

Senior Parent Night FAQ Class of 2025

Senior Advisement FAQs

Transcript

1. Where will the transcripts be sent (to the student, university, or Common Application)?
 - a. The counselors upload the transcripts to the student's Common App portal, if applying using the Common App.
2. Do first semester grades get sent for regular decision?
 - a. First semester grades will be sent to regular decision schools.
3. Will Early Action/Early Decision schools see the first semester grades?
 - a. Early Action/Decision schools will not see first semester, senior grades.
4. Will Counselors send mid-quarter grades to the colleges?
 - a. Counselors send mid-quarter grades to colleges that require them.
5. When will transcripts reflect in-progress/scheduled courses?
 - a. Typically, in-progress schedules and official transcripts are ready for submission by the end of September.
6. Does the transcript also include unweighted grades?
 - a. Official transcripts include weighted. Unweighted transcripts can be seen via Infinite Campus.
7. When will 1st semester grades be available?
 - a. 1st semester senior grades are available by the end of January or mid-February.
8. When do counselors send transcripts?
 - a. Official transcripts are sent by the admission deadline based on whether a student is applying early, regular, or rolling admissions.

Letters of Recommendation

1. Will the teacher letter of recommendation be sent to the student, university, or Common Application?
 - a. The letter of recommendation will be uploaded to the application platform. In a few rare occasions, the letter of recommendation would be sent via regular mail directly to the college/university.
2. When will teachers and counselors send the letter of recommendation?
 - a. This will vary, as letters of recommendation will be completed based on the student's first deadline that requires a letter of recommendation.
3. Can people outside of NHS send recommendation letters?
 - a. Yes, outside recommendation letters are permitted if the college/university allows students to submit one.
4. How much time should we provide teachers/counselors/supplemental recommenders for recommendation letters?
 - a. Counselors require a minimum of 15 school days prior to the deadline.
5. How do you input the "waive to view" in Common App?
 - a. From the My Colleges tab select a college and open their "Recommenders and FERPA" section. From there students select, "Release Authorization" and complete the required steps.
6. Is the Counselor Letter of Recommendation the same as the Counselor Evaluation?
 - a. No. These are two separate documents. Most colleges/universities require the Counselor Evaluation, however, not all require the counselor letter of recommendation.
7. How many recommendation letters can we include?
 - a. The number of recommendation letters will depend on the college/university a student is applying to.
8. Will all colleges on Common App receive the same rec letter?
 - a. Yes, the recommendation letter can only be uploaded one time.
9. How do students request letters of recommendation from counselors?
 - a. If a student is applying using the Common Application, they will add their counselor under the "FERPA and Recommenders" tab and counselors will have the ability to send letters of recommendation, if needed. If using another application portal, students must enter their counselor's email address where indicated.
10. Do colleges view highly of the teacher rec or counselor rec?

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- a. Each college is different with their Letters of Recommendation requirements. If the LOR is required, they will view highly of the recommendations.
 - b. Teacher recommendation letters highlight the student in the classroom.
11. Can we add a counselor or teacher from a previous high school to complete the Common App?
- a. Yes, students may add a teacher from a previous high school as a recommender. Colleges will require the student's current counselor, however, to complete the counselor portion of the student's application.
12. Do we need to email teachers before adding them to Common App?
- a. It is recommended that students reach out to their teachers prior to adding them to their Common App account. This will allow teachers to be aware of the request.

Application

1. Does every university offer Early Decision?
 - a. No. Universities will have their admission types and deadlines listed on their undergraduate admissions page.
2. If you submit an application, does it automatically go to all colleges?
 - a. No. While students using the Common Application complete most of the application one time, they must submit and pay for each school they are applying to separately. The same goes for Coalition, GAFutures, and any other application portal.
3. Do we need to link Common App to Naviance?
 - a. Students will not link their Common App to Naviance this year.
4. Do we make sure all supplemental items are turned in by the deadline as well?
 - a. All parts of the application must be submitted by the deadline. The only exception could be transcripts and letters of recommendation submitted by the counselor and/or teachers and standardized test scores. This varies based on the school however, so students must do their research to ensure they do not miss a deadline.
5. Where can students select their deadline date?
 - a. When completing the application, students will have the option to select their application deadline based on the college's admission type deadlines.
6. Are parents able to have an account linked to their Common App?
 - a. Parents/Guardians can create a practice account to view the application portal can do so by clicking on the following link: <https://apply.commonapp.org/createaccount> and would select the "Parent or Other Adult" option.
7. What is the difference between the college deadline and the Common App deadline?
 - a. There is not a Common App deadline, only the individual college deadline. The Common App is a platform used to apply and does not have a specific deadline.
8. If you are deferred during early action, are you automatically considered for regular decision?
 - a. This will depend on the college/university. If deferred, they will provide the student with information on next steps if interested in being considered for regular decision.
9. What are the benefits of applying Early Action versus Regular Decision?
 - a. Most institutions review applications the same whether a student applies early or regular decision. The major difference is the time in which a student receives the college/university's decision.

HOPE/Zell Miller Questions

1. How do we know if we have a Temporary Social Security Number?
 - a. Once you create your account through GAFutures and click "My HOPE GPA". If a blurb pops up to provide additional information, then you might have a Temp SSN on file.
2. Can students earn HOPE in college?
 - a. Yes, students have the opportunity to earn HOPE again 1 time in college after they meet the requirements.
3. Is there a deadline to apply for HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship?
 - a. Before the end of 2nd semester to ensure that the information gets sent to the colleges on time.
4. Is Zell Miller unweighted?
 - a. Yes. Zell Miller requirements are unweighted.
5. What courses are considered HOPE rigor?

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- a. <https://www.gafutures.org/media/hvnjflju/rigor-list-january-2023-print-ready.pdf>

FAFSA/Financial Aid Questions

1. Can students earn both Federal Aid along with state scholarships?
 - a. Yes.
2. How has the FAFSA changed?
 - a. For all FAFSA related questions, please visit <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa>
3. How is Financial Aid decided?
 - a. Financial aid depends on your Expected Family Contribution, your year in school, your enrollment status, and the cost of attendance at the school you will be attending.
4. When can my student start the FAFSA?
 - a. For our seniors (Class of 2025), they will start the FAFSA after October 1, 2024 or December 1st, 2024.
 - i. October 1, 2024 is open to select institutions; December 1, 2024 is open to ALL students and institutions. Please be sure to check with your institution when they are ready to open the FAFSA.
5. What year of the FAFSA form does my Class of 2025 student need to complete?
 - a. Students will complete the 2025-2026 FAFSA Form.

Miscellaneous

1. Will students get one-on-one help for early admission?
 - a. Students are welcome to make an appointment to see their counselor to discuss any questions they may have as they begin applying to colleges or planning for after high school.
2. Do parents need to meet with counselors or just students?
 - a. Parents/Guardians are not required to meet, however, if questions arise, they are welcome to email, call, or schedule an appointment.
3. Where can we see GPA on 4.0 scale that the college will see?
 - a. Students must report their weighted numeric average when applying, as Fulton County does not calculate GPA on a 4.0 scale. To get an estimate, students can log into GAFutures to view their tentative HOPE GPA.
4. Can we see student percentile rank?
 - a. We do not rank.
5. Where can we access the Post Secondary Senior Survey?
 - a. The Class of 2025 Post Secondary Senior Survey is on Naviance. Students access Naviance through ClassLink.
6. Do students with accommodations in high school get accommodations in college?
 - a. Students will need to schedule an appointment with the college's student support office (name may vary) to review protentional accomodations. The college would review the documentation provided and let the student know what accommodations would be available to them at their college.
7. Can students take a GAP year before college?
 - a. Yes, students are able to take a GAP year. Please see the slide in the Class of 2025 presentation that provides more information on taking a GAP year.
8. How long must a student be a resident of GA to be considered in-state?
 - a. Students must be a resident of GA at least 12 months immediately preceding the beginning of classes for the semester in which they were admitted.