

PEBBLEBROOK HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2026
SENIOR YEAR AND BEYOND

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Class of 2025 Details:

CEEB Code: 111925
Graduation Date: May 20, 2026 (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: 558
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	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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 Admission Rep Visits at PHS:

<p>➤ 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></p>
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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 2025 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 Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee)	Expected Score Release
August 24, 2025	August 9, 2025	August 13, 2025	~13 days after test
October , 2025	September 15, 2025	September 23, 2025	~13 days after test
November 8, 2025	October 24, 2025	October 28, 2025	~13 days after test
December 6, 2025	November 21, 2025	November 25, 2025	~13 days after test
March 14, 2026	February 27, 2026	March 3, 2026	~13 days after test
May 2, 2026	April 17, 2026	April 21, 2026	~13 days after test
June 6, 2026	May 22, 2026	May 26, 2026	~13 days after test

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

ACT Dates and Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee)	Expected Score Release
September 16, 2025	August 1, 2025	August 19, 2025	10-20 days after test
October 18, 2025	September 12, 2025	October 30, 2025	10-20 days after test
December 13, 2025	November 7, 2025	November 24, 2025	10-20 days after test
February 14, 2026	January 9, 2026	January 23, 2026	10-20 days after test
April 11, 2026	February 6, 2026	March 24, 2026	10-20 days after test
June 13, 2026	May 8, 2026	May 29, 2026	10-20 days after test
July 11, 2026	June 5, 2026	June 24, 2026	10-20 days after test

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	4 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 <i>(If you have already tested, the fee waivers are in your college board account.)</i>	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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 2025)	*Test fee waivers (see your counselor)

ALL THINGS NAVIANCE

STUDENT NAVIANCE LOGIN INFO

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

LOGIN OPTIONS (STUDENTS):

Go to Clever and choose Naviance. *Click the <3 on the Naviance app so it will always appear in your favorites.

HOW TO REQUEST YOUR TRANSCRIPT (2 STEP PROCESS)

NOTE: Transcripts will only be sent to schools you are **ACTIVELY APPLYING** to and not schools you are “Thinking about”. It is the student’s responsibility to complete the steps below or the Transcript will **NOT** be sent.

STEP 1: Gain access to NAVIANCE via Clever

1. On the main page, under **Colleges**, choose “**Colleges I’m Applying To**”.
2. Click on the **pink circle with the plus sign** (far right-hand side).
3. **Choose your college, the app type (deadline you are planning to apply by) and how you will apply (Common App, Direct to Institution, etc.)**. The app type is very important. If you don’t choose correctly, we can’t release your transcript.
 - a. For Common App documents, you **MUST** “Match” your Common App (directions below)
4. Then choose **Add Application**. You will do this for each school you want to send a transcript to.
 - a. Initial transcript is what you will choose initially.
 - b. Mid-Year will be available mid-January.
 - c. Final is not until after graduation.

If you are applying to colleges using the Common Application, you MUST match your Common Application account in Naviance (see pink ribbon on your “Applying to” page)

Do Not Request Letters of Rec Through the Common App!

1. Access **NAVIANCE** via **Clever** (It won’t work if you **GOOGLE** Naviance!)
2. On the main page, under **Colleges**, choose **Colleges I’m Applying To**.
3. Click on the **Match** button at the top of the page in the pink ribbon.
4. Enter the same email address you used for your Common Application.

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 “**Counselor Letter of Rec**” survey in Naviance.
 - a. In Naviance on your home page, click on **About Me** tab, **Surveys from your School**, and lastly on **Counselor Letter of Rec Survey**.
 - b. 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. Access Naviance via Clever
2. On the **Home page**, go to the **Colleges** tab, then **Apply to College** and choose **Letters of Recommendation**.
3. Choose **Add Request**
4. Then, click on the drop down and **select the teacher** you would like to write your letter.
5. Next, **choose the school** that needs the letter.
6. **Include a personal note** to the teacher.
7. After you have submitted your request in Naviance, **follow up with the teacher a day or two later** to make sure they received the electronic request. (It may have gone to their junk mail).

Scholarship Information

1. **All scholarships are housed in Naviance under the Colleges tab labeled “Scholarship Search”.** When we receive information about scholarships, we post them in Naviance, so the list is constantly updated. There is also information about specific scholarships that colleges/universities offer. It is the student’s responsibility to check Naviance to see any updated scholarships.
2. 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.
3. Scholarship deadlines, like college application deadlines, are firm. You snooze, you lose out on money.
4. Sign up for scholarship notifications from different scholarship search engines like www.goingmerry.com

Naviance Parent Log-in Information

PARENT NAVIANCE LOGIN INFO: (You will use this to complete the Parent Assessment in Naviance to assist your child’s counselor with their letter of recommendation.)

1. Go to <https://student.naviance.com/pebblebrook>
2. Use the access code you received via email from Naviance to create a parent account.
3. Contact your child’s school counselor if you need additional assistance.

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