

Welcome

ARJ Class of 2021



REMIND 101



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Class of 2021 Messages

- College Visits
- Upcoming Events
- Senior Class Info



HELP!!!

I can't remember all this information!!!

- Don't worry
 - We are available to answer questions
- Visit the website often

Graduation



Most seniors need to earn the last few core requirements for graduation. It is imperative that students pass all required courses in order to graduate and participate in graduation ceremonies.

Counselors are available to review academic checklists, test scores and/or projected test dates, college planning and progress.

Step 1



Finalize list of College/Universities – 3 to 5

✓ (Remember to be selective and to keep in mind a “reality check”)

Reach - Target - Likely

Consider: College Visits (4 excused absences)

*Students are strongly encouraged to review their college choices with their counselor.

*Many institutions are offering virtual sessions and tours. We are in the process of collecting data for a virtual college tour section on the department page.



Step 2

✓ Visit College/University Website

- Requirements (HS credits, application, recommendations, fees, tests)
- Deadlines for Application
- Deadlines for Scholarships (also on the department page)



Step 3

✓ Complete Senior Information Sheet

Senior Profile

Seniors must complete and submit Senior Profile by October 1st.

The Senior Profile will provide important information that can be used when writing letters of recommendation. Give complete, honest and well-thought out answers to the required questions.

Step 4



✓ Register for SAT/ACT

(If you have not taken or need to retake either of these tests)

Act quickly! Deadlines for registrations are coming up!

Counseling Webpage: <https://www.rcboe.org/Page/49939>

✓ Update Schools you are applying to on your personal SAT/ACT Account

(Colleges/Universities must receive scores directly from testing agency)

ASVAB EXAM

If you are considering joining the military
the ASVAB Exam is required.

If interested, please include this in your senior
profile and additional information will be provided
during your individual meeting.

Step 5



✓ Complete and Submit Applications

(Prioritize according to deadlines and Review/Edit before Submitting. Pay application fee.)

Essays

- Dedicate time and effort.
- Be honest, authentic, creative and answer the prompt.
- Ask teachers/peers to review and make suggestions.
- Proofread and Edit, Edit, Edit.

Common Applications

- Create an account.
- Complete Personal and School Information.
- Invite your counselor and teacher(s) as recommenders.


Admissions Terms



 • **Rolling Admissions**- No deadline - applications are processed as received.

 • **Regular Admissions Deadline**- The regular application deadline specified by colleges is typically in January or February.

 • **Early Action** - Early application that is non binding with a deadline usually in October/ November.

 • **Early Decision** - This is a binding agreement and should only be used when applying to your top choice college. Deadline usually in October/November.

• *It is strongly recommended that students consult with their counselor prior to applying early.

Step 6



✓ Submit a Transcript Request

Official Transcript & School Profile

Forms available in Counseling Office and on the Senior Page of the Counseling Website.

Fill out completely for all applications (Common App., In-State/Electronic Copy, Out-of-State/Hard Copy)

Counselor Recommendation – Be Considerate! (Allow 2 weeks)

Step 7



- ✓ Request Teacher Recommendation (only if required by the college/university)
- Please allow teachers ample time (2 weeks) to write your recommendation.
- Provide them with a copy of your Senior Profile Sheet or Academic Resume.
- Let the teacher know whether the application will be sent through Common Application, College Website, or mailed.
- If the recommendation letter needs to be mailed, provide teacher with a stamped envelope, addressed with the corresponding school's Office of Admission address.

Step 8



✓ Review Final Checklist

- Completed Senior Profile Sheet
- Registered for SAT/ACT (if needed)
- Send test scores directly from testing agency to college
- Reviewed/edited and submitted Application
- Paid College Application Fee
- Requested Teacher Recommendation
- Submitted Transcript Requests (allow 2 weeks to process)



College Athletes



Students interested in playing college athletics must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center or at play.naia

- Students must register once your junior year courses and grades are available on your transcript (Seniors should be good to go)
- Submit an official high school transcript
- Submit official SAT/ACT scores (Scores are not sent by the high school)

Step 9



✓ The Waiting Game

- Review application status page for each college
- Verify all required documents have been submitted

Note: If college states something is missing or that they have not received your application, DON'T PANIC! See your counselor and CALMLY ask her to track your documents. Many times the schools have received everything but have not updated the status page of their website.

- Patiently wait for Admission Decisions

Financing College



- HOPE Scholarship / HOPE Grant
- College Scholarships
- Local Scholarships
- National Merit Scholarships
- Government Financial Aid – Loans, Grants
- FASFA forms are available October 1st.

HOPE & Zell Miller



HOPE

3.0 Core GPA as calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission. Student must maintain a 3.0 GPA in College

Zell Miller Scholar Program

Students must graduate with a 3.7 GPA as calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission and have a 1200 SAT (math & critical reading) or a 26 on the ACT. Student must maintain 3.3 GPA in college

HOPE Grant Min GPA – 2.0 Can be used at most tech schools and some participating 2 year programs

Visit www.gafutures.org for complete scholarship details.

facebook

Social Networking



- 82% of teens between 14 – 17 are on Social Networking Sites
- The average user of Facebook has 130 friends
- Areas of Concern
 - Know your students log in and password
 - 69% percent of students 13 – 17 have included their physical location
 - Careful of who you accept as a friend
 - Be selective of material that you post
 - Colleges Admissions teams report to searching out applicants on social networking sites.

Senioritis



- **Senioritis** – (Seen-yer-i-tis) n. Lack of concern for one's academic program performance. Second semester high school seniors are the individuals at risk of contracting this potentially crippling syndrome.



Step 10

✓ In the Meantime....

- Maintain Grades – Mid-Year reports / Final Grades (Both Important).
- Search for and apply for Scholarships <https://www.rcboe.org/Page/49940>
- Visit the counseling web page often and stay connected via Remind.
- Make an appointment to see your counselor with any questions.
- Visit gafutures.org for additional scholarship details.
- Finally.....ENJOY THE SENIOR YEAR!



Thank you for joining us!