




HAMBURG AREA HIGH SCHOOL

POST-SECONDARY PLANNING TIMELINE FOR SENIORS

11th

Fall

- Ensure that you have the credits and test scores needed to meet both HAHS and State graduation requirements (Act 158). Work hard to achieve the grades needed for your post-secondary plan.
- **Find a Career/Major** Continue to explore careers and areas of interest.
- **Use resources like SMART FUTURES** www.smartfutures.org (user/password is hasdlunchnumb/ lunchnumb), and www.pacareerzone.org and www.bls.gov
- **College-Bound** Did you take the **PSAT/NMSQT**? (offered once in October) In addition to SAT prep, this is the qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship Service.
- **Career-Bound/Military** Take the **ASVAB** exam, a military entry exam that also provides results of student's knowledge and ability in several career areas. Offered once each year in October.
- Make a list of post-secondary schools that meet your most important criteria (major, size, location, cost, distance from home, academic rigor, graduation, rate, etc.) Here is a list of just a few college-search sites:
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>, www.petersons.com, <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov>, www.cappex.com, www.educationplanner.com, (apply to a variety of schools including good match, safety, and reach)
- Add colleges & Fin Aid resources on social media accounts!   
- **Job Shadow** Seek out opportunities to shadow various career field(s) of interest. Make an appointment with Mrs. Del Conte to learn more about shadowing or a PFE (internship) in senior year.
- **Student Athletes** If you are a competitive athlete and strong student you might be considering sports in college. *To play D1 or D2 athletics, students must register with the NCAA, have taken PS or Honors courses that meet the NCAA requirements, and have a core GPA of 2.3 or higher by the end of 11th grade (excludes all electives).*
- **Military Academy** Always wanted to join the military, strong academics, and physically fit? Consider an academy, offering the highest college experience in military development, discipline, honor, and leadership.

11th

Winter

- Register for an SAT www.sat.org / or ACT www.act.org in the Spring. (Counselors recommend ALL college-bound students still take a minimum of one test, even though many Colleges are test-optional)
- **HAHS Junior Post-Secondary Classroom Meeting:** January, in History class. Check for uploaded presentation on Counselor webpage> College TAB.
- **Visit colleges in person or participate virtually.** Pink College Visit form to excuse attendance on days that you miss school, located in Main Office.
- Have a discussion with parents about colleges in which you are interested? Examine majors offered, cost, etc.
- Develop your study plan for the SAT and/or the ACT (391-620 CEEB Code). Use PSAT results and Khan Academy. Most juniors will test in March, May, or June and again in the Fall of 12th grade.



2024 Junior Parent College Info Session + College Panel (reps from RACC, Alvernia, Albright, PSU Berks)

Thursday, February 1st starting at 6:00pm (panel @ 7:00pm)

- **Apprentice** Consider an apprentice program: Carpenter Union (Lebanon & Allentown #167), Electrical (IBEW Local 743), Elevator Union (Local 524), Finishing Trades/Drywall (Council 21), Fire Sprinkler Union (#692), Ironworker Union (Local), Plumbers (Local 524), Roofers (Local 30), Sheet Metal (Local 19-Hamburg)... to name a few <https://apprentice.org/>
- **Attend the Spring College Fair held @ Alvernia University- March 5, 2024.** Return permission form.
- Stay involved with your extracurricular activities. Colleges look for consistency and depth in activities.
- Consider whom you will ask to write your recommendations. Think about asking teachers who know you well and who will write positive letters about you. Letters from a coach, activity leader, or an adult who knows you well outside of school (e.g., volunteer work contact) are also valuable.
- Visit "Summer Programs" page of the HS Counselor webpage to learn about college & career experiences.
- Apply for a summer job or internship. Get experience to broaden your exposure to the work world.
- Be prepared to pay for college applications, transcripts, and testing fees in fall. Let counselor know if you qualify for a fee waiver.

- Visit the campuses of your top college choices. Virtual visits are available at www.collegeweeklive.com and other websites, but getting on the campus will be the most valuable experience.
- Send a thank-you note after each college interview or meeting with a college representative.
- If taking another SAT or ACT, begin your study plan now. www.sat.org or www.act.org
- Finalize any PFE experience with employer and Mrs. Del Conte.
- Absolutely no schedule changes after August. Be mindful of your course requests and schedule before school begins.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

HS Counselor Webpage - <https://www.hasdhawks.org/domain/183>

College Score Card career and college resources - <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

Big Future/Collegeboard- College & career planning- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

Education Planner college search, financial aid, & careers - www.educationplanner.com

PA Career Zone- Career planning <https://www.pacareerzone.org/>

FAFSA and financial aid resources and information- studentaid.gov

PA State Grant, PHEAA- www.pheaa.org

SAT, AP (Collegeboard)- www.sat.org

Smart Futures Career Portfolio - www.smartfutures.org

Be sure to visit the High School Counselor page at www.hasdhawks.org often. Good luck.

Post-Secondary Resources

- ❖ www.hasdhawks.org > Select High School > hover over RESOURCES > Counselors
 - **Counseling Department Page** (College Resources, Upcoming events, Financial Aid, Scholarships)
 - **Mrs. Wyles-Herbert** HS Counselor last names A-K
 - **Mrs. Machamer** HS Counselor last names L-Z
 - **Mrs. Fink** HS Counseling Office Secretary
 - **Mrs. Shannon Del Conte** Career Specialist, located in the Library shadel@hasdhawks.org

College/Career

- ❖ www.berkscareerpathways.com - Helpful resources for choosing a career
- ❖ www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org - The college application process & search
- ❖ www.cappex.com - Complete college search including scholarship info
- ❖ <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/> Career and college resources
- ❖ www.collegeweeklive.com - Visit colleges during their on-line open house
- ❖ www.commonapp.org - The Common Application, College apps
- ❖ www.educationplanner.org - College search, fin aid, and more
- ❖ www.ncaa.org - NCAA college athletic eligibility
- ❖ www.onetonline.org – National career exploration & job analysis
- ❖ www.pacareerzone.org – Career Exploration with PA outlook
- ❖ www.passhe.edu - PA State System of High Ed (Kutztown, Bloom, Ship, etc)
- ❖ www.petersons.com – College, Career, Scholarship search
- ❖ www.roadtripnation.com – Interactive website detailing careers through interviews
- ❖ www.smartfutures.org - Career and college search, portfolio
- ❖ www.todaysmilitary.com – Military careers and information

SAT/ACT/ASVAB

- ❖ www.sat.org - SAT prep and registration, college search (same as collegeboard.org)
- ❖ www.act.org - ACT registration and prep
- ❖ www.kaptest.com - Kaplan test prep for SAT, ACT, etc.
- ❖ www.khanacademy.org - **FREE** SAT, ACT Test prep; also all school subjects
- ❖ www.march2success.com - FREE test prep for ASVAB- Military entrance exam

Financial Aid/Scholarships (Apply in Senior Year)

- ❖ [HS Counselor webpage](#) - Financial Aid & Scholarships tab for scholarships advertised through HAHS
- ❖ fafsa.gov – FAFSA. Apply for Federal Aid (application opens in December 2023).
- ❖ <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/scholarships> – Financial aid resources and information/also scholarship search
- ❖ www.pheaa.org – PA State Grant program (apply in addition to FAFSA)
- ❖ <https://bccf.org/scholarship-opportunities/> – Berks Co. Community Foundation Scholarships
- ❖ www.scholarships.com – Scholarship search engine

SPRING 2024

NACAC Virtual College Fair

Sunday, February 18
1 p.m. - 6 p.m. ET

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REGISTER NOW!

nacacattend.org/fairs



SPRING 2024

NACAC Virtual College Fair

Sunday, March 24
1 p.m. - 6 p.m. ET

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REGISTER NOW!

nacacattend.org/fairs



SPRING BERKS COLLEGE FAIR

IN PERSON FAIR HELD @ ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024. ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY
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* RETURN PERMISSION FORMS TO HR/ADVISOR BY FEBRUARY, 29TH



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2023 TEST DATES—PAPER SAT®

AUG 26	OCT 7	NOV 4	DEC 2
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REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINES

JUL 28 SEP 7 OCT 5 NOV 2

LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINES*

AUG 15 SEP 26 OCT 24 NOV 21

2024 TEST DATES—DIGITAL SAT

MAR 9	MAY 4	JUN 1
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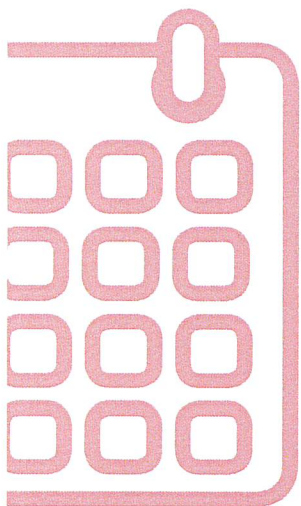
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CANCELLATION DEADLINES

FEB 27 APR 23 MAY 21

The SAT will transition to digital for U.S. test centers starting in March 2024.
Visit sat.org/digital for more information.

Test dates and registration deadlines may change. Check sat.org for updates.



TEST DATES

United States, US Territories, and Puerto Rico



2023|2024

Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
September 9, 2023	August 4	August 18	September 1
October 28, 2023	September 22	October 6	October 20
December 9, 2023	November 3	November 17	December 1
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19	February 2
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22	April 5
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17	May 31
July 13, 2024*	June 7	June 21	July 5

* No test centers are scheduled in New York for the July test date.

Test Information Release for the 2023–2024 testing year will occur in September, April, and June. See www.act.org/the-act/tir for more information.

www.act.org

DIVISION I ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

To study and compete at a **Division I school**, you must earn 16 NCAA-approved **core-course credits**, earn a corresponding test score* that matches your **core-course GPA** and submit your final transcript with proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

CORE-COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	ADDITIONAL (English, math or science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, world language or non doctrinal religion/philosophy)
4 years	3 years	2 years	1 year	2 years	4 years

For Division I, 10 of your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits must be completed before the start of your seventh semester, including seven in English, math or science.

QUALIFIER

As a Division I qualifier, you may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division I school.

- » Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the right areas.
 - Complete 10 of your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits, including seven in English, math or science, before the start of the seventh semester.
 - Complete your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in eight academic semesters or four consecutive academic years from the start of ninth grade.
- » Earn a corresponding test score that matches your **core-course GPA** (minimum 2.3) on the **Division I Sliding Scale**.*
- » Submit your final transcript with proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

As a Division I academic redshirt, you may practice during your first regular academic term and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment but may NOT compete during your first year of enrollment. You must pass either eight quarter or nine semester hours to practice in the next term.

- » Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the right areas.
- » Earn a corresponding test score that matches your core-course GPA (minimum 2.0) on the Division I sliding scale.*
- » Submit your final transcript with proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

* More information regarding the impact of COVID-19 and test scores can be found at on.ncaa.com/COVID19_Spring2023.



Division II Academic Standards

Division II schools require you to meet academic standards. To be eligible to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship in your first year of full-time enrollment, you must meet the following requirements:



MAKE IT *YOURS*

1. Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	EXTRA (English, math or science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	OTHER Any area listed to the left or courses listed in additional discipline (world language, comparative religion or philosophy)
3 years	2 years	2 years	3 years	2 years	4 years

2. Earn a minimum 2.2 **core-course GPA**.
3. Ask your high school counselor to upload your **final official transcript** with proof of graduation to your Eligibility Center account.

EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

If you meet **specific criteria** after six semesters of high school, you may be deemed an early academic qualifier for Division II and may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment.

QUALIFIER

You may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment.

PARTIAL QUALIFIER

You may practice and receive an athletics scholarship but may NOT compete during your first year of full-time enrollment.

