

PEBBLEBROOK HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2027
SENIOR YEAR AND BEYOND

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Class of 2025 Details:

CEEB Code: 111925

Graduation Date: May 19, 2027 (The date you will report to colleges, but the graduation ceremony is TBD)

Class Rank Reporting: None (Cobb County School District no longer reports class rank)

Graduating Class Size: 571

GPA Scale: We use a 4.0 scale.

GPA Weighting: Weighted

HOPE GPA:

HOPE GPA is the average of ALL core classes – calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) using your English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Languages ONLY! It includes courses you passed and/or failed. There are no extra quality points for Honors, but 0.5 extra quality points are given for Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Enrollment (DE) courses, up to 4.0. The HOPE scholarships can be used at in-state colleges/universities. For private colleges/universities, only a portion of the tuition is covered which is at a much lower rate than the GA public colleges/universities.

HOPE GPA is not included on Cobb County School District (CCSD) transcript but can be found at www.gafutures.org

Types of HOPE & Requirements	
➤ Must take four classes the GSFC determines as rigorous. The Academic Rigor Course List can be found at www.gafutures.org > HOPE & State Aid Programs > HOPE & Zell Miller Scholarships > HOPE Scholarship > Initial Academic Eligibility. ➤ You can apply for HOPE using the FAFSA and/or the GSFAPP (You do NOT need to complete both!) ➤ Must be a Georgia resident for at least one year (permanent resident or citizenship)	
Zell Miller Scholarship Full standard rate of tuition at <i>public</i> institution	➤ Requires 3.7 core high school (HOPE) GPA as calculated by GSFC (www.gafutures.org). ➤ Requires 1200 SAT Math and Reading or 25 ACT composite in one test sitting. ➤ Must maintain 3.3 in college. Student can drop to HOPE if GPA is lower than 3.3.
HOPE Scholarship *Pays a portion of standard tuition at <i>public</i> institution*	➤ 3.0 HOPE GPA as calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) in core curriculum courses (English, math, science, foreign language, social science) ➤ Must earn a minimum of 4 credits from the academic rigor course list prior to graduating from high school. (Review your HOPE transcript on GAFutures.org) ➤ Two year or four-year degree.
HOPE Grant *Pays a portion of standard tuition*	➤ No initial GPA requirement; 2.0 required after the first 30 hours. ➤ Technical certificate or diploma at a GA Technical College. ➤ Must have a high school diploma or GED.
Zell Miller Grant Full standard rate of tuition	➤ No initial GPA Requirement; Requires 3.5 college GPA for grant eligibility. ➤ Does not require minimum test score. ➤ Covers 100% tuition (retroactively covers previous semester once 3.5 GPA is earned)
Hope Career Grant	➤ Enroll in certain high-demand certificate and diploma programs at a University System of Georgia (USG) or Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) school. ➤ A list of eligible programs can be found at www.gafutures.org

	➤ HOPE Grant and Zell Miller Grant eligibility requirements will apply. ➤ Award amount: Awards are a fixed amount per term based on the program and number of hours enrolled; approved programs and award amounts available on www.gafutures.org
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College Fairs/Admission Rep Visits:

➤ Check NAVIANCE for PHS College Visits: Naviance > Colleges > College Visits <i>College Visits are held in the Career Center within the main Counseling Office; Students must Register for each college visit in Naviance to attend; Juniors & Seniors are permitted to attend; Students must be within eligible GPA range of visiting college to attend.</i> ➤ Cobb County College Kickoff: College fair, financial aid session, college panels, NCAA sessions, interpreters available. September 14th at Walton High School 6pm-7:30pm scholartrek.com/cobb ➤ Georgia Probe College Fairs: Marietta HS October 13th 6pm-7:30pm https://www.gaprobe.org/calendar/
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Alternatives to 4-Year College

Check out the following video for insight into options beyond 4-year college: bit.ly/alternativesto4yearcollege

What type of training do you need to achieve your career goals?

On-The-Job Training	Structured hands-on training by a peer or supervisor over a short period of time. These types of careers don't typically require tests for certification or licensure.
Apprenticeship	Typically takes 1-6 years to learn the job from someone who is licensed in the field. Often requires formal licensure and may also require formal classes to learn the skills and prepare for the exam. Receive pay and benefits while training.
Military	Full-Time (Active Duty) or Part-Time (Reserves) Air Force, Army, Army National Guard, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy
Specialty School	Offer training in a specific career area. Note* They can be expensive and financial aid may be limited.
Technical College	State technical colleges that allow you to earn certificates, diplomas, or associate degrees in multiple career fields.
Four-Year College	Earn a bachelor's degree in multiple career fields.

Unsure what do you want to do after high school?

Step 1: Take an Interest Inventory (available on Naviance or sign up to take the ASVAB)

Step 2: Once you have your results, make a list of careers you want to research.

Step 3: Determine the occupational outlook for the career(s).

Step 4: Look for schools/programs that offer the major or training for that career.

Step 5: Meet with your School Counselor to talk about next steps.

Sign-up to take the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) at Pebblebrook HS on October 2024 and March 2025 (dates TBD) It can be used for the military or for insight into your career strengths. (Scores are not automatically released to the military).

SAT Dates and Deadlines

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee)
September 12, 2026	August 28, 2026	September 1, 2026
October 3, 2026	September 18, 2026	September 22, 2026
November 7, 2026	October 23, 2026	October 27, 2026
December 5, 2026	November 20, 2026	November 24, 2026
March 6, 2027	February 19, 2027	February 23, 2027
May 1, 2027	April 16, 2027	April 20, 2027
June 5, 2027	May 21, 2027	May 25, 2027

Go to sat.org/register to register for the SAT.

ACT Dates and Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee)
September 19, 2026	August 14, 2026	September 1, 2026
October 17, 2026	September 11, 2026	September 29, 2026
December 12, 2026	November 6, 2026	November 29, 2026
February 27, 2027	January 22, 2027	February 9, 2027
April 10, 2027	March 5, 2027	March 23, 2027
June 12, 2027	May 7, 2027	May 25, 2027
July 10, 2027	June 4, 2027	June 22, 2027

Go to actstudent.org to register for the ACT.

Test and Application Fee waivers are available to low-income 11th- and 12th-grade students in the U.S.

SAT Fee Waiver	ACT Fee Waivers
2 Free SATs & 2 Free Answer Services	2 Free ACTs (with or without the optional Writing component)
Unlimited Score Reports to colleges	Free score reports to up to 6 colleges
Waived application fees at participating schools (If you have already tested, the fee waivers are in your college board account.)	College application fee waivers (see your counselor)
Free CSS Profile at participating schools	Free access to The Official ACT online course
Eligibility: If one or more of these descriptions apply to you: ➤ You're enrolled in or eligible to participate in the federal National School Lunch Program (NSLP). ➤ Your family's annual income falls within the Income Eligibility Guidelines set by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service. ➤ You're enrolled in a federal, state, or local program that aids students from low-income families, for example, TRIO programs like Upward Bound. ➤ Your family receives public assistance. ➤ You're homeless or live in federally subsidized public housing or a foster home. ➤ You're a ward of the state or an orphan.	Eligibility: Meet one or more of the indicators of economic need listed below: ➤ Enrolled in a federal free or reduced-price lunch program at school, based on US Department of Agriculture (USDA) income levels. ➤ Enrolled in a program for the economically disadvantaged (for example, a federally funded program such as GEAR UP or Upward Bound). Note: If the student participates in a program, but is not economically disadvantaged, they are not eligible for a fee waiver. ➤ Resides in a foster home, is a ward of the state, or is homeless. ➤ Family receives low-income public assistance or lives in federally subsidized public housing. ➤ Family's total annual income is at or below USDA levels for free or reduced-price lunches on the USDA Food and Nutrition Service website.
*Apply for test fee waivers at www.CollegeBoard.org (beginning 2024)	*Test fee waivers (see your counselor)

ALL THINGS SCHOOLINKS

STUDENT SCHOOLINKS LOGIN INFO

DO NOT GOOGLE SCHOOLINKS! It will prevent you from accessing the secure site.

LOGIN OPTIONS (STUDENTS):

Go to Clever and choose **Schoolinks**. *Click the heart on the Schoolinks app so it will always appear in your favorites.

HOW TO REQUEST YOUR TRANSCRIPT

Applying to college? Make sure EVERY college you apply to is added to your Schoolinks College Application Manager!

You do NOT need to submit a separate transcript request for college applications. Adding the college/application to your Application Manager notifies your counselor and allows your required documents, including transcripts, to be processed.

- a. IMPORTANT: Adding a college to your Application Manager **does not** mean you have submitted your actual college application. You must still complete and submit your application through Common App, the college's website, GA Futures, etc.
1. Log into Schoolinks via Clever
2. From the left-hand navigation menu, select "College" → College Applications
3. Go to the Application Manager.
4. Click "Add Application" in the top right-hand corner **if it is NOT listed as one of your Common App schools.**
5. Students should add each college they are applying to.
6. Enter the application details:
 - a. Application type/method
 - b. Decision plan (Regular Decision, Early Action, etc.)
 - c. Other applicable application details
7. Then click Save/Add Application.
8. THAT'S THE TRANSCRIPT REQUEST!

Once the college is in their College Application Manager, Schoolinks automatically creates the appropriate transcript/counselor document workflow.

If you are applying to colleges using the Common Application, you MUST match your Common Application account in Schoolinks (see blue button on your main dashboard under the College --> College Application tab)

Do Not Request Letters of Rec Through the Common App!

1. Access **SCHOOLINKS** via **Clever** (It won't work if you **GOOGLE SCHOOLINKS**)
2. Click "College" in the side navigation bar, then select "College Applications"
3. In the side panel within the Common App section, click the BLUE button that says "Connect-->"
4. Follow the prompts and enter the same email address you used for your Common Application.
5. Once logged in, you will be prompted to check a box saying that you "agree" for Schoolink's to access certain information from your Common App Account.
6. Click the blue button that says, "Connect and Continue."
7. You will be redirected back to Schoolinks!

WAIVING FERPA rights (FEDERAL EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT)

- **What is FERPA?** FERPA regulates the privacy of student education records, which could include your application to the college where you enroll. FERPA also gives you the right to review confidential letters of recommendation provided as part of that application after you enroll.
- **Should you waive your rights on your college application?**
 - Waiving your rights lets colleges know that you do not intend to read your recommendations, which helps reassure colleges that the letters are candid and truthful.
 - Some recommenders may decline to write a letter for you if you do not waive your rights. Check with your counselor or teachers to see if any of them follow such a policy.

REQUESTING A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (LOR)

ALWAYS give a recommender at least two-weeks advanced notice!

HOW TO REQUEST A COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION or School Report in Common App

1. **REQUIRED:** Complete the “**Brag Sheet**” survey in Schoolinks.
 - a. In Schoolinks on your home page, click “College” in the side navigation bar, then select College Applications
 - b. In the side panel, click the button that says, “**Complete Brag Sheet.**”
 - c. Complete each section thoroughly and thoughtfully. This will allow your counselor to write a personalized letter of recommendation. ****We highly suggest that you type your responses out in a Word doc and copy & paste over to not lose work as the session will time out and it will not save. ****
2. Email your counselor when you have completed this so they know that they can begin writing your letter. Include the school(s) you are applying to and the deadline(s).

HOW TO REQUEST A TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

Remember, you should always ask if the teacher will write you a letter before you send a request!

1. Step 1: Log in to SchoolLinks
 - a. Go to your SchoolLinks student account.
 - b. From your dashboard, select College Applications.
2. Open your application
 - a. Select the college you are applying to.
 - b. Make sure the college is listed in your Application Manager.
3. Go to Recommendations
 - a. Look for the Recommendations section of your application.
 - b. Click Add Recommendation or Request Recommendation.
4. Select your teacher
 - a. Search for and select the teacher you want to write your recommendation.
 - b. Make sure you select the correct teacher.
5. Add a personal message
 - a. Include a brief message thanking the teacher and giving them helpful information, such as:
 - b. What college/program you're applying to
 - c. Why you're interested
 - d. Your deadline
 - e. Anything you'd like them to highlight
6. Submit the request
 - a. Review the request.
 - b. Click Send Request.

Scholarship Information

Students can see the scholarships **right on their SchoolLinks Home page** in the “Here’s what’s happening 🖐️” section on the left.

- Students are required to complete all the necessary components that the scholarship requires. This includes requesting transcripts and emailing recommenders for a LOR. Again, please give recommenders sufficient time to complete a LOR.
- Scholarship deadlines, like college application deadlines, are firm. You snooze, you lose out on money.
- Sign up for scholarship notifications from different scholarship search engines like www.goingmerry.com, gafutures.org (Federal Aid and Scholarship> Scholarship Search), college/university financial aid office websites, FastWeb, BigFuture/CollegeBoard.

SchoolLinks Parent Log-in Information

1. Go to app.schoollinks.com to access the SchoolLinks login page.
2. Sign in using one of the options below:
 - a. Click **Login with Google, Microsoft, or LinkedIn**. If you have a Google, Microsoft, or LinkedIn email on file with the district.
 - b. Click **Forgot Password**, enter the email you have on file with the district, then follow the email instructions to create a password.
3. Once logged in, click the students' name to see their casefile shortcut.
 - a. Click on the student's name to view their case file. From the casefile, you can see your student's assessment results, review course plans, reach out to their counselor, and more!

Contact your school counselor if you need assistance!
We are here to help you navigate the college application process.