

The Great College Search

Presented by the Guidance Staff of
Greenfield-Central High School

Who Is On Your Team?

- Students with last names A-E Mr. Horsman
 - Students with last names F-L Mrs. Foster
 - Students with last names M-Sq Mrs. Knecht
 - Students with last names St-Z Mrs. Kile
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- Please contact us any time you have a question or need support!

Where Are We Going?

- Action Plan for Seniors (green)
- College Testing ~ SAT & ACT (yellow & light blue)
- College Visits (purple & yellow)
- College Applications (dark blue, peach, purple, gray, and pink)
- Scholarship Information (beige)
- Other options ~ military, 2-year schools, trade schools

What is the Action Plan for Seniors?

- Important Decisions and Actions this Year
 - Arrange college visits
 - Register for SAT or ACT tests
 - Submit college applications
 - Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 10, 2013 (check for earlier dates)
 - Submit scholarship applications
 - Review financial aid packages
 - Make a final decision by May 1, 2013 (National Candidate's Reply Date)

Why Do I Need to Take a Test?

The SAT

(www.collegeboard.org)

- Tests in three subject areas; critical reading, mathematics, and writing
- Highest score per subject is 800
- Accepted by all colleges and universities
- Available at G-CHS on November 3 and May 4

The ACT

(www.actstudent.org)

- Tests in four to five subject areas; English, math, reading, and science, with writing as an added option
- Highest score per subject is 36
- Accepted by all colleges and universities
- Available at G-CHS on April 13

How Do I Find the Perfect Fit?

College Visits at G-CHS

- College admission representatives schedule visits during the fall
- Seniors may sign-up to visit with up to three colleges
- A calendar of visits is located outside of Guidance and given to the Cougar Connection teachers

Campus Visits

- Seniors are allowed two college visits per semester
- Students need to have pre-approval by his or her counselor and schedule the appointment
- Parents are responsible for calling attendance on the day of the visit
- Students must bring in a confirmation of the visit to attendance the next day

How Do I Apply?

- September 24-28 is College Go! Week in Indiana ~ visit <http://www.in.gov/collegegoweek/index.htm> for great tips and discounted application fees for some colleges and universities
- Apply on-line and inform your counselor of your applications (use the counselor form provided by the school or the transcript request form to request that a transcript be sent to complete your application)
- Be aware of deadlines and make sure your request allows for plenty of time for processing

How Do I Make a Decision?

- Research each school, visit the campuses, and wait through the entire process of admission and financial aid before making a final decision
- Apply for any and all available scholarships
- Compare costs, opportunities, and financial aid offers
- Work with your school counselor throughout the process

How Do I Pay for College?

Scholarships

- Available from colleges and universities, community organizations, businesses and employers, and the Hancock County Community Foundation
- Know your deadlines
 - Each college will have them
 - HCCF – November 16th(?) for the Lilly Scholarship and **March 1*** for others

Need-based Financial Aid

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) ~ file between January 1, 2013 and March 10, 2013
- Know each college and university deadline ~ some may require **March 1, 2013***
- Packages will be available in March/April

How Do I Pay for College?

Scholarships

- Work with Guidance to meet your deadlines and know what is a complete application

Need-based Financial Aid

- Do not make a final decision until you have packages from each school

Visit the Guidance page for the most up-to-date scholarship information: http://gchs.gcsc.k12.in.us/?page_id=2524

Financial Aid Night at Greenfield-Central High School

January 16, 2013

FAFSA Day in Hancock County

Mid-February ~ Look for an announcement soon!

What are the Other Options?

- 2-year Schools (Ivy Tech/Vincennes University)
 - Military
 - Trade Schools
 - Apprenticeships
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- Discuss these options with your counselor, too