

# Parent Guide to the Senior Year

## Testing

- **ACCUPLACER** (the entrance exam required for most 2 Year Colleges; register with the college upon acceptance)
- **ASVAB** (military entrance exam/career interest exploration program)
- **SAT** (the entrance exam required at some 4 Year Colleges/Universities and needed for Scholarships at most 2 year Colleges outside of Minnesota).  
Register online at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- **ACT** (the entrance exam required for most 4 Year Colleges/Universities and needed for scholarships at most 2 year Colleges in Minnesota). All Juniors were offered test at PRHS this spring/fall. If student wants to retest, take ACT (NO Writing). ACT ID is required for registering online.  
Register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)  
ACT (No Writing) \$50.50  
ACT (With Writing) \$ 67.00  
Fee Waivers are available for students on Free and Reduced Lunch. Talk to Mrs. Siebels.

## Transcripts

- All transcript requests must be made online at [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com)
  - Create account and be able to track your request from start to finish!
  - If you know where you want your final request to be sent, you may delay the request to have it be sent at the end of semester two when final grades are posted.
  - You will need to send you final transcript after graduation.

### Helpful Websites:

- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (ACT)
- [www.student.ed.gov](http://www.student.ed.gov)
- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (FAFSA)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) (Scholarships)
- [www.gocollege.com](http://www.gocollege.com) (Scholarships/College Info)
- [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)(Scholarships/College Info)
- <https://mncis.intocareers.org/> (Careers, College, Etc.)
- [www.iseek.org](http://www.iseek.org) (Careers, College, Etc.)
- [www.getreadyforcollege.org](http://www.getreadyforcollege.org) (College)

## Fall

- Meet with your school counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate and fulfill college admission requirements.
- If you haven't done so already, register for and take the [standardized tests](#) required for college admission. Check with the colleges you are interested in to see what tests they require (ACT, SAT, and/or Accuplacer).
- [Apply to the colleges you have chosen](#). Prepare your applications carefully. Follow the instructions, and PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO DEADLINES!
- Well before your application deadlines, ask your counselor and teachers to submit required documents (e.g., transcript, letters of recommendation) to the colleges to which you're applying.
- If you are interested in the military, contact a recruiter.
- Make a list of colleges that interest you (try to limit it to 5).
- Visit colleges you are interested in. Most colleges allow you to sign up for a tour online via their admissions page.
- Attend Fall Senior Parent Meeting: **November 16, 2020**

## Winter

- [Complete income tax forms](#) as early as possible.
- Continue to visit colleges that you are interested in and narrow down your list to 2-3.
- Student and Parent should apply for a FSA ID at [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov). This should be kept in a safe spot and they will be used to sign the FAFSA.
- As soon as possible after **October 1, 2020**, complete and submit your [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#), along with any other financial aid applications your school(s) of choice may require. You can complete the FAFSA online or on paper, but completing the application online is faster and easier. You should submit your FAFSA by the earliest financial aid deadline of the schools to which you are applying.
- **Attend Financial Aid Night in February OR Set up personal meeting with Mrs. Siebels**
- After you submit the FAFSA, you should receive your [Student Aid Report \(SAR\)](#) within three days to three weeks. Quickly **make any necessary corrections** and submit them to the FAFSA processor.
- Complete scholarship applications. **Local Scholarship Lists Available: End of January/Beginning of February**

## Spring

- Review your college acceptances and compare the colleges' financial aid offers.
- Contact a school's *financial aid office* if you have questions about the aid that school has offered you. In fact, getting to know your financial aid staff early is a good idea no matter what—they can tell you about deadlines, other aid for which you might wish to apply, and important paperwork you might need to submit.
- When you decide which school you want to attend, notify that school of your commitment and submit any required financial deposit. Many schools require this notification and deposit by **May 1**
- Notify your School Counselor of your final choice.
- **Turn in Local Scholarship applications by April 2, 2021 or Noted Deadline**
- **Attend Scholarship Night: May 19, 2021**