

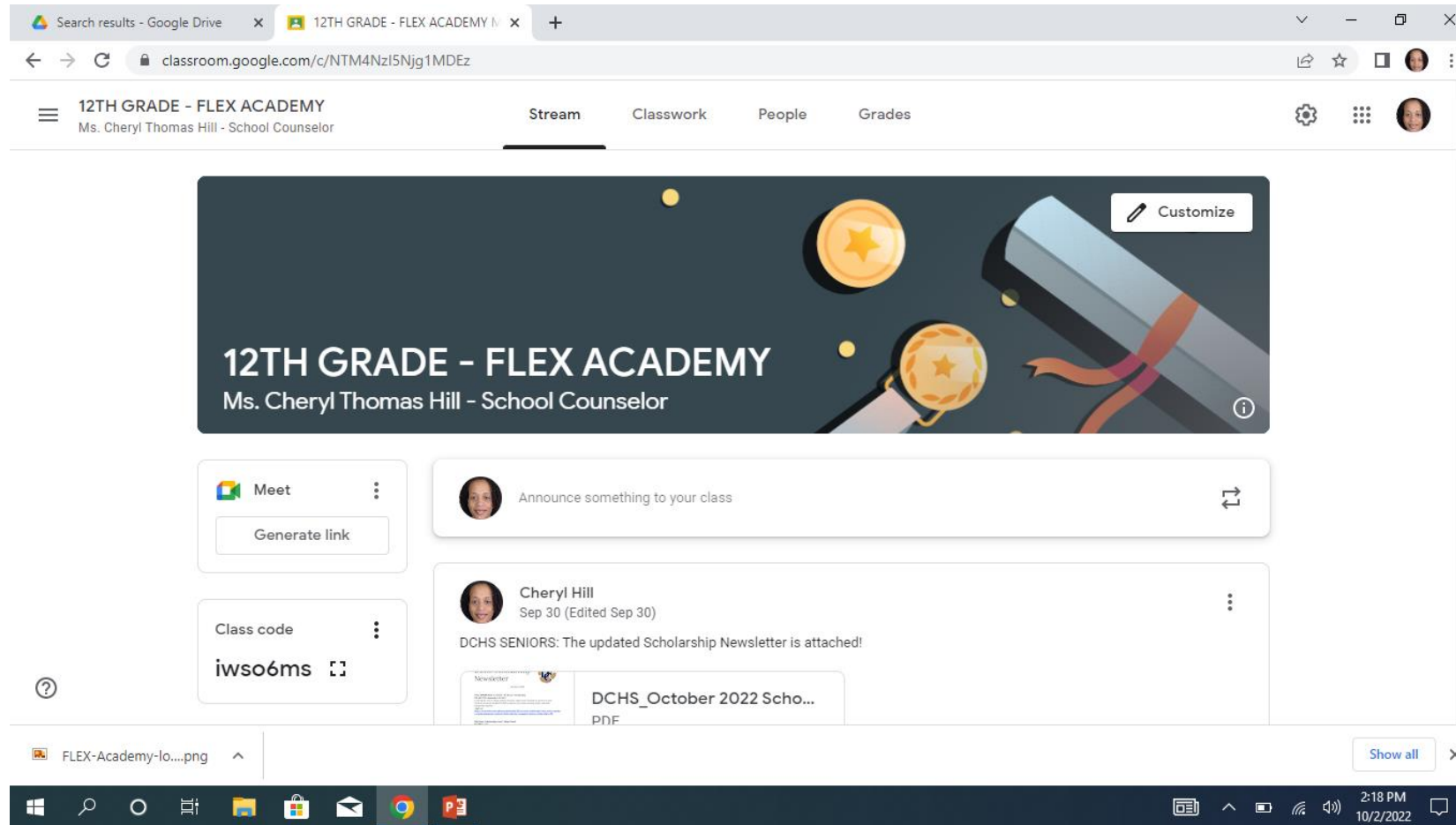
# CLASS OF 2023

FLEX ACADEMY SENIOR PARENT NIGHT



# GOOGLE CLASSROOM

## Stay Informed & Access Resources



Join Code: iwso6ms

# 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, **FLEX**ible 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](http://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 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 1<sup>st</sup>
- ▶ 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

# CLASS OF 2023 – BASE HIGH SCHOOLS

- ▶ [Alexander HS](#) ([Home Page](#))
- ▶ [Chapel Hill HS](#) ([Home Page](#))
- ▶ [Douglas County HS](#)\*
- ▶ [Lithia Springs HS](#)\* ([Home Page](#))
- ▶ [New Manchester HS](#) ([Home Page](#))

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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