECTION**
- ✓ **RANK IN CLASS**
- ✓ **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**
- ✓ **RECOMMENDATION LETTERS**
- ✓ **ESSAY**



Application Process

Step 1: Obtain Application

- Go online
 - Apply online
 - Download applications



Application Process

Step 2: Required Information

- Letters of Recommendation from Counselor and Teachers
- Application Essays
- Application Fee - credit card, check, money order or waiver



Application Process

Step 3: Transcripts and Letters of Recommendation

- For paper copies of official transcripts: Complete Transcript Request Form in the Counseling Office
 - \$5.00 per transcript, 24 hour turn-around time
- Or, send transcripts electronically through www.gacollege411.org
 - The student's social security number must be on file at CGHS for this to happen.
- Submit Student Profile to your counselor with all necessary college forms for any letter of recommendation. Letters of Recommendations have a **10 day** turn around, so **PLAN AHEAD**.

Financial Aid

- Financial Aid Night at Central Gwinnett - February 3, 2015
- FAFSA Form - www.fafsa.ed.gov
- HOPE Scholarship - www.gacollege411.org
- Georgia Student Finance Commission - www.gsfc.org
- College and University Scholarships
- Counseling Office - www.centralgwinnett.net
- Free Scholarship websites
- Federal Student Aid - www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov



HOPE Scholarship

REQUIREMENTS

- To qualify for the HOPE Scholarship, a student must earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average in all academic classes in high school.
- Classes include both required and elective courses in these subjects.
- A FAFSA form must be completed and sent to the college/colleges of choice.
- 2015 graduates must meet HOPE rigor requirements. A student must have two credits in "rigorous courses". Courses that meet this include the 2nd year of a foreign language, Chemistry and Physics.



HOPE Scholarship Facts

- The amount of the HOPE Scholarship award will be adjusted annually based on lottery revenue.
 - The awards covers a portion of tuition only, not books and fees.
 - HOPE funds may not be used to pay for remedial or developmental courses.
 - Students have a seven-year window in which to use HOPE after high school graduation.
 - The private college award for 2014-2015 was \$3,820.
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HOPE and AP Classes

- Advanced Placement classes are weighted, meaning 10 points are added to the final grade. These points are subtracted, the grade is converted to the 4.0 scale and .5 is added to that class' GPA up to a total of 4.0 per class grade.
- Examples for figuring the Grade Point Average for an Advanced Placement class

$$\text{Final grade of } 95 - 10 = 85$$

$$85 = 3.0 + .5 = 3.5$$

$$\text{Final grade of } 85 - 10 = 75$$

$$75 = 2.0 + .5 = 2.5$$

$$\text{Final grade of } 75 - 10 = 65$$

$$65 = 0.0 + .5 = .5$$

The Zell Miller Scholarship

Zell Miller Scholars must:

- earn a 3.7 high school GPA or higher **and** post, in one sitting, an SAT combined score of 1200 or higher in math and reading or an ACT score of 26 or higher

OR

- be their high school's valedictorian or salutatorian

The Zell Miller Scholarship

- The Zell Miller Scholarship pays for all tuition at eligible public colleges or universities.
 - Zell Miller Scholars attending private institutions would receive an award of \$4000 a year.
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HOPE GRANT

- Georgia's HOPE Grant is available to residents of Georgia who enroll at any TCSG college (or Board of Regents college with a technical education division) to earn a certificate or diploma, regardless of high school graduation date or GPA upon graduation.
 - Starting with Fall Semester 2013, once enrolled, students must earn and maintain at least a 2.0 GPA to keep the HOPE Grant.
 - The HOPE Grant will pay a significant percentage of TCSG standard tuition. Contact your TCSG college for more information.
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HOPE GRANT

- Attend a technical college in a Certificate or Diploma program
- No GPA requirement out of high school
- Must maintain a post-secondary GPA of 2.0 at certain checkpoints
- Pays portion of tuition

Zell Miller Grant

- After first term in diploma or certificate program, 3.5 GPA will earn full tuition.
 - Must maintain a 3.5 GPA
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Accessing the HOPE Average

- The preliminary HOPE Scholarship calculations are available through Georgia College 411 (www.gacollege411.org).
- Central Gwinnett must have the student's social security number on file in order to access this information.

Central Senior Sponsor

- **Mr. Keith Haber**
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Senior Dues

- ***Dues are required to Participate in Graduation!***
 - Dues cover the following items
 - cap, gown & tassel
 - diploma cover
 - senior t-shirt
 - Senior Celebration
 - graduation ceremony expenses
 - Senior video (DVD)
 - Graduation dues do NOT cover expenses for announcements/invitations, class rings, additional apparel, prom, senior pictures, or a yearbook.

 - ***Dues are \$110.00***
 - Dues will go up to \$130.00 on *March 20th*
 - Dues must be paid by May 1st to participate in Graduation!!
 - Two ways to Pay Dues
 - Full Amount or Installments
 - On-line or at school
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Other Senior Activities

- Senior Celebration
 - An afternoon of lunch, activities
 - Signing yearbooks, and viewing the senior video.
 - May 1st
 - Watch Central news for more information
 - Or see the Senior Website on Centralgwinnett.net
 - A senior walk will take place the day that our cap & gowns are delivered. Please pay your dues before March 20th so that you can participate in the “Walk”.
 - All senior should complete an information sheet with height, weight and t-shirt size today. Drop these off with your 12th grade Language Arts Teacher or see Mr. Haber in Trailer 5 to complete/turn in a form.
 - More info to follow
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Senior Dues Payments

Pay on www.mypaymentsplus.com

Full Amount or Installments

or see one of the following individuals at school

Lindsay Bates, Rm 614

Cari Tester, Rm 205

Yearbook

- ❑ Year book only - \$65.00
 - ❑ Yearbook w/ name plate - \$70.00
 - ❑ Yearbook w/ name plate, World Yearbook/Year in History - \$75.00

 - **Senior Ads - deadline 12/1/14**

 - Yearbooks can be ordered and paid for on line @ www.YearbookOrderCenter.com, or go to the CGHS website and open the "Order Your Yearbook Now" Icon. Code: 992
 - Check and Cash payments can also be made to Mrs. Pelletier, before or after school

 - **Questions about yearbooks, senior ads, picture sittings?**
 - **Contact – Ms. Pelletier, room 111**
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Congratulations Class of 2015!

