



*Brookwood High School
Counseling Department*

*Sophomore Parent Night
Class of 2021*

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Agenda

Meet your counselors
10th Grade Assistant Principal
Academic Support
Graduation requirements
Staying on Track
GPA
HOPE
PSAT
SAT/ACT
College and Career
Junior Year Preview

Counselors

- ☞ Ms. Stephanie Medlin* A-Co
- ☞ Dr. Boone Benton Cr-He
- ☞ Dr. Varieta Benjamin Hi-Me
- ☞ Mrs. Ashlee Linderman Mi-Sa
- ☞ Mr. William Blair Sb-Z
- ☞ Dr. Stacy Dehnke* SST/504
- ☞ Donna Varzaly – College and Career Room (No appointment needed, but students must have a pass from their teacher!)

*Department Chairs

Appointments

- ☞ Students can make an appointment to see their counselor in A1 (right next to the main office).
- ☞ Students in Crisis may see their counselor, or the counselor on call.
- ☞ You can call the counseling office at (678) 344-2603 or email your child's counselor directly at
 - Firstname_Lastname@gwinnett.k12.ga.us
- ☞ If you would like to meet with your child's teachers, parent conferences can be set up through the counseling office.

Administration

- ∞ Your 10th grade Assistant Principal is Mr. Joe Cox
 - Office located in E24
 - Office Assistant is Liz Reid

Academic Support

- ∞ Teacher Office Hours on E-class
- ∞ A list of Tutors can be found on the Brookwood Counseling website, as well as in the counseling office
- ∞ Academic Intervention
 - Certified teachers
 - Peer tutors
 - Chromebooks
 - Tests, quiz make-ups
- ∞ E-Class and Parent Portal

Graduation Requirements

Requirements	Credits
Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Social Studies	3
Science	4
Health/Personal Fitness	1
W Lang and/or Fine Art and/or CTAE <small>Students planning to enter/transfer into a 4 year college/university must take a minimum of two units of the same world language.</small>	3
Electives	4
Total Credits	23

- Pass GCPS Gateway Assessments (administered in 10th grade)

Staying on Track

- ∞ If students fail a class, there are several options for making up the credit. The sooner your child discusses these options with their counselor, the greater the chance to stay on track for an on-time graduation.
- ∞ Options for making up a failed course:
 - Credit Recovery (grade requirement is 60-69)
 - Gwinnett Online Campus
 - Phoenix High School
 - Summer School
 - Consult your counselor BEFORE you register for any course outside of GCPS! You need to know the process for accepting credit from outside of GCPS.

GPA

- ⌘ Every course taken in high school is calculated into the cumulative GPA.
- ⌘ Cumulative GPA is located on your child's report card/transcript. It can also be located in the Parent Portal.
- ⌘ Core GPA (sometimes called HOPE GPA) refers to the GPA that only includes Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Language.
- ⌘ Students are sometimes surprised at the difference between their Cumulative GPA and HOPE GPA because classes like PE, Band, Art, Chorus, etc are removed.

Accessing H.O.P.E. Average

∞ Preliminary HOPE Scholarship averages are available on Georgia Futures (www.GAFutures.org)

- 1) Log on to www.GAFutures.org
- 2) Sign into your account
- 3) Click on the “Financial Aid” tab at the top of the page
- 4) Under Quicklinks, select “Your HOPE GPA”
- 5) Enter Name, Date of Birth, and Social Security number
- 6) Select “Brookwood High School”
- 7) The final screen displays your HOPE GPA
- 8) Select “View Your Detailed GPA Report”

PSAT

- ∞ All 10th graders will take the PSAT (Practice SAT) in October for free.
- ∞ 11th graders are highly encouraged to take the PSAT again because National Merit Scholarship recipients are chosen based on their PSAT scores from their Junior Year.
- ∞ Students can use Khan Academy to link their PSAT scores from College Board to SAT practice questions.

SAT and ACT

Some colleges may require a student to take the essay portion of the ACT or a SAT II subject test. Check to find out!

Free practice tests for the ACT and SAT can be found at:

- ❖ www.GAFutures.org
- ❖ www.testprep.com
- ❖ www.March2success.com
- ❖ www.khanacademy.org (official SAT test prep)

College And Career Room

- ∞ College Representatives
- ∞ Computers
- ∞ SAT/ACT registration information
- ∞ SAT/ACT Study Guides
- ∞ NCAA Clearinghouse registration information
- ∞ HOPE information
- ∞ Military Information
- ∞ Scholarship Information
- ∞ College Letters of Recommendation start here!

College Admission Standards

How is a student evaluated?

- **GPA**
- **Course Selection (rigor; difficulty level)** – Selective colleges are looking at the strength or rigor of courses throughout high school, including senior year.
- **Test Scores (SAT, ACT, AccuPlacer)**
- **Extracurricular Activities** – Leadership and participation in clubs, service, and sports can be particularly important to competitive colleges

Other Things to Consider

- ∞ Colleges and Universities are looking for well-round students
- ∞ How is your student making his/her world a better place?
- ∞ Volunteer hours are important
- ∞ Consider starting a Raise Me account for 1) Micro-scholarships and 2) online record of volunteer hours

www.raise.me

Secure | https://www.raise.me/colleges

RaiseMe Portfolio Scholarships Colleges +\$100 Search for a college...

RECOMMENDATIONS **SEARCH COLLEGES**

Clear All 15 Colleges Sort By Distance: Closest to me

Awards scholarships on RaiseMe Out-of-state In-state Pre-Veterinary Studies Animal Sciences, General Animal Sciences, Other

Zoology/Animal Biology

University of Kentucky **\$** DEC 1 DEADLINE
Lexington, KY
Currently earning **\$18,260**
Following

West Virginia University **\$** NOV 1 DEADLINE
Morgantown, WV
Currently earning **\$14,338**
Following

University of Findlay **\$** NOV 1 DEADLINE
Findlay, OH
Currently earning **\$58,799**
Following

Olivet Nazarene NOV 1

Madonna University **\$** APR 1

University of Delaware **\$** OCT 15

Junior Year Preview

- ∞ Junior Parent Meeting is held in January of your child's junior year.
- ∞ Students will complete a Junior Review with a counselor during guided study to review course history and graduation requirements
- ∞ Register to take the SAT/ACT
- ∞ Read the Junior Bulletin (beginning in January of Jr Year)
- ∞ Talk with college reps who visit BHS and begin visiting colleges
- ∞ Utilize the College and Career Room and meet Mrs. Varzaly
- ∞ Begin working on your Brag Sheet (for a Letter of Rec.)
- ∞ Became familiar with www.Gafutures.org.

Additional Information

- www.brookwoodcounseling.com
 - Check the counseling website frequently for scholarship opportunities
 - Counselors can be contacted via email – Email contact information is located on the website.

This entire presentation will be added to the counseling website to review as needed!