

# Creek

# “View to College”



Presented by:  
Creekview High School  
Student Services



# What do Juniors need to know?

- ACT/SAT—Which one is best for me?
- Explanation of HOPE/4 year plan
- Explanation of GPA's...keep in mind...you are applying to college with your final GPA at the end of your JUNIOR year
- Creating a GA Futures account; how to apply and send transcripts; checking your HOPE GPA
- Resources; using the Student Services Website



Five Subtests given:

- English
- Math
- Reading
- Science
- Essay (optional, but recommended by colleges)



Subtest and Composite scores range from 1-36

Always select scores to be sent when you register---it's free!

Given at **Creekview**: February 12

([www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) to register)



# SAT

Subtests given:

- Reading
- Math
- Writing and Language
- Essay (optional)



Scores range from 200-800 (for each subtest); total score 400-1600

No more penalty for wrong answers

Again, select scores to be sent---it's free!!!!

Given at Creekview:

March 12

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)



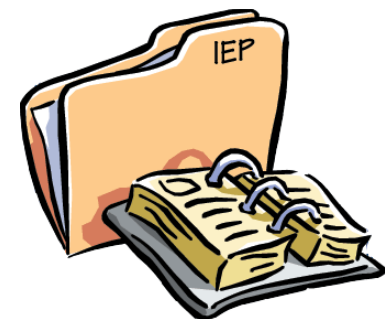
## Resources for ACT/SAT Preparation

- Khan Academy is the recommended resource for the SAT----[www.khanacademy.org/sat](http://www.khanacademy.org/sat)
- Practicing for the ACT– [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) and go to “Test Prep”
- Workbooks/other online programs and local centers



# Special Testing and Accommodations

## PSAT/SAT/AP/ & ACT



- Consent form must be filled out and signed by the student/parent and given to the school to request accommodations.
- All accommodations must be approved and in place within the classroom/school for a student to be eligible for national testing accommodations.

\*Only for students with IEP's or 504's

\*Please note that testing accommodations are reviewed and decided by College Board and/or ACT Student; schools do not make those decisions.



# Are you hoping for HOPE?

## HOPE Scholarship

- ✓ Must graduate with 3.0 HOPE GPA
- ✓ Must meet rigor requirements
- ✓ Portion of standard tuition will be paid

## Zell Miller Scholarship

- ✓ Must graduate with a 3.7 HOPE GPA
- ✓ Must meet rigor requirements
- ✓ Score at least a 26 composite on the ACT or a combined (Reading & Math) 1200 on the SAT

Visit [www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org) for more information

See handout regarding HOPE rigor requirements



# Why is GA Futures important?

- View college facts/majors offered (in and out of state)
- Apply to colleges (in and out of state)
- See HOPE GPA
- Send transcripts to IN-STATE schools only

[www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org)





# Sending Out-of-State Transcripts

- [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com)
- Create an account
- Use your PERSONAL email
- There is NOT a registration code
- \$5.65 fee



# Counselor's Role in the application process

- Conduct a beginning of the year Senior meeting
- Post college visits (website and sent in weekly email blast) and encourage participation
- Help your family make the application process manageable
- Help create a realistic and comfortable list of schools
- Write letters of recommendations



# College Search Overview



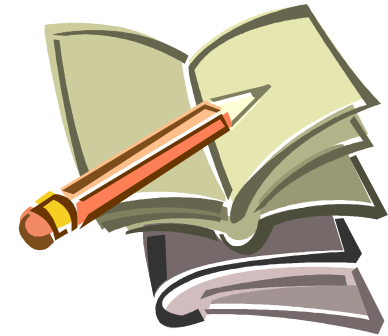
- Finding a good match
- Decide on criteria—size, location, cost, major
- Attend college representative visits at **Creekview or virtually**
- Campus visits – size, location, major
- College Probe Fairs
- **GA Futures** –college searches/ comparisons



# College Search Overview (cont.)

## Understanding the entrance requirements

- Course Rigor
- GPA & Class rank
- Test scores\*
- Applications and essays
- Activities/Community Service
- Recommendations
- Auditions and Portfolios



\*Students must request test scores to be sent directly from ACT & College Board (SAT, AP)

\*Some institutions are still test optional at this time.\*



# College Search Timeline

## JUNIOR YEAR

- November Get information from counselors during Junior advisement week
- December—June Take the ACT and/or SAT
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Start College Visits & Research
- All Year Work on Grades
- Summer Continue research & visits



# College Search Timeline

## SENIOR YEAR

- ▣ August– September→ Complete Research—Make list of schools to which you plan to apply
- ▣ September – November → Complete Applications/ search for scholarships
- ▣ October – February → Apply for financial aid and search for scholarships
- ▣ March – May → Final decisions made
- ▣ May 1→ If haven't already, notify your school of your decision and fill out final transcript request



# Organizing Applications

- Apply to some **“stretch”** schools...
  - schools one would like to attend, but *may not fully meet* admissions criteria
- Apply to some **“within reach”** schools...
  - schools where GPA, test scores and activities are *very similar* to published guidelines
- Apply to some **“safe”** schools...
  - schools that have open admission or where GPA and Test scores *exceed* guidelines



# TWO-YEAR COLLEGES

## Technical Colleges

- ▣ For students seeking certification in a technical field
- ▣ Chattahoochee Tech  
(some courses transfer to 4 yr. colleges within the University System of GA)

## Community Colleges

- ▣ For students seeking 2 year Associate degree
- ▣ Credits transfer to 4 year colleges
- ▣ Local Examples—GA Perimeter College (now with Georgia State); Georgia Highlands





# Research Universities/Admission Stats



The University of Georgia



Georgia Institute  
of Technology

\*based on Fall 2021 data

- ▣ Applications Received:  
**39,400 (15,700 admitted)**
- ▣ Freshmen Enrolled: **5,850**
- ▣ Mid 50% GPA: **4.0-4.27**  
(last year 3.94-4.21)
- ▣ Mid 50% SAT : **1350-1490**  
(last year 1310-1460)
- ▣ Mid 50% ACT Composite:  
**31-34 (last year 30-34)**

- ▣ Applications Received: **45,357**  
( approx. 8,000 admitted)
- ▣ Freshmen Enrolled: **3,519**
- ▣ Mid 50% GPA: **“A” average**  
(holistic review process)
- ▣ Mid 50% SAT : **not provided**  
(1400-1530 in 2020)
- ▣ Mid 50% ACT Composite:  
**not provided (31-34 in 2020)**



# Regional Colleges and State Colleges & Universities



- Some smaller in size
- Entrance criteria less competitive
- Many students from Atlanta Metro area



# Small Private Colleges

~ **Cost range---** \$22,000 - \$50,000

▶ **Chance for financial assistance**

~ **Admissions criteria:**

- **High school coursework**
- **Grades in courses**
- **Involvement/Activities or Job/Work**
- **Test Scores**
- **Essay/Personal Statement**

**Upward trend in coursework important...**  
**most schools evaluate based on the “whole” person**



# Out of State - State Schools

- ▣ Selectivity differs from state to state, with the Universities of Michigan, Wisconsin, Virginia, Texas, North Carolina, and Florida among the Most Competitive for out-of-state students.
- ▣ Be aware of specific program requirements
- ▣ School environment varies greatly from campus to campus
- ▣ Cost range \$25,000 - \$45,000 per year
- ▣ Some out-of-state fees waived





# FAFSA



Free

Application for

Federal

Student

Aid



# FAFSA and the Process...

(continued)



- ▣ The *FAFSA* can be completed online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) → turnaround time is 72 hours!
- ▣ Before starting the FAFSA, register for a PIN on the same website.
- ▣ *FAFSA on the Web Worksheet*



# AID SEQUENCE

Free Application for Federal Student Aid  
(October 1 – March 1)



Needs Analysis Center  
(crunch numbers)



Student Aid Report  
(EFC – Expected Family Contribution)



Award Letter  
(from each college, after acceptance)



# Helpful Financial Aid Websites

[www.gsfc.org](http://www.gsfc.org)

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

Georgia Student Finance Commission

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

## Reputable college scholarship search sites:

[www.collegescholarships.com](http://www.collegescholarships.com)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.schoolsoup.com](http://www.schoolsoup.com)

Also---try the Scholly App (\$2.99)

[www.myscholly.com](http://www.myscholly.com)



## Student Services Website and Weekly Email—READ the weekly Friday emails!!!!

- Private scholarships
- Company scholarships
- Local scholarships

☹ Any agency that charges a fee to help students find scholarships is suspicious and possibly a SCAM! ☹







# NCAA/NAIA

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS



- Review requirements for eligibility at  
NCAA—[www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)  
NAIA—[www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org)
- After Junior year, register with the NCAA Eligibility Center and/or NAIA if you are being recruited (For Division I & Division II schools only).
- Student Services will upload your transcript at the end of Junior year.
- Communicate with coach, counselor, and school's admissions office.



# Questions?

## Creekview High School Counseling Department

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| Students Last Name A-D | Students Last Name E-K | Students Last Name L-Rn | Students Last Name Ro-Z |

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can be found on the  
Student Services website.

Thank you for attending!  
Have a good evening!

