Class of 2026

Who is my counselor?

- Mrs. Chyna Washington: Students with Last Name A-C
 - Email: Chyna.Washington@cobbk12.org
- Mrs. Kristy Royer: Students with Last Name D-I
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- Ms. Berenice Flores-Arriaga: Students with Last Name J-N
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- Mr. Reginald Hurns: Students with Last Name O-S
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- Mrs. Melissa Lynch: Students with Last Name: T-Z
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Graduation Requirements

How to get an SAT or ACT fee waivers

Students from low-income families may qualify for an SAT and ACT fee waivers, which cover the cost of test registration and offer additional benefits like free score reports and college application fee waivers.

Requesting an SAT Fee Waiver: Students request the fee waiver directly from <u>College</u>

<u>Board</u>. Eligible students can receive a total of two fee waivers.

Requesting an ACT Fee Waiver: Eligible students must submit proof of benefits (confirmation of eligibility for free or reduced lunch) and the application below.

Students may request a fee waiver for both the SAT and ACT at McEachern. To apply, please submit the fee waiver application along with proof of benefits to the Counseling Office. Proof of eligibility can be obtained by emailing meals@cobbk12.org. Fee Waiver

Application

Requesting a College Application Fee Waiver: Eligible students should turn in proof of

benefits and fee waiver request application to the counseling oce. If applying for through Common App, select the fee waiver option in your application. For colleges that need a printed waiver, please see your counselor.

Fee Waiver Application The same application is utilized for all three requests: SAT, ACT and College Fee Waiver.

SAT Registration

2025 TEST DATES					2026 TES1	2026 TEST DATES		
AUG 23	SEP 13	ост 4	vоv 8	DEC 6	MAR 14	2	JUN 6	
REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINES REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINES								
AUG 8	AUG 29	SEP 19	OCT 24	NOV 21	FEB 27	APR 17	MAY 22	
LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINES*					LATE REGISTRATION	LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINES*		
AUG 12	SEP 2	SEP 23	OCT 28	NOV 25	MAR 3	APR 21	MAY 26	

Visit sat.org/whytake for more information.

Test dates and registration deadlines may change. Check sat.org for updates.

ACT Registration



National Test Dates

2025 2026

Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
September 6, 2025	August 1	August 19	August 29
October 18, 2025	September 12	September 30	October 10
December 13, 2025	November 7	November 24	December 5
February 14, 2026	January 9	January 23	February 6
April 11, 2026	March 6	March 24	April 3
June 13, 2026	May 8	May 29	June 5
July 11, 2026*	June 5	June 24	July 3

^{*}No test centers are scheduled in New York for the July test date.

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College Application Portals

<u>Common App</u> The Common App is an online application platform that lets students apply to multiple colleges and universities with one application, making the application process faster and easier.

<u>Common App Essay Prompts</u>: Visit the link for the full list of essay prompts for 2025-2026.

<u>Common Black App</u>: The Common Black College Application allows students to apply to over 60 Historically Black Colleges and Universities at once with a single application, saving time and money.

College Essay Writing Tools and Guides

College Essay Guy

Website: collegeessayguy.com

• Free guides, brainstorming exercises, and example essays.

My Answer Key (formerly known as Test Information Release) for the 2025–2026 testing year will occur in October, April, and June. See www.act.org/the-act/tir for more information.

- Offers step by step writing support with videos, checklists, and downloadable templates.
- Especially helpful for students who don't know where to start.

Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL)

Website: owl.purdue.edu

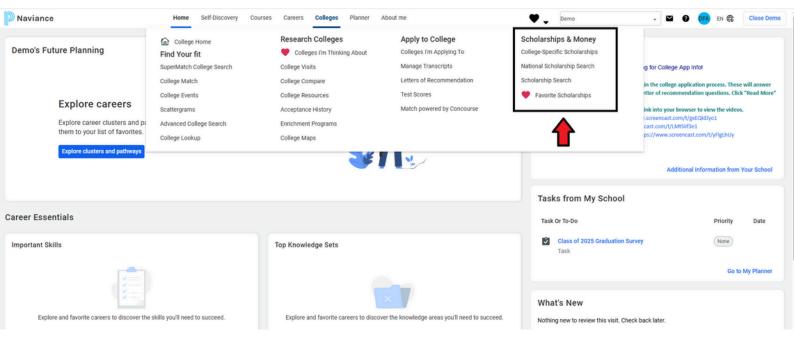
- Offers trusted writing advice and tips for personal statements.
- Great for grammar, tone, and clarity support.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

Log into <u>GAfutures</u> account to view your HOPE GPA and learn more about the HOPE Scholarship/Grant, HOPE GPA, scholarships and much more.

Stay Informed About Scholarships Through Naviance

McEachern High School students have access to the most up-to-date scholarship opportunities through Naviance. From local and regional awards to national scholarships, a wide variety of resources are available to support your college journey. To ensure no opportunity is missed, we strongly encourage students and their families to check Naviance frequently, as new scholarships are added on a regular basis.



Other Helpful scholarship websites:

Top Scholarship Search Engines

1. Fastweb

- One of the largest and most trusted scholarship databases.
- Matches students to scholarships based on personal profiles.
- 2. Scholarships.com
 - Search over 3.7 million scholarships and grants.
 - Also offers college planning resources.

3. Going Merry

- o Easy-to-use platform with one application for multiple scholarships.
- o Offers a clean interface and a time-saving tool for local awards.

4. Cappex

- Combines scholarship search with college match and reviews.
- o Includes merit-based awards specific to colleges.

5. Niche

- o Offers "no essay" scholarships and college reviews.
- o Scholarships available for a wide range of student types.

Government & Nonprofit Resources

1. College Board's BigFuture Scholarships

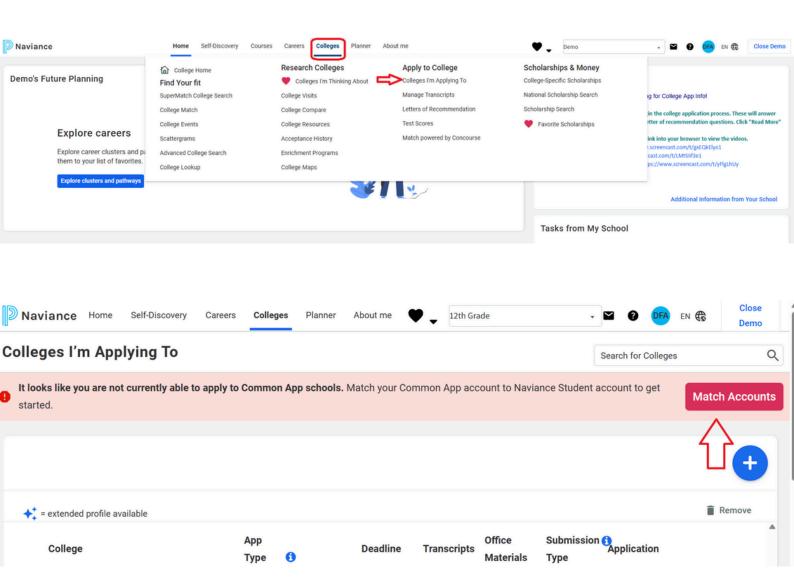
- o Earn chances to win scholarships just by completing college prep steps.
- No GPA or essay required.
- 2. Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - Not a scholarship site, but critical for access to federal and state aid.
 - o Many scholarships require FAFSA completion.
- 3. **UNCF Scholarships**
 - Scholarships for students attending HBCUs or who are African American.
 - o Variety of private and corporate awards.
- 4. Thurgood Marshall College Fund
 - Scholarships for students attending public HBCUs and PBIs.

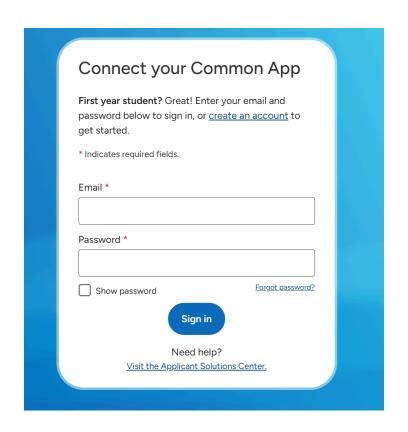
Specialty & Corporate Scholarships

1. Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation

- o Prestigious scholarship for high-achieving seniors.
- o Competitive, with a strong emphasis on leadership and service.
- 2. Jack Kent Cooke Foundation
 - o For high-achieving, low-income students.
 - Offers significant financial support throughout college.
- 3. Dell Scholars Program
 - o Focuses on students who have overcome adversity.
 - Offers funding, a laptop, and mentoring.
- 4. Hispanic Scholarship Fund
 - Offers scholarships to students of Hispanic heritage.
 - Open to a wide range of GPAs and backgrounds.

How to link your Naviance account with Common App: This step is mandatory if you are requesting a transcript to be sent.





To link their Common App account with Naviance, students need to follow these steps:

1. From Common App:

- Register for a Common App account starting on August 1.
- Enter their high school information, add at least one college, and sign the FERPA Release Authorization.

2. From Naviance Student:

- Complete the Common App account matching process in Naviance Student.
- Add non-Common App colleges to their "Colleges I'm Applying To" list.
- Request transcripts and teacher recommendations if required.

These steps are necessary only if students are applying to Common App institutions. Once the matching process is complete, students can seamlessly manage their applications through Naviance.

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST PROCESS

STEP ONE:

- Students must add the college(s) applying to on his/her Naviance account.
- Add these colleges to your "Colleges I'm Applying To" list & make sure you mark how you applied to the school (e.g., Common App, Direct to Institution)
- Make sure you have "matched" (linked) your Naviance account to your Common App account, if applying to any Common App schools.

STEP TWO:

Pay for the number of transcripts requested.

You will pay for all transcripts online via MyPaymentsPlus (MPP)

Under "Activities and Services," find Transcripts

YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ADD THE TRANSCRIPT(S) TO YOUR CART UNTIL ALL REQUIRED FIELDS ARE COMPLETE.

• The College, Scholarship, or Organization

- Application Deadline
- Method of Application
- Initial or Midyear Transcript
- How to Send Transcript
- Mailing Address (if application)

Once both steps are complete, your transcript will be sent. Allow at least 2-3 weeks for colleges to receive/update your application.

NOTE: Some colleges may take up to 6 weeks to process applicant documents. Please contact the college directly for updates about your application.



Sign up for important updates from Mr. Lockhart's Senior Class Remind.

Text each message to the number 81010 to join.

Student Last Name A- C message @77bgbh
Student Last Name D - I message @d3b7ah4
Student Last Name J - N message @ecaa3a
Student Last Name O - S message @k2hfgaa
Student Last Name T - Z message @9787bh

- Sr. Parents Last Name A C message @a6ef3eb
- Sr. Parents Last Name D I message @37cf4k
- Sr. Parents Last Name J N message @h9dhd4
- Sr. Parents Last Name O S message @8dbeb4c
- Sr. Parents Last Name T Z message @23db89

McEachern High School 2025-2026 ATL Grad On Campus Service Dates

Senior Meeting & Online Ordering Begins - September 2nd
Senior Lunch Order #1 - October 8th in the cafeteria
Senior Lunch Order #2 - January 27th in the cafeteria
Cap & Gown Delivery Day - March 3rd in the Lovinggood Gym Lobby







- Cap and gown and photos for the yearbook MUST be taken by CADY Studios
- The deadline to have Senior Portraits taken is November 22nd
- Book your appointment today! cady.com/schedule



Senior Ads can be placed at yearbookordercenter.com enter code 137

The deadline for Senior ads is October 31st!

You can also order your yearbook at yearbookordercenter.com

The price is currently \$65
The price increases on August 31st,
so don't miss out on a deal today!!!

