



Junior Class Information Meeting

Class of 2024

# Agenda

- Graduation Requirements
- Opportunities for Rigor
- NMSQT PSAT
- SAT and ACT
- NCAA
- HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships
- Future Planning
- Transcripts and Forms

# Graduation Requirements

- MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: 23 credits
- 4 ELA
- 4 MATH
- 4 SCIENCE
- 3 SOCIAL STUDIES
- .5 PE/ .5 HEALTH
- 3 MODERN LANGUAGE/FINE ARTS/TECH\*
- 4 ELECTIVES\*\*
- [NEW PERSONAL FINANCE COURSE](#)

- \*Students interested in attending a University of Georgia system school must have 2 consecutive years of the same foreign language in order to be accepted as a freshman.
- \*\* If you are planning on taking outside coursework you must meet with Mrs. Keesee for approval. Paperwork and forms are available on the Rivers Academy Academic Advisement website.



# Opportunities for Rigor

- AP Human Geography
- AP Psychology
- Pre-Calculus
- AP Calculus
- Statistics
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Spanish III and IV
- French III
- Dual Enrollment

# NSMQT PSAT

- October 12, 2022 from 1pm-4pm
- The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test ( PSAT/NMSQT) is a standardized test administered by the College Board and cosponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).
- It provides an opportunity to practice for the SAT.
- It is used to determine eligibility and qualification for the National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Of the roughly 1.6 million students who take the test about 7,500 are awarded various scholarships.
- The scholarship has three award types—National Merit \$2500, Corporate-Sponsored Merit Scholarship awards, and College-Sponsored Merit awards.

# SAT

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# ACT

\* Data supplied by Applerouth

- Stamina – 3 hours
- 65 min Reading
- 35 min Writing
- 55 Calc Math (Algebra Focus)
- 25 No Calc Math
- Scored 400-1600
  - 800 Reading and Writing
  - 800 Math

- Speed- 2 hours
- 35 min Reading
- 45 min English
- 60 min Math (Geometry)
- 35 min Science
- Scored from 1-36

# SAT and ACT Administration Dates

- SAT
  - November 5, 2022
  - December 3, 2022
  - March 11, 2023
  - May 6, 2023
- ACT
  - October 22, 2022
  - December 10, 2022
  - February 11, 2023
  - April 15, 2023
- Registration dates are usually a month prior
  - **TEST ADMINISTRATION DATES MAY CHANGE.**
  - **PLEASE CHECK WEBSITES FOR UPDATES.**

# NCAA Eligibility

If you want to play sports at an NCAA Division I or II school, start by registering for a Certification Account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org). If you want to play Division III sports or you are not sure where you want to compete, start by creating a Profile Page at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org).

**ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS:** To play sports at a Division I or II school, you must graduate from high school, complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses, earn a minimum GPA and earn an ACT or SAT score that matches your core-course GPA.

**GRADE-POINT AVERAGE** The NCAA Eligibility Center calculates your grade-point average based only on the grades you earn in NCAA-approved core courses. • DI requires a minimum 2.3 GPA. • DII requires a minimum 2.2 GPA.

**SLIDING SCALE** Divisions I and II use sliding scales to match test scores and GPAs to determine eligibility. The sliding scale balances your test score with your GPA. If you have a low test score, you need a higher GPA to be eligible. Find more information about test scores at [ncaa.org/test-scores](http://ncaa.org/test-scores).



# NCAA Eligibility Continued

- **TEST SCORES** You may take the SAT or ACT an unlimited number of times before you enroll full time in college. Every time you register for the SAT or ACT, use the NCAA Eligibility Center code 9999 to send your scores directly to NCAA from the testing agency. They accept official scores only from the ACT or SAT and won't use scores shown on your high school transcript. If you take either test more than once, the best subscore from different tests are used to give you the best possible score.

# NCAA 11th Grade Checklist

Check with your counselor to make sure you are on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved courses and graduate on time with your class.

- Take the ACT or SAT and submit your scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.

- Ensure your sports participation information is correct in your Eligibility Center account.

- At the end of the year, ask your counselor at each high school or program you attended to upload your official transcript to your NCAA Eligibility Center account.

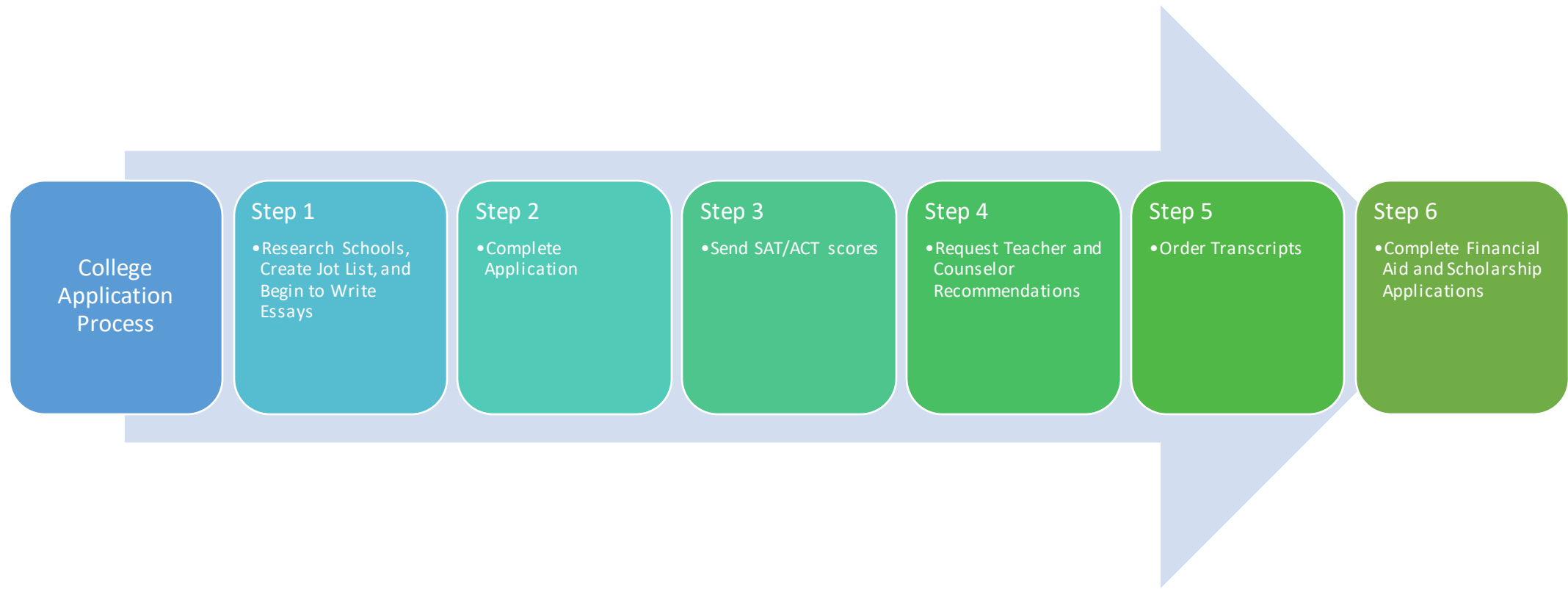
# HOPE vs ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

- **HOPE**

- Must be a legal resident of GA
- Must be a graduate of an eligible high school with 4 units of rigor
- A GPA of 3.0 in core courses
- Must maintain a 3.0 GPA in college
- If male, must have registered for selective service
- **\*\* Please note that changes do occur. For updates and additional information contact:**
- GA Student Finance Commission (GSFC)
- 770-724-9000 or [www.gsfc.org](http://www.gsfc.org)

- **ZELL**

- Must be a legal resident of GA
- Must be a graduate of an eligible high school with 4 units of rigor
- A GPA of 3.7 in core courses AND 1200 SAT or 26 ACT
- Must maintain a 3.3 GPA in college



# Future Planning

# Future Planning Continued

- What Should My Student Be Doing Now?
  - Schedule to take the fall/winter SAT in 2022
  - Begin creating a list of schools and take some virtual tours
  - Walk around some campuses this summer if you are on vacation
  - Reach out to different admission departments to get information
  - Begin filling out a Student Profile and a Parent Brag sheet

# Resources

[GAfutures](#)

[CollegeBoard](#)

[ACT](#)

[Common App](#)

[Coalition for College](#)

[Parchment](#)

[Rivers Academy Academic Advisement](#)