



# Senior Information

Class of 2010

Houston County High School



# Post-Secondary Search

- Looking for the right college or technical school? Use [www.gacollege411.org](http://www.gacollege411.org)
- Another helpful website:  
[www.gcis.peachnet.edu](http://www.gcis.peachnet.edu)
  - Username: houstonchs
  - Password: gcis572
  - Create your own portfolio to save information

# College Visits

- Seniors get 1 excused absence to use as a college visit
- You **MUST** pick up the paperwork in the counselor's office prior to your visit
- Upon return, present proof of your visit to the Attendance Office (this is usually a letter provided by the college on their letterhead)

# Transcripts

- For most Georgia colleges, you may request that your transcript be sent electronically by logging into your [www.gacollege411.org](http://www.gacollege411.org) account
  - Log into your account
  - Go to “College Planning” tab
  - Select “Applications and Transcripts
  - Select Request and Track Your Transcript
  - Select your high school and the destination college
- For colleges that do not accept electronic transcripts or for out of state colleges, request your transcript in the counselor’s office.
  - Your transcript will be prepared in a sealed envelope—pick it up a couple of days after making your request and mail it to the college

# Letters of Recommendation

- Required by some colleges/scholarships
- Must be submitted to your counselor 2 weeks prior to due date
- Provide a resume (school activities, community involvement, awards/recognition)

# Counselor Evaluation Forms/Secondary School Reports

- Required by some schools as part of the admission process
- Must be received by counselor 2 weeks prior to due date
- Will be returned to you to mail; if you are mailing a transcript as well these can be mailed together
- UGA forms: counselor submits online. Let your counselor know you have applied and need the counselor evaluation to be completed

# SAT/ACT/ASSET

- SAT and/or ACT is required for admission to FOUR YEAR colleges/universities
- Most 2 year colleges/junior colleges will allow you to test on their campus and the SAT/ACT is not required
- Technical colleges require the ASSET test, given on their campus
- Prepare before you test!

# Test Preparation

- [www.gacollege411.org](http://www.gacollege411.org) has test preparation
- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) has a free SAT online course—see your counselor for login information
- SAT workshop—scheduled for October 3 at the school



# Scholarship Information

- HOPE Scholarship
  - Must have a 3.0 (College Prep) or 3.2 (Career/Tech) GPA in core courses when you graduate
    - Core courses include ALL classes taken in the areas of Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language
    - May reapply for HOPE after 30 semester hour
    - HOPE Grant may be used at a technical college if you are enrolled

# Scholarships



- Large number of FREE websites dedicated to scholarship searches—never pay for a search!
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) is one of the most popular
- Watch the TV announcements daily for new scholarship information
- Check the scholarship book located in the counselor's office regularly

# Class Ranking/Honor Graduate Status

- Class Rank information is available in the counselor's office (often required on applications)
- In order to be an honor graduate, you must have a 90 numerical GPA (total) at the end of 1<sup>st</sup> semester. Does not round up! (an 89.9 is NOT a 90)