

**PEBBLEBROOK HIGH SCHOOL**  
**CLASS OF 2026 Junior YEAR AND BEYOND**

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**HOPE GPA:**

HOPE GPA is the average of ALL core classes – calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) using your English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Languages ONLY! It includes courses you passed and/or failed! There are no extra quality points for Honor’s, but 0.5 extra quality points are given for AP and DE courses, up to 4.0. The HOPE scholarships can be used at in-state colleges/universities. For private colleges/universities, only a portion of the tuition is covered which is at a much lower rate than the GA public colleges/universities.

**\*HOPE GPA is not included on CCSD transcript. You can find your HOPE GPA by setting up an account on [www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org)\***

<b>Types of HOPE &amp; Requirements</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Must take 4 classes the GSFC determines as rigorous. A list of approved Rigor courses can be found at <a href="http://www.gafutures.org">www.gafutures.org</a> &gt; HOPE &amp; State Aid Programs &gt; HOPE &amp; Zell Miller Scholarships &gt; HOPE Scholarship &gt; Initial Eligibility</li> <li>➤ You can apply for HOPE using the FAFSA or the GSFAPP (<b>You do NOT need to complete both!</b>)</li> <li>➤ Must be a Georgia resident for at least one year (Green Card or citizenship)</li> </ul>	
<b>Zell Miller Scholarship</b> <small>Full rate of tuition at <i>public</i> institutions</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Requires <b>3.7 core high school (HOPE) GPA</b> as calculated by GSFC (<a href="http://www.gafutures.org">www.gafutures.org</a>).</li> <li>➤ Requires <b>1200 SAT Math and Reading or 26 ACT composite in one test sitting</b></li> </ul>
<b>Hope Scholarship</b> <small>*Pays a portion of standard tuition at <i>public</i> institution*</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>3.0 HOPE GPA</b> as calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) in core curriculum courses (English, math, science, foreign language, social science)</li> <li>➤ Must earn a minimum of <b>4 credits from the academic rigor course list</b> prior to graduating from high school. (Review your HOPE transcript on <a href="http://GAfutures.org">GAfutures.org</a>)</li> <li>➤ <b>Two year or four-year degree</b></li> </ul>
<b>Hope Grant</b> <small>*Pays a portion of standard tuition*</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>No initial GPA requirement; 2.0 required after the first 30 hours</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Technical certificate or diploma at a GA Technical College</b></li> <li>➤ Must have a <b>high school diploma or GED</b></li> </ul>
<b>Zell Miller Grant</b> <small>Full standard rate of tuition</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ No initial GPA Requirement; Requires 3.5 college GPA for grant eligibility</li> <li>➤ Does not require minimum test score</li> <li>➤ Covers 100% tuition (retroactively covers previous semester once 3.5 GPA is earned) for</li> </ul>
<b>Hope Career Grant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Enroll in certain high-demand certificate and diploma programs at a University System of Georgia (USG) or Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) school</li> <li>➤ A list of eligible programs can be found at <a href="http://www.gafutures.org">www.gafutures.org</a></li> <li>➤ HOPE Grant and Zell Miller Grant eligibility requirements apply</li> </ul>

	➤ Award amount: Awards are a fixed amount per term based on the program and number of hours enrolled; approved programs and award amounts available on <a href="http://GAfutures.org">GAfutures.org</a>
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**College Fairs/Admission Rep Visits:**

- **Check NAVIANCE for PHS College Visits:** Naviance > Colleges > College Visits *College Visits are held in the Career Center within the Counseling Office; Students must Register for each college visit in Naviance to attend; Junior & Seniors are permitted to attend; Students must be within eligible GPA range of visiting college to attend.*
- **Georgia Probe College Fairs:** <https://www.gaprobe.org/calendar/>
- **HBCU College Fairs:** <https://hbcucollegefair.com/virtual-college-fairs/>

**Alternatives to 4-Year College:**

Check out the following video for insight into options beyond 4-year college: [bit.ly/alternativesto4yearcollege](http://bit.ly/alternativesto4yearcollege)

**What type of training do you need to achieve your career goals?**

<b>On-The-Job Training</b>	Structured hands-on training by a peer or supervisor over a short period of time. These types of careers don't typically require tests for certification or licensure.
<b>Apprenticeship</b>	Typically takes 1-6 years to learn the job from someone who is licensed in the field. Often requires formal licensure and may also require formal classes to learn the skills and prepare for the exam. Receive pay and benefits while training.
<b>Military</b>	Full-Time (Active Duty) or Part-Time (Reserves) Air Force, Army, Army National Guard, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy
<b>Specialty School</b>	Offer training in a specific career area. Note: They can be expensive. Financial Aid may be limited.
<b>Technical College</b>	State technical colleges that allow you to earn certificates, diplomas, or associate degrees in multiple career fields.
<b>Four-Year College</b>	Earn a bachelor's degree in multiple career fields.

**Unsure about what do you want to do after high school?**

- Step 1: Take an Interest Inventory (available on Naviance or sign up to take the ASVAB)
- Step 2: Once you have your results, make a list of careers you want to research.
- Step 3: Determine the occupational outlook for the career(s).
- Step 4: Look for schools/programs that offer the major or training for that career.
- Step 5: Meet with your School Counselor to talk about the next steps.

**TESTS YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO TAKE**

SAT and/or ACT	ACCUPLACER	ASVAB	Certification/Licensing Exams
4 Year College/Univ	2 Year/Technical College	Military	Apprenticeship/Work

## SAT Dates and Deadlines

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee)	Expected Score Release
March 8, 2025	February 21 2025	February 25, 2025	Days after test
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025	Days after test
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025	Days after test

Go to [sat.org/register](https://sat.org/register) to register for the SAT.

## ACT Dates and Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee)	Expected Score Release
February 8, 2025	January 3, 2025	January 20, 2025	10-20 days after test
April 5, 2025	February 28, 2025	March 16, 2025	10-20 days after test
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025	10-20 days after test
July 12, 2025	June 6, 2025	June 20, 2025	10-20 days after test

Go to [actstudent.org](https://actstudent.org) to register for the ACT.

**Test and Application Fee waivers are available to low-income 11th- and 12th-grade students in the U.S.**

SAT Fee Waiver	ACT Fee Waivers
2 Free SATs & 2 Free Answer Services	4 Free ACTs with or without the optional writing
Unlimited Score Reports to colleges	Free access to The Official ACT online course
Waived application fees at participating schools <i>(If you have already tested, the fee waivers are in your college board account.)</i>	Free score reports to up to 6 colleges
Free CSS Profile at participating schools	College application fee waivers (see your counselor)
<b>You're eligible if one or more of these descriptions apply to you:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ You're enrolled in or eligible to participate in the federal National School Lunch Program (NSLP).</li> <li>➤ Your family's annual income falls within the Income Eligibility Guidelines set by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service.</li> <li>➤ You're enrolled in a federal, state, or local program that aids students from low-income families, for example, TRIO programs like Upward Bound.</li> <li>➤ Your family receives public assistance.</li> <li>➤ You're homeless or live in federally subsidized public housing or a foster home.</li> </ul>	<b>Eligibility:</b>  Meet one or more of the indicators of economic need listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Enrolled in a federal free or reduced-price lunch program at school, based on US Department of Agriculture (USDA) income levels. (See NOTE)</li> <li>➤ Enrolled in a program for the economically disadvantaged (for example, a federally funded program such as GEAR UP or Upward Bound). Note: If the student participates in a program, but is not economically disadvantaged, they are not eligible for a fee waiver.</li> <li>➤ Resides in a foster home, is a ward of the state, or is homeless.</li> </ul>

➤ You're a ward of the state or an orphan.

- Family receives low-income public assistance or lives in federally subsidized public housing.
- A family's total annual income is at or below USDA levels for free or reduced-price lunches on the USDA Food and Nutrition Service website.

**Your enrolling adult will need to apply for Free/Reduced lunch at [www.cobbk12.org/pebblebrook](http://www.cobbk12.org/pebblebrook) > FIND IT FAST > Lunch Menus > Family Meal Application Information. Once approved please email the copy of the approval to [Julyynn.Williams-Chandler@cobbk12.org](mailto:Julyynn.Williams-Chandler@cobbk12.org) to receive your test fee waiver(s).**

#### **ACCUPLACER:**

##### **ACCUPLACER EXAM: Computer Adaptive College Placement Test**

- Used for admission to 2 Year and Technical Colleges (in place of SAT or ACT)
- Scheduled through the individual colleges
- Evaluates skill levels in reading, writing and math
- 3 Integrated Components: Placement Assessments, Diagnostic Assessments and Skill Building Support
- Immediate results

#### **ASVAB:**

Sign-up to take the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) at Pebblebrook HS in the fall and spring semesters. It can be used for the military or for insight into your career strengths. (Scores are not automatically released to the military).

#### **APPRENTICESHIP/CERTIFICATIONS:**

##### **Apprenticeship-Licensing/Certification Exams**

Work-based training method that combines formal instruction with on-site, occupational-related training. Some programs may require a licensing exam upon completion: Cosmetology, Electrician, Welding, etc.

## **ALL THINGS NAVIANCE**

#### **STUDENT NAVIANCE LOGIN INFO**

**DO NOT GOOGLE NAVIANCE! It will prevent you from accessing the secure site.**

#### **LOGIN OPTIONS (STUDENTS):**

Go to [www.cobbk12.org](http://www.cobbk12.org) > Find It Fast (top right-hand corner) and choose **Naviance**  
*If Given a Choice, Make Sure You Are Choosing to Login Using CLEVER*

LOCATION	USERNAME	PASSWORD
Home	Office 365 Username	School Computer Password
School	Automatically Logged In	

**THINGS YOU WILL USE NAVIANCE FOR:**

1. Requesting your official transcript to be sent to the colleges you are applying to. You will not make this request until Senior Year.
2. Asking teachers to send Letters of Recommendation to the colleges you are applying to. You will not make this request until Senior year.
3. Completing a Survey to request a Counselor Letter of Recommendation. You will not make this request until Senior year.
4. Scholarships (see below). You can start looking through scholarship options NOW.
5. College Research. Click “Colleges”, on the left in the drop down you will see “SuperMatch College Search”.

**Scholarship Information**

1. **All scholarships are housed in Naviance.** When we receive information about scholarships, we post them in Naviance so the list is constantly updated. There is also information about specific scholarships that colleges/universities offer. It is the student’s responsibility to check Naviance to see any updated scholarships.
2. Scholarship deadlines, like college application deadlines, are firm. You snooze, you lose out on money.
3. Sign up for scholarship notifications from different scholarship search engines like [www.goingmerry.com](http://www.goingmerry.com), [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com), [www.raise.me](http://www.raise.me)

**Update your Email in your Naviance Account**

We need your **personal** email address so we can communicate important information with you. Please get in the habit of checking email frequently.

1. Click on the “About Me” link at the top.
2. Click on “My Account.”
3. Click on the Pencil Icon in the “Contact Information Box.”
4. Enter your personal email address.
5. Click “Save.”