



Freshman & Sophomore College Prep Meeting

Tuesday, January 24th 2012

Freshmen & Sophomore College Preparation Meeting

- Things to think about
- Academic Rigor
- Average College Profiles (It's time to plan ahead)
- HOPE
- Naviance College Admission Software
- Support from the College Center



What Colleges Typically Look For...

A well-rounded, involved student.

- GPA
- Test Scores (ACT/SAT)
- Curriculum (rigor)
- Extracurricular Activities
 - Clubs, Sports
 - Work Experience, Volunteer Experience



Colleges May Also Look For...

- Letters of Recommendation
 - Teacher
 - Counselor
- Resumes
- SAT Subject Test Scores*
(*if required or necessary; check individual school websites for guidance or speak with a college representative)
- Essays
- Portfolios



Academic Rigor

- Determine your child's academic strength(s)
- Select Honor and AP courses, in those disciplines, that your child can commit to
- Your child should chart their own "path", not just choosing classes because of friends
- Colleges prefer to see a rigorous curriculum attempted
- Not all students have Honor/AP ability, thus the GPA is very important



Academic Rigor

Background Information

Class Rank _____ Class Size _____ Covering a period from _____ to _____
(mm/yyyy) (mm/yyyy)

The rank is weighted unweighted. How many additional students share this rank? _____

How do you report class rank? quartile _____ quintile _____ decile _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ on a _____ scale, covering a period from _____ to _____
(mm/yyyy) (mm/yyyy)

This GPA is weighted unweighted. The school's passing mark is _____

Highest GPA in class _____ Graduation Date _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Percentage of graduating class immediately attending: _____ four-year _____ two-year institutions

How many courses does your school offer:
AP _____ IB _____ Honors _____

If school policy limits the number a student may take in a given year, please list the maximum allowed:

AP _____ IB _____ Honors _____

Is the applicant an IB Diploma candidate? Yes No

Are classes taken on a block schedule? Yes No

In comparison with other college preparatory students at your school, the applicant's course selection is:

- most demanding
- very demanding
- demanding
- average
- below average

How long have you known this student and in what context? _____

What are the first words that come to your mind to describe this student? _____

The Common App has a section to see how many AP/Honors classes are offered at a school and how many AP/Honors classes a student has taken and the type of curriculum the student has taken. The College Counselors complete this section. Also, we do not rank.



Transcripts

- The next slide contains an example of what your child's transcript will look like when the College Counseling Office submits it to any colleges your child applies to
- It will contain grades through their Junior year and courses for their senior year
- The weighted academic GPA can be found in the upper right-hand corner



Official Transcript

Year	Courses	Year	Credit
2008-2009	Brookstone School		
	English 9 Honors	89	1.00
	Health	97	0.50
	Honors Geometry	87	1.00
	Spanish 1	85	1.00
	World History	90	1.00
	Honors Biology	81	1.00
	Technology Integration	91	0.50
	<i>Total Credits:</i>		6.00
	<i>Cumulative Credits:</i>		6.00
2009-2010	Brookstone School		
	Algebra 2	84	1.00
	US History	84	1.00
	Chemistry	84	1.00
	English 10 Honors	87	1.00
	Spanish 2 Honors	87	1.00
	Fundamentals of Art	85	1.00
		<i>Total Credits:</i>	
	<i>Cumulative Credits:</i>		12.00
2010-2011	Brookstone School		
	Anatomy/Physiology	90	1.00
	Economics	91	0.50
	English 11 Honors	86	1.00
	Am. Government	88	0.50
	Spanish 3 Honors	84	1.00
	Algebra 3/Trig	94	1.00
	Ceramics - 1	90	0.50
	Ceramics - 2	86	0.50
	<i>Total Credits:</i>		6.00
	<i>Cumulative Credits:</i>		18.00
2011-2012	Brookstone School		
	AP Literature & Composition		0.00
	AP Statistics		0.00
	Neuroanatomy		0.00
	Civil War		0.00
	AP Biology		0.00
	Strength Training 2		0.00
	Graphic Arts		0.00
	AP Human Geography		0.00
	Honors Geography		0.00
	<i>Total Credits:</i>		0.00
	<i>Cumulative Credits:</i>		18.00

US Weighted Academic GPA

Cumulative

3.467

Grading Scale & GPA Equivalents

A = 90-100	4.00
B = 80-89	3.00
C = 73-79	2.00
D = 70-72	1.00
F = Below 70	0.00

AP & Honor Courses are weighted for GPA and Honor Rolls. Honor Courses receive a 0.5 addition and AP Courses receive a 1.0 addition to the GPA equivalent.

Attendance	Absent
2008-2009	0
2009-2010	1
2010-2011	0
2011-2012	2



- The next 3 slides include the average freshman profile statistics from 11 different schools
- It includes some middle-50% numbers, some Average GPAs and Average Test Scores, and Subject test preferences***

***NOTE – These are averaged numbers, not the admission requirements or standards. If your child does not have the listed numbers, that does not mean they don't meet a school's specific admission requirements. All students should have a list of colleges that include dream schools, likely admittance schools, and back up schools. There will be multiple colleges that are the right fit for your child, we want to make sure they have options to choose from.



College Freshman Profiles

- Harvard
 - 2 Subject Tests
 - Middle 50%:
SAT : 2225
ACT: 32
- UGA
 - Subject Tests Recommended
 - Avg. GPA: 3.83
 - Avg. SAT: 1835
 - Avg. ACT: 27
- UNC
 - Subject Test Optional
 - Avg. GPA: 4.47
 - Avg. SAT: 1955
 - Avg. ACT: 28
- Ole Miss
 - Avg. GPA: 3.37
 - Avg. SAT: 1587
 - Avg. ACT: 23



College Freshmen Profiles

- Auburn
 - Subject Tests Optional
 - Avg. GPA: 3.79
 - Avg. SAT: 1797
 - Avg. ACT: 27
- Georgia Tech
 - Subject Tests Optional
 - Avg. GPA: 3.71
 - Avg. SAT: 1985
 - Avg. ACT: 29
- Davidson
 - Subject Tests Recommended
 - Avg. SAT: 2007
 - Avg. ACT: 30
- Georgia State College & University
 - Avg. GPA: 3.4
 - Avg. SAT: 1700
 - Avg. ACT: 24



College Freshmen Profiles

- Rhodes
 - Subject Tests Optional
 - Avg. GPA: 3.78
 - Avg. SAT: 1887
 - Avg. ACT: 28
- Vanderbilt
 - Subject Tests Recommended
 - Avg. GPA: 3.6
 - Avg. SAT: 2157
 - Avg. ACT: 32
- North Georgia
 - Avg. GPA: 3.28
 - Avg. SAT: 1632
 - Avg. ACT: 23



HOPE Eligibility Requirements

- www.GAcollege411.org
- Hope requires:
 - Be a legal resident of Georgia
 - Graduate from a HOPE eligible HS in GA
 - Graduate with a 3.0 GPA* or higher (*as calculated by GSFC)
- Zell Miller requires:
 - Be a legal resident of Georgia
 - Graduate from a HOPE eligible HS in GA
 - Graduate with a 3.7 GPA* or higher
 - Receive a score of at least 1200 (CR+M) on a single SAT testing or a score of at least 26 on a single ACT testing; or
 - Graduate as the valedictorian or salutatorian



Additional HOPE Requirements

- Starting with the class of 2015 (9th graders), HOPE will require students to take a number of advanced or academically rigorous classes.
 - 2015 = 2 classes
 - 2016 = 3 classes
 - 2017 & on = 4 classes
- http://www.gsfc.org/main/publishing/pdf/2011/hope_rigor_requirements.pdf
(online chart)



Academically Rigorous HOPE Standards

- Rigor requirements (for HOPE) can include the following:
 - Advanced math, such as Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry, Math III, or an equivalent or higher course
 - Advanced science, such as Chemistry, Physics, Biology II, or an equivalent or higher course
 - Advanced Placement (AP) courses in core subjects
 - Advanced foreign language courses (3rd year or higher)



Responsibilities Of The College Counselors

- Submit official transcripts to all institutions your child is applying to
- Complete and submit the counselor recommendation form
- Submit any teacher recommendations
- Act as a liaison with college officials
- Review essays and applications before they are submitted
- Help students come up with a list of institutions that would be a good fit
- Schedule College Visits at Brookstone



Naviance

- Online College Search Program
- Set up all students on their Sophomore year
- Includes:
 - Scattergrams (of recent Brookstone grads)
 - College Maps (of recent Brookstone grads)
 - College Search (and research)
 - SuperMatch College Search
 - College Match
 - College Compare



Naviance

- 9th graders are not set up on this program. We prefer to give them a year to transition into high school and focus on their grades during their first year.
- All Sophomore student accounts were set up at the same time in a sophomore meeting. Check with your child to log onto the program to see all it offers.
- If your child has forgotten their password, contact Mr. Terrell or Mrs. Berry and we will reset the password to your child's account.
- Be sure to have your child show you the website and all of it's features and capabilities.



What You Need To Be Doing

- Grades, Grades, Grades!
 - A student's most important responsibility in their 9th and 10th grade years are concentrating on grades. Starting out strong is key to having more options in your college search.
- Don't Panic!
 - There is no need to panic or worry at this point in time. Take a deep breath, start planning for the future and be a positive supporter for your child.
- Be Responsible!
 - Students should ask teachers questions or visit them during office hours. Take advantage of study hall. Visit Mrs. Berry or Mr. Terrell with college questions.



College Tour Is Texas Bound!

Monday, May 28th- Saturday, June 2nd

Tentative List of Schools to Visit:

Southern Methodist University

University of Texas

Rice University

Louisiana State University

Tulane University

Ole Miss

Rhodes College

Samford University

UAB

Birmingham-Southern

University of Alabama

~More info to follow~

