



BRIARWOOD ACADEMY JUNIOR NIGHT

Mrs. Catherine Stapleton, Dean of Student Services / School Counselor

GOOD EVENING!

Meeting Agenda



Introduction



Presentation of Information



Question and Answer Session



Closing

Brief Bio



ADVISEMENT MEETING

Transcript

Individual Graduation Plan

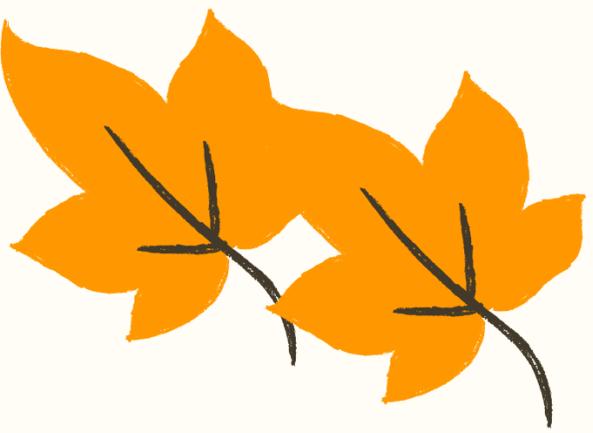
Post-Secondary Plans

Testing

Prepare for Senior Year

Fifteen minute appointments

Parents invited to attend in person or by phone



Junior Year



Get Involved

Clubs

Sports

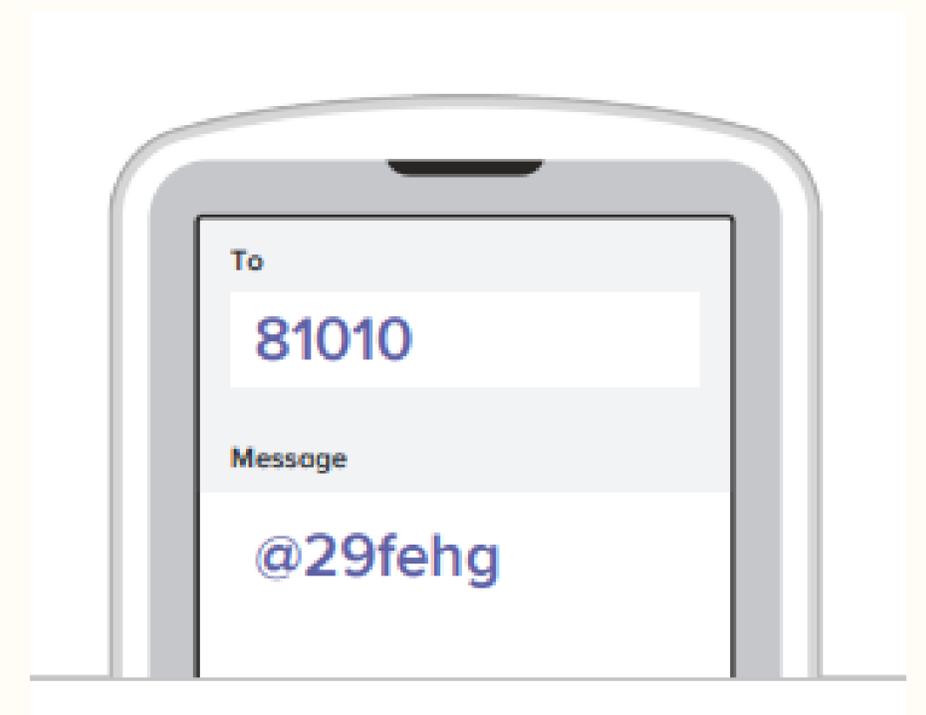
Fine Arts

Start building your resume'

Visit colleges/technical

colleges-form in your folder

Join Junior Class Remind



Sample Individual Graduation Plan

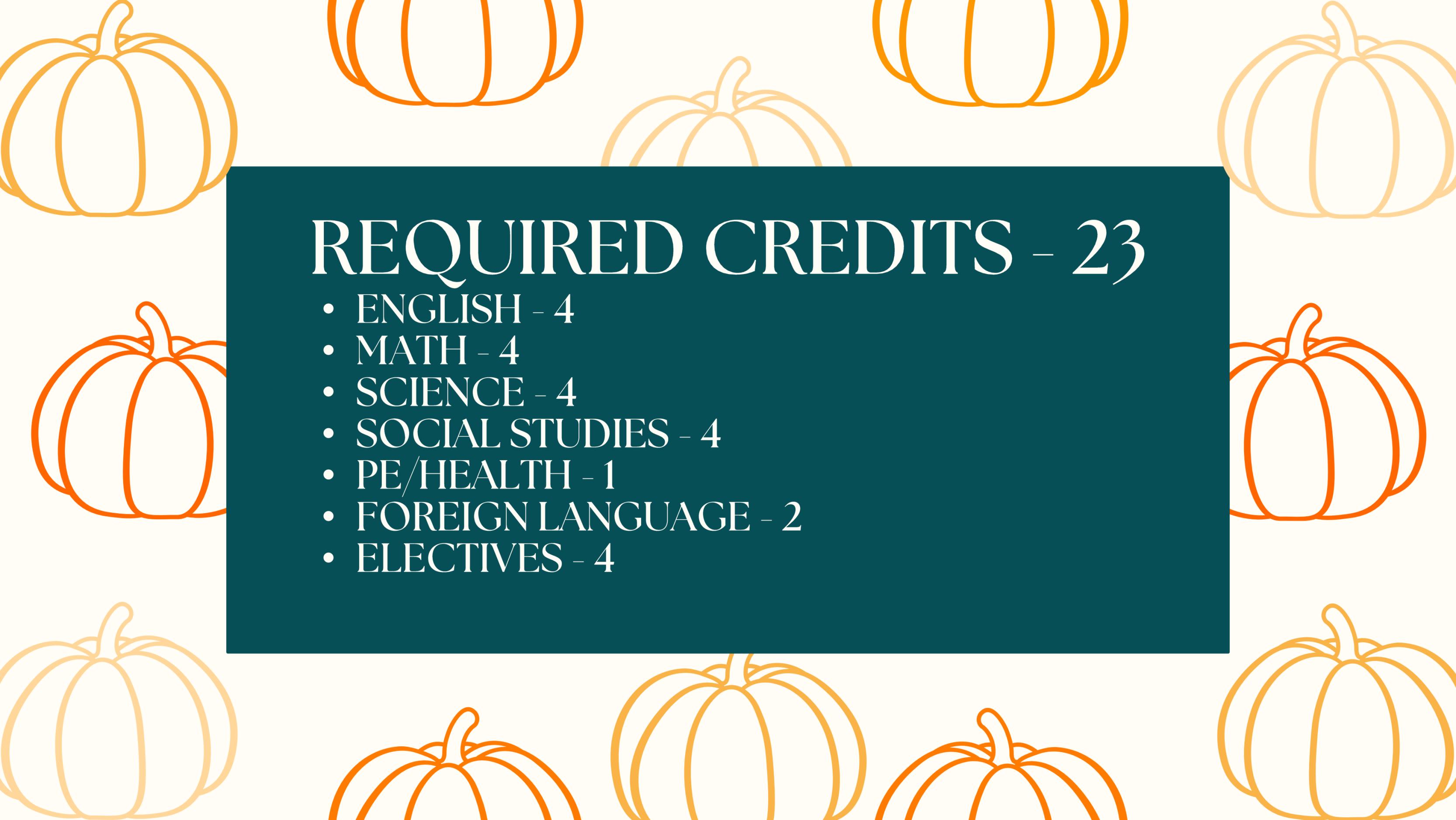
Sample Grad Plan

Briarwood Academy
Credit Summary/Individual Graduation Plan

Student Name: Susan Cory
Cohort: 2027
Date of Birth: 05.08.2009

Student Signature	Date	# Credits	Counselor Signature	Date
			<i>Catherine Skipton</i>	9/25

LANGUAGE ARTS (4 credits)	SCIENCE (4 credits)	SOCIAL STUDIES (4 credits)
9th Grade Lit. A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Biology A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Economics A ___ B ___
10th Grade Lit. A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Env. Science <u>Chemistry</u> A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	U.S. Govt. A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11th Grade Lit. A ___ B ___	<u>Physics/Physical Science</u> A ___ B ___	W. History A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12th Grade Lit. A ___ B ___	___ A ___ B ___	<u>U.S. History</u> A ___ B ___
MATH (4 credits)	CTAE, Fine Art, Modern Lang. (2/3 Credits)	ELECTIVES (4/5 credits)
Algebra I A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>HS Chorus</u> A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Span. I</u> A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Algebra II A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>HS Chorus</u> A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Span. II</u> A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Geometry</u> A ___ B ___	<u>HS Chorus</u> A ___ B ___	<u>Psychology</u> A ___ B ___
Fourth Math A ___ B ___	Pathway: _____ Completer: Yes ___ No ___	___ A ___ B ___
Students must earn 23 credits in order to graduate from Briarwood Academy. HOPE GPA - 4.0 *Notes/Comments*	PEH (1 credit)	___ A ___ B ___
	Health & Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	___ A ___ B ___
	Personal Fitness <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	___ A ___ B ___

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REQUIRED CREDITS - 23

- ENGLISH - 4
- MATH - 4
- SCIENCE - 4
- SOCIAL STUDIES - 4
- PE/HEALTH - 1
- FOREIGN LANGUAGE - 2
- ELECTIVES - 4

Various GPAs

Briarwood

- GPA = 4.0 scale/Numeric Average = 100 scale
- BA has a weighted GPA/Numeric Average
- A weight of 3 points is added to the numeric average for Honors classes each quarter.
- A weight of 5 points is added to the numeric average of AP classes each quarter.

HOPE GPA

- HOPE GPA is calculated using only academic classes
- HOPE GPA is recalculated to weigh only AP courses with a .5 for a B or C. Highest grade is 4.0 for an A.
- Use your GA Futures account or see Mrs. Stapleton to obtain your HOPE GPA.

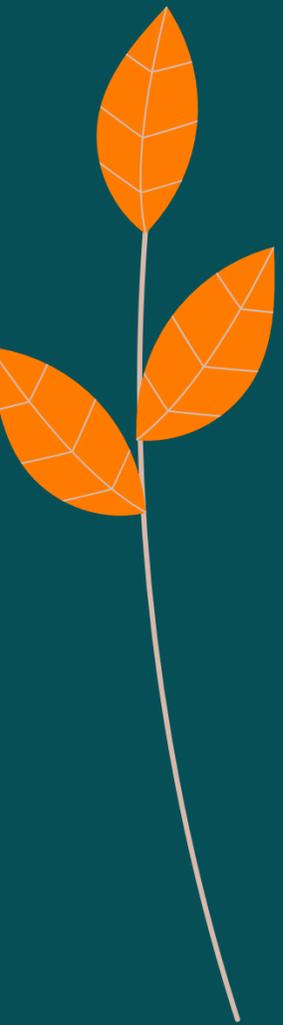
Colleges and Universities

- Colleges and universities use their own procedures for calculating GPAs.
- Check with the admissions team to learn the procedure for recalculation.

Dual Enrollment



- **Juniors and Seniors with a minimum 3.0 HOPE GPA may participate**
- **Some classes offered in-person at Briarwood (English this year)**
We are looking at the possibility of adding Spanish next year.
- **Many of our seniors and some of our Juniors are taking English and/or electives via Dual Enrollment.**
- **We will continue our partnership with East Georgia College.**
- **All courses taken via Dual Enrollment must be approved by the counselor.**
- **DE packets are available on the Briarwood website.**



GRADUATION

Val/Sal/First Honors

- **Valedictorian** - attended BA for two consecutive years immediately preceding graduation who has taken 2 Honors/AP/DE classes each year and has the highest overall cumulative numerical average.
- **Salutatorian** - attended BA for two consecutive years immediately preceding graduation who has taken 2 Honors/AP/DE classes each year and has the second highest overall cumulative numerical average.
- **First Honor Graduate** - attended BA for two consecutive years immediately preceding graduation who has taken 2 Honors/AP/DE classes each year and has the third highest overall cumulative numerical average.

Honor Graduate

- Students who have a cumulative numerical average of 90 or above.
- Students must take at least one Honors/AP/DE course per year to be eligible to graduate as an Honor Graduate.

Junior Marshal/Ushers

- Junior ushers have a cumulative numerical average of 90 or above, calculated at the end of the 3rd quarter, and have taken at least one Honors/AP/DE course per year.
- Junior Marshal has attended Briarwood for 2 consecutive years immediately preceding the end of the junior year, taking at least 2 Honors/AP/DE courses and has the highest overall cumulative average at the end of the 3rd quarter.

POST-SECONDARY PLANS

Options

Military

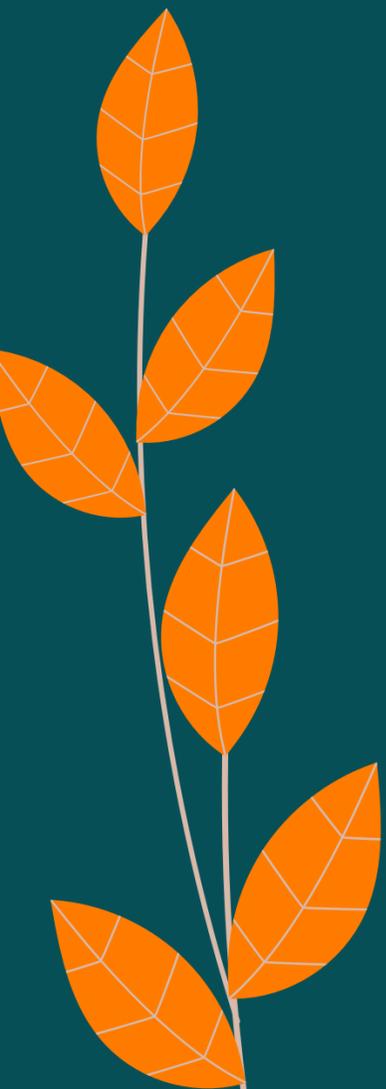
Technical College

Two-Year College

Four-Year College

Apprenticeships/Internships

Direct to Employment



Testing



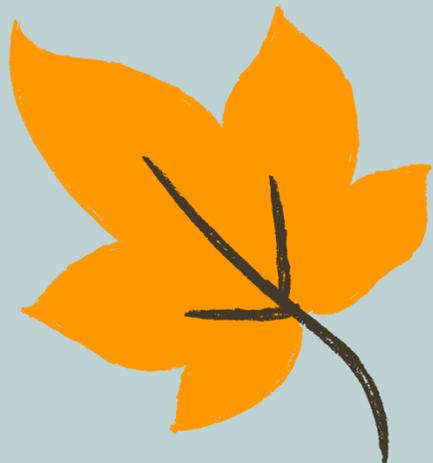
Testing requirements depend on the career/college path.

Military - requires the ASVAB.

Technical Colleges-take the SAT/ACT or will have students take a placement test

Two-Year Colleges-take the SAT/ACT or will have students take a placement test

Four-Year Colleges and Universities-most require the SAT/ACT





Testing



SAT Dates and Deadlines

At this time, registration is open for all students for the entire 2025-26 testing year.

All deadlines expire at 11:59 p.m. ET, U.S.

August 2025–June 2026 Test Dates

These test dates and deadlines apply to all students—U.S. and international—taking the SAT:

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration**
Aug. 23, 2025	Aug. 8, 2025 Register	Aug. 12, 2025
Sept. 13, 2025	Aug. 29, 2025	Sept. 2, 2025
Oct. 4, 2025	Sept. 19, 2025	Sept. 23, 2025
Nov. 8, 2025	Oct. 24, 2025	Oct. 28, 2025
Dec. 6, 2025	Nov. 21, 2025 Register	Nov. 25, 2025
March 14, 2026	Feb. 27, 2026 Register	March 3, 2026
May 2, 2026	Apr. 17, 2026 Register	April 21, 2026
June 6, 2026	May 22, 2026 Register	May 26, 2026



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UPCOMING TEST DATES & DEADLINES

Over 97% of scores are available within a 2-4 week period after the test date.

Test Dates	Early Reg Deadlines	Late Reg Deadlines*	Score Release Dates
Oct 18, 2025	Sep 12, 2025	Sep 30, 2025	Oct 28, 2025
Dec 13, 2025	Nov 7, 2025	Nov 24, 2025	Dec 30, 2025
Feb 14, 2026	Jan 9, 2026	Jan 23, 2026	Mar 3, 2026
Apr 11, 2026	Mar 6, 2026	Mar 24, 2026	Apr 21, 2026
Jun 13, 2026	May 8, 2026	May 29, 2026	Jun 23, 2026
Jul 11, 2026	Jun 5, 2026	Jun 24, 2026	Jul 21, 2026

*Late fee applies.

[Register Now](#)

[Get a Reminder](#)



Testing – AP Exams



Week 1	Morning 8 a.m. Local Time	Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time
Monday, May 4, 2026	Biology	European History
	Latin	Microeconomics
Tuesday, May 5, 2026	Chemistry	United States Government and Politics
	Human Geography	
Wednesday, May 6, 2026	English Literature and Composition	Comparative Government and Politics
		Physics 1: Algebra-Based
Thursday, May 7, 2026	Physics 2: Algebra-Based	African American Studies
	World History: Modern	Statistics
Friday, May 8, 2026	Italian Language and Culture	Chinese Language and Culture
	United States History	Macroeconomics

Art and Design: Friday, May 8, 2026 (8 p.m. ET), is the deadline for AP Art and Design students to submit their three portfolio components as final in the AP Digital Portfolio.

Week 2	Morning 8 a.m. Local Time	Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time
Monday, May 11, 2026	Calculus AB	Music Theory
	Calculus BC	Seminar
Tuesday, May 12, 2026	French Language and Culture	Japanese Language and Culture
	Precalculus	Psychology
Wednesday, May 13, 2026	English Language and Composition	Physics C: Mechanics
	German Language and Culture	Spanish Literature and Culture
Thursday, May 14, 2026	Art History	Computer Science Principles
	Spanish Language and Culture	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Friday, May 15, 2026	Environmental Science	Computer Science A

GEORGIA SCHOLARSHIPS



The HOPE Scholarship and the Zell Miller Scholarship are managed by the Georgia Student Finance Commission

HOPE Scholarship

- 3.0 Minimum HOPE GPA
 - 4 Rigor Courses
 - Pays tuition to state supported schools and partial tuition to private schools in Georgia.
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Zell Miller Scholarship

- 3.7 Minimum HOPE GPA
- 4 Rigor Courses
- 1200 SAT or 26 ACT (not super-scored)
- Pays tuition to state supported schools and partial tuition to private schools in Georgia.

Rigor Courses: Upper-level Math and Science classes, All AP/DE courses, 2nd year or higher Foreign Language classes.

Athletics at Briarwood Academy

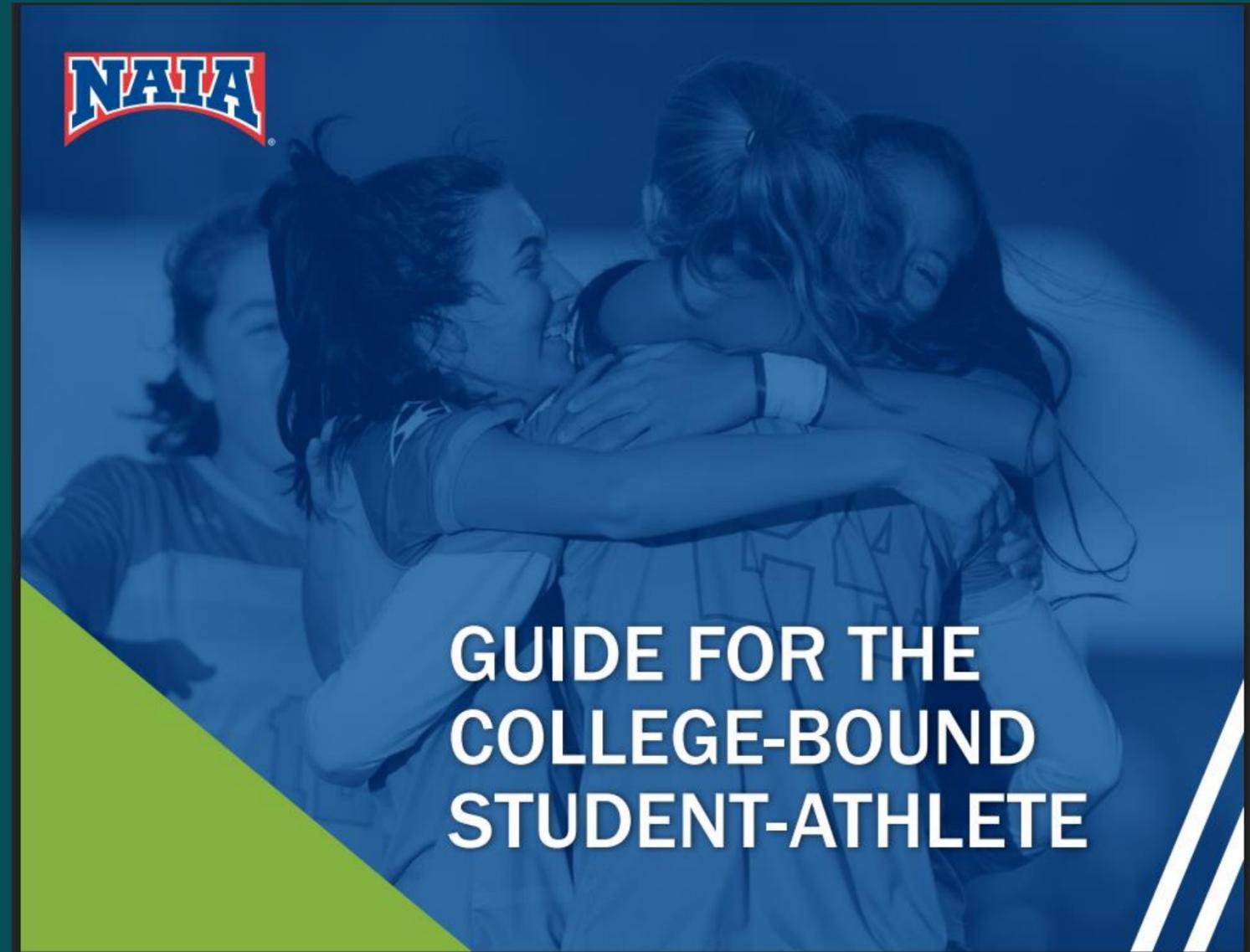
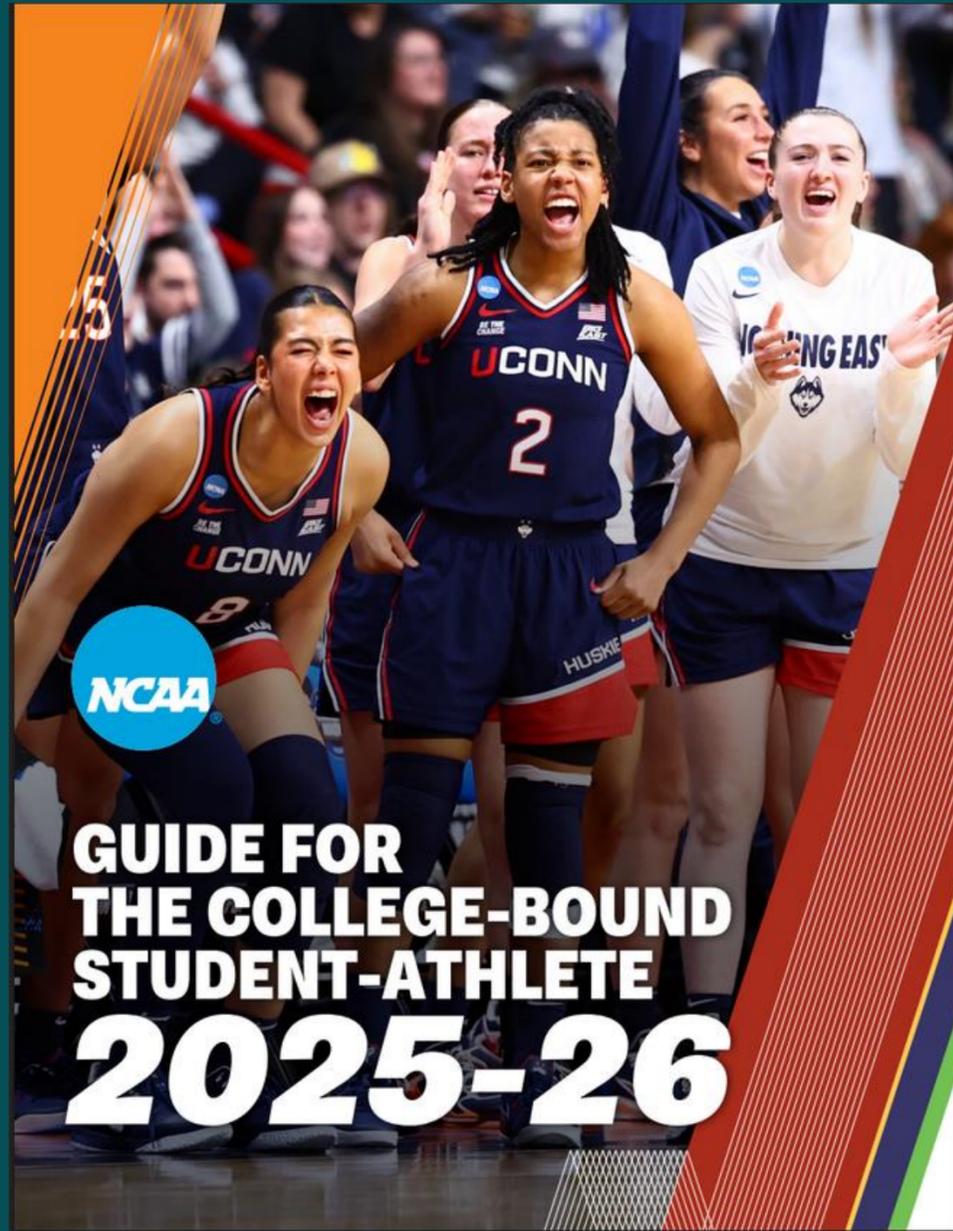


Briarwood Academy is an active member of the Georgia Independent School Association (GISA) and participates in region and state competitions in football, cheerleading, basketball, softball, baseball, track, tennis, cross-country, soccer, and golf.

1. A student in grades 6-12 must have passed five unit subjects or their equivalent the previous nine weeks.
2. A student must be considered present on the current school day to practice or participate in extra-curricular events.
For Saturday practice or events, the student must have been counted present on the Friday before the event.
3. For a student to participate in summer workouts or sporting events, the student must be registered and have his/her account in good standing.
4. Each athlete at Briarwood Academy will be allowed to participate in up to two sports during any season.
5. Each athlete at Briarwood Academy must participate in at least two meets, matches, or games to be eligible for any post-season tournaments (region or state).
6. The Head of School will handle any exceptions to these rules on an individual basis.



Sports in College



NCAA

General

OUR THREE DIVISIONS

The NCAA's three divisions were created in 1973 to align like-minded campuses in the areas of fairness, competition and opportunity.

Division I	Division II	Division III
361 Schools	292 Schools	422 Schools
8,800 Median Undergraduate Enrollment	2,100 Median Undergraduate Enrollment	1,700 Median Undergraduate Enrollment
1 in 22 Students are Athletes	1 in 7 Students are Athletes	1 in 5 Students are Athletes
19 Average Teams Per School	17 Average Teams Per School	19 Average Teams Per School
37% of NCAA Student-Athletes	24% of NCAA Student-Athletes	38% of NCAA Student-Athletes
Multiyear, cost-of-attendance athletics scholarships available.	Partial athletics scholarship model.	No athletics scholarships.
57% of athletes receive athletics aid.	62% of athletes receive athletics aid.	80% of athletes receive non-athletics aid.
Did you know...	Did you know...	Did you know...
Division I schools award over \$3 billion in athletics scholarships.	Division II is the only division with schools in Alaska, Puerto Rico and Canada.	Division III's largest school has 28,974 undergraduates. <i>The smallest?</i> 339.



NAIA



NAIA GUIDE FOR THE COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT-ATHLETE

Do I meet the freshman eligibility requirements?

If you will graduate from a U.S. high school this spring and enroll in college this coming fall, the requirements are simple. An entering freshman must:

- Be a graduate of an accredited high school.
- Must graduate with a 2.3+ GPA or meet two of the three following requirements.

MUST MEET TWO OF THE THREE

1. TEST SCORE REQUIREMENT	2. HIGH SCHOOL GPA REQUIREMENT	3. CLASS RANK REQUIREMENT
Achieve a minimum of 18 on the ACT or 970 on the SAT	Achieve a minimum overall high school grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale	Graduate in the top half of your high school class
<p>Tests must be taken on an international testing date prior to the start of the term in which you intend to participate in athletics and scores must be achieved on a single test date. The minimum SAT must be achieved on the Evidence-Based Reading & Writing and Math sections only; the Writing score cannot be used.</p> <p>Minimum score requirements for tests taken prior to May 1, 2019 varied.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For tests taken prior to March 1, 2016: 18 ACT, 860 SAT (reading, math) • For tests taken between March 1, 2016 and May 1, 2019: 16 ACT, 860 SAT (evidence-based reading & writing, math) 	<p>The NAIA accepts the grade point average determined by the high school, provided it is recorded and awarded in the same manner as for every other student at the school.</p>	<p>If a student's class rank does not appear on the transcript, a signed letter from the principal or headmaster, vice principal or guidance counselor written on the school's letterhead and with the school's official seal, stating the student's final class rank position or may be submitted.</p> <p>Exception: Completion of nine institutional credit hours prior to identification at any institution of higher education can be used if no class rank appears on the final official high school transcript. The credit hours must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.</p>

Mid-Year Eligibility Opportunity. If you do not meet requirements for an entering freshman, you can satisfy one of the initial requirements in addition to earning 12 institutional credits hours with a grade of "C" or better during your first term of attendance at your NAIA school to be eligible.

Learning disabilities. Students with diagnosed learning disabilities, who do not meet the freshman eligibility requirements, may have their academic profiles reviewed by the NAIA Learning Disability Advisory Committee at the request of an NAIA institution. The LDAC will then provide recommendations to the National Eligibility Committee to assist with a final decision.

What if I didn't attend a U.S. high school?

The criteria for alternative high school experiences and those outside of the U.S. are determined as follows:

GED Students — must meet two of the three

1. TEST SCORE REQUIREMENT	2. HIGH SCHOOL GPA REQUIREMENT	3. CLASS RANK REQUIREMENT
Achieve a minimum of 18 on the ACT or 970 on the SAT	GED students are recognized as having met the GPA requirement.	(Not applicable)

Home Schooled Students

TEST SCORE REQUIREMENT — Home school students who have an 18 on the ACT or 970 on the SAT are considered to have met freshman eligibility requirements.

If a home schooled student completes a home schooling program conducted in accordance with the laws of the student's state of residence, but does not meet the test score requirement, a home school waiver may be requested from the NAIA Home School Committee. They can also become eligible without a test score by completing nine institutional credit hours with a "C" or better prior to identification at any institution of higher learning. Coursework must be accepted as institutional credit on the certifying NAIA transcript and be shown as earned prior to the term in which the student wishes to compete.

International Students - Must graduate with a 2.3+ GPA or meet two of the three following requirements.

Graduates of high schools outside of the United States or one of the U.S. territories.

1. TEST SCORE REQUIREMENT	2. HIGH SCHOOL GPA REQUIREMENT	3. CLASS RANK REQUIREMENT
Achieve a minimum of 18 on the ACT or 970 on the SAT	Achieve a minimum overall high school grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale	Graduate in the top half of your high school class
		Exception: Completion of nine institutional credit hours prior to identification at any institution of higher education can be used if no class rank appears on the final official high school transcript. The credit hours must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.
International students must provide their academic records in both the language of issue as well as word-for-word English translation.		

Note: For detailed information about the process for international students, please see the [NAIA Guide for the International Student-Athlete](#).

PARENT TIPS

- Communicate with your student about expectations and reality.
- Communicate with teachers, counselor and admin about any questions or concerns.
- Encourage attendance – it is directly correlated to academics and behavior.
- Balancing act – monitoring and providing independence.





THANK YOU
FOR COMING!