



Atlantic City High School

SENIOR News

CLASS OF 2018

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A

NJ HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

- 4 years of English
- 4 years Physical Education/Health
- 3 years Social Studies (WH/US1/US2)
- 3 years Mathematics (must include Algebra 1 & Geometry equivalent)
- 3 years of Lab Science
- 1 year of a World Language
- 1 year of an Elective (Visual & Performing Art)
- 1 year of an Elective (Career, Family & Life Skills, or Vocational-Technical Education)
- 1 year Financial Literacy (Senior Year)
- State testing requirements may be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/intervention/memos/120214grad.pdf> and will be provided to student throughout the school year.

****STUDENTS MUST EARN A MINIMUM OF 120 CREDITS & PASS ALL REQUIREMENTS LISTED ABOVE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION CEREMONIES****

A student needs: 90 credits to become a senior

September:

- Continue exploring colleges and careers by taking advantage of free career inventories online.
- Start looking over College Applications by going to the school's website or do a college search at www.collegeboard.org.
- Register to take (or re-take) the SAT or ACT. Watch out for deadlines. **If you receive free lunch, see your Guidance Counselor for a fee waiver.**
- 1st, 2nd Marking Period & Semester Grades are very important. Colleges will ask for them.
- Collect application materials and keep careful track of due dates. Don't procrastinate!
- Start working on your essay and resume.
- If you are on a potential Division I or II athlete, you MUST see your counselor to follow up on NCAA Clearinghouse eligibility.

START GATHERING INFORMATION REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR FAFSA

- Social Security and/or Alien Registration Numbers
- 2016 Federal tax information
- Records of Untaxed Income (SSI and/or TANF benefits)

October:

- Take care of college application basics: Contact teachers for recommendations, make sure your transcript is accurate, and finalize your college essay.
- Visit colleges in which you are interested.
- Finalize your college choices. Be sure to go online to make sure that you have fit the requirements (GPA, SAT/ACT scores, course requirements) to be admitted to the school. See if the SAT II (Subject Test) is required.
- Consider filing a Common Application at www.commonapp.org

*****Submit the FAFSA on or after October 1st*****

- Make sure you have a copy of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) worksheet. See your Guidance Counselor or visit www.fafsa.ed.gov.

SENIOR INFORMATION NIGHT

Wednesday OCTOBER 4th 6:00PM ACHS CAFÉ A

November:

National College Fair
Thursday, November 2, 2017
Atlantic City Convention Center
9:00am-12:00pm & 6:00pm – 8:00pm

If you're applying Early Decision/Early Action, **don't miss November deadlines.** Investigate scholarships and obtain an issue of *Careers and Colleges* in the Guidance Office.

-The ASVAB will be given on November 16, 2017 in the Media Center

December:

-Complete all applications and submit them on time. Don't forget to enclose the application fee or fee waiver. **Contact your counselor for transcripts and fee waivers.**

January:

-The ASVAB will be given on January 30, 2018 in the Media Center

February:

- Once you submit the FAFSA, you should receive a Student Aid Report (SAR), noting eligibility for aid.
- Send your 1st semester grades to colleges if necessary.

March:

-Continue to search for scholarship dollars.

April:

-Look for admission notices in the mail or via E-mail and review financial aid packages.

May:

-Decide which college you will attend, notify all others of your decision. Send required deposit to the college of your choice.

June:

-Make sure you tell your counselor to which college your final transcript and proof of graduation should be sent.

Notes:

Searching for a college: Design/describe your dream college and seek schools from there. Think about geographical location, climate, size/population of school, setting (urban, rural, suburban), ethnic diversity of student population, class size/student-to-professor ratio, cost, and extracurricular activities. Use college guide books or College Matchmaker at www.collegeboard.org to narrow down your choices. Ask others in college or just out, how they made their decision and if they would do anything differently.

Colleges first look at academic record. Then colleges also look at involvement/leadership in clubs & community services, extracurricular activities, & special talents. They look to enroll a diverse class by reviewing ethnic background, geographic location, socioeconomic background, urban/rural experiences, gender, and first-generation college.

Promote yourself to colleges. Send a video tape of you performing your talent or an introductory letter to the appropriate department at your colleges of interest.

ACHS Scholarships:

<http://achs.acboe.org>

Under School Resources click on the following:

ACHS Guidance Department

SCHOLARSHIPS

SAT & ACT Preparation

Study and sign up for the SAT & ACT at websites given below.

SAT at www.collegeboard.org

SAT REASONING Test Dates	Regular Deadline	Late Registration with Fees
Oct 7	Sept 8	Sept 27
Nov 4	Oct 5	Oct 25
Dec 2	Nov 2	Nov 21
March 10	Feb 9	Feb 28
May 5	April 6	April 25
June 2	May 3	May 23

ACT at www.actstudent.org

ACT Test Dates	Regular Deadline	Late Fees
Sept 9	Aug 4	8/5-8/18
Oct 28	Sept 22	09/23-10/6
Dec 9	Nov 3	11/4-11/17
Feb 10	Jan 12	1/13-1/29
April 14	March 9	3/10-3/23
June 9	May 4	5/5-5/18
July 14	June 15	6/16-22

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If you are a potential Division I or II athlete, send your scores to NCAA Clearinghouse by putting 9999 under score reports to colleges and scholarship programs.

Application Information

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