

12th Grade Bridge Law Counseling Lesson

Class of 2023



Your SHS School Counselors



Who is your
school
counselor?

Ms. Jordan

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Mrs. Hawk

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Mrs. Ponticelli

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Dr. White

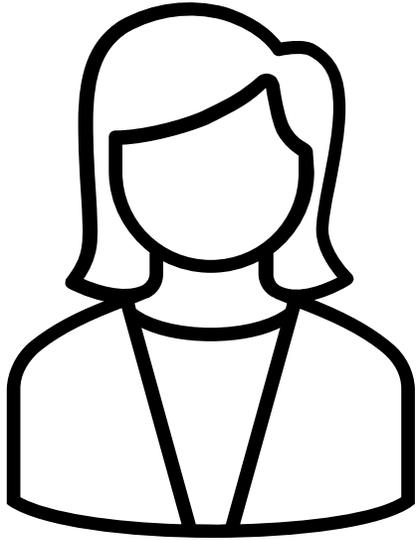
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Ms. Soltis

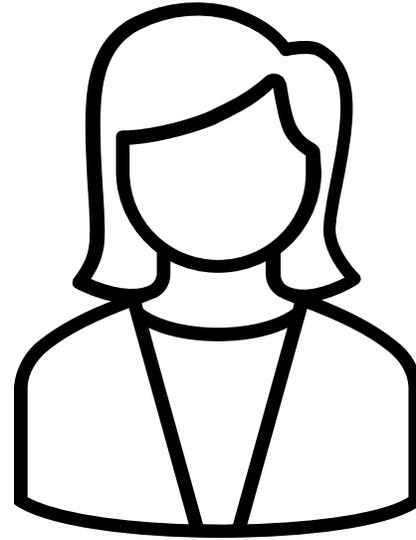
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Chatt. Tech.
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Mrs. Wagner

Counseling Office
Clerk



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Other
Important
People

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Lesson Overview

- **Post-secondary options**
 - College admissions factors
 - Building a college list
 - Step-By-Step College Process
 - Points to consider, Impacts of COVID19, Application Types
 - **2 year and technical colleges**
 - **Military**
- **Naviance**
 - Common App., Letters of Recommendation, Official Transcript Request, Sending SAT/ACT Scores, College Visits,
- **Scholarships and Financial Aid**
 - HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarships & Grants
- **Upcoming Events**

FACTORS FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION

Extracurricular
Activities

Essays

Letters of
Recommendation

Demonstrated
Interest



RIGOR OF CLASSES

GRADES & GPA

TEST SCORES

BUILDING A COLLEGE LIST

“Reach schools” are those where your academic credentials fall below the school’s average range for the freshman class.

“Range schools” are schools where your academic credentials fall within or perhaps slightly exceed the school’s average range for the freshman class.

“Safety schools” are schools you will almost definitely get into because your academic credentials are much better than the typical average range for the freshman class.

REACH SCHOOLS

Apply to 1 or 2

RANGE SCHOOLS

Apply to 2 or 3

SAFETY SCHOOLS

Apply to at least 1

Step-by-Step College Process

1. Determine what colleges you're applying to
2. Determine application types: Common App, Coalition, Direct to Institution
3. Submit your college applications – using Common App or institution's website
4. Send your test scores via Collegeboard/ACT (this cannot be done by HS!)
5. Use Naviance – our “delivery” system -- to:
 - Invite teacher recommenders
 - Request transcripts (follow school process)

**Track your status (using institution website)

Points to Consider

- ▶ Check freshman admissions requirements.
- ▶ Most colleges only consider academic classes when calculating GPAs.
- ▶ Weighted and unweighted GPAs will be reported on your transcript.
- ▶ Class rank will **not** be included on transcripts or reported on secondary reports.
- ▶ Colleges want students who show an interest in their school.

Impacts of COVID19 on College Admissions

- ▶ Standardized Testing
 - ▶ Test Optional
 - ▶ What does this mean for you?
 - ▶ Many schools now requiring but some may still not- **do your research!**
 - ▶ Sign up for SAT/ACT if you have not taken and need to.
 - ▶ Seats still limited
- ▶ College Visits
 - ▶ Demonstrated Interest may be impacted
 - ▶ Check the college websites for virtual opportunities
- ▶ College Deadlines and Requirements
 - ▶ Colleges are constantly adjusting deadlines and requirements, so continue to check the college's website for the most up-to-date information.

Understanding Application Types

- ▶ **Early Decision (I & II) : Binding**
 - ▶ Cannot apply early to other colleges, can apply regular decision.
 - ▶ If accepted, must attend
- ▶ **Early Action: Non-Binding**
 - ▶ Can apply early to other colleges, can apply regular decision
- ▶ **Single Choice/Restricted Early Action: Non-Binding**
 - ▶ Cannot apply early to other colleges, can apply regular decision
- ▶ **Rolling Admission**
 - ▶ Open admission, decisions given throughout the year not at a specific time
- ▶ **Regular Decision**
 - ▶ Deadline date established by the institution
- ▶ **Priority Deadline**
 - ▶ Similar to rolling admissions but priority given to those applicants who meet earlier priority deadline

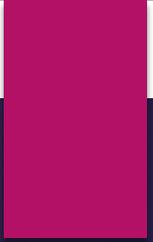
2-Year Colleges & Technical Colleges

- ▶ See if the SAT/ACT is required or not
 - ▶ College take the Accuplacer Exam instead 😊
*Check with each individual college!
- ▶ Two-year college requirements:
 - ▶ 2.0 GPA, 2 World Languages plus all Georgia graduation requirements
- ▶ Technical college requirements:
 - ▶ Need proof of high school graduation

Military

Branches: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy

- ▶ High School Diploma is required
- ▶ Take the ASVAB
- ▶ Make contact with branch recruiter
- ▶ Request your final high school transcript in May



Naviance

NAVIANCE IS A **DELIVERY SYSTEM** AND COLLEGE/CAREER SEARCH ENGINE, BUT IT IS ALSO HOW WE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU AND YOUR PARENTS, THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Logging into Naviance

<https://student.naviance.com/sprayberryhs>

- You can access Naviance from the CCSD homepage, the Sprayberry website, as well as the Sprayberry Counseling Department's website.
- If you're on a CCSD computer, then you will be automatically logged into Naviance.
- To log into Naviance from home, you will use the following:

User Name:	Password:
Microsoft 365 User Name	Microsoft 365 Password

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MENU

COBB SCHOOLS



SCHOOLS

Cobb Schools Foundation	Emergency Crisis Information
Awards & Honors	Employment Opportunities
Budget & Finance	Enroll Your Student
Bus Numbers & Routes	Family Info Guide
Calendars	Find My Local School
CCSD New Hire Onboarding	GoFan Tickets
Cobb Digital Library	GOSA District Report Card
Cobb Shield	Grades & Attendance
Commencement Information	Learning. Everywhere
Contact Us	Lunch Menus
CTLS Learn	Make Online Payments
CTLS Status Monitor	Naviance
CTLS Support	P-EBT Card Information
Digital Textbooks	Student Laptop Program
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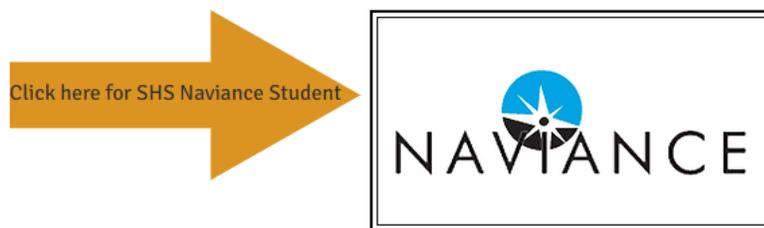


Logging into Naviance

From CCSD Website



Naviance How-To Senior Guide & Videos



Click here for SHS Naviance Student

Logging into Naviance

From Sprayberry Counseling Website

Naviance Student Homepage



Welcome, Demo!

Search for Colleges

Type a college name

SEARCH

Seniors, it is time to apply to college!

English Go

Depending on the institution, you may apply via the [Common Application](#) for some and directly on college websites for others. After applying, go to your "[Colleges I'm Applying To List](#)" to see or add colleges to the list, request transcripts and request teacher letter of recommendations. Once requests are submitted, you can monitor their status. See videos to learn more: [1.Common App Matching](#) [2. Transcript Requests](#) [3.Letters of Recommendation](#)

Read more

Important To-Dos and Tasks

My Favorites

COLLEGES
I'm thinking about

COLLEGES
I'm applying to

COURSES
I'm thinking about

CAREERS AND CLUSTERS
I'm thinking about

What's New

Nothing new to review this visit. Check back later.



Enter Your Email Address

We need your email address so we can communicate important information with you.

Please get in the habit of checking email frequently.

1. Click on the “About Me” link at the top.
2. Click on “My Account.”
3. Click on the Pencil Icon in the “Contact Information Box.”
4. Enter your email address.
5. Click “Save.”

****Use a NON cobb/school email address!**

You can also use Naviance for...

- ❖ Career Planning
- ❖ College Planning
- ❖ Resume Building
- ❖ Communicating with your Counselor
- ❖ Scholarship Searches

Add College to the “Colleges I’m Applying to”

- ▶ This is the section where students will spend most of their time.
- ▶ You can request letters of recommendation and transcripts within this section.
- ▶ You must also designate the application type within this section as well as indicate that you’ve applied to the school.

Colleges I’m applying to Search for colleges

✓ **Your Common App account has been matched.**
Your FERPA status is not waived. You're ready to apply to colleges using Common App.

[Manage Transcripts](#) [Application Milestones](#) [Compare Me](#)

* = extended profile available [+ REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS](#) [REMOVE](#)

*****It's important to tell us how you are applying!*****

 Cancel

Add New College Application

Which college are you applying to?

Georgia State University



Colleges already in your application list would be unavailable for selection.

App type

Early Action



I'll submit my application

Via Common App



I've submitted my application

Add Application





(Mail Only)-This icon represents colleges that only accept documents submitted via mail. The school does not accept documents electronically.



(Electronic)-This icon represents electronic destinations that accept documents electronically via Naviance eDocs



(Common App)-This icon represents Common App destinations that accept documents electronically via Naviance eDocs. It's important to note this icon means the student has explicitly chosen to apply via Common App and indicated "Yes" in **Family Connection > Colleges I'm Applying to**. However, on College tabs (showing the college profile) it indicates the fact that it's a CA college, but not whether the student is applying via CA.



(Unknown)-This icon is displayed when a student adds a Common App college but has not indicated whether or not he or she plans to apply via the Common App Online. This status does not prohibit you from submitting Common App forms for the student, but you will receive a warning message advising you that the student has not indicated their plan. A message is displayed to inform the school counselor that the student had not made a selection whether applying via Common App and submission would default to Common App delivery.



(Common App via Electronic)-This icon is displayed when a student has selected a Common App college and has indicated that he or she is not applying via the Common App Online. However, if the school is also an electronic destination (in addition to Common App) you can continue to submit documents (NACAC and other school forms, transcripts, and letters of recommendation) electronically.



(Common App mail only)-This icon displays when a student has selected a Common App college and has indicated that he or she is not applying via the Common App Online. However, the school is not an electronic destination so you will have to print and mail (other school forms, transcripts, and letters of recommendation) to the destination.

Submission Types

“Colleges I’m Applying to” Dashboard

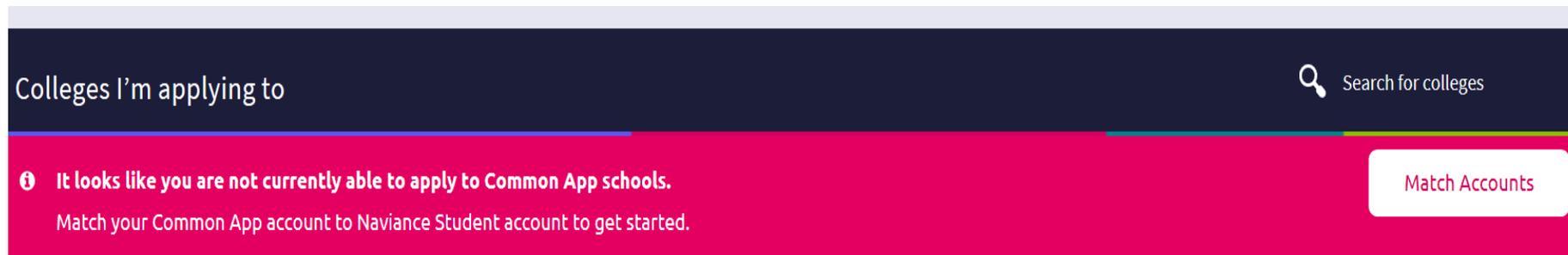
	College	Type	Deadline	Expected Difficulty*	Transcripts	Office materials	Submission Type 	Application		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emory University	ED	Early Decision November 1	N/A		Pending		Unknown 	 EDIT	MORE 
<input type="checkbox"/>	Georgia State University	EA	Early Action November 15	N/A		Pending		Unknown 	 EDIT	MORE 
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kennesaw State University	EA	Early Action October 26	N/A		Pending		Unknown 	 EDIT	MORE 

Common App

- ▶ The Common App is an undergraduate college admission application that applicants may use to apply to any of the 500+ member colleges and universities.
- ▶ You can access the Common App by going to www.commonapp.org
- ▶ Some schools are Common App exclusive, which means they do not accept any application other than the Common App. Some schools accept both the Common App and their own individualized, web-based application or the Coalition Application.
- ▶ Of course, this does not apply for schools who do not accept the Common App. To view the 500 schools that accept the Common App, check out the members page of the Common App website.

Common App Matching

- ▶ For Common App schools, students are required to match their Common App and Naviance Student accounts.



- ▶ In order to match the Common App account, students must first complete the following steps in their Common App account:
 - ▶ Complete the Education section of your Common Application
 - ▶ Add at least one college to My Colleges tab
 - ▶ Sign the FERPA Release Authorization



[Click](#) to watch video on Common App matching.

Non-Common App Schools

- ▶ Some colleges and universities have opted not to accept the Common Application or Coalition.
- ▶ Instead, they have created their own individual applications that, in most cases, are web-based and can be found via the school's undergraduate admissions website.
- ▶ Just because a school does not accept the Common App does not mean that they do not accept the transmission of important documents, like letters of recommendation and academic transcripts, through Naviance.
- ▶ When a non-Common App school allows us to submit documents through Naviance, it is called Direct to Institution. A Direct to Institution school is designated by this symbol. 

Teacher Letter of Recommendations

- ▶ Allow **at least 3-4 weeks** for teachers to complete their recommendation portion of your application!
- ▶ ASK EARLY!!!
- ▶ Students “invite” their teachers to upload and send letters of recommendation in two steps:
 1. Provide teachers with a copy of your recommendation packet with a list of schools to which you are asking the teacher to write.
 2. Add the request digitally under your “Colleges I’m Applying To” tab.
 3. **IMPORTANT: ASSIGN YOUR TEACHERS TO SPECIFIC SCHOOLS, NOT “All Applications”**
 - It is the student’s responsibility to research which schools require a letter of recommendation on their website.
 - If they do not ask for a letter of recommendation, they do not use it in the admissions process. *DO NOT ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR ONE IF THIS IS THE CASE!*

Adding Teacher Recommendation Requests on Naviance

Cancel Submit Request

1. Who would you like to write this recommendation?*

Select A Teacher ▼

2. Select which colleges this request is for:*

Choose **specific** colleges from your *Colleges I'm Applying To* list

	Colleges ^	Due ^
<input type="checkbox"/>	Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) -- required / 1 allowed / 0 requested	Jan 01 2018
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kennesaw State University -- required / -- allowed / 0 requested	Mar 01 2018
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Georgia -- required / -- allowed / 0 requested	Jan 01 2018

All current and future colleges I add to my *Colleges I'm Applying To* list ⓘ

Tracking Teacher Recommendations

Letters of recommendation

Your Requests

You can request new letters of recommendation and track the most recent status of your requests here.

Add Request

Recommendation For ⁺	Deadline ⁺	Recommender(s)	Status [!]	Cancel Request
All Applications [!]	See applications	Christopher Williams	Cancelled	✕
Mercer University 1 required/ 2 allowed/ 1 requested		Christopher Williams	Requested	✕
University of Georgia -- required/ -- allowed/ 1 requested	Jan 01 2021	Christopher Williams	Requested	✕

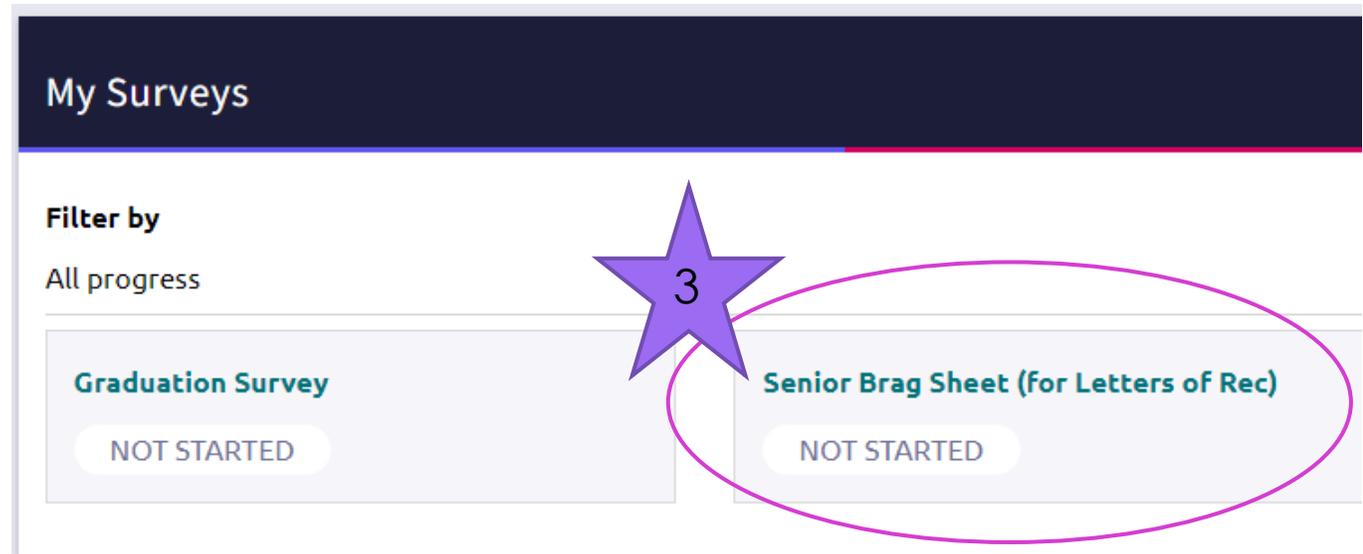
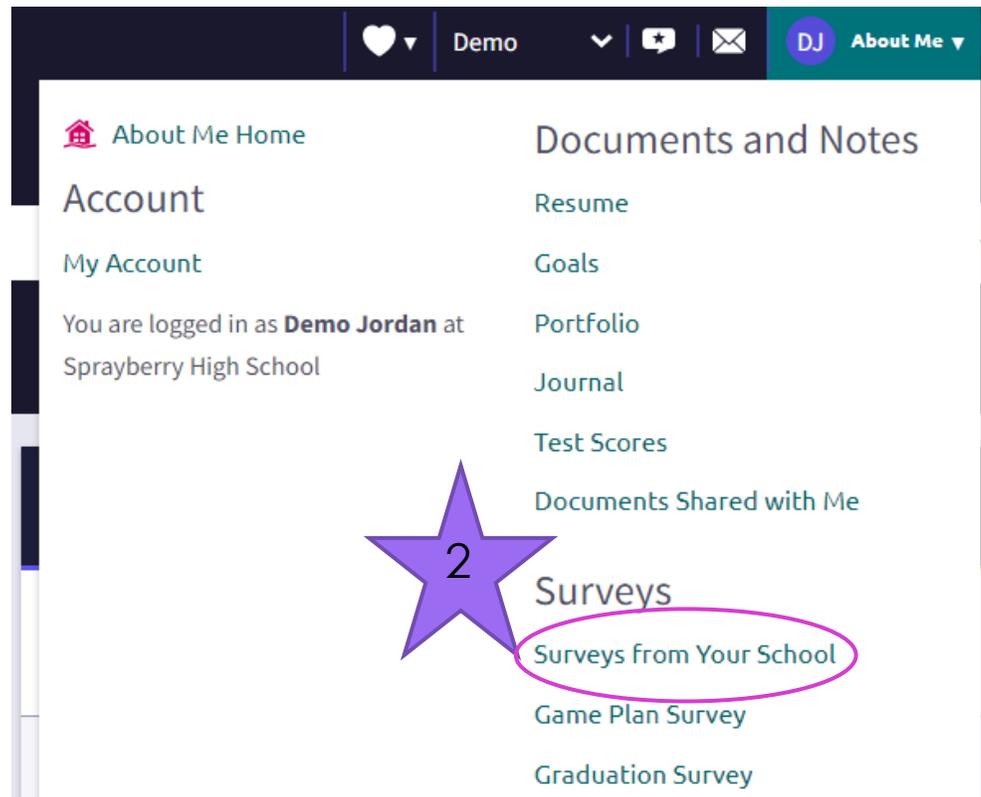
Add Request

Counselor Recommendations/ Secondary School Reports

- ▶ It is imperative that you “brag” about yourself! The more information that you give us, the more your Letter of Recommendation (LOR) will stand out over the other applicants.
- ▶ **Students can find the Senior Brag Sheet in Naviance.**
 - ▶ **Click “About Me” → “Surveys from Your School” → “Senior Brag Sheet (for Letters of Rec)”**
- ▶ You will be able to access and update your Senior Brag Sheet as many times as you would like.
- ▶ Once you have typed in your Senior Brag Sheet responses, you will need to e-mail your counselor to let her know that you’re requesting a Counselor letter of recommendation.
 - ▶ Counselor LOR requests must be made at least two-weeks in advance of the respective application deadline.
 - ▶ Unfortunately, last minute requests cannot be accommodated so plan accordingly.

Senior Brag Sheet (for Letters of Recommendation)

Located in Naviance



Requesting Your Official Transcript

1. Add college(s) you are applying to in Naviance.
 - ▶ Log onto your Naviance student account.
 - ▶ Select the 'COLLEGES' tab.
 - ▶ Under COLLEGES select "Colleges I'm Applying To"
 - ▶ Click on "+", add each college/university, including application information
 - ▶ Click "Add Application"
2. Pay for the number of transcripts requested, either online through MyPaymentsPlus or in-person at the Counseling Office.
3. Come to the Counseling Office to fill out your transcript card.

****For Common Application documents, students MUST link their Common App account to their Naviance account before your counselor will have the ability to send your transcript.**

It's the student's responsibility to complete ALL parts of the transcript request process. If not, official transcripts will not be sent.

Official Transcript Request Process

1

Students must add the college(s) applying to on his/her Naviance account.
Add these colleges to your "Colleges I'm Applying To" list & make sure you mark how you applied to the school.

Pay for the number of transcripts requested.

2

Ways to Pay:

(1) Online via MyPaymentPlus (MPP).**

◦ Under "Events & Activities" find "2022-2023 Official Transcripts".

**YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ADD THE TRANSCRIPT(S) TO YOUR CART UNTIL ALL REQUIRED FIELDS ARE COMPLETE.

**BE SURE YOU MARK THE CORRECT TRANSCRIPT TYPE WHEN COMPLETING THE FORM. IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TRANSCRIPT BEING SENT TO THE COLLEGE, YOU NEED TO MARK IT AS "INITIAL".

(2) Bring \$2 (exact cash) to Mrs. Wagner in the Counseling Office.

3

Come to the Counseling Office to fill out your transcript card. This can only be done **IN-PERSON**, so you must come to the Counseling Office to complete.

Once all 3 steps are complete, your transcript will be able to be sent.

Allow at least 2 weeks for colleges to receive/update your profile.
NOTE: Some colleges can take up to 6 weeks to process applicant documents.

Send SAT/ACT Test Scores

SAT/ACT scores must be sent directly from the testing agencies websites.

▶ www.collegeboard.org

▶ www.actstudent.org

Our School's CEEB code: 112005

College Visits

- ▶ Check Naviance frequently for upcoming college visits.
 - ▶ Held every Wednesday during AO in the LGI.
- ▶ You must sign up through your Naviance account at least 24 hours in advance. The College Visit link is located on the Colleges homepage in your Naviance Account.
- ▶ You will receive an email the day before your visit as confirmation.
 - ▶ That e-mail will serve as your pass to attend.

College Visits Search for colleges

AUGUST Tue 21 12:30PM	Sewanee: The University of the South Counseling suite	REGISTER BY AUG 20 2018	Register Now View Details
AUGUST Thu 23 09:00AM	Southern Methodist University Counseling suite	REGISTER BY AUG 22 2018	Register Now View Details
AUGUST Thu 23 10:00AM	Georgia Institute of Technology Information center - Lecture hall 0/120 seats are taken.	REGISTER BY AUG 22 2018	Register Now View Details
AUGUST Thu 23 02:30PM	Mercer University Counseling suite	REGISTER BY AUG 22 2018	Register Now View Details

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SEPTEMBER
Wed 08
01:10PM

COLLEGE VISIT INFORMATION
The University of Alabama
In-person/ LGI during AO Wednesday

Status: Not Registered

REGISTER BY: Tuesday, Sep 7 2021, 01:10PM

Registration for this event is open. 3/30 seats are taken.

Register

Scholarships

- ▶ Types of Scholarships:
 - ▶ Academic, Community Service, Athletic, Hobby/Extracurricular based, Identity based, Need based, Employer or Military
- ▶ Check the Scholarship Resources in Naviance on the Colleges Homepage
 - ▶ Scholarship List- Updated by County and Sprayberry
- ▶ Check the College Websites and online search engines.
 - ▶ Make sure to pay attention to deadlines!!

HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarships

- ▶ HOPE Scholarship:
 - ▶ 3.0 GPA for academic courses: English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language
 - ▶ A part of your college tuition will be covered, this amount will vary.
- ▶ Zell Miller Scholarship:
 - ▶ 3.7 GPA for academic courses, 1200 on SAT (Reading and Math, 1 sitting), or 26 on the ACT, 1 sitting.
 - ▶ All of tuition will be covered.

The Class of 2022 is required to have four rigorous courses to be eligible for the HOPE and/or Zell Miller Scholarship. Check www.GAFutures.org for a list of rigorous courses and other eligibility criteria.

You can check your HOPE GPA on WWW.GAFUTURES.ORG

**Your SSN
must be
updated in
the Cobb
student
record
system in
order to
receive
HOPE
funds!!**

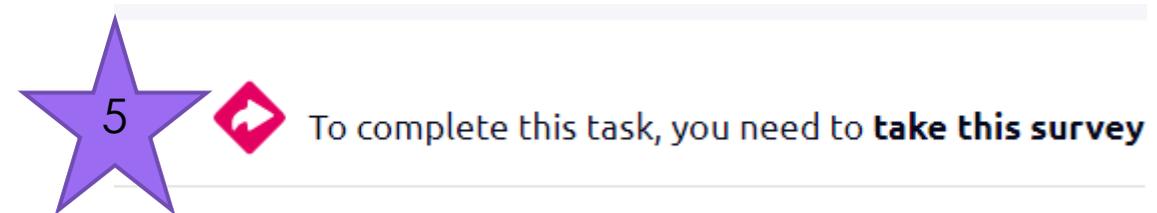
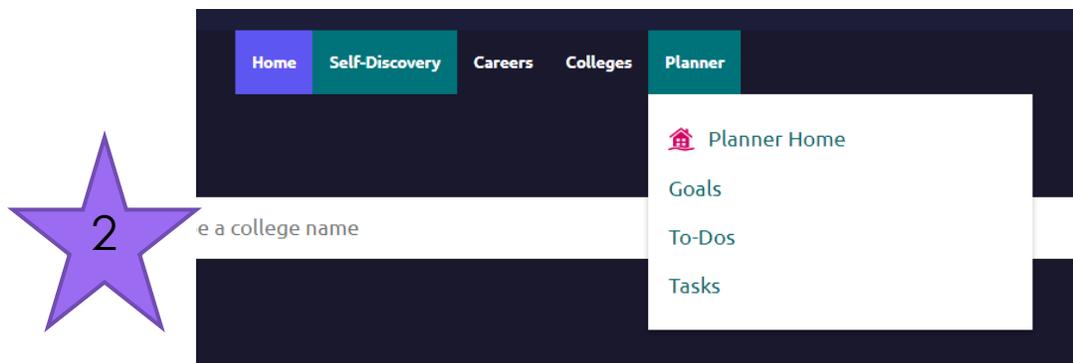
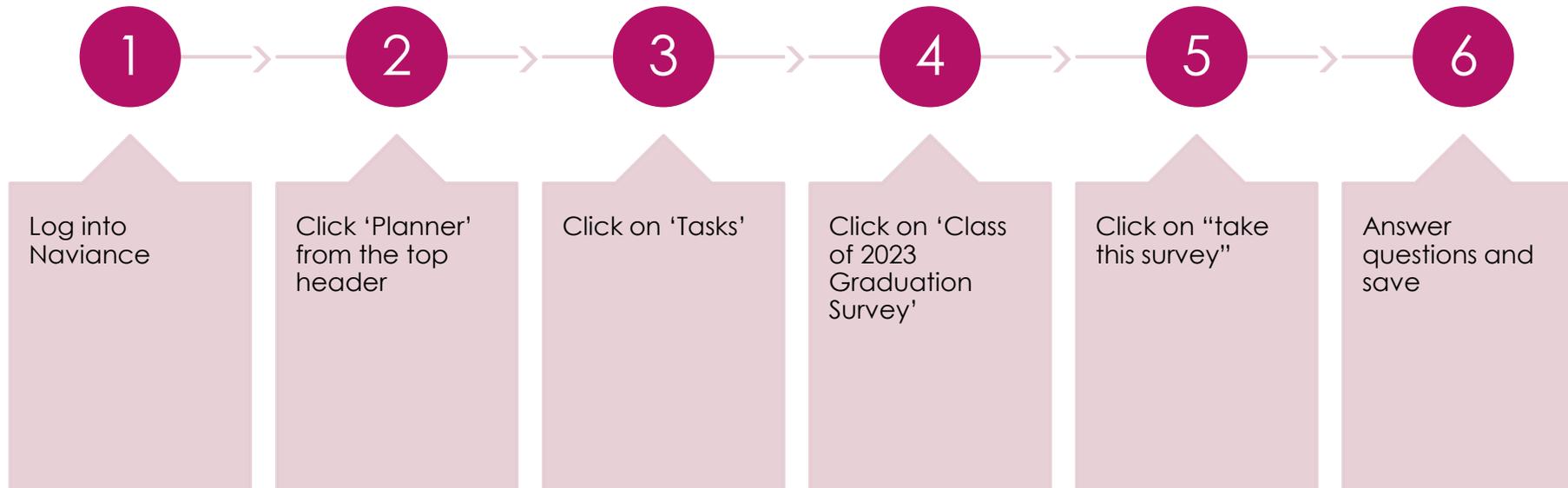
HOPE Grant

- ▶ The HOPE Grant Program is for students seeking a technical certificate or diploma, regardless of the student's high school grade point average or graduation date.
- ▶ The HOPE Grant Award amount will cover a portion of a student's tuition.
- ▶ Full-time enrollment is not required.
- ▶ Students are required to have a postsecondary cumulative 2.0 GPA in order to maintain eligibility.
- ▶ More info can be found online here: <https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-grants/>.

BRIDGE Law

- If you're graduating in December 2022, you will receive a survey to complete in Naviance around Thanksgiving Break.
- If you're graduating in May 2023, you will receive this survey around Spring Break.
- **You are required to complete this survey before graduation.**
Thanks in advance!

BRIDGE LAW SURVEY DIRECTIONS



Upcoming Events

College Visits @ Sprayberry

Every Wednesday during AO

- Go to Naviance, click on "Colleges," and then "College Visits"

CCSD Dual Enrollment Summit

- @ Cobb Co. Civic Center – Thursday, Sept. 1 from 6-8PM

CCSD College Kick Off

- @ Wheeler HS – Sun. September. 11 from 1-4PM; **Pre-Registration available**

SHS Paying for College Night

- Wednesday, September 14 at 6PM in the LGI

Peach State Tour ft. UGA, GA Tech, GA State & Augusta

- Cobb Event @ Marietta HS – Mon., September 19 from 6-8PM; **RSVP Required**

SHS Apply to College Day

- Friday, November 4 – During the school day

HAVE A GREAT SENIOR YEAR!

QUESTIONS?



Swing by the Counseling Office or e-mail your respective counselor.

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