

Prepare to be Seniors

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END OF JUNIOR YEAR

- Spend time researching colleges you are interested in
- Visit with college reps who come to the high school/schedule college visits on campus
- Review your transcript to make sure you are on track to graduate
- Take ACT or SAT
- Start writing a resume
- Sign up in March for AP test in May
- Enroll with the NCAA Clearinghouse
- Enroll with the NAIA

ENROLLMENT

- Review Enrollment Guide policies and look over course offerings
- Review [Graduation Requirements](#), [Qualified Admissions](#), the [Kansas Scholars Curriculum](#), [NCAA](#), [NAIA](#)
- Visit with counselor about course selection for your senior year, decide if you will take regular classes, college classes or AP classes
- Get signatures for consortium classes
- Enroll online through PowerSchool

COLLEGE COURSES

- Select courses (wide variety)
 - General education courses make good choices
 - Consider taking CTE courses
- Once you have decided to take college courses-
 - Take required tests--ACT or Accuplacer
 - Apply to Butler online: <http://forms.butlercc.edu/butler-application>
 - Pick up forms from Counselor's Office
 - Pay tuition and buy books at college

Why Take College Classes?

- They can save you money.
- You can get a feel for what a college class is like.
- You can get ahead.
- Students can enroll in CTE classes while in high school and not have to pay tuition, only fees and books.
- Butler Academies: <https://www.butlercc.edu/academies>

QUALIFIED ADMISSIONS

If you are a Kansas resident who will graduate from an accredited high school during the 2015-2016 academic year or later, you can guarantee admissions to five of the state's universities by completing the Qualified Admissions or Kansas Scholars curriculum with a 2.0 GPA and by meeting one of the following requirements (The University of Kansas has different standards and can be found at admissions.ku.edu):

- ACT score of at least 21; *OR*
- SAT score of at least 980; *OR*
- Graduate in the top $\frac{2}{3}$ rd of your class

If you enroll in college courses while you are in high school, it is required that you achieve a 2.0 GPA or higher in those courses.

Kansas Course Codes are used to identify courses that fulfill Qualified Admissions curriculum requirements. A complete list may be found at kansasregents.org/qualified_admissions.

Qualified Admissions Curriculum

English: 4 approved units, $\frac{1}{2}$ may be speech

Math: Must complete either:

Option A – 3 approved units and meet the ACT college readiness math benchmark of 22; *OR*

Option B – 4 approved units, one of which must be taken in the graduating year.

Natural Science: 3 approved units, one of which must be a full unit of Chemistry or Physics.

Social Studies: 3 approved units.

Electives: 3 approved units

KANSAS SCHOLARS CURRICULUM

- ▶ **English: 4 years**, one unit to be taken each school year. Must include substantial recurrent practice in writing extensive and structured papers, extensive reading of significant literature, and significant experience in speaking and listening.
- ▶ **Math: 4 years** – Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra II *plus* one from the following: Analytic Geometry, Trigonometry, Advanced Algebra, Probability & Statistics, Functions, or Calculus. Algebra 1 in 8th grade is acceptable for the Kansas Scholars Curriculum, but not for QA.
- ▶ **Science: 3 years** – One year each in Biology, Chemistry and Physics which include regular lab experiences. Applied/technical courses may not substitute for a unit of Natural Science.
- ▶ **Social Studies: 3 years** – 1 unit of US History; minimum of ½ unit of US Government *and* minimum of ½ unit selected from: World Geography, World History or International Relations *and* 1 credit from: Psychology, Economics, US Government, US History, Current Social Issues, Sociology, Anthropology, and Race or Ethnic Group Relations.
- ▶ **Foreign Language: 2 years** – of *one* foreign language. Latin and Sign Language are accepted.

Things To Do...

- Enroll in all the classes you need to graduate
- Make sure you meet qualified admissions if you are going to a regents school.
- If you will play a sport in college, register with the [NCAA/NAIA](#) Clearinghouse
- Write resume
- Visit colleges
- Apply to colleges early

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- Send in scholarship applications on time
- Ask for letters of recommendation early
- **CREATE** your Parchment account
 - [Parchment account setup instructions](#)
 - (www.parchment.com)
- Order graduation supplies
- Fill out FAFSA early in October
- Make final school selection
- Complete Senior Exit Survey
- Send your transcript (www.parchment.com)
- ***Graduate!!!!***

FINANCIAL AID

- **Federal Programs**

- Pell Grants-** maximum amount varies each year

- Based on income levels to determine need.
 - A student who has been convicted for the sale or possession of illegal drugs is not eligible.
 - Boys must be registered with the selective service.

- Student Loans-**

- Maximum you can borrow is from \$5,500-\$31,000 depending on grade level
 - Perkins Loans, not all schools participate
 - Stafford Loans – subsidized or unsubsidized
 - Parent PLUS Loans

- To take part in these programs you must fill out the FAFSA

FAFSA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- It is based on your taxes from the previous TWO years
- You can estimate your tax information, but you must update the information after your taxes are filed
- Pay attention to college deadlines, most like to have the information by March 1
- The data retrieval tool allows you to merge information directly from your taxes if you filed electronically.
- Colleges may ask you to verify your information.
- Both parent and student will need a pin number, you can apply for it now.
- For more information go to **www.fafsa.ed.gov**.

FAFSA continued

- FAFSA is based on the EFC, expected family contribution and the cost of attendance.
- EFC, based on family income, number of children in family and how many are in college.
- It will remain the same no matter what college you apply to.
- Cost of attendance is based on tuition, fees, books, supplies, room and board.
- Cost of attendance varies depending on which schools you apply to.
- The college financial aid office will put together a financial aid package based on all of your information which typically comes in April.

Scholarships

- Scholarship searches
 - Google will become your best friend
 - Emailed out as they come in to the counselor's office
 - [AHS Counseling Webpage Scholarship and Opportunities](#)
- Paying for scholarship search services
 - NEVER!

Where To Go From Here

- Take care of high school FIRST
- Research colleges
- Do they offer the degree I am interested in?
- Can I afford to go there?
- What programs and activities do they offer?
- How big is the school?
- How far away from home is it?
- Where can I get information?
 - College reps
 - Internet research
 - Talk to friends and family
 - College visits

College Visits

- The campus visit is one of the most important steps in selecting a school
- Important to go with your parents
- Junior and Senior Days are general (for the masses)
- Attend a class
- Talk to students and faculty
- Talk to someone in admissions
- Talk to someone in financial aid
- Take a tour
- Visit the department you are interested in
- Get all your questions answered.

Great Web Resources

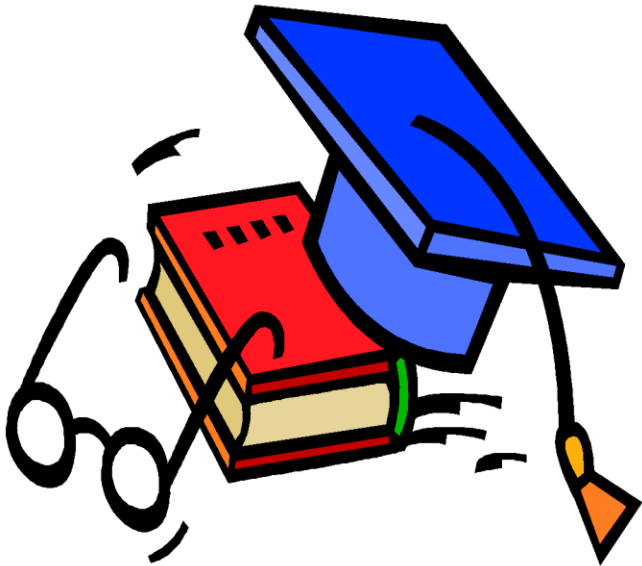
For information on the following topics go to the AHS Counselor's Web page and click on Helpful Links

- Financial Aid
 - Scholarship Searches
- College searches and planning guides
 - Career information
 - How classes transfer
 - Test prep/study skills
- Online Colleges in Kansas

Counselors Webpage

Counselors' Web Page

AND FINALLY...



- Ask questions
- Call us:
- 218-4203
- Use PowerSchool
- Hit the books and enjoy your senior year!