

# Cohort 2024



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# Benjamin E. Mays High School

2022-2023

# Counselor Update

Contact Ms. Aldridge- [caldridge@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:caldridge@atlanta.k12.ga.us)

**Please be sure to schedule a one-on-one meeting at:**

<https://calendly.com/caldrige-1/30min>

- \* Review your transcript audit form
- Create your Action Plan
- Discuss “Match and Fit Initiative” options
- Review Graduation Requirements
- Understanding your GPA
- Discuss plans post high school
- Join Cohort 2024 Google Classroom: mwwwluo

# APS Course Graduation Requirements

- 4 Units of English
- 4 Units of Math
- 4 Units of Science
- 3 Units of Social Studies
- 2 Units of Foreign Language
- 1/2 Unit of Physical Education, 1/2 Unit of Personal Fitness, and 1/2 Unit of General Health
- 1 Unit of CTAE, Fine Arts, JROTC, or Pathway
- 4 Units of Electives (i.e Art, JROTC, Music, Band, etc.)
- Community Service hours -40

Graduation Requirements

**24 CREDITS**

# PSAT/October 25, 2022

The PSAT/NMSQT The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a program cosponsored by College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

It is a standardized test administered to 10th and 11th grade students that provides firsthand practice for the SAT. It also gives students a chance to enter the NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools.

The PSAT/NMSQT measures critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills and writing skills. This test does not require you to recall specific facts from your classes. Over the next month, students will be receiving PSAT preparation in their Directed Studies classes. **Please ensure that your student is practicing on the weekdays and weekends in Khan Academy which is located in My Backpack.**

# GAfutures

- [www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org)
- Create account
- Hope GPA
- Research colleges and careers
- Social security number must be on file with GAfutures to obtain your HOPE GPA and to receive HOPE funds



<https://collegescorecard.ed.gov>

# “Match and Fit Initiative”

**"Match and Fit" is an 11th grader initiative designed by Achieve Atlanta to assist students with finding proper College Matches**

1. Go to the APS website, scroll down to middle of page , look to left and click the arrow until you find the “Match and Fit” link
2. Scroll down, and you should see a link that says, Click here to use the "Match and Fit" Builder
3. Click where it says "Click here to start building your list
4. Put in your APS user ID and follow the prompt
5. You should now see your profile (SAT, PSAT scores, GPA etc....
6. The next page will show you the colleges that you might qualify for in the state of GA. If you are not interested in those colleges, utilize the filter to the left (ex. if you want to attend a small school, if you want to attend a HBCU, if you want to attend a college out of state etc...)
7. Once you have done this, different colleges will pop up, click on those that interest you. On the right, click add to my list. Do this at least 6 times because we need you to choose 2 Target schools, 2 Likely schools and 2 Reach schools.
8. Once you are done, click Finish.

**THAT'S IT, YOU ARE DONE!**

# Scholarships Opportunities

- ▶ **HOPE (State Funded) 3.0 in all Core Classes based on GAFutures account GPA**
- ▶ **Zell Miller (State Funded) 3.7 Core GPA, 26 ACT, 1200 SAT**
- ▶ **Achieve Atlanta Overall (4 Years) 80 GPA and must be Pell Grant eligible**
- ▶ **Google Scholarship Opportunities**
- ▶ **Visit the College and Career Center**



# Applying to College/Scholarships

- Common App- <https://commonapp.org>
- Black Common App – contact@[commonblackcollegeapp.com](mailto:contact@commonblackcollegeapp.com)
- Scholarships 360 – <https://scholarships360.org/scholarships/top-scholarships-for-highschool-seniors/>
- Raiseme - <https://www.raise.me>
- Scholar Snapp – <https://www.scholarsnapp.org>
- Niche Scholarships – <https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/>
- GA Futures – [www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org)
- Cirkled In Scholarship – <https://www.cirkledin.com/scholarships/?ref=counselor-scholarship-flyer>
- Brian Jordan Foundation Scholarship
- <https://www.brianjordanfoundation.com/scholarshipprogram.html?fbclid=IwAR2EC7cY>
- Big Futures Scholarship- <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org>

# Online Scholarship Resources

- [Scholarships.com](http://Scholarships.com)
- [Fastweb.com](http://Fastweb.com)
- [Collegeraptor.com](http://Collegeraptor.com)
- [Unigo.com](http://Unigo.com)
- [Collegescholarship.me](http://Collegescholarship.me)
- [Studentscholarships.org/newsletters](http://Studentscholarships.org/newsletters)
- [Thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship](http://Thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship)
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# Achieve Atlanta Scholarship

- **The Achieve Atlanta Scholarship is a need-based award designed to support APS students pursuing post secondary options. To be eligible, students must have:**
  - Be a high school senior at an APS School
  - 75 or above GPA
  - Student Aid Report (SAR) from a completed FAFSA/Must be Pell Eligible
  - Be enrolled in an APS High School continuously since at least the start of the 11<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Enrolled full time in an eligible college/university or technical school by the “Fall” after you graduate

# Achieve Atlanta Scholarship cont...

- **Awards**

- For students eligible for the 4-year College scholarship, Achieve Atlanta will award \$5,000 per year (renewable for up to four years of school). For students eligible for the 2-year college or technical program, the award is \$1,500 per year (renewable for up to two years of school)
- <https://achieveatlanta.org/scholarship/current>

# Dual Enrollment



**Dual Enrollment provide opportunities for students to earn college credit while enrolled in high school.**

- earn dual credit
- enroll full or part time
- Sophomores can earn CTAE courses at Technical College Systems of GA.
- Junior and Seniors – can earn credit by taking approved courses at the University Systems of GA or a Technical Systems of GA
- Students seeking to enroll must meet the requirements as set by the eligible institution and be approved by their high school counselor
- Dual enrollment Funding Cap: 30 semester hours/45 quarter hours
- Students can earn 3 college credits= to 1 high school credit
- Additional 10 points posted to high school transcripts (core courses only) for courses students pass

# Testing Fee Waiver Process

## – SAT

- Apply online at [Collegeboard.com](https://collegeboard.com)
- Fee waiver can be picked up in the College and Career Center
- Students are offered two fee waivers (only)
- Test scores are only sent by the respective testing agency

## – ACT

- Apply online at [act.org](https://act.org)
- Fee waivers can be picked up in the College and Career Center
- Students are offered two fee waivers (only)
- Test scores are only sent by the respective testing agency

# ACT/SAT Test Dates

<b>ACT Dates</b>	<b>Reg Deadline</b>	<b>SAT Dates</b>	<b>Reg Deadline</b>
10/22/2022	9/16/2022	11/5/2022	10/7/2022
12/10/2022	11/4/2022	12/3/2022	11/3/2022
2/11/2023	01/6/2023	3/11/2023	2/10/2023
4/15/2023	3/10/2023	5/6/2023	4/7/2023
6/10/2023	05/5/2023	6/3/2023	5/23/2023
7/15/2023	6/16/2023		

<https://www.act.org>

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat>

# Important Deadlines

**Remember it is extremely important for you to:**

- 1. Schedule your one-on-one with Counselor – ongoing**
- 2. Prep for the PSAT using KHAN Academy- 10/25/2022**
- 3. Complete the "Match and Fit" survey –Due 2/15/2023**
- 4. Register with GA Futures- Due 12/17/2022**
- 5. Complete your AVA course- Due 12/16/2022**
- 6. Register for the ACT/SAT- ongoing**
- 7. Submit your request for Dual Enrollment – Due TBD**
- 8. Submit your Summer School request –Due 5/26/2023**

What is Complacency?  
....becoming overly content



## 4 Signs that COMPLACENCY has set in.

- **You** are no longer striving to do your best.
- **You** are not following through on your class work, (classroom assignments, homework assignments, online courses etc...)
- **You** are not taking advantage of the notices that are constantly being posted via social media outlets.
- **You** are not connecting with your peers to find out what's happening in your life



DO NOT BECOME COMPLACENT



**Questions?**