

Senior Meeting

How do I apply for college?

How do I get financial aid?

How do I find a job?

To Do List:

- Keep organized with a separate college binder & calendar
- Create a “professional” email address! Remember your username and password.
- Application Fee - Ask your counselor if you qualify for a fee waiver (If you took the SAT with a waiver you might be eligible to have your college application fees waived as well.)
- Register & take SAT or ACT - SEND scores directly to colleges via www.sat.org or www.actstudent.org (this is free at registration).
- Develop a resume/information sheet (on the Guidance website and attached to this packet).
- Request your transcript from www.parchment.com.
- Ask for letters of recommendations (some schools require recommendations for admission)

To Do List (cont'd):

- Ask appropriate people to write on your behalf at least three weeks before the due date. Ask your counselor, teachers, employers, or coaches.
- The Guidance Office has a recommendation request form you can download to give to your writers (attached to your senior packet).
- FAFSA Financial Aid Form - www.fafsa.ed.gov - Opens on January 1st, deadline is March 1.
 - *FAFSA is required by all 2 & 4 year Colleges and vocational schools, etc.
- Supplemental Financial Aid Forms-if required by individual schools (check websites)
- NCAA - Division I or II athletics only - www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Check the THS Guidance webpage for scholarships or follow us on twitter @THS_Guidance
- **WATCH DEADLINES! PLAN AHEAD! WATCH DEADLINES! PLAN AHEAD!**

Sending transcripts!

PARCHMENT.COM

- College Bound? Transcript requests are available online.
- It's easy, it's secure, and it's available 24/7.
- An official transcript will be checked and approved by the counseling office and sent electronically to colleges or scholarship organizations.
- You'll receive an email to confirm that they've gone out.
- And for the colleges that accept transcripts electronically, we'll even confirm when they receive them.
- Please look over the attached handout for more information.
- Please select "Waive your Right to Review this Document"

Visit www.parchment.com to send your transcripts!

Financial Aid & Scholarships

Financial Aid:

- Every student is required to fill out the online Federal FAFSA Form
 - www.fafsa.ed.gov - Website opens October 1, 2021.
- FAFSA requires information on income & assets for both the student & parents (2018 tax returns, bank accounts, 529 savings plans, etc.)
- Check each of your individual college financial aid web pages for specific financial aid requirements from each college.

Scholarships:

- Check for scholarships by college, local and national.
- To search for national scholarships visit www.fastweb.com .
- Updated scholarship lists will be posted on the Guidance website and on Twitter @THS_Guidance. It is IMPERATIVE that you check the guidance website regularly!!!!
- Scholarship applications can be downloaded or found in guidance.
- **Application deadlines vary by scholarship and college. Keep track of deadlines!**

College / Career Searches / Military:

- Would you be interested in joining the Union for work? Check out www.builttosucceed.org
- To explore college, career information and more visit www.learnmoreindiana.org .
- If you are headed to the job market check out www.indianacareerconnect.com
- Thinking about the military? Recruiters are here frequently during lunch. Take **the ASVAB on 10/18/22**.

College Visits

- Every senior is able to take two college visit days that will be excused.

To take a college day you should do the following:

- Contact the college/university via phone or online to set up a college visit appointment.
- Have your parent contact the attendance office 24 hours beforehand to let them know that you will be taking a college day.
- While visiting the college/university make sure to get a letter on school letterhead stating that you were there to participate in a college day visit.

SAT / ACT

SAT (www.sat.org)

- Online registration is required approximately ONE MONTH prior to the test date.
- Cost: \$64.50 - Fee Waivers available through Guidance for qualified students (free/reduced lunch or 21st Century Scholar).
- On-line score results available on collegeboard.com approximately 3 weeks after test date.
- Students must request scores to be sent to their colleges through collegeboard.com. Many colleges require official score reports (IU, Purdue, NCAA).

ACT (www.actstudent.org)

- Deadline to register is often FIVE WEEKS prior to the test date.
- Cost: \$67 (ACT Plus writing) Fee Waivers available through Guidance for qualified students (free/reduced lunch or 21st Century Scholar).
- Guidance recommends the “ACT Plus Writing” exam.
- ACT includes a science section not found on the SAT.
- Colleges will accept the ACT and/or the SAT

Many colleges/universities (IU, Purdue) require official test scores to be sent.

Test dates are included in your Senior Information Packet.

Preparing for the SAT / ACT:

Free Resources:

- www.collegeboard.com (practice tests & SAT question of the day can be emailed to you)
- www.actstudent.org (practice tests)
- www.number2.com
- www.freerice.com

Common Application

- Some schools (most Ivy League) require students to apply via the Common Application. Check the admissions website to see if the Common Application is used.

It can be found at www.commonapp.org . Purdue is now requiring the Common Application!

What is it?

- An Online college application.
- Set up a username & password and keep it in a safe place.
- Fill out your information once and send it to multiple colleges.
- Access the common application as many times as needed.
- Pay online with a credit card or a fee waiver.

- **Get to Know the Common Application:**
- Set up your username & password and then take time to become familiar with the various sections.
- Start your common app. essay today. (easily uploaded)
- You MUST invite your teacher on the common app. site to send their letter of recommendation.
- You MUST invite your counselor on the common app. site to send their letter of recommendation.
- All School items, i.e., transcript and letters of recommendation are sent electronically.
- Some colleges require an additional “supplement ” or questions to be answered just for their college.
- Once you send your Common App. to a school you CANNOT make changes.

Other Helpful Information:

- Meet with your guidance counselor to be sure that your list includes colleges appropriate to your academic and personal record.
- Review your transcript with your counselor to ensure accuracy.
- All of this information can be found on the counselor section of the South website.
- If you plan to earn a Core 40 with Academic Honors Diploma or Core 40 with Technical Honors meet with your counselor to make sure that you will meet the requirements.

GRADUATION PATHWAYS



Vigo County School Corporation
Employability Skills Verification Form

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Check One:

Project-Based Experience

Service-Based Experience

Work-Based Experience

Describe your project, service, or work experience, including a discussion of the required design principles.

Describe how you have learned and demonstrated the following Employability Skills. (See back of page)

Mindsets:

Self-Management Skills:

Learning Strategies:

Social Skills:

Workplace Skills:

Student (Print): _____ Date: _____

Student (Signature): _____

Teacher/Activity Sponsor (Print): _____ Date: _____

Teacher/Activity Sponsor (Signature): _____

[Student Form] - Return to school counselor

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Indiana Workforce Development – Indiana Employability Skills Benchmarks

MINDSETS

Intellectual Risk Taking – Develops a healthy balance of mental, social/emotional and physical well-being; understands that life-long learning are necessary for long-term career success; willingness to work and learn and continually apply new knowledge

Appreciation of Diversity – Embraces diverse views and varying perspectives; demonstrates empathy and respect for others

Self-confidence – Possesses belief in own ability to succeed

Sense of belonging – Demonstrates a sense of belonging in the job environment; demonstrates commitment to an organization

Career Path – Relates interest, aptitude and abilities to appropriate in-demand occupations in order to select career path

SELF-MANAGEMENT SKILLS

Pride in Work – Assumes responsibility, takes personal ownership of performance quality; understands shortcomings and sets goals to improve

Self-Discipline – Demonstrates self-discipline and self-control

Independence – Works independently; creates relationships with mentors and supervisors that support success

Perseverance – Delays immediate gratification for long-term rewards; demonstrates endurance, follow-through and capacity to complete tasks

Stress Management – Overcomes barriers to learning in the workplace; demonstrates effective coping skills when faced with a problem; performs under pressure and achieve deadlines

Time Management – Prioritizes and balances school, home, work and community activities

Adaptability – Manages transitions and adapts to changing situations and responsibilities

Integrity – Trustworthy, honest and comprehends ethical courses of action

Professionalism – Uses appropriate judgement; demonstrates empathy and respect for others; demonstrates social maturity and behaviors appropriate to the situation and environment; dresses appropriately, speaks politely

Work Ethic – Punctual with good attendance; does not abuse drugs; maintains appropriate hygiene and attire; demonstrates ethical decision-making and social responsibility

LEARNING STRATEGIES

Written Communication – Applies reading, writing, math and scientific principals and procedures

Decision Making – Utilizes critical thinking skills to make informed decisions based on options, rewards, risks, limits, and goals

Initiative – Applies self-motivation and self-direction to learning

Technology Savvy – Applies existing and emerging media and computer application skills

Attention to Detail – Demonstrates high-quality work by reviewing the detailed aspects of work process and end products or service

Organization – Plans and organizes long and short term academic, career and social/emotional goals; balances all types of workplace and personal situations

Information Gathering – Observes and gathers evidence and considers multiple perspectives to make informed decisions; locates, organizes, analyzes, and communicates information

Problem Solving – Applies critical thinking skills to complex problems; evaluates causes, problems, patterns or issues and explores workable and innovative solutions to improve situations

SOCIAL SKILLS

Oral Communication – Clearly, effectively, and convincingly expresses ideas and messages to others

Teamwork – Creates positive and responsive relationships with peers, colleagues, and customers; uses effective collaboration and cooperation skills

Leadership – Guides, supports and encourages groups of diverse teams; sharing knowledge and skills when possible

Conflict Management – Negotiates to resolve or mediate conflict; avoids potential or perceived conflict

Self-Advocacy – Asserts self when necessary

WORKPLACE SKILLS

Personal Safety – Demonstrates personal safety skills and business practices

Follows Directions – Follows employer established policies and business practices

Resource Allocation – Identifies, leverages and distributes money and materials effectively and efficiently

Customer Service – Responds quickly to the needs of customers and achieves customer satisfaction

Adapted and informed by the following: ASCA Mindsets & Behaviors Program Planning Tool; National Network of Business and Industry Associations Common Employability Skills; US DOE Employability Skills Framework; WIN and JAG Competencies Alignment; and The Center for Employability Outcomes Workplace Essentials.

Dates for Seniors and Parents

September 26-30th College GO Week

September 29th- Onsite Admissions (ISU, IvyTech, St. Mary's)

October 1, 2022-FAFSA available for 2022/2023 admissions

October 18, 2022-ASVAB

November 1, 2022-Deadline for many college's academic scholarships

December 21, 2022-January 3, 2023 GUIDANCE OFFICE IS CLOSED

March 1, 2023-Deadline for filing FAFSA

April 2023-Academic Honors Banquet

Late May, 2023 Senior Awards 8:30am @THS

Early June, 2023 Graduation