

## How to Apply for ACCEL

1. Consult ACCEL section of GAcollege411 for academic requirements regarding age, minimum GPA and ACT scores.
2. Apply for admission to the college of your choice. (Most of our students attend Gainesville State College - however a few go to NGCSU for Calculus after successfully completing the course at NHHS. (Truett McConnell is the best private school option also students might live so close to NGCSU that it is the best choice.) Sometimes students have attended a private or public college on a full-time basis. Some years ago we had a student attend UGA on a full time basis, but I require all students to complete their requirements for high school graduation while at the college which is not easily done.
3. Register at NHHS for the following term as if you would be at NHHS for periods 1-7. This is for planning purposes and can be changed depending on the availability of courses at the college and continuing interest. See Kathy Oxford, your high school counselor, by early August, before school starts, to make these changes.
4. See Ms. Oxford after you have completed your qualifying – ACT - to receive instructions about college applications. Once accepted, we will complete ACCEL application.
5. Work with the college registrar or designated staff to determine course options and schedule.
6. See Ms. Oxford to complete high school schedule and finish additional electronic application for HOPE payment.
7. Confirm your final course selection with your college advisor, if needed, by phone.
8. Words of advice, we have found that ACCEL works best as a source for advanced electives and increases a good student's options beyond what is available at NHHS. Only core subjects can be taken. Selective and highly selective colleges do not consider college courses to be more rigorous than AP subjects. The senior counselor will only report IB courses to be "the most rigorous" courses – AP courses are considered "rigorous" based on similar standards as IB – offered at NHHS because of the standardization of the curriculum and the national international exam. Selective and highly selective colleges expect to see many AP and IB courses.