



BRIARWOOD ACADEMY JUNIOR NIGHT AUGUST 10, 2026

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

GOOD EVENING!

Meeting Agenda



Introduction



Presentation of Information



Question and Answer Session



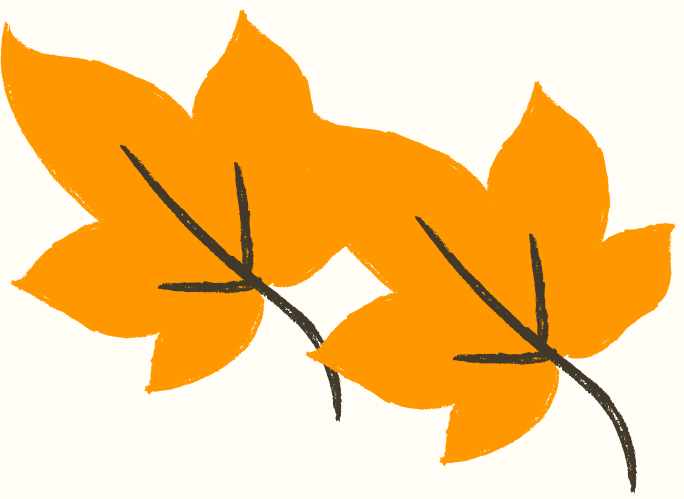
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ADVISEMENT MEETING

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

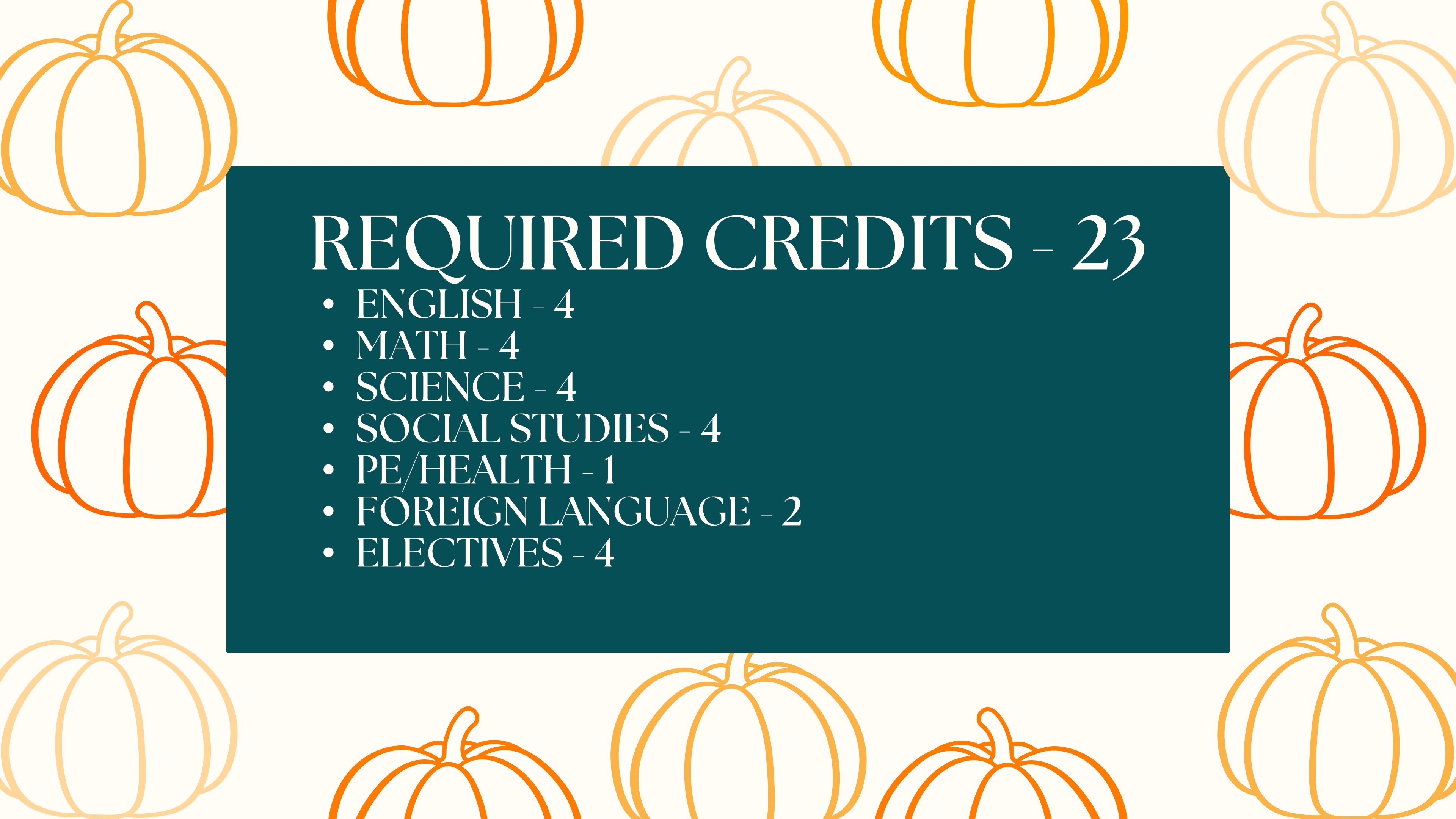
Sports

Fine Arts

Start building your resume'

Visit colleges/technical colleges-forms on table

Watch for emails from Mrs. Stapleton

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REQUIRED CREDITS - 23

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

Sample Individual Graduation Plan

Sample Grad Plan

Briarwood Academy Credit Summary/Individual Graduation Plan			Student Name: <u>Susan Cory</u>	
			Cohort: <u>2027</u>	
			Date of Birth: <u>05.08.2009</u>	

Student Signature	Date	# Credits	Counselor Signature	Date
9 th				
10 th				
11 th			<u>Catharine Stapleton</u>	<u>9/25</u>
12 th				

LANGUAGE ARTS (4 credits)	SCIENCE (4 credits)	SOCIAL STUDIES (4 credits)
9 th Grade Lit. A ☒ B ☒	Biology A ☒ B ☒	Economics A ☐ B ☐
10 th Grade Lit. A ☒ B ☒	Env. Science <u>Chemistry</u> A ☒ B ☒	U.S. Govt. A ☒ B ☒
11 th Grade Lit. A ☐ B ☐	<u>Physics</u> /Physical Science A ☐ B ☐	W. History A ☒ B ☒
12 th Grade Lit. A ☐ B ☐	A ☐ B ☐	U.S. History A ☐ B ☐

MATH (4 credits)	CTAE, Fine Art, Modern Lang. (2/3 Credits)	ELECTIVES (4/5 credits)
Algebra I A ☒ B ☒	HS Chorus A ☒ B ☒	Span. I A ☒ B ☒
Algebra II A ☒ B ☒	HS Chorus A ☒ B ☒	Span. II A ☒ B ☒
<u>Geometry</u> A ☐ B ☐	HS Chorus A ☐ B ☐	<u>Psychology</u> A ☐ B ☐
Fourth Math A ☐ B ☐	Pathway: _____	A ☐ B ☐
	Completer: Yes ☐ No ☐	A ☐ B ☐
	PEH (1 credit)	A ☐ B ☐
	Health & Safety ☒	A ☐ B ☐
	Personal Fitness ☒	A ☐ B ☐

Students must earn 23 credits in order to graduate from Briarwood Academy.

HOPE GPA - 4.0

Notes/Comments

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 may participate.**
- **We have students taking online Dual Enrollment courses through Augusta University, Georgia Military College, Georgia Southern University, Middle Georgia State University, and Augusta Technical College.**
- **Admissions requirements vary with the colleges.**
- **Many of our Juniors and Seniors are taking courses via Dual Enrollment.**
- **All courses taken via Dual Enrollment must be approved by the counselor.**



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

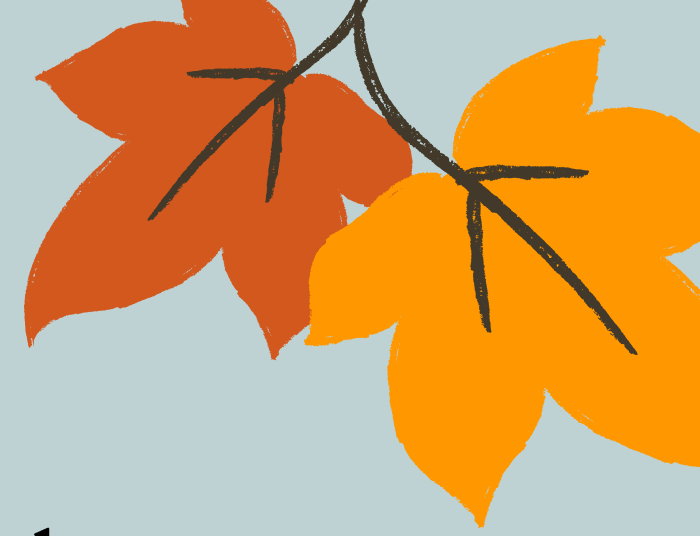
Four-Year College

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, such as the Accuplacer.

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. Required scores depend on the institution.





Testing



Important Dates:

2026-27 School Year



FALL 2026 TESTING

WEEKEND TESTING

SAT[®] Weekend
sat.org

Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

Registration deadlines are listed below test dates. Late registration deadlines appear in parentheses. Students who do not register by the initial deadline will be charged a \$38 late fee.

AUG 22	SEPT 12	OCT 3	NOV 7	DEC 5
Aug 7 (Aug 11)	Aug 28 (Sept 1)	Sept 18 (Sept 22)	Oct 23 (Oct 27)	Nov 20 (Nov 24)

Sunday test dates immediately follow Saturday test dates.

Fall 2026 Weekend Score Release Dates

Test Date	Scores available to students	Scores available to educators
AUG 22	SEPT 4	SEPT 8
SEPT 12	SEPT 25	SEPT 28
OCT 3	OCT 16	OCT 19
NOV 7	NOV 20	NOV 23
DEC 5	DEC 18	DEC 21

SPRING 2027 TESTING

SAT Weekend
sat.org

Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

Registration deadlines are listed below test dates. Late registration deadlines appear in parentheses. Students who do not register by the initial deadline will be charged a \$38 late fee.

MAR 6	MAY 1	JUN 5
Feb 19 (Feb 23)	Apr 16 (Apr 20)	May 21 (May 25)

Sunday test dates immediately follow Saturday test dates.

Spring 2027 Weekend Score Release Dates

Test Date	Scores available to students	Scores available to educators
MAR 6	MAR 19	MAR 22
MAY 1	MAY 14	MAY 17
JUN 5	JUN 21	JUN 21

IN-SCHOOL TESTING

SAT School Day
sat.org/schoolday

PSAT/NMSQT[®]
psatnmsqt.org

PSAT[™] 8/9
psat8-9.org

Testing Window

OCT 1–30

Schools may also choose to offer the PSAT/NMSQT on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026.

Fall 2026 In-School Score Release Dates

Testing staff submit assessments by	Scores available to educators	Scores available to students
OCT 9	OCT 20	OCT 22
OCT 23	NOV 3	NOV 5
OCT 30	NOV 10	NOV 12

SAT School Day
sat.org/schoolday

PSAT[™] 10
psat10.org

PSAT 8/9
psat8-9.org

Testing Window

MAR APR 1–30

For spring 2027 in-school testing score release dates, visit the In-School Educator Experience.



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Students & Parents

K-12

Workforce

Higher Ed

Blogs



MyACT

The ACT Test



US Students ▾

Registration ▾

Test Prep ▾

Test Day ▾

Scores ▾

Complete ACT Test Date Schedule

The ACT is offered 7 times per year at test centers across the United States. Scores are released approximately 2–4 weeks after each test. Register through your [MyACT](#) account to secure your spot and find an approved test center near you.

2026-2027 Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline (Late fee applies after this date)	Late Deadline	Photo Upload & Standby Deadline	Paper Initial Score Release
September 19, 2026	August 14	September 1	September 14	October 6
October 17, 2026	September 11	September 29	October 12	October 27
December 12, 2026	November 6	November 29	December 7	December 22
February 27, 2027	January 22	February 9	February 22	March 16
April 10, 2027	March 5	March 23	April 5	April 20
June 12, 2027	May 7	May 25	June 7	June 23
July 10, 2027	June 4	June 22	July 5	July 20

Register for the ACT →

- **July testing will be available for learners in New York starting in 2027!** Available Test Centers will continue to be added to registration as they become available through Spring 2027
- National test dates are for the United States, US territories, and Puerto Rico.
- Deadlines occur at 11:59 pm Central Time.
- If you are unable to test on a Saturday for religious reasons, [non-Saturday testing](#) may be available.
- All requests for Accommodations and English Learner supports, including appeals, must be submitted by the [published accommodations deadline](#) through the Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA) system.



Testing – AP Exams



Week 1 Schedule: May 3–7, 2027

Date	Session 1 AP Exams	Session 2 AP Exams
Monday, May 3, 2027	• Human Geography • Physics C: Mechanics	• Biology • Italian Language and Culture
Tuesday, May 4, 2027	• Business with Personal Finance • United States Government and Politics	• European History • Microeconomics
Wednesday, May 5, 2027	• Cybersecurity • English Literature and Composition	• Physics 1: Algebra-Based • Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Thursday, May 6, 2027	• French Language and Culture • Physics 2: Algebra-Based • World History: Modern	• African American Studies • Chemistry
Friday, May 7, 2027	• German Language and Culture • United States History	• Macroeconomics • Networking (2026-27 pilot schools only)

Week 2 Schedule: May 10–14, 2027

Date	Session 1 AP Exams	Session 2 AP Exams
Monday, May 10, 2027	• Calculus AB • Calculus BC	• Music Theory • Seminar
Tuesday, May 11, 2027	• Japanese Language and Culture • Precalculus	• Statistics
Wednesday, May 12, 2027	• English Language and Composition	• Art History • Computer Science A
Thursday, May 13, 2027	• Spanish Language and Culture	• Chinese Language and Culture • Environmental Science
Friday, May 14, 2027	• Comparative Government and Politics • Computer Science Principles • Spanish Literature and Culture	• Latin • Psychology

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



SPORTS ▾

WATCH LIVE

EXPLORE NAIA ▾

STUDENT-ATHLETES ▾

FOR MEMBERS ▾

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES



NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER



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
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. Minimum score requirements for tests taken prior to May 1, 2019 varied. • 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)	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.	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. 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.

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!