



JUNIOR News

Atlantic City High School Guidance Department

CLASS OF 2019

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)

3 years of Science (3 lab sciences-Biology/Chemistry/Environmental/Physics)

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 of 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: 60 credits to become a junior & 90 credits to become a senior

COLLEGE PREPARATION

September:

Start exploring all colleges and careers. Take advantage of the NJCAN program.

www.njcan.org

Temporary Student login: ACHS

Temporary Password: 2017NJcan

"Create my portfolio" (new username and password), SAVE everything

Other sources of information: visit websites like

www.collegeboard.org or www.careersandcolleges.com

Get involved in extracurricular activities. If you join a club, run for office

. October:



PSAT: The PSAT will be offered by the school on Wednesday, October 11th at ACHS. There will be no fee to take test.

This test is a great way to prepare for the SAT, which many of you will take in the spring.

Put in extra effort to keep up your grades, your academic performance is still the most important factor in the college admissions process.

Attend college fairs, talk to people about their college experiences, and explore schools online. Keep a file on colleges that interest you.

JUNIOR/SENIOR COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT

THURSDAY OCTOBER 5 6:00PM ACHS CAFÉ A

If you are on a **high school sports** team and a potential Division I or II college athlete, you must apply to the NCAA Clearinghouse. See your Guidance Counselor for more information.

November:

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

Concentrate on classes and improve your grades.
Start your search for colleges that match your interests.

December:

Review your academic record and PSAT scores with your guidance counselor. Decide on how you might improve your standardized test scores.

January:

Start preparing for the spring admission tests. Free study aids are available online and at the library.
Start narrowing your search for colleges that interest you.

Take the SAT, SAT II or ACT this spring. If you receive free or reduced lunch, you are eligible to receive a fee waiver. (See your Guidance Counselor for a fee waiver)

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.

SAT at www.collegeboard.org (can also be used for SAT preparation)

SAT Test Dates	Regular Deadline	Late Fees
March 10	Feb 9	Feb 28
May 5	April 6	April 25
June 2	May 3	May 23

ACT at www.actstudent.org (can also be used for ACT preparation)

ACT Test Dates	Regular Deadline	Late Fees
Feb 10	Jan 12	1/13-1/19
April 14	March 9	3/10-3/23
June 9	May 4	5/05-5/18
July 14	June 15	6/16-22

February:

If possible, schedule campus visits now for the spring when colleges are still in session.
Discuss college choices with your school counselor and evaluate how realistic your choices are.

March:

Students will participate in state mandated testing. Test dates and times will announced at a later date.

April:

Narrow your college choices to five to eight schools & request admission and financial aid information from the colleges that interest you.

May:

Do volunteer work or an internship this summer. It will give substance to your resume and may provide experiences for your college application essay.