

WARNER ROBINS HIGH SCHOOL
DEMONS



CLASS OF
2021

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Areas of Study	Required Credits
English/Language Arts	4 credits
Math	4 credits
Science	4 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
CTAE/Foreign Language/Fine Arts (Foreign language is not required for graduation, but is required for entrance into a 4-year college or university)	3 credits
Personal Fitness/Health	1 credit
Electives	5 credits
Total Credits	24 credits

Your High School GPA

High School GPA

- Average of the final grades in every class taken for high school credit
- Will include weighted points if passed Honors, AP, and/or DE courses
- Used to determine class rank, honor graduate status, and any other local use of GPA
- This is the GPA that colleges will use for admissions purposes
- This is also the GPA that most scholarship committees will use
- PCSD transcript will show your weighted and unweighted GPA on the 100-point scale and the 4.0 scale

HOPE GPA

- Determined by the GA Student Finance Commission using transcripts submitted by WRHS.
- Expressed on a 4.0 scale (at least a 3.0 to qualify for HOPE)
- Average of your academic core and foreign language courses
- Includes all grades earned for attempted coursework in the core subjects during 9th-12th. Local weights for Honors, AP, and DE courses are removed (GSFC will add their own weights for AP and DE, not for Honors courses)
- Estimated HOPE GPA can be viewed by logging into your GAFutures account

Important Website

www.GAfutures.org

GAfutures (MyGAfutures Account)

- HOPE GPA Information
- College Applications in Georgia
- Scholarships
- FAFSA and Financial Aid
- Dual Enrollment Funding Application

GSFC | Georgia Student
Finance Commission

Create an Account

Sign In

Help ?



GAfutures
Explore. Plan. Succeed.



HOPE & State Aid Programs



Federal Aid & Scholarships



College Planning



Career Exploration



Resources



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SAT/ACT Test Prep Information



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SAT/ACT Test Prep Information

SAT AND ACT ADMISSIONS WAIVER

- The University System of Georgia (USG) will waive test score requirements Spring, Summer, and Fall 2021 admission due to uncertainty about the scheduling of SAT/ACT testing during Covid-19 pandemic.
- Students must still meet all other admission requirements , and must meet adjusted minimum grade point average eligibility thresholds for admission to each sector.
- Students who have SAT/ACT scores may still submit them.
- This waiver applies to PUBLIC colleges and universities.
- SAT scores are STILL REQUIRED FOR THE ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIP.
- ACT AND SAT MAY STILL BE REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS
- **CHECK YOUR INSTITUTION'S WEBSITE FOR UPDATED INFORMATION!!**

SAT & ACT

- **Sign up now!!** Deadlines are fast approaching!
- Make sure the testing date DOES NOT CONFLICT with another activity before you pay for it
- Make sure official scores are sent to all Universities, Colleges, and/or Technical Colleges and NCAA or NAIA clearinghouse, you are applying to
- Fee Waivers



Comparing the ACT® with the SAT®

ACT

- English
- Math
- Reading
- Science
- Optional Writing Test

- Composite score: 1-36
- Section scores for English, Math, Reading and Science: 1-36 each
- Writing Test: 2-12

- 2 hours, 55 minutes (without Writing Test)
- 3 hours, 35 minutes (with Writing Test)

- None

- Two sections (English, Reading)
 - Passage-based grammar—including punctuation
 - Four reading passages in 35 minutes that are drawn from Fiction, Social Sciences, Humanities and Natural Sciences

- One 60-minute section
- Calculator allowed
 - Arithmetic
 - Algebra I & II
 - Geometry
 - Trigonometry

- The Writing Test is optional (40 minutes, timed)
- Students will need to write about perspectives on an issue relevant to high school students and evaluate and analyze multiple perspectives on that issue; they will be scored on ideas and analysis, development and support, organization, and language use



SECTIONS



SCORING



LENGTH



PENALTY
FOR WRONG
ANSWERS



READING
AND
WRITING



MATH



ESSAY

SAT

- Evidence-based Reading and Writing
 - Reading
 - Writing and Language
- Math
- Optional Essay

- Total score: 400-1600
- Section scores for Math and Evidence-based Reading and Writing: 200-800
- Essay: 2-8

- 3 hours (without essay)
- 3 hours, 50 minutes (with essay)

- None

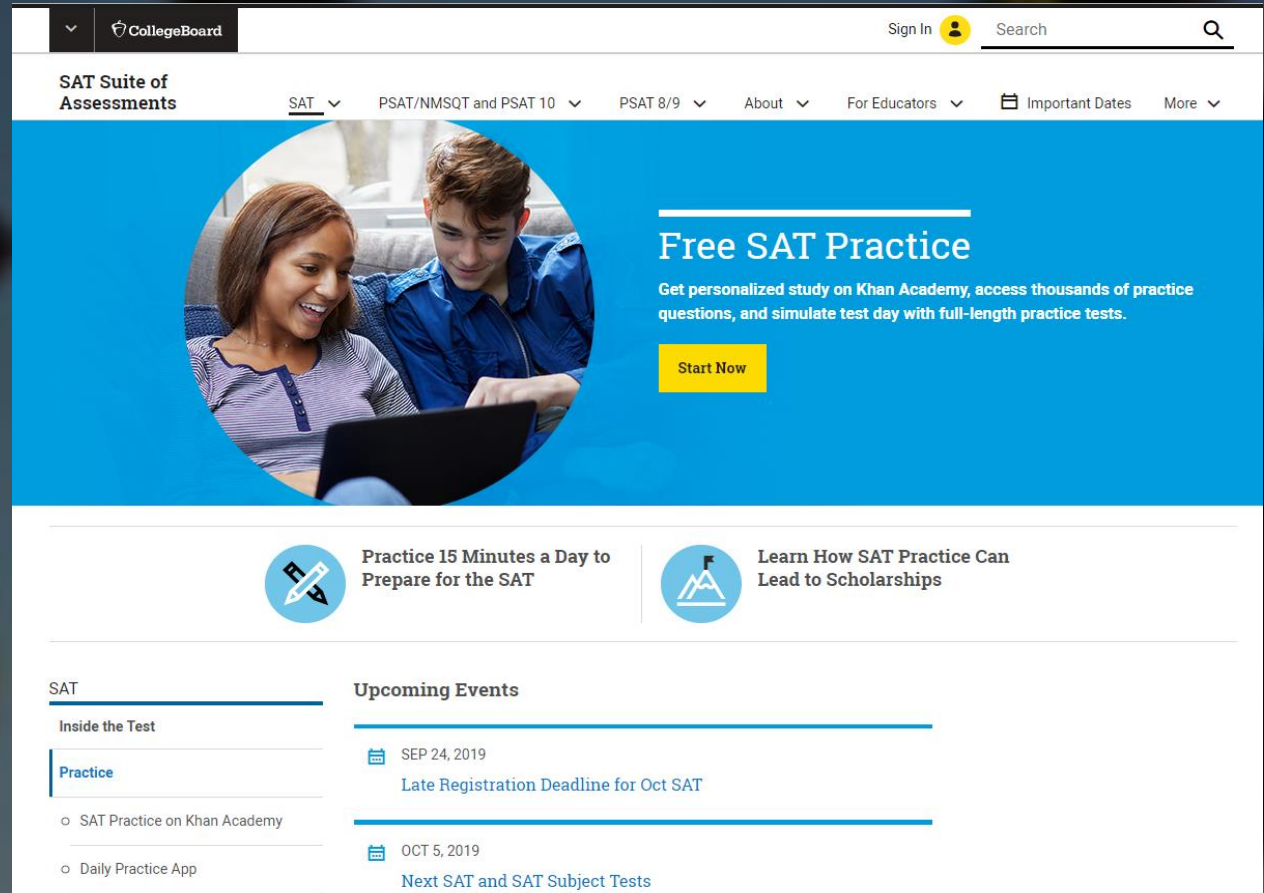
- Two sections (Reading Test, Writing and Language Test)
 - No more sentence completions; focus on multiple-meaning words
 - Five reading passages in 65 minutes that are drawn from significant historical or scientific documents—may include informational graphics, such as charts
 - Passage-based grammar—including punctuation

- Two sections totaling 80 minutes
- Calculators are only allowed on one of the two sections
 - Arithmetic
 - Algebra I & II
 - Geometry
 - Trigonometry

- The essay is optional (50 minutes, timed)
- Students will be provided with a substantial passage (600-700 words) and asked to analyze how the author built his or her argument; students will need to understand the techniques the author used to write persuasively

FREE SAT Practice from Khan Academy

- <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/about/benefits/khan-academy-practice>



The screenshot shows the CollegeBoard SAT Suite of Assessments website. The header includes the CollegeBoard logo, a search bar, and navigation links for SAT, PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10, PSAT 8/9, About, For Educators, Important Dates, and More. The main banner features a circular image of a young man and woman looking at a laptop, with the text "Free SAT Practice" and a description: "Get personalized study on Khan Academy, access thousands of practice questions, and simulate test day with full-length practice tests." A yellow "Start Now" button is prominently displayed. Below the banner, two circular icons highlight key benefits: "Practice 15 Minutes a Day to Prepare for the SAT" and "Learn How SAT Practice Can Lead to Scholarships". The bottom section is divided into two columns: "SAT" with links to "Inside the Test" and "Practice" (the latter being active), and "Upcoming Events" listing "SEP 24, 2019 Late Registration Deadline for Oct SAT" and "OCT 5, 2019 Next SAT and SAT Subject Tests".

CollegeBoard

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- SAT Practice on Khan Academy
- Daily Practice App

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Process for SAT/ACT Fee Waivers

- You must be eligible for free/reduced lunch.
- After using SAT fee waiver & receiving a score report, students can download four college application fee waivers directly from SAT website
- Email Ms. Sostillio at julie.sostillio@hcbe.net or your counselor to obtain a fee waiver.



Other Tests You May Need

Accuplacer

May be required for entrance to two year and technical colleges

ASVAB

Aptitude exam required for entrance into the military that determines your eligibility for military jobs.

HOPE Eligibility

- 3.0 HOPE GPA required
 - Only considers academic courses (including world languages)
 - Doesn't include middle school core courses recorded on the high school transcript.
 - Removes all weighting for honor's courses
 - Recalculates weighting for dual enrollment and AP courses
- Must complete at least 4 rigorous courses.
 - Common HOPE rigorous courses include: Algebra II, Statistical Reasoning, Pre-Calculus, Chemistry, Physics, Forensic Science, any level 2 or higher foreign language course, any AP course, any DE course, etc.
- HOPE GPA tends to be lower than transcript GPA.
- HOPE GPA can only be checked on Gafutures.org

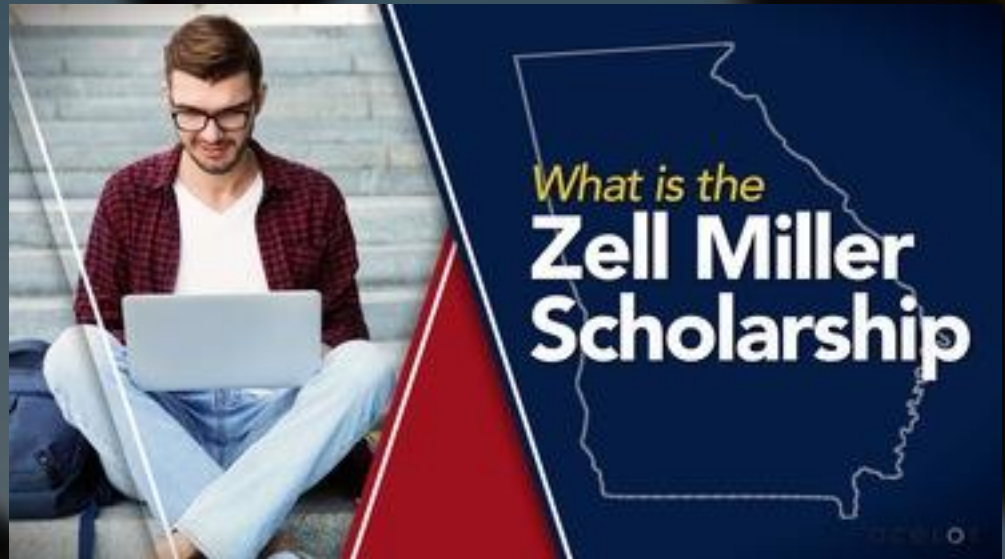
HOPE Scholarship Information

- Merit-based scholarship for eligible students
- Pays a percentage of tuition – exact amounts can be found on GA Futures website
- HOPE will not pay for remedial or developmental courses
- HOPE only pays for tuition
- HOPE will NOT cover
 - room & board
 - meal plans
 - Institutional fees (athletics fee, health fee, etc.)



Zell Miller Scholarship

- Seniors who graduate and meet either of the following criteria:
 - a 3.7 GPA for the HOPE eligible academic courses AND have received an SAT score of 1200 (Critical Reading and Math scores) OR a composite ACT score of 26 (on any single testing test date)
- OR
- Are the valedictorian or salutatorian of their class
- **Must have SAT and/or ACT scores before graduation date to GSFC;** testing service sends scores to GSFC, but **Parent and/or student are responsible for ensuring that GSFC has received the scores**
- Scores from exams taken in June - after HS graduation - will not be used for HOPE eligibility



HOPE GRANT

- There is not a GPA requirement for the HOPE Grant as a student leaves high school.
- Students might consider going to a technical college on the HOPE Grant and choosing one of these options:
 - Complete a Certificate or Diploma Program
 - Complete 30 semester college hours and transfer to college or university
- HOPE Grant information can be found on the Gafutures website:
<https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-grants/hope-grant/eligibility/>



Ways to pay for college/technical college

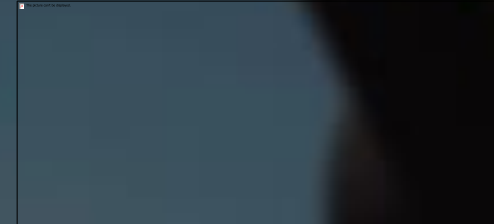
- **GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Do NOT have to be repaid
- Based on specific requirements



- **LOANS**

- Need to be repaid after college



- **WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS**

- Student has a job on campus
- Money earned helps pay for college



Local Scholarships

- Local scholarships are available for seniors
- Also, students may still apply for scholarships that are linked to the postsecondary school after starting college and throughout postsecondary education *years*
 - *Example: Kennesaw State University offers scholarships in multiple fields*
- District Website has scholarship information on the Financial Aid 101 & Scholarships Link
- Gafutures.org –scholarship search by college and/or category
- Many local scholarships will be listed on the WRHS website under Counselors



Heading to college or technical college?

- Meet all remaining deadlines during senior year and after graduation
- Make a list of potential schools
- Compare your profile to the school's freshman profile
- Review each school's application:
 - Online application (preferred)
 - Transcript
 - Application fees
 - Recommendations (if needed allow a minimum of one week)
 - Counselor Recommendations
 - Teacher Recommendation

Know your application deadlines!!!

DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION



National Association for
College Admission Counseling
Guiding the way to higher education

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Non-Restrictive Application Plans

Regular Decision

DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Rolling Admission

DEFINITION:

 Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Action (EA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Restrictive Application Plans

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

COMMITMENT:

BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

Letters of Recommendation

- Student must complete a senior brag sheet – this gives us more information to use when writing letters.
- Senior Brag Sheets will be available on the school website under the Counselors' link and outside of the counselors' office.
- Requests must be received 1 week in advance of the date needed.
- Be as detailed as possible. The more you tell us, the more we can brag about you in the letter!

Transcript Requests for Admissions and Scholarship Information

- GaFutures – must request all transcripts in state through GA Futures
- Request out of state transcripts through the link located under the Counselors' page on the school website.
- A list of scholarships will be posted on the website...new scholarships will also be posted to Google Classroom.



FAFSA / Financial Aid

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) must be completed, even for HOPE Scholarship
- Submit a paper application or apply on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- You must have 2019 income tax information
- The FAFSA can be used to apply for the HOPE scholarship, as well as all other state and federal student aid
- FAFSA window opens on 10/1/2020.
- Getting Started FAFSA Link on GAfutures:

<https://www.gafutures.org/federal-aid-scholarships/fafsa/>

Videos are available, so please watch the videos.

What if I do not know what I want to do?

- You can find valuable information through YOUSCIENCE.
- YOUSCIENCE measures your natural abilities, talents, and interests and matches you up with careers that best-fit these areas.



What should I be doing now?


- Review your grade point average
- Check your HOPE GPA On GA Futures
- Narrow the list!! Review your list of targeted post secondary options
- Register for ACT or SAT if needed
- Attend the Virtual Probe Fair
- Accept the CLASS OF 2021 Google Classroom Invite

Class Code: qeiozj3

Lots of Ways to Keep in Touch



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Congratulations, Class of 2021!

