



College Applications

Parent~to~Parent

Student~to~Student

7th Annual PTSA Presentation

8/13/18

11th Annual Druid Hills School Auction
Saturday February 2, 2019 6:30pm
Emory University ~ Miller Ward Alumni House
A New Decade of Auction Success
In Support of Academics, Arts, and Athletics

www.dhhsauction.org

Jeanie Christian, DHHS Auction Co-Chair
ELPC, PCU Vice President, Founding Member, DH Cluster, Member

But first....

a word from our sponsor

6:45 pm to 7:00 pm

Paths to College

~ Dual Enrollment

~ ROTC

~ GAP YEAR

7:00-7:10

Scholarships ~

2018 Honorees

7:10-7:25

Timeframes & Resources

7:25-7:30

Final Questions

Agenda



**Maya Rajan 2018 Valedictorian
National Merit Scholarship finalist
Lisa & Lydia Medford 2018 Salutatorians!
CONGRATULATIONS!**

Thanks for Sharing Your College Preparation Experiences!



Zakaria Gedi Questbridge Scholarship award to Brown University!

The QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship is an opportunity for talented high school seniors to gain admission and a full four-year scholarship to the nation's most selective colleges. The scholarship covers the full cost of tuition, room and board, travel, and dining. It is also guaranteed loan-free, and requires no parental contribution.

- DHHS 2018 College Acceptances
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Why go to college? A higher education introduces students to new people and new experiences and usually leads to a higher salary and lower chance of unemployment. This checklist will tell you how to get ready for college—and how the government will help you pay for it.

How to use the checklist

Q: Who should use the checklist?

A: Students of all ages who haven't attended college, and parents of students in elementary and secondary school.

Q: What is the checklist?

A: A to-do list, starting with elementary school, to help students prepare academically and financially for education beyond high school. Each section is split into subsections for students and parents, explaining what to do and which publications or websites might be useful to them.

Q: When should a student or parent refer to the checklist?

A: At the beginning of every school year, and then more frequently as college approaches. (Or, in the case of an adult student returning to school, as soon as possible!)

StudentAid.gov
1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)
TTY: 1-800-730-8913

Elementary to High School Guide for College Decision Making Including Finances

- Explore Life After High School
 - <https://www.mynextmove.org/>
 - [Georgia Labor Department Explorer](#)
 - [ASVAB Career Exploration & Testing for Military](#)
- Investigate post-secondary programs including finances.
 - <https://www.gafutures.org/>
 - Explore the timeline!
- Take Free Practice ACT & SAT Tests @ DHHS
[Applerouth Partners with DHHS 8-18-18](#)

August



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- All students have an account on the GA Futures website
- Student accounts have HOPE gpa (core gpa)
- Student accounts can be reset by the students' counselor
- Email each counselor to access log-in information

DHHS Counseling Center Website ~ Awesome Resource

- 2018 College Fair DHHS
- October 2nd 1st & 2nd Periods
Juniors & Seniors

Probe

<http://www.gaprobe.org/>



College	Early Action Dead-line	Regular Admission	GPA Min	SAT Min	ACT Min	Recommendations & Essays	Transcripts

DHHS Counseling Center
Example

On-Line Common Application ~
Make the Tool Visible & Visit Often

- Review graduation requirements and GPA.
- Finalize the list of colleges/technical colleges to which you want to apply.
- Listen to announcement for college and technical college representatives who will be visiting.
- Sign up to take the ACT or SAT if you have not done so or if you have not achieved the score you wish.
- Attend upcoming college fairs if you have not selected a college/technical college.
- Request recommendations and give teachers and counselors the forms.

[DHHS Teacher Recommendation Required Resume/Brag Sheet](#)

September



<http://www.fairtest.org>

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The National Center for Fair and Open Testing

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ACT/SAT Test-Optional List Tops 1,000 Colleges, Universities

Submitted by fairtest on January 10, 2018 - 12:07am [about us](#) [k-16](#) [news](#) [optional](#) [university](#) [whats new](#)

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ACT/SAT TEST-OPTIONAL LIST TOPS 1,000 COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES,

INCLUDING MORE THAN 300 "TOP-TIER" INSTITUTIONS;

100+ SCHOOLS DROP ADMISSIONS EXAMS IN PAST FOUR YEARS

Alternatives

SAT <http://www.collegeboard.org>

2018-19 SAT Test Date	Registration Date	Scores Back Date**	Suggested Prep Dates
Saturday, June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018	July 11, 2018	
Saturday, August 25, 2018	July 27, 2018	September 7, 2018	June → August
Saturday, October 6, 2018	September 7, 2018	October 19, 2018	August → September
Saturday, November 3, 2018	October 5, 2018	November 16, 2018	September → October
Saturday, December 1, 2018	November 2, 2018	December 14, 2018	October → November
Saturday, March 9, 2019	February 8, 2019	March 22, 2019	Jan → Feb, 2019
Saturday, May 4, 2019	April 5, 2019	May 17, 2019	March → Apr, 2019
Saturday, June 1, 2019	May 3, 2019	July 10, 2019	May → July, 2019

ACT <http://www.act.org>

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Saturday, September 8, 2018	August 10, 2018	TBD	July → Aug
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Testing – [GA Futures Testing Information](#)

free resource

♦ <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

- Attend upcoming college fairs if you have not selected a college.
- File early-action and early-decision applications.
- Fill out a request for transcript form in the Guidance office or request a transcript online.
- If you haven't already visited colleges, take advantage of upcoming holidays to do so.
- Seniors ~ complete FAFSA October 1st
<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>



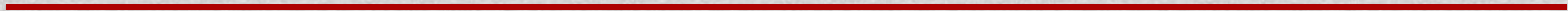
October



Early Action

vs.

Early Decision





Early Action

- Early action plans are similar to early decision plans in that you can learn early in the admission cycle (usually in January or February) whether a college has accepted you. But unlike early decision, most early action plans are not binding. UGA 10-15-2018
 - [UGA Guidance on Early Action v. Regular Admission](#)
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Early Decision

Early decision plans allow you to apply early (usually in November) and get an admission decision from the college well in advance of the usual notification date.

Considered **BINDING!**



- Research scholarships. Check scholarship websites and college financial aid webpages. [DHHS Counseling Center Guide](#)
- Write and polish any required essays.
- Complete requests for recommendations from counseling staff to get applications with January deadlines.

November ~ December



Hope & Zell Miller State Aid

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- Bard College <http://www.bard.edu/>
- Boston University <http://www.bu.edu/>
- The College of
Wooster <http://www.wooster.edu/>
- Brandeis
University <http://www.brandeis.edu/>
- The George Washington University
<https://www.gwu.edu/>
- Texas A&M
University <https://www.tamu.edu/>

Posse Scholarship

College Planning & Application Procedures

- Career Exploration & Financial Planning
 - Checklist for senior planning
 - Testing
 - Early Admission vs. Early Decision
 - Preparing Essays
 - Letter of Recommendations
 - Applying to Schools
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- **Join the PTSA & DHHA**

- **Attend the Upcoming Meetings & Appreciate our PTSA Officers**

- **Appreciate Our Teachers, Counselors, Coaches, Staff & Administrators who support the students and families in this process.**

Be Involved ~

DHAA Fall Fundraiser

2/2/19 Save the Date for the DHHS Auction
