

Senior Workshop



*Graduation is right around the
corner!*

Reminders

- Growth and Maturity
- Discipline: Last year seniors had 33 referrals, right now we have 28.
 - Almost 50 fewer referrals throughout the school. (155 last year, 107 now)
 - Remember if you go to the CPLC you will not be able to walk at graduation.
- Your future is built on the decisions you make today-every choice matters.
- Time - Enjoy each day, make the most of this semester.

Attendance Policy

- Students in grades 9-12 who have accumulated more than (5) unexcused absences will be in jeopardy of not receiving credits
- **Every** absence will require an independent excuse
 - Ex. If you have the flu and are out of school 3 days, you must turn in an excuse for each day.

Honor and Superior Honor Graduates

- **Honor Graduates**
 - **90** or better cumulative average
- **Superior Honor Graduates**
 - **95** or better cumulative average
 - Advanced Academic Pathway
- **Requirements**
 - Earn four credits in one academic subject area
 - One of those credits must be an AP course or a DE course
 - Plus two credits of Foreign Language

Differences in GPAs

- HOPE GPA is calculated by using **Core Academics** plus **Foreign Language**
 - Math, Science, Social Studies, English and Foreign Language
 - Electives **DO NOT** count
 - CTAE course that count as a science credit **is calculated into your HOPE GPA**
 - Any **extra points** that are added by the school AP(5), DE(4), Honors(3) **are deducted (.5 added back for DE & AP)**
 - See your HOPE GPA through your GAFutures account
- High School GPA is calculated using all types of credits
 - Math, Science, Social Studies, English and Foreign Language
 - Electives **DO** count

HOPE Scholarship

- Must have a 3.0 Hope GPA at graduation to be eligible for Hope Scholarship.
- Hope GPA of 3.7 for Zell Miller and score at least 1200 on SAT in one test session or 26 composite on ACT; Valedictorian and Salutatorian are automatically Zell Miller recipients
- HOPE Career GRANT: high school diploma and maintain 2.0

HOPE Rigor Course List for CHS

Adv Algebra
College Readiness Math
Adv Financial Algebra
AP Precalculus
AP Biology
Human Anatomy
Forensic Science
Essentials of Healthcare
Chemistry
Forensic Science
Spanish II
Spanish III
Computer Science Principles
Programming, Games, Apps, &
Society
Dual Enrollment academic
courses

- Must take a minimum of 4 Rigor courses to be HOPE eligible in the following types of courses:
 - Advanced Math courses
 - Advanced Science courses
 - AP courses in core areas
 - Dual Enrollment Academic courses
 - Advanced foreign language courses

GaFutures.org

- See your current HOPE GPA
 - Apply to colleges
- Search for scholarships

Stop by the CPC. We will be happy to help you set up your account.

SAT & ACT

Registration Fee

SAT: \$60

Late Registration Fee

SAT: \$38

May qualify for a fee
waiver.

For test dates and
registration deadlines
refer to collegeboard.org

Registration Fee

ACT: \$68

Late Registration Fee

ACT: \$40

May qualify for a fee
waiver.

For test dates and
registration deadlines
refer to act.org

SAT, ACT & ASVAB Test Prep Resources

- Khan Academy is an online test prep resource that is free for SAT
- SAT and ACT Prep Materials are also available in the library
- Edmentum (come to the CPC to sign up)

STAR Student

- Take the two-part SAT on any national testing date.
- Score highest on any single test date (scores may not be combined from two or more test dates).
- At the end of Junior year, based on GPA, must be in the top 10% of the class.
- If the student with the highest SAT score does not meet the top 10 criterion, the student with the next highest SAT score who does meet the criterion becomes the nominee.
- Last Test Date - 11/8/2025; Registration deadline is 10/24

College Applications Process

- Submit applications
 - All colleges have different deadlines
 - Submission Portals:
 - CommonApp; GaFutures; college-specific
 - Request an unofficial transcript
 - May need a Letter of Recommendation
 - Fill out & submit a Senior Brag Sheet google form
- Immunizations
 - Required form
 - May have to get shots
- Proof of Residence
 - Driver's license
- Apply for housing
- **Send a final official high school transcript.**
 - After graduation
 - Must let Registrar know where to send it.
 - Request for DE transcripts to be sent to your college choice(s)

GEORGIA MATCH Program

- In October, GSFC mails a GEORGIA MATCH letter to each high school senior attending a public or private high school in Georgia.
- The letter identifies all the USG & TCSG colleges that the student is academically qualified to attend based on their HOPE GPA as of 11th grade.
- Students can then: **Request More Information** or **Claim My Spot**.



Sign into your GaFutures account for more information!

Not sure what your plans are for after graduation??

YouScience

Online aptitude test that will give you insight into what to do after graduation.

- Careers
- Colleges
- Personalized feedback on yourself that can be used for interviews and resumes

Have you completed YouScience & need your results?

Access YouScience by going to Clever, click on PowerSchool; click on GALDS on left side; click on YouScience

E3 Month

Enroll, Enlist, Employ

October 2025

This month will be filled with information from colleges, recruiters, and employers.

Information will be pushed out through REMIND, announcements, and on our CPC website.

HELP US, HELP YOU!

A survey will be sent to your email. Please be sure to fill this out so that we can help you succeed after graduation.

FAFSA

- Free Application for Student Financial Aid can be submitted starting in October
- This is the application for HOPE and any other state or federal assistance
- Students **and** parents need to create an FSA ID at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>

FAFSA Workshop

FAFSA Completion
Workshop at CHS:
March 11, 10:00-2:00 by
appointment only

Virtual meetings with
FAFSA Rep may be
scheduled as well.

What to bring:

- Your Social Security #
- Alien Registration # (if you are not a US citizen)
- FSA IDs for student and parent
- Must make appointment!

Local Scholarships

- **Required Documentation**

- Scholarship Application
- College letter of Acceptance
- Two community letters of recommendation
- Two teacher recommendation forms
- Transcript **WITH** SAT or ACT scores

- **Additional Requirements**

- Completed FAFSA
- Cumulative GPA of 2.5
- **Jan 30th** - Local scholarship application posted online
- **March 2nd** - Applications due to CPC

The Valdosta Sullivan Scholars Program

- **Cohort program for teacher education at VSU**
- **Email your counselor for more information**
- **Qualifications:**
 - Be in 12th grade in a rural Georgia high school
 - Qualify for PELL (Must have FAFSA on file with VSU)
 - Be HOPE Eligible (4 rigor courses and 3.0 or higher HOPE GPA) or on track to become HOPE eligible by high school graduation
 - Be a U.S. Citizen
 - Have a passion for becoming a teacher

Scholastic Jackets

- To earn a Scholastic Jacket, students must have a 90 cumulative average through the first semester of their senior year.
- Earning a jacket does **not** automatically qualify you as an honor graduate.
- If you meet this criteria you will be notified by the CPC in January.

BowenGrad Dates

March 2nd: Cap & Gown and Product delivery

Online orders can be placed at
bowengrad.com

Yearbook

- **Yearbook order deadlines:**
 - \$55 before December 19th
 - \$65 after December 19th
 - Pre-orders can be placed until May 1st.
- **Senior Ads (CHECK YOUR EMAIL):**
 - December 5th will be the first deadline (lower pricing)
 - February 6th is the final deadline (additional fees)
- **Senior Directories:**
 - Due December 5th (CHECK YOUR EMAIL)

DE Important Info

- Nov 21st - all DE applications must be completed for Spring enrollment.
- Fill out the DE google form if you plan to take DE courses in the spring.
- See Ms. Lauren or Mrs. Brittney in the CPC if you have any questions

Service Hours

- Service Hours are not required for graduation
- Google Form
 - Describe the type of service
 - Must have a representative from the organization to sign-off on the service hours.
- All hours must be turned in by April 24th.
- Any questions, email Ms. Howard:
lhoward@cook.k12.ga.us

Non-Service Hours

- Anything you get paid for
- Going to the chorus concert
- Going to clinicals for school
- Anything you get a grade for
- Conferences
- Peer Leadership

***You must provide a service on a voluntary basis**

Interest Survey FIRST (check your email from Mrs. Lauren); payment window will open 9/15

\$190 per person

Pay all at once OR in installments

\$70 due 10/17

\$60 due 12/5

\$60 due 2/20

Once any money has been paid, it is nonrefundable.

Your spot is *RESERVED* once you've made the first payment.

50 spots as of now.

- Stop by Ms. Howard's room (107) before/after school, during Advisement and between classes to sign up and pay.
 - Do NOT interrupt class to make a payment
- If you are paying by check, make it payable to CHS.
- You can also pay online with My School Bucks.

Remind

Friday
April 24, 2026

UNIVERSAL ORLANDO'S
GRAD BASH

CPC Website

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/14q5m6__Mpbb06L4f-xSlalzR8lwfnfaUzYNbQvjxTvg/present?slide=id.g1361e3b5739_0_0

Senior Remind

Students: Text

@cook2026 to 81010

Parents: Text

@cook2026pa to 81010