

Cohort 2025



Dr. Vaughn - Asst. Principal, C/O 2024

Mrs. Numan, ML Teacher

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Benjamin E. Mays High School

2022-2023

Counselor Update

Contact Mrs. Blount- Erica.Blount@atlanta.k12.ga.us

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

[Click here:](#)

- Create your Action Plan
- Discuss Dual Enrollment
- Discuss “YouScience” options
- Review Graduation Requirements
- Understanding your GPA
- Discuss plans post high school Join Cohort 2025 Google Classroom: **2aivxhk**

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.**

“YouScience”

[YouScience Overview](#)

[How to login to YouScience](#)

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
- 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](https://www.scholarships.com)
- [Fastweb.com](https://www.fastweb.com)
- [Collegeraptor.com](https://www.collegeraptor.com)
- [Unigo.com](https://www.unigo.com)
- [Collegescholarship.me](https://www.collegescholarship.me)
- [Studentscholarships.org/newsletters](https://www.studentscholarships.org/newsletters)
- [Thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship](https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship)

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 11th 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
- 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

ACT Dates	Reg Deadline	SAT Dates	Reg Deadline
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 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?