CLASS OF 2023

FLEX ACADEMY SENIOR PARENT NIGHT

FLEX Academy K12
GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Stay Informed & Access Resources

Join Code: iws06ms
BASE HIGH SCHOOL GC CODES

- ALEXANDER HIGH SCHOOL – x3hq2vh
- CHAPEL HILL HIGH SCHOOL – cy6wjk7
- DOUGLAS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL – 24efsuw
- LITHIA SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL – Contact LSHS Counselor
- NEW MANCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL – csbc612

* See your base high school website for CLASS of 2023 to obtain information on other ways to connect and receive updates for graduation.
ASCA MINSETS & BEHAVIORS

M 4: Understanding that postsecondary education and lifelong learning are necessary for long-term career success.

M 5: Belief in using abilities to their fullest to achieve high quality results and outcomes.

B-LS 9: Gather evidence and consider multiple perspectives to make informed decisions.

B-SMS 1: Demonstrate the ability to assume responsibility.
FLEX Academy Counseling Program
Vision & Mission Statements

VISION: The FLEX Academy Counseling Program envisions a collaborative partnership with students, parents, teachers, administrators, and other community stakeholders that motivates and empowers students to gain success in reaching their fullest potential academically, personal/socially, and vocationally so they make successful transitions at each grade level and graduate high school college/career ready and become productive citizens able to contribute to a global society.

MISSION: The Mission of the FLEX Academy Counseling Program is to provide a comprehensive, student-centered, developmental, data-driven counseling program that serves, supports, and advocates for all students (K-12) whose families require or desire a quality, FLEXible online education.

"Soaring to New Heights"
Agenda

- Where are you now?
  - Are you on track to graduate?
- What are your plans after graduation?
  - College (4-year, 2-year, Technical)
  - Military
  - Work
  - Your GPA – It’s Impact on Post-Secondary Options
- Steps to Achieving Your Goals
  - Application Processes
- Introduction to SCOIR
- Important Reminders / Upcoming Events
Are You On Track to Graduate?

- 23 Credits (Minimum)
  - English – 4 credits
  - Mathematics – 4 credits
  - Science – 4 credits
  - Social Studies – 3 credits
  - Health & Personal Fitness – 1 credit (1/2 credit each)
  - CTAE, Fine Arts, Foreign Language – 3 credits
  - General Electives – 4 credits
Testing

- End of Course Testing (EOCT) – You will take at base HS
  - American Literature, US History, Algebra I, and Biology
- Accuplacer – 2-year colleges/technical schools
- ASVAB – See base HS for testing date
- ACT & SAT – SAT Test Day – October 27
- Testing Calendar

*Waivers will cover most test and college application. Contact your counselor at your base high school for a waiver application.*
ACT & SAT

- ACT or SAT is required by most 4-year colleges/universities
  - Test-Optional – USG Institutions (enrollment for 2022-2023)
  - Depends on GPA
  - Does not apply to University of Georgia and Georgia Tech

- Check requirements for out-of-state institutions
- Required for some scholarships (Zell Miller Scholarship)
- Scheduling conflicts – Check dates before paying for exams
- Send test scores and official transcripts to all institutions/clearinghouses (e.g., colleges/universities, technical schools, NCAA, NAIA)
  - Scores must be sent by testing agency
  - First 4 score reports – FREE if requested prior to testing
- Check Admissions Application Deadlines
- Use your fee waivers
Your Post-Secondary Plans

Military
- Air Force
- Army
- Marine Corps.
- Navy
- Coast Guard
- Military Service Academies

Work
- Apprenticeship Programs
- Staffing Agencies (Elwood Staffing, Horizon Staffing, MAU Workforce Solutions, etc.)
- Other Employment Opportunities

College
- 4-Year Colleges/Universities
- 2-Year Colleges
- Technical Colleges

Today’s Military
Military / Work

Military
- Meet with a recruiter
- Take ASVAB
- Be physically fit

Work
- Create a Resume
- Consider going through a staffing agency
- Thoroughly complete your employment applications’
- Research and apply to apprenticeship programs
Technical, 2- & 4-Year Colleges/Universities

- Two-Year Institutions: Educational institution offering the equivalent of the first 2 years of a 4 year undergraduate degree program (GA Highlands, Georgia Military College)

- Technical Colleges: Provide specialized training in a specific trade/profession. Can take less than 2 years to earn a certificate, diploma, or Associates degree (West Georgia Technical College, Chattahoochee Technical, Atlanta Area Technical College)

- Four-Year Institutions: Offer Bachelors degrees and usually completed in 4 years of full-time study
Your Grade Point Average (College)

- **Cumulative GPA**: Averages grades of ALL of the courses you have taken.
- **CORE GPA**: Averages only the grades of your ACADEMIC courses without electives.
- **HOPE Scholarship GPA**: Averages grades of your ACADEMIC courses with exceptions:
  - School awarded weight removed from AP, IB, and Dual Enrollment courses.
  - 0.5 points added back to grades of B, C, D, and F for AP, IB, and Dual Enrollment Core Courses. (+/- grades are not considered).
  - No additional points given for Honor courses.
  - Must meet **HOPE Academic Rigor** (4 Classes).
- **HOPE GPA** is calculated by Georgia Student Finance Commission.
- You may check your HOPE GPA at GA Futures website (gafutures.org). **You must create an account first.**
- Students must verify their DOB and SSN. Make sure this information is updated in Infinite Campus.
Entrance Exams

- Check admissions requirements for the institution in which you are interested in applying. Depending on where you want to go depends on which scores are required for admission.

- **ACT** or **SAT** – 4-year colleges/universities
  - Should take after taking Algebra II

- **Accuplacer** – 2-year colleges/technical schools

- **ASVAB** – Military

- Be Prepared!!

- FREE Study Materials – USA TestPrep (access through DCSS Student Portal/ClassLink), **Khan Academy**, **CollegeBoard** all have practice test available.
FEE WAIVERS

- Fee waivers allow students to waive the cost of the SAT/ACT and sometimes they will waive admissions application fees, too.

- Must qualify for free and reduced lunch to receive a waiver (2 for SAT / 2 for ACT).

- You can send test scores to institutions for free.

- Students qualifying for test score waivers are also eligible to use a fee waiver for NCAA/NAIA applications as well.

- Contact your base HS counselor for more information.
College & Scholarship Applications

- College Representative Visits
- Military Recruiter Visits
- Submitting College and Scholarship Applications
  - Submit applications through GA Futures, Common Application, Common Black College Application, SCOIR, etc.
  - Directly through institutional websites
  - Request official transcripts from your Base HS – May be required to pay $3.00 Fee
- Letters of Recommendation
  - Complete BRAG SHEET (see Base HS website)
  - Give at least 2 weeks or more notice for recommendation letters
Going to College – Getting Started

- Do your research
- Narrow down your search to schools that are a good fit
- Pay attention to cost. Is it financially feasible?
- Visit the campus if you can
- Apply
  - 2 Reach Schools – Your academic credentials fall at the lower end or below institution’s average range for admission
  - 2 Match Schools – Your academic credentials fall well within the institution’s average range for admission
  - 2 Safe Schools – Your academic credentials are higher than the institution’s range for admission
- Consider Application Deadlines
- Extracurricular Activities (e.g., Sports, Clubs, Leadership Opportunities, Community Service)
Online Resources for Completing College Applications

- **Academic Common Market**
  - The ability to apply to an out-of-state school and pay in-state tuition IF an in-state institution does not offer your program/major of interest.

- **Common Application**
  - Application portal for over 700 institutions
  - You can request more information directly from the institution

- **Common Black College Application**
  - Application portal for 51 Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs)

- **Georgia Futures**
  - Application portal for USG institutions

- **SCOIR**
  - College & Career Planning Tool (coincides with YOUSCIENCE)
  - **SCOIR INTRO VIDEO** – WATCH for INSTRUCTIONS on how to set up your profile.
SCOIR

- Login through ClassLink
- Add colleges you have applied to under the “Applied” column
- Complete the transcript request form – See your base HS Google Classroom
- Be sure to record your personal email address because you will lose access to your DCSS student email after graduation.

SCOIR Informational Video
Financial Aid

- **FAFSA** – Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Application Available – October 1st
- Get Your FSA ID – Your FSA ID serves as your electronic signature.
- 2021 Tax Return (Student and Parent Forms required)
- FAFSA Information Sessions – November 14, 2022 (Virtual) / January 26, 2023 (In-Person) – 6:00 PM
Honors and Seals

- **Valedictorian** – Highest number of points earned
- **Salutatorian** – Second highest number of points earned
- **Honor Graduate**
  - 4.0 – 3.75 GPA – Five academic courses Senior Year, 2 Foreign Language Credits, and No failing grades
- **Board Scholar**
  - 3.74 – 3.50 GPA – One extra academic course over 4 years, 2 Foreign Language Credits, and No failing grades
Honors and Seals

- **Academic Seal**
  - 3 AP or Dual Enrollment Credits or 2 AP Credits + 1 CCI Certificate

- **Career Ready Diploma Seal**
  - Complete a CTAE Pathway and pass the End of Pathway Assessment or earn a credit in Work-Based Learning or complete a pathway in an industry-certified program

- **Fine Arts Seal**
  - 4 credits of Fine Arts courses, 2 of the 4 credits must be in the same discipline

- **Foreign Language Seal**
  - 3 credits of the same Foreign Language – Must be earned at the HS level.

- **CTAE Pathway**
  - Must pass the End of Pathway Assessment
  - May also earn the Career Ready Diploma Seal
  - Earn a cord for each pathway completion
Check Your Base HS Website for more information. Be sure to review the Class of 2023 Senior Parent Night Presentation if it was recorded and made available on the Base HS website.

*DCHS did not record its Senior Parent Meeting; see LSHS for more information about its Senior Parent meeting.
Upcoming Events

**OCTOBER 14 – 3 SLOTS AVAILABLE**

UWG “On the Bus” Event (*College of Art & History Majors Only*)
10AM—12:30 PM
$10.00 Lunch/Person
Transportation provided

**OCTOBER 20**

DCSS College & Career Institute & West GA Technical College Info Session
McKenna Lee—Presenter
Sheila Billingslea—Presenter
6:00 PM (Virtual Meeting)

**OCTOBER 27**

UWG Info Session
Abby Adair—Presenter
6:00 PM (Virtual Meeting)

**NOVEMBER 14**

Financial Aid Night w/Ben Meadows
GA Student Finance Commission
6:00 PM (Virtual Meeting)
Questions & Answers

Thank you for taking the time to join us!

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