

GLADS to GRADS



and BEYOND

Congratulations Class of 2020!!!



This will be you in a few months!

Today's #Goals

- ❑ To **explore** college and other postsecondary options
- ❑ To ensure that **all students** leave CCHS with a plan
- ❑ To **present timelines** for important events for senior year
- ❑ To **answer questions** about life after high school

We're Here to Support You!



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Post-secondary Options: Enroll, Enlist, Employ



Enroll in College



22 Technical Colleges



COMMUNITY COLLEGE

VERSUS

4-YEAR UNIVERSITY

WHICH ONE IS RIGHT FOR YOU?



You earn an Associate's (A.A.) Degree in 2 years.

Open admissions. Almost everyone accepted.

You have to live off campus. There are no dorms.

Cheaper.



You earn a Bachelor's (B.A.) Degree in 4 years.

More selective admissions process with more requirements.

You can live on campus in dorms to have the traditional "college experience".

More expensive.



24 Private Institutions



24 Public Universities

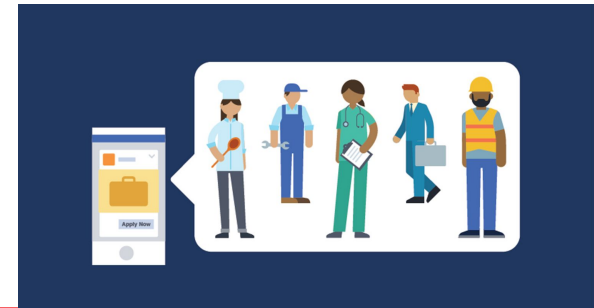


Enlist in the Military



Employ

- Join the workforce
- Enter an apprenticeship program. Apprenticeships are formal combinations of classroom and on-the-job training.
- Enter an occupation-specific training program.



Pros & Cons: What Do You Think?

We are going to divide up into 5 groups. Take a piece of paper and a writing utensil with you as you move.

Each group will be assigned one of the following post-secondary options:

- Military
- 4-year college
- 2-year college
- Workforce
- certificate/diploma

Pros & Cons: What Do You Think?



Even though some of you may be sure of your plans post high school, it is important for you to be aware of the pros/cons of every post-secondary option.

Take 3-5 minutes to discuss the pros/cons or the advantages and disadvantages of the post-secondary option you've been assigned as a group.

As you discuss, write these pros & cons down on a sheet of paper. When we discuss the post-secondary option you've been assigned as a group, be ready to share out!

College Planning



How to Decide...



- Future Career
- Location
- Size
- Athletics
- Public vs. Private
- 2 year v. 4 year
- Cost
- Admissions Criteria

Match & Fit

Is the school right for you? Are you right for them?



What college admissions officers look at:

- GPA
- Rigor of curriculum
- SAT/ACT/ACCUPLACER Scores
- Personal Achievements/Extracurriculars

Some schools also consider:

- Teacher & counselor recommendation letters
- Application essays

*It is a good idea to **visit any school that you can!** If not, Ms. Johnson can also set up representative visits for the school to visit Clarke Central!

Get Your College Applications In Early...



If you are college bound, you should aim to have **AT LEAST ONE** college application completed by Thanksgiving.

College Admissions Testing

- CCHS students qualify for 2 SAT and 2 ACT fee waivers due to our FRPL program. This means you can take **each test, twice, for free.**
 - ◆ If you register for a test with a waiver and do not go, your waiver is gone!
- SAT & ACT tests are **about once a month on a Saturday** and are offered at Cedar Shoals and UGA in Athens.
- SAT & ACT scores are **usable for up to 5 years!** Even if college isn't your plan right now, it might be a good idea to take a test anyway!



achieve more
SAT

CollegeBoard
ACCUPLACER

ACT

FREE SAT/ACT Prep

→ SAT

- ◆ [KhanAcademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org)
- ◆ College Board:
collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice



→ ACT

- ◆ [ACTAcademy.act.org](https://www.act.org)

→ SAT & ACT

- ◆ College Factory's Go Succeed Program:
bit.ly/GOSUCCEED

→ ACCUPLACER

- ◆ accuplacer.collegeboard.org





A college application is more than just the application form!

- **Online Application or Paper Application**
 - ◆ Do not pay application fees! Students in CCSD qualify for college application fee waivers.

- **Official Transcript**
 - ◆ Reporting 9th-11th grade grades. Request for your transcript to be sent via GAFutures.org or through your counselor or College Adviser. Transcripts take 2-4 weeks to be processed by the college once we send them from CCHS.

- **Test scores**
 - ◆ SAT or ACT. Send scores from every attempt even if you “did bad”. Test scores take 2-4 weeks to process once sent by the student.

- **Other supporting documents** may include: a fee waiver, proof of lawful presence, letters of recommendation, etc.

How do I ask for a letter of recommendation?

Even if you do not need a letter of rec for your college applications, you will **DEFINITELY** need one for scholarships!

- Identify two teachers and at least one “other” person as potential recommenders and reach out to them with an email, phone call, or letter.
 - ◆ One that taught you in a core class during 11th or 12th grade
 - ◆ One that knows you very well and taught you during 11th or 12th grade
 - ◆ A boss, priest, coach, important family friend, anyone but family works for “other”!
- Provide at least two weeks notice - more if you are able!
- Give your recommender a resume or other document that lists your accomplishments (such as the Recommendation Activity Worksheet from the counseling office).
- It’s polite to write a thank you note to your recommender after the letter is submitted!

HOPE Programs

HOPE Scholarship

- ◆ 3.0 GPA in all academics
- ◆ 4 Rigor courses

Zell Miller Scholarship

- ◆ 3.7 GPA
- ◆ ACT = 26 composite OR
- ◆ SAT = 1200 (EBR&W+Math)
- ◆ 4 Rigor courses

HOPE Grant & HOPE Career Grant

GPA Scale:

A = 4.0

B = 3.0

C = 2.0

F = 0.0

**Check your HOPE GPA by
logging in to your
GAFutures.org account!**

Finding Scholarship Money

- Make sure you meet the requirements
- Start with local or specific scholarships
 - Be aware of the competition
- Write a great essay (or, reuse a great old essay)
 - Be yourself!

5 hours research, writing essay, applying = **\$500**

5 hours work at \$7.50/hr = **\$37.50 - tax**

CCHS Scholarship Listing

All scholarship information received in the Counseling Office is now listed in the CCCHS Scholarship Guide.

bit.ly/censcholarships

This includes local scholarships, institution based scholarships, and national scholarship programs as well as databases and information about state and federal aid. Reach out to Ms. Johnson for help or guidance with scholarships!

Check back frequently because it will be updated regularly throughout the year!

Enlist



Thinking about Enlisting?



If you're thinking of enlisting in the military, start with some research.



It's a big decision, and you'll have important choices to make when you sign up.



As an active duty enlisted member, you'll learn a job specialty and do hands-on work. You'll sign a contract, usually for four years active and four years inactive service.

The military has five branches: the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy. Each has its own focus, job specialties, base locations, and more.

Services Branches of the Military

- ★ Air Force--The aerial and space warfare service branch of the United States Armed Forces (USAF)
- ★ Army--The land warfare service branch of the USAF.
- ★ Coast Guard--The coastal defense, search & rescue, and maritime law enforcement branch of the USAF.
- ★ Navy--The maritime warfare service branch of the USAF
- ★ Marine Corps--The USMC provides quick response units in times of crisis and is involved with strikes launched at sea, working with the United States Navy, the Army, and Air Force. They also protect embassies and are ready to respond on short notice anywhere in the world.
- ★ The National Guard is composed of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. These are the reserve units of these branches.



Requirements to Enlist

Citizenship



U.S. citizen

or



Lawful permanent resident with a valid “Green Card” (You may have fewer job choices.)

Education and Testing



High school diploma

or








GED (Your options may be more limited in some branches.)

Everyone must take the **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)** test. It determines which branches and jobs you can pursue.

Age Limits

Enlist at 17 with parental consent, or 18 or older without. Each service has a different enlistment age limit:

				
Marines 28	Coast Guard 31	Army 34	Air Force 39	Navy 39

Health and Fitness



Pass a physical exam and meet weight limits. Each service has different fitness standards.

ASVAB

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery

- ★ The ASVAB is a multiple-choice exam that helps determine careers for which an individual is best suited. There is a test and a separate career exploration component. Both traditional pen-and-paper exams and a computer-based version are available.
- ★ The ASVAB takes approximately three hours to complete and has questions about standard school subjects like math, English, writing and science.
- ★ Each service uses a custom combination of ASVAB results to produce scores related to different career fields.
- ★ You can take the ASVAB with a recruiter as many times as you want but we offer it at CCHS twice each year. It will be offered on November 13th and again in February. Listen out to announcements for sign up information.



ASVAB Resources

- ★ ASVAB resources and practice tests are available online at:
 - [March2success.com](https://march2success.com)
 - <https://www.asvabprogram.com/>
 - <https://www.todaysmilitary.com/how-to-join/asvab-test>
 - www.military.com/join-armed-forces/asvab
- ★ Your ASVAB results will report scores on each of the subtests as well as your AFQT score. AFQT stands for Armed Forces Qualification Test. This score is the combination of 4 math and verbal subtests and is used for placement into the military.

Career Options in the Military

Each branch of the military has a minimum required AFQT score for entry:

Service Branch	Minimum AFQT with High School Diploma	Minimum AFQT with GED
Air Force	31	50
Army	31	50
Coast Guard	36	47
Marines	32	50
Navy	35	50

Please note, these minimums change from time to time so check with your recruiter for the most up to date information.

In addition, specific jobs in the military require minimum score combinations from various sections of the ASVAB. Generally speaking, the higher your ASVAB score, the more career opportunities you'll have in the military.

This gets complicated, but you can visit [military.com](https://www.military.com) for examples and additional information.

[Today's Military](#) provides a great overview of different careers that are available in the military and information about average military salaries.

Benefits of Enlisting



- ★ Competitive pay with enlistment bonuses
- ★ Full-time (active duty) and part-time (reserves) options
- ★ Education Benefits--college tuition or repayment of educational loans
 - Tuition Assistance Program (100% payment of college tuition for Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve)
 - College Fund enlistment benefit--determined by service branch
 - Student loan forgiveness program valued up to \$65,000, repayment options, and deferment options
- ★ Housing, meals, health, and dental benefits for active duty
- ★ Advanced and Specialty Training
- ★ Opportunities for travel, relocation services, and paid vacation benefits
- ★ Veterans benefits: pension, education and training, health care, home loans
- ★ Service to your country

Recommendations

- ★ Talk to military recruiters. Recruiters often visit CCHS during lunch and will be located outside of Mell Auditorium.
- ★ Ask questions...if you're considering enlisting, make sure you know what you're getting into. Remember, you're making a commitment.
- ★ Ask about career opportunities that you're interested in and possible career options that would be available to you based on your ASVAB scores.
- ★ Make sure someone reviews enlistment documents before you sign.



Employ



Average Salary Information for US Workers

MEDIAN WAGE

in the United States in the first quarter of 2019

\$47,060

2.7% percent higher than 2018

Average Income by Occupation



Age When Income Is Highest

Women

age 35 to 44

\$47,996

Men

age 55 to 64

\$61,048

Median Wages by Education



Wages - Starting in Athens GA

- Caterpillar - Shift Caterpillar Production Associate (Temporary) - \$13.78/hour
- Target - Team Member - \$13/hour
- Steak 'n Shake - Dishwasher/Busser - \$12/hour
- Insomnia Cookies - Baker/Front Counter - \$8.50/hour
- FedEx - Package Handler- Warehouse - \$12.10 - \$16/hour



Apprenticeships

- An **apprenticeship** is a system of training a new generation of practitioners of a trade or profession with on-the-job training and often some accompanying study.
- **Athens Technical College**
 - ManufactuREADY is an intensive six-week program that prepares unemployed individuals for success in the rewarding field of manufacturing.
 - Cost of training - \$0.00
 - Certified Nurse Aide
 - Potential salary - \$30,000
 - Cost of training - \$2,999
- IEC electrical training apprenticeship program
 - Entry wages are based on experience averaging \$12.00 per hour, but no experience is required



HOPE Grant Options

- Georgia's HOPE Grant is available to Georgia residents who are working towards a certificate or diploma at an eligible college or university in Georgia.
 - Eligibility
 - Full-time enrollment in a certificate or diploma program is not required and students are not required to graduate from high school with a specific GPA, however, they must have a postsecondary cumulative 2.0 GPA, at certain checkpoints, in order to maintain eligibility.
 - Eligible Institutions
- HOPE Career Grant
 - Students enrolled in an approved program of study who are eligible for, and receiving, HOPE or Zell Miller Grant funding, may also be eligible for funding from the HOPE Career Grant.
 - Eligible Careers



What's Next?



Senior Year Timeline

This week

- Check your current high school GPA and HOPE GPA (and test scores, if applying to college or military).
- Continue exploring post-secondary options you are interested in.

This Month

- Sign up for a **senior meeting** with your counselor. You can invite your parent/guardian. We review your transcript and requirements for graduation, and discuss your postsecondary plans. **YOU** need to make your appointment for your senior meeting.
- Sign up for a **one-on-one meeting** with the college adviser if you are interested in going to college!

This semester

- Take or retake the **SAT/ACT/ACCUPLACER/ASVAB**.
- Begin applying to college & working on financial aid **-OR-** communicating with military recruiters **-OR-** working on a resume and researching for your future career.

All year!

- Continue checking your email for updates from the counseling office.
- Reach out to your college adviser and school counselor **as needed for assistance** with your plans for after high school. We are here to help!



Upcoming Events for the Class of 2020

- Senior Picture Retakes - 9/18 & 9/19
 - FAFSA Night - 10/3
 - College & Career Fair - 11/6
 - ASVAB Test - 11/13
 - ACCA Senior Night - 11/19
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Questions?

