



SENIOR PARENT UNIVERSITY  
CLASS OF 2026

Perry High School





# HOW DO I KEEP UP WITH INFORMATION?

- Perry High School Facebook page
- Perry High School Counselors, GA Facebook page
- Senior Calendar
- PHS website ([phs.hcbe.net](http://phs.hcbe.net))





## Academic Opportunities for Students At Perry High

### PAWS

This happens on Tuesdays and Thursdays after 2<sup>nd</sup> period. Students have 35 minutes to either attend a class their teacher has assigned or choose a class where they need assistance.

Speak to your student about making good choices during this time.

Students who have As in all their classes can attend a study hall in the cafeteria.

Students must attend a specific PAWS if their teacher assigns them. If they are assigned and purposely do not attend, they will receive discipline based on a discipline matrix.

### Academic Priority Time

We have two different APT times:

Wednesdays-7:15-7:50

Wednesdays-3:15-4:30

During these times students can get caught up on tests, quizzes, homework, and finish assignments.

Their teacher will not be in attendance, but a Perry High School teacher will be running the program. This is not a time for tutoring.



## Tutoring

Each teacher has a scheduled tutoring time. These tutoring times can be found posted in each teacher's room, on our Facebook page, or on our website under tutoring schedule. Please have your student give his or her teacher 24-hours notice of his or her attendance.

## Saturday School

Saturday school is on Saturdays from 8:00-11:30 in the PHS library.

Students who have failing grades will be assigned by their teachers. Students and parents also have the option of signing students up for Saturday school. Students can receive tutoring during this time.

An administrator is always present at Saturday school.

Parents will receive a call out if their student does not attend Saturday school but was assigned.

Saturday school can also be assigned for discipline if a student has an excess amount of tardies or for other infractions.





# ATTENDANCE

## The Importance of Attendance

- Attendance is a huge priority in a high school.
- It is a priority at the high school level because catching up is very difficult and grades follow students to college.
- Please help us with your student's attendance.
- Students must take their final and midterm exams if they have more than five absences in a semester. This is determined per class period.





# HOW A GPA IS DETERMINED AND WHAT IT MEANS

- There are different types of grade point averages.
  1. School GPA – This includes all the courses you take in high school.
  2. HOPE GPA – This is found on [gafutures.org](http://gafutures.org) and only includes math, science, social studies, English, and foreign language classes. Extra points awarded for AP and Honors classes are removed from the HOPE GPA.
- Weighted vs. Unweighted GPAs
  1. Weighted – The extra points earned for AP and Honors classes are included.
  2. Unweighted – The extra points earned for AP and Honors classes are not included.





## HOPE RIGOR

In order for your student to be eligible for the HOPE or Zell Miller Scholarship the following must be met:

1. The student must have a 3.0 CORE GPA for HOPE. For Zell Miller a student must have a 3.7 CORE GPA.
2. A student must have four rigor courses – These can be found on [gafutures.org](http://gafutures.org) and will be discussed at evening advisement.
3. Zell Miller – Requires an SAT score of 1200 or an ACT score of 25 (ACT cutoff score determined every January).



# SAT AND ACT SCORES AND SIGNING UP FOR TESTS

- SATs are currently optional for this year's graduating seniors.
- SAT/ACT score is required to qualify for the Zell Miller Scholarship.
- The only schools requiring an ACT/SAT score are Georgia Tech, UGA, GCSU, GA State, Augusta State, Kennesaw, and Georgia Southern.



- To register for the SAT, please go to [collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)
- To register for the ACT, please go to [ACT.org](https://act.org)



# HONOR GRADUATES

A student must have a 90.0 or higher cumulative school grade point average to be an honor graduate. An average of 89.99999999 will NOT round up. Honor graduates will be announced in February.



# WHAT CAN I DO AFTER GRADUATION?

Join the military



Attend a Technical College



Join the workforce



Attend a two/four-year university







# MILITARY:

- Make sure you have taken the ASVAB (offered at PHS in January)
- Talk to a recruiter to determine which military branch is the best fit for you
- Decide if you want to pursue ROTC through college or enlist out of high school
- Complete your physical exam
- Enlistment Night at the Lindsey Student Support Center on December 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 PM.

# TECHNICAL COLLEGE:



- Technical colleges provide a wide variety of courses, Technical Certificates (TCCs), and Associate Degrees
- Many students start at a technical college then transfer to a four-year university
- Technical Colleges are more cost efficient than four-year universities with CGTC averaging \$320 for a three hour class.
- Students can pursue careers that allow them to complete training faster than a 4 year degree
- Many seniors will have already completed courses at CGTC. If you are currently dual enrolled, you do not have to reapply! There is a form the counseling office can provide you that will move you from a high school student to a college student.

# JOIN THE WORKFORCE

Find a job that allows you move up  
in responsibility and pay

Discover if your job will pay for your  
future education or provide partial  
scholarships if you decide to attend  
college

Research what level of education  
your job may require you to have for  
promotions.





# ATTEND A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

Decide where you want to attend

Apply to the school online

Have your transcript sent to the college – Come to the counselor's office and fill out a transcript request with Mrs. Alford (Counseling Secretary)

If you have any DE credits you will need to send a transcript directly from the DE enrolled college to the college you want to attend. This can be done online.

Send in your lawful presence (driver's license)

Send in your shot records

# EARLY ADMISSION



Most colleges have an early admission deadline in October.



A student may be admitted, deferred, or denied.



A deferred student will be looked at again during regular admission second semester

# COMMON APPLICATION



Common App

<https://www.commonapp.org>

- Many colleges require students to use the Common Application for admission
- It is free to use but students still must pay the application fee for each college
- The Common Application does require an essay and each college you apply to may require their own essays
- Please enter your counselor's contact information into the Common Application. We will upload your transcripts.





## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION


We suggest requesting three letters of recommendation

1. Teacher
2. Teacher or counselor
3. Outside person


There is a form in the counseling office for you to request a letter from a teacher or counselor.

## WE SUGGEST A THREE-TIER PROCESS

1. Dream school – the School you've always wanted to attend even if you are not sure that you can get in.



2. Secondary School – One that has your major that you could see yourself attending (you may have more than one of these)



3. A safety school that you know you can get into and afford. This could be local such as MGSU, FVSU, or GMC.



The Probe fair will be held at HOCO on October 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00–11:00 AM. A permission form will be required for your student to attend. Over fifty colleges from around the state of Georgia be will in attendance to answer your questions.

# SCHOLARSHIPS



Scholarships will be posted on the Perry High School Counselors, GA Facebook page and will also be posted on the scholarship board in the counseling office. They will also be sent out to students per their Class of 2026 Canvas page.



Not all scholarships will come through the counseling office. Do some research on your own. Call you church or bank to see if they offer scholarships. Check [gafutures.org](http://gafutures.org).



Create a calendar of deadlines.



Ask two teachers for letters of recommendation. Do this in advance and give them the letter of recommendation request form so that they will know your accomplishments



Write a strong paragraph about why you need the money, why you picked your major, and one event that changed your life



# SCHOLARSHIPS

1

Don't reinvent the wheel! Reuse your paragraphs and teacher recommendations!


2

Write in PEN!

3

PROOFREAD,  
PROOFREAD,  
PROOFREAD!!!!!!

# SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

- GA Futures: <https://www.gafutures.org/scholarship-search>
  - Student Scholarships: <https://studentscholarships.org/scholarships.php>
  - Fast Web: <https://www.fastweb.com>
  - Scholarship Guidance: <https://scholarshipguidance.com/>
  - Student Award Search: <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/>
  - Cappex: <https://www.cappex.com/>
  - College Board: <https://signup.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search/>
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# GEORGIA STUDENT FINANCE APPLICATION (GSFAPP)

- The GSFAPP is a quick and secure application to apply for:
  - HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship
  - HOPE and Zell Miller Grant
- **Before you begin, review your GAfutures Profile to make sure your name, date of birth and social security number are correct. This data is populated into your GSFAPP and must be correct, as you cannot change them on the application.**
- Male applicants must register with Selective Service to qualify for state financial aid.
- The new online GSFAPP should take your student 3-5 minutes to complete after they sign into their GAfutures account.
- The application is good for 10 years.

# FAFSA



Free Application for Federal Student Aid



Found at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)



Must have a FAFSA on file to receive the Zell Miller Scholarship or HOPE Scholarship



FAFSA will determine the amount of loans or grants you qualify for and opens October 1.



# GRADUATION PRACTICE

Wednesday, May 20,  
2026 8:00 AM in  
Reaves Arena

Students must attend in  
order to participate in  
the graduation program



# GRADUATION DATE AND TIME

Thursday, May 21 at 7:30 PM

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Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter in Reaves Arena

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The number of tickets your student will receive will be announced closer to the date of graduation and will be distributed the week of graduation

## UPCOMING DATES

- October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 9:30 AM – Senior class meeting presented by Herff Jones. This meeting will take place in the PHS Theatre.
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Scholarship night – 6:00 PM – Library
- October 28<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 PM–7:00 PM – Herff Jones will be at PHS for Senior Order Night.
- October 30 – Senior Picture retakes Commons Area 2:00–6:00 PM

**PLEASE CONTACT YOUR COUNSELORS  
WITH ANY QUESTIONS!**

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