

DAWSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

COLLEGE RECRUITING GUIDE



Register for the SAT and ACT.

- Why wait? Sign up for the SAT and ACT now and show colleges that you are interested!
- Taking the SAT/ACT as many times as you can, will only help you improve your score. You can combine your top scores in each section.

Register here:

- SAT (WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.COM)
- ACT (WWW.ACT.ORG)

2019 – 2020 ACT & SAT Testing Dates

Georgia Department of Education SAT and ACT information :

ACT Test Dates & Deadlines

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	ACT Scores Available
April 13, 2019	March 8th	April 23rd
June 8, 2019	May 3rd	June 18th
July 13, 2019	June 14th	July 23rd
Sept. 14, 2019	T.B.D.	T.B.D.
Oct. 26, 2019	T.B.D.	T.B.D.
Dec. 14, 2019	T.B.D.	T.B.D.

SAT Test Dates & Deadlines

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	SAT Scores Available
March 9, 2019	February 8th	March 22nd
May 4, 2019	April 5th	May 17th
June 1, 2019	May 3rd	July 10th
Aug. 24, 2019	T.B.D.	T.B.D.
Oct. 5, 2019	T.B.D.	T.B.D.
Nov. 2, 2019	T.B.D.	T.B.D.
Dec. 7, 2019	T.B.D.	T.B.D.



Recruiting service:

We recommend not paying for any recruiting service. There is nothing a service can do for you that can't be done by you, your child or the coaching staff. You can join Recruit Georgia which is free and that will get your name and HUDL link out there. However, Twitter and email to the college you are interested in would be your most effective way. We email over 150 schools (D1, D2, D3, NAIA) with information on your child.

NCAA Eligibility:

Are you eligible to play college sports? Not everyone is eligible because they are a good athlete. Your academics are the key. Visit the NCAA site below to read about eligibility.

http://www.ncaa.org/wps/portal/ncaahome?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/ncaa/NCAA/Legislation+and+Governance/Eligibility+and+Recruiting/index.html

Playing at the next level:

If you intend to participate in Division I or II athletics as a freshman, you must register and be certified by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse.



Registration Process:

In order to be registered with the clearinghouse, you must complete the registration process found at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

NCAA and NAIA Scholarships: What you need to know about the process of recruiting and scouts:

<http://www.collegesportsscholarships.com/football.htm>

Financial Aid, Student loans and Grants:

All financial awards for college are based on your income for the previous year. Your current tax return and W2's will be needed to complete any information below.



FAFSA:

Most students, regardless of the college they are attending or whether they are seeking financial assistance, are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form.

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/#>

Pell Grant:

A Federal Pell Grant, unlike a loan, does not have to be repaid. The maximum Pell grant for the 2016-2017 award year is \$5,550. The amount depends on your financial need, costs to attend school, status as a full-time or part-time student, and plans to attend school for a full academic year or less.

<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html>

Stafford Loan:

Federal Stafford loans are fixed-rate student loans for undergraduate and graduate students attending college at least half-time. Stafford loans are the most common and one of the lowest-cost ways to pay for school.

<http://www.staffordloan.com/>

Myths:

Not everything you hear is true about the recruiting process. Many myths become truth in a hurry. We are happy to answer any questions you may have about the process. You may also contact Coach Maxwell to ask further questions.

Responsibilities:

Your child and his future is a TEAM effort. There is nothing we would love to see more than your son moving on to play at the next level. However, we all have to pitch in and do our part to make that a reality. Below are some basic things each of us will do over your child's high school career.



The player/family is responsible for:

1. Hard work in the classroom. Be eligible to play football!
2. Display great character, work ethic, and commitment in the classroom, in the hallways, on the practice and game fields, and in the community.
3. Be a team player first! Nobody wants a selfish player.
4. Work hard in the off season, in the summer, and be an "all the time player". Don't disappear in the summer and then show up the first day of practice.
5. Display your ability and potential on every play that you are on the field. (practice or game)
6. Play any position you can! Find a way to be on the field. You need film to show colleges. Your athletic ability will be obvious to the scouts. If you play a certain position in high school, it does not mean you will play there in college.
7. Take the SAT/ACT as many times as possible.

-SAT (WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.COM) -ACT (WWW.ACT.ORG)

8. Meet all college level eligibility requirements.

-NCAA (WWW.NCAA.ORG) -NAIA (WWW.NAIA.ORG)

9. Complete the NCAA Clearinghouse Documentation.

(WWW.NCAACLEARINGHOUSE.NET)

10. Complete the FAFSA Financial Aid Documents.

(WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV)

11. Assemble and mark your weekly highlights in HUDL.



The coaches will do the following:

1. All student - athletes will be well coached and cared for each and every day.
2. All student - athlete prospects will have a highlight film made.
3. All student - athlete highlight films will be provided to colleges across the country, along with academic scores, test scores, and contact information for the player.
4. All student - athletes will be promoted by talking with college coaches that visit, calling college coaches, and showing film of players to college coaches.
5. All student - athletes will be promoted with a positive yet honest assessment of the player's ability, commitment, work ethic, and character to all college coaches.
6. Review HUDL highlight video with players

Important!!

Please remember, the coach **does not** get you a scholarship. All of the above information combined gets you a scholarship! The job of the coaches is to promote and advertise all prospective student-athletes. College coaches come to Dawson County FIRST when they visit North East Georgia because of past athletes who are currently playing in college, the academic success and athletic accomplishments of the program.

