

Fountain Hills High School

School Counseling



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Comprehensive School Counseling Program

The Fountain Hills High School Counseling Department will strive to implement the American School Counseling Association (ASCA) National Model. We focus on the following domains:

- Academic Development
- Career Development
- Social/Emotional Development

The curriculum is composed of organizing objectives and age-appropriate activities and is delivered by counselors in classrooms, small group settings, and individually. It is sequential in nature and is structured to meet the developmental needs of all students to ensure that every student is given an equal opportunity to participate fully in the educational process.

Program Benefits

For Students:

- Relates educational program to future success
- Facilitates career exploration and development
- Assists in acquiring knowledge of self (abilities, skills, and interests)
- Assures equitable access to educational opportunities

For Parents:

- Provides support for parents in advocating for their child's academic, career, and social/emotional development
- Develops a system for their child's long-range planning and learning
- Increases opportunities for parent/school interaction

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BECOMING A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT

BE HERE and ON TIME

Students are required regular attendance at school until the age of sixteen. A student who exceeds an absentee rate of 10% is considered truant, even if the absences are excused. Students whose absences are excessive will be referred to FHHS administration and/or MCSO School Resource Officer.

BE ORGANIZED

Materials
Use your Agenda
Daily to-do list
Weekly tasks
Long Term goals

BE ON TASK IN CLASS

Write down assignments
Take Notes
Do in-class work
Get help if needed
Ask questions – get answers

TURN WORK IN ON TIME

Missing or late work impacts your grades

STUDYING PROCESS

Have a quiet place to study
Review each class assignment
Review in-class work
Do your homework assignments
Questions – seek answers
Get ready for the next day's class

TUTORING/ENRICHMENT

Power hour after school everyday
Homework Hub on Tues/Thursdays after school from 2:20-3:20 B105 and Wednesday during lunch B100 with NHS Students.

Free tutoring on-line at...

www.hippocampus.org

www.khanacademy.org

ASK FOR HELP

Ask questions – in class – ask others - GET ANSWERS!
Go in for help – ask teacher before school, after school, at lunch

Learn to calculate your GPA:

| | Unweighted | Weighted (H) | Weighted (AP) |
|---|------------|--------------|---------------|
| A | 4 | 4.5 | 5 |
| B | 3 | 3.5 | 4 |
| C | 2 | 2.5 | 3 |
| D | 1 | 1.5 | 2 |
| F | 0 | 0 | 0 |

1. Total your points.
2. Divide total points by the number of semester classes you have taken.

There's a BIG difference between HOMEWORK and STUDYING.....

HOMEWORK is assigned – do it, and learn from it

STUDYING should be done every day (review and incorporate new knowledge into your studying daily).

TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR EDUCATION!!!

Fountain Hills High School offers a 3-tiered diploma system intended to encourage and reward higher

levels of academic achievement.

Requirements for a Standard Diploma

4 Math
4 English
3 Social Studies
3 Science
1 PE/Health
1 Practical or Fine Art
6 Electives
22 Credits Total

Requirements for a Diploma with Honors

4 Math
4 English
3 Social Studies
3 Science
2 Foreign Language
1 PE/Health
1 Fine Art
5 Electives
23 Credits Total

Additional criteria are: minimum 3.5 weighted G.P.A.; at least 5 Honors and/or Advanced Placement classes over 4 years; all required Math, English, Science, and Social Studies courses must be taken in a regular classroom setting during the regular school year.

Requirements for a Diploma with Highest Distinction

4 Math
4 English
3 Social Studies
3 Science
3 Foreign Language
1 PE/Health
1 Fine Art
5 Electives
24 Credits Total

Additional criteria are: minimum 3.75 weighted G.P.A.; at least 5 Advanced Placement classes in 3 different disciplines; all required Math, English, Science, and Social Studies courses must be taken in a regular classroom setting during the regular school year.

**Students must complete 24 hours of community service
Must Pass Civics Exam**

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Four Year Planning Sheet

Diploma Goal:
HONORS

Career Goal:

Student Name _____

Date _____

Honors Diploma Requirements

| | | | | | |
|-----------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| English | 4.0 credits | Math | 4.0 credits | Social Studies | 3.0 credits |
| Science | 3.0 credits | Fine/Practical Arts | 1.0 credits | PE/Health | 1.0 credit |
| Electives | 5.0 credits | Foreign Language | 2.0 credits | | |

Freshman

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|---|---|
| 1st Semester <u>English or Honors English 9A</u> <u>Biology or Honors Biology A</u> <u>World History A</u> <u>Regular or Honors Math A (Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II)</u> <u>Elective A (Spanish I A)</u> <u>PE/Health</u> | 2nd Semester <u>English or Honors English 9B</u> <u>Biology or Honors Biology B</u> <u>World History B</u> <u>Regular or Honors Math B (Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II)</u> <u>Elective B - (Spanish I B)</u> <u>PE/Health</u> |
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Sophomore

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| 1st Semester <u>Honors English 10 A</u> <u>Honors Math A (Geometry, Algebra II, or Pre-Calculus)</u> <u>Honors Science A - Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy/Physiology (even spring years)</u> <u>(AP World History A and Spanish II as electives)</u> | 2nd Semester <u>Honors English 10 B</u> <u>Honors Math B (Geometry, Algebra II, or Pre-Calculus)</u> <u>Honors Science B - Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy/Physiology (even spring years)</u> <u>AP World History B and Spanish II as electives)</u> |
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Junior

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| 1st Semester <u>AP Language A</u> <u>Honors Math A - (Algebra II or Pre-Calc)</u> <u>Or AP Math (A.P Calc A.B)</u> <u>Honors or AP Science - (AP Biology, odd spring yrs, AP Chemistry, even spring yrs, AP Physics, AP US History A)</u> | 2nd Semester <u>AP Language B</u> <u>Honors Math B - (Algebra II or Pre-Calc)</u> <u>Or AP Math (A.P Calc A.B)</u> <u>Honors or AP Science - (AP Biology, odd spring yrs, AP Chemistry, even spring yrs, AP Physics, AP US History A)</u> |
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Senior

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| 1st Semester <u>AP Literature A</u> <u>Honors Math A (Pre-Calc) or AP Math A (AP Calc AB or AP Calc BC)</u> <u>AP Government</u> <u>Elective</u> <u>Elective</u> | 2nd Semester <u>AP Literature B</u> <u>Honors Math B (Pre-Calc) or AP Math B (AP Calc AB or AP Calc BC)</u> <u>Economics</u> <u>Elective</u> <u>Elective</u> |
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Four Year Planning Sheet

Diploma Goal:
Highest Distinction

Career Goal:

Student Name _____

Date _____

Highest Distinction Diploma Requirements

| | | | | | |
|-----------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| English | 4.0 credits | Math | 4.0 credits | Social Studies | 3.0 credits |
| Science | 3.0 credits | Fine/Practical Arts | 1.0 credits | PE/Health | 1.0 credit |
| Electives | 5.0 credits | Foreign Language | 3.0 credits | | |

Freshman

1st Semester
English or Honors English 9A
Honors Biology A
World History A
Regular or Honors Math A (Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II)
Elective A (Spanish I A)
PE/Health

CREDITS

2nd Semester
English or Honors English 9B
Honors Biology B
World History B
Regular or Honors Math B (Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II)
Elective B - (Spanish I B)
PE/Health

CREDITS

Sophomore

1st Semester
Honors English 10 A
Honors Math A (Geometry, Algebra II, or Pre-Calculus)
Honors Science A - Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy/Physiology (even spring years)
(AP World History A and Spanish II as electives)

CREDITS

2nd Semester
Honors English 10 B
Honors Math B (Geometry, Algebra II, or Pre-Calculus)
Honors Science B - Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy/Physiology (even spring years)
AP World History B and Spanish II as electives)

CREDITS

Junior

1st Semester
AP Language A
Honors Math A - (Algebra II or Pre-Calc) Or AP Math (AP Calc A B)
Honors or AP Science - (AP Biology: odd spring vs. AP C hemistry: even spring vs. AP P Invsics
AP US History A
H Span III (elective)

CREDITS

2nd Semester
AP Language B
Honors Math B - (Algebra II or Pre-Calc) Or AP Math (AP Calc A B)
Honors or AP Science - (AP Biology: odd spring vs. AP C hemistry: even spring vs. AP P Invsics
AP US History A
H Span III (elective)

CREDITS

Senior

1st Semester
AP Literature A
Honors Math A (Pre-Calc) or AP Math A (AP Calc AB or AP Calc BC)
AP Government
Elective (H Span IV)
Elective
Elective

CREDITS

2nd Semester
AP Literature B
Honors Math B (Pre-Calc) or AP Math B (AP Calc AB or AP Calc BC)
Economics
Elective (H Span IV)
Elective
Elective

CREDITS

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- **ADVANCED PLACEMENT-** all AP grades are weighted on a 5.0 G.P.A. scale. The Advanced Placement (AP) Program is a program of credit by examination for college level studies pursued in high school. AP is a nationwide program administered by the College Board. Exam fee is \$95 per test. FHHS offers the following AP courses to prepare for these exams:

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| <p><u>ENGLISH</u></p> <p>AP 11 Language</p> <p>AP 12 Literature</p> <p><u>MATH</u></p> <p>AP Calculus AB</p> <p>AP Calculus BC</p> <p>AP Statistics</p> | <p><u>SCIENCE</u></p> <p>AP Biology (odd spring years)</p> <p>AP Chemistry (even spring years)</p> <p>AP Physics (odd spring years)</p> <p>AP Environmental (even spring years)</p> <p><u>AP Capstone</u></p> <p>AP Research</p> <p>AP Seminar</p> | <p><u>HISTORY</u></p> <p>AP World History</p> <p>AP US History</p> <p>AP Government</p> <p><u>Art</u></p> <p>AP Studio Art: 2-D Drawing, 2-D Photo, 3-D Ceramics</p> |
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- **DUAL ENROLLMENT-** dual enrollment courses are college courses that are taught on the high school campus through an agreement with a community college or university. Dual credit courses require payment of college tuition. Students in dual enrollment courses attend the class of the FHHS campus as a regular part of their school day. They earn college credit for successfully completing the college-level work required in the class. Teachers will inform students and parents of dual enrollment courses as they are available.
 - AP Chemistry
 - Honors Chemistry
 - Digital Art
 - Photography
 - Graphic Design
- **EVIT- East Valley Institute of Technology:** All programs at EVIT are occupation-specific and taught by industry-experienced professionals using state-of-the-art equipment.
 For a list of EVIT courses, visit the EVIT website at www.evit.com

- REMEDIATION OPTIONS- Academic Academy (ACAC) is our alternative program for students who need credit recovery. Program runs 12:20-4:20 M-Thurs, Fri 12:20-2:20.

ASVAB

*November 30, 2017 for all seniors

*December 5, 2017 for juniors and senior make-ups

AZMerit and AIMS Test Dates (April, 2018, Specific Dates TBD)

AIMS Science Test

AZMerit Writing Test

AZMerit Reading Test-Part 1

AZMerit Reading Test-Part 2

AZMerit Math Test-Part 1

AZMerit Math Test-Part 2

SAT/ACT Test Dates

SAT Tests (collegeboard.org)

October 7, 2017
 November 4, 2017
 December 2, 2017
 March 10, 2018
 May 5, 2018
 June 2, 2018

PSAT

October 25, 2017 @ FHHS

ACT Tests (actstudent.org)

October 28, 2017
 December 9, 2017
 February 10, 2018
 April 14, 2018
 June 9, 2018
 July 14, 2018

Pre-ACT

November 8, 2017 @FHHS

AP Test Dates

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|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| May 7, 2018 | AP Chemistry | May 11, 2018 | AP US History |
| May 8, 2018 | AP Seminar | May 15, 2018 | AP Calculus AB/BC |
| May 9, 2018 | AP Literature | May 16, 2018 | AP Language |

| | | | |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| May 10, 2018 | AP Government (a.m.) | May 17, 2018 | AP World Hist (a.m.) |
| May 10, 2018 | AP Environmental (p.m.) | May 17, 2018 | AP Statistics (p.m) |

SAT & ACT Prep

@ Fountain Hills High School

Fountain Hills High School is proud to partner with local test prep experts Tried & True Tutoring throughout the 2017 – 2018 school year. Tried & True Tutoring has been boosting student scores since 2008.

SAT Boot Camp

On Saturday and Sunday, February 24th & 25th from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The cost of the class is \$199. Need-based scholarships are available to families.

To Enroll:

1. Go online to store.triedandtruetutoring.com
2. Select SAT/ACT Boot Camps
3. Select the Fountain Hills HS Fall SAT Boot Camp

Or follow our direct link!

<https://store.triedandtruetutoring.com/collections/boot-camps/products/fountain-hills-hs-spring-sat-boot-camp-february-24th-25th>

ACT Boot Camp

On Saturday and Sunday, March 24th & 25th from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The cost of the class is \$199. Need-based scholarships are available to families.

To Enroll:

1. Go online to store.triedandtruetutoring.com
2. Select SAT/ACT Boot Camps
3. Select the Fountain Hills HS Fall ACT Boot Camp

Or follow our direct link!

<https://store.triedandtruetutoring.com/collections/boot-camps/products/fountain-hills-hs-spring-act-boot-camp-march-24th-25th>

Questions? The best way to get all of your questions answered is to call Tried & True Tutoring at 747-444-9907. We hope to see your student in class. Here's to a successful SAT and ACT!

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS

Things to consider:

- (1) Keep all grades at a C or higher for college admission.
- (2) If you have any grades lower than a C, we recommended that you re-take those classes.
- (3) If you do not have a social security number, apply for one now for future opportunities with dual credit classes in high school, university, and military opportunities after graduation.

Freshman Year Recommendations:

- (1) Pass all classes with A's, B's, and C's. The higher the grade and the higher the GPA, the higher the free \$\$ you can earn in scholarships to go to college/university.
- (2) Get involved in school: try out for a sport, join Choir, Band, or a club. You need this on scholarship applications!
- (3) Develop an ECAP (Educational Career Action Plan) with parent and academic advisor input to plan your 4 years of high school and beyond.

Sophomore Year Recommendations:

- (1) Take the PSAT in the Fall. PSAT is a practice college entrance test (the SAT) which gives you information regarding your knowledge in Writing, Reading, and Mathematics.
- (2) Get involved in your community: volunteer through your church or local organizations like Big Brothers/Big Sisters, canned food drives, etc. You need this for your community service hours and it looks great on scholarship applications!

Junior Year Recommendations:

- (1) Take the PSAT test again in the Fall. If your score is high enough, you could qualify as a National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist.
- (2) College entrance exams (SAT or ACT) should be taken for the first time in Spring.
- (3) The ASVAB test (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test) is administered in the Fall. Check with your counselor for details.
- (4) Get involved in your community: keep in mind you need to complete 24 community service hours before graduation.
- (5) Visit colleges/universities in which you are interested.
- (6) Prospective College Athletes: Register with NCAA @ www.eligibilitycenter.org and/or NAIA Eligibility Center @ www.PlayNAIA.org by Spring of junior year.

Senior Year Recommendations:

- (1) Early Fall of senior year you should be applying to colleges and universities. Apply to all you are interested in- you can decline offers later.
- (2) Apply for all scholarships you are eligible for. In addition to big scholarships, don't forget smaller ones (small amounts add up quickly!)
- (3) Attend Financial Aid Night

(4) Fall of senior year apply for financial aid (FAFSA) to learn your expected family contribution, which in turn determines your need for federal loans, grants, work study, etc.

CALENDAR FOR COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS

AUGUST

- Review your transcript to ensure you are on track for graduation.....12
- Ensure you are enrolled in correct classes.....9 10 11 12

SEPTEMBER

- Apply for admission to colleges/universities for priority action.....12
- Senior graduation status letter mailed home 12
- Ask for letters of recommendation for scholarships (include an updated resume')..... 12
- Obtain information about College and Military Rep visits in
the Counseling Office – **do so monthly**11 12
- Register online for or take the SAT/ACT if needed for college admission..... 12
- Participate in extra-curricular activities – **do so throughout high school**.....9 10 11 12
- Volunteer for community organizations – **do so throughout high school**.... 9 10 11 12
- Register for October PSAT (practice SAT) through Sept. 23, Cost is \$20..... 10 11
- Register for the ASVAB.(Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery).... 11 12

OCTOBER

- Go to FAFSA website, www.fafsa.gov, to begin and submit your financial aid application ..12
- Register for/take the SAT/ACT, if university bound..... 12
- Continue applying for scholarships..... 12
- Apply for University admission, both in & out of state..... 12
- Take October 25th PSAT/NMSQT Test10 11
- Take Pre-ACT Test10 11
- Visit/Tour colleges/universities during fall break.....11 12
- Develop 4 year plan (ECAP) with your school counselor.....9
- Attend National College Fair on October 22nd 11- 3pm (Phoenix Con Center)..... 10 11 12
- Attend a Financial Aid Informational Meeting/In-state college Night – October 17, 2017
FHHS Learning Center from 5:30-7 p.m.9 10 11 12

NOVEMBER

- Register for/take the SAT/ACT, if university bound.....12
- Continue applying for scholarships.....12
- Take ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)11 12

DECEMBER

- Register for/take the SAT/ACT, if university bound.....12
- ASVAB interpretation to be announced – offered only to those who took the test.....11
- Continue applying for scholarships.....12

JANUARY

- Continue applying for scholarships.....12
- Senior graduation status letter mailed home12
- Apply to Community Colleges if planning to attend12
- Review your transcript and senior letter to ensure you are on track for graduation;
take steps to make up any deficiencies.....12
- Register for/take SAT/ACT, if university bound.....11
- Use PSAT scores to begin college search.....10 11

FEBRUARY

- Continue applying for scholarships.....12
- Complete university admission process including financial aid and housing.....12
- Register for SAT/ACT, if university bound.....11
- Review ECAP course selections for upcoming year,
with teacher recommendations, and get parent approval.....9 10 11

MARCH

- Continue applying for scholarships, give copy of scholarship award letters to
Scholarship coordinator in Advisement Center.....12
- Meet with university reps to review acceptance and financial aid..... 12
- Register for/take SAT/ACT, if university bound..... 11
- Visit/Tour colleges/universities during spring break..... 11 12
- Register for NCAA/NAIA, if an athlete planning for college sports eligibility..... 11
- Return parent approved course selections for next school year.....9 10 11 12
- Pay AP Exam Fee deadline in March10 11 12

APRIL

- Choose university you will attend and pay enrollment deposit no later than May 1st.....12
- Give copy of scholarship award letters to scholarship coordinator.....12
- Apply to community college for summer courses, if needed..... 11 12
- Register for/take the SAT/ACT, if university bound.....11
- Take AZ Merit Test: English 9, 10, 11, Algebra I, Geometry, and Alg II9 10 11
- Obtain Information about pre-requisites for Dual Enrollment Courses9 10 11
- AIMS Science: Grade 9 & 10 in Biology9 10

MAY

- Request final transcript from registrar for NCAA/NAIA eligibility or university admission .12
- Attend Scholarship Awards Program on May 1.....12
- Take Advanced Placement (AP) exam(s), May 1-12.....10 11 12
- Register and pay for summer school.....9 10 11
- Register for/take the SAT/ACT, if university bound.....11
- Follow up on Dual Enrollment Course Pre-requisites9 10 11

SUMMER

- Take SAT/ACT, if university bound.....11
- Visit/Tour college campuses.....11 12

**AND
MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

| State Universities | Admission Requirements Apply before Thanksgiving | Estimated Tuition/Fees |
|---|--|--|
| <p>Arizona State University ASU's main website: www.asu.edu</p> <p>Northern Arizona University NAU's main website: www.nau.edu</p> <p>University of Arizona UofA's main website: www.arizona.edu</p> | <p>Admission may be granted with one deficiency in no more than two competency areas. Deficiencies cannot be in both math and laboratory science. Students must earn a minimum 2.0 in any subject area. Most competencies may also be met by test scores or college courses</p> <p>English - 4 years (composition/literature based) Math - 4 years - Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and one course requiring Algebra II as a prerequisite. Laboratory Science - 3 years total (1 year each from any of the following areas are accepted: Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Integrated Sciences, and Physics) Social Science - 2 years (including one year American History) Foreign Language - 2 years (same language) Fine Arts or Career and Technical Education - 1 year</p> <p>Applicants must also meet at least one of the following: Top 25% in high school graduating class 3.0 GPA in competency courses (4.0 = A)</p> <p>Standardized test scores used to determine scholarship eligibility: ACT Composite Score: 22 SAT Reasoning Score: 1120</p> | <p>ASU: \$10,370 tuition/yr. Estimated cost for tuition, housing, books, & meal plan = \$27,744 per year</p> <p>NAU: \$9,746 tuition/yr. Estimated cost for tuition, housing, books, & meal plan = \$26,096 per year</p> <p>UofA: \$11,800 tuition/yr. Estimated cost for tuition, housing, books, meal, and travel = \$27,400 per year</p> |
| Maricopa Community College | <p>Open door admission policy, graduates of an accredited high school or GED or 18 years old, or is a transfer student in good standing. Students are required to take placement exams. More information can be found by visiting www.maricopa.edu</p> | <p>Tuition is just \$86 per credit hour</p> |
| <p>Out-of-State Universities/College</p> <p>Private Arizona Universities/Colleges</p> | <p>Out of state colleges have different requirements. Requirements will vary depending whether it is a public/private university/college and the state. For each out of state university you are interested in, go to their website (through the AZCIS career information system as well as through an internet search engine). You may also use the Common Application and apply for several of colleges all at once.</p> <p>For each private university you are interested in, go to their website.</p> | <p>Varies: Is dependent upon the university and the state it is located in.</p> |
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FOR COLLEGE & CAREER PREP
School Code 030-124

ACT- Fee Plus Writing- \$58.50- recommended (No Writing)- \$42.50
Register on line at www.actstudent.org

| TEST Date | Registration Deadline | Late Registration (+fee) |
|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| September 9, 2017 | August 4, 2017 | August 5-18, 2017 |
| October 28, 2017 | September 22, 2017 | September 23- October 6, 2017 |
| December 9, 2017 | November 3, 2017 | November 4-17, 2017 |
| February 10, 2018 | January 12, 2018 | January 13-19, 2018 |
| April 14, 2018 | March 9, 2018 | March 10-23, 2018 |
| June 9, 2018 | May 4, 2018 | May 5-18, 2018 |
| July 14, 2018 | June 15, 2018 | June 16-22, 2018 |

SAT- Fee \$57.00

Register on line at www.collegeboard.org

| TEST DATE | Registration Deadline | Late Registration (+fee) |
|------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| August 26, 2017 | July 28, 2017 | August 15, 2017 |
| October 7, 2017 | September 8, 2017 | September 22, 2017 |
| November 4, 2017 | October 6, 2017 | October 20, 2017 |
| December 2, 2017 | November 3, 2017 | November 17, 2017 |
| March 10, 2018 | February 9, 2018 | February 23, 2018 |
| May 5, 2018 | April 6, 2018 | April 20, 2018 |
| June 2, 2018 | May 4, 2018 | May 18, 2018 |

FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

College costs can be covered through scholarships, grants, and loans.

SCHOLARSHIPS - Awarded to students by Universities, Colleges, organizations, businesses and individuals.

- 1) Keep checking for your school counselor for updated scholarship opportunities.

Letters of recommendation

- Ask for at least three letters of recommendation early in your senior year: one from a core class teacher; a second one from a co-curricular teacher/coach/club sponsor; and a third from a job manager, church official or your school counselor.
- Request letters at least two weeks in advance.
- Give a copy of your resume to the persons you are asking for a recommendation.
- Use the student brag sheet and parent brag sheet and request an interview with your counselor.

Transcripts - Ask your school registrar or your school counselor for a copy of your unofficial transcript at the start of each semester; you need to know your exact GPA and class rank for your college and scholarship applications.

GRANTS – Are typically awarded automatically through your future college once you have been admitted, and are based on financial need.

LOANS – A loan is money that you borrow from the federal government, and available strictly by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov; or from a private lender such as a bank at a specific interest rate, which varies from loan to loan.

There are two types of federal student loans:

Subsidized Loans – Available to students with demonstrated financial need as determined by the information in the FAFSA. Interest does not start accruing until you are required to start paying the loan back, which is after you have graduated OR left the educational institution.

Unsubsidized Loans – Available to all students, regardless of financial need. Students are responsible for all the interest, which begins to accrue immediately. You may receive both subsidized and unsubsidized loans at the same time. There is a limit to the amount you may borrow through the Stafford Loan Program.

Additional Resource: www.studentaid.ed.gov – Get ready for college or Career school, learn Federal Student Aid and how to apply using the FAFSA, and get information on repaying student loans.

FINANCIAL AID TIMELINE

- September - apply for a social security card if you don't have one. You need it for financial aid and college admission.
- September – check out FAFSA4caster to see how Federal Student Aid can help you pay for college. Go to www.fafsa.gov home page – click on FAFSA4caster button on bottom right of page.
- October 17, 2017 – Attend the Financial Aid Meeting in the LEARNING CENTER from 5:30-7:00 pm

MILITARY OPPORTUNITIES

Military Colleges/Academies

The United States Military academies offer a wonderful opportunity to receive a completely funded four-year college education. To apply, the first step is to obtain a nomination from a United States Senator or Representative. Interested students should begin a file with their state official in their junior year. Some of the academies require a pre-candidate questionnaire to be filed at the same time as you file with your Congressman or Senator.

The United States Military has four academies/colleges.

- **Naval Academy**
121 Blake Rd., Annapolis, MD 21402
www.usna.edu
- **West Point Academy- US Army**
West Point, NY 10996
www.usa.gov
- **Air Force Academy**
U.S. Air Force Academy
Colorado Springs, CO
www.usafa.af.mil
- **Coast Guard Academy**
31 Mohegan Ave Pkwy
New London, CT 06320
www.cga.edu

ASVAB

The armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery is the qualifying exam for people wanting to enlist in any of the military branches. It is also combined with an “interest inventory” to help people choose careers in their specific area of skill and interest. This test is available to juniors, and military bound seniors, in November at BMHS at no cost.

Military Enlistment from High School

Students are able to join the military directly from high school through the various military recruiting offices. The Army, National Guard, Marines, Navy, and Air Force visit our campus regularly so students can have the ability to speak with them. For further details about the requirements to enlist, please contact the individual military recruiter at school or at their offices in the Prescott Mall.

ROTC

ROTC or Reserve Officer Training Corps Programs is another opportunity for a student to receive scholarships for a college education and the possibility to serve in the military. For more information, ask the individual college you are interested in attending and find out if they have an ROTC program and how it works. For further assistance please go to www.military.com/rotc

- Please see Miss Phillips in the counseling office for the local Military Rep information