

Senior Year Checklist

September

- Review your schedule to make sure your courses will satisfy your diploma requirements.
- Complete your Senior Data Form. (Google Classroom)
- Create a Parchment account if you did not do so last spring (see website list below)
- Register for the SAT / ACT if you did not take a test last spring or if you need to improve your score. (see website list below)
- Talk with college representatives who visit AHS if you're interested in their schools.
- Attend the Parents of Seniors / Financial Aid Information Night with a parent.
- Review information online for colleges in which you're interested. (Use BigFuture-see website list below)
- Use the College Cost Estimator program to check potential college costs. (see website list below)
- Check out the scholarships list found in the guidance office or on the AHS website.
- Set up a Fastweb account to search for scholarships. (see website list below)

October

- Complete college visitations.
- Take the ASVAB if you are interested in entering a branch of the armed services.
- Apply to in-state colleges by October 15th.
- Attend the Great Lakes Potawatomi Regional College Fair hosted by Trine University.
- Order your transcript through Parchment for every college to which you are applying. **Exception:** no need to do this to any college you've applied to using the Common Application.
- Register with the NCAA and/or NAIA Clearinghouse(s) if you plan to play sports in college.
- If required by a college, send your SAT and/or ACT score(s) to them from the testing agency.
- Place your cap and gown and graduation order.
- Apply for a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) so that you can sign your FAFSA electronically.
- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. Completing this determines your eligibility for federal as well as state financial aid.

November and December

- Once your FAFSA is filed, check the website for your Student Aid Report (SAR) for errors. Make any necessary corrections and resubmit.
- Complete your Scholar Success activities in your Scholar Track account if you are a 21st Century Scholar.
- Make sure you've met any college scholarship deadlines.
- Check in the guidance office for apprenticeship information, if interested.
- Finish all college applications by the end of the year.

January and February

- Submit institutional financial aid forms at the college / vocational school you will be attending.
- Set up a job shadowing experience if you are still unsure of your postsecondary goal. (see your counselor)
- Fill out Early Graduation forms if you will be completing your courses at the end of 1st semester.
- Continue applying for available scholarships.
- Put together a personal resume if you will be applying for employment after graduation.

March

- Arrange for placement testing at the college you'll be attending, if needed.

Pay for and pick up your cap and gown order.

April and May

- Make sure your FAFSA is submitted by the April 15th deadline for state aid consideration.
- Start filling out job applications if you will be seeking employment after graduation.
- If the college you will be attending asks for your final high school transcript, order it on Parchment.
- Finalize your plans for graduation.

June

If you took dual enrollment courses in high school, request your college transcript(s) to be sent to the college you will be attending. Information is included in your graduation packet.

Website Resources

Angola High School

www.ahs.msdssteuben.k12.in.us

Angola High School website, link to Guidance

College and Vocational School Information

www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org

College Board college search site

www.in.gov/learnmoreindiana

Learn More Indiana website

www.petersons.com

Peterson's college search website

www.mycollegeoptions.org/CollegeSearch

My College Options college search website

Financial Aid / Scholarships

www.scholartrack.in.gov

Indiana financial aid and 21st Century Scholars website

www.StudentAid.gov

Federal Student Aid website

<https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

Create an Federal Student Aid ID

www.fafsa.gov

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) website

www.indianacollegecosts.org

Indiana College Costs Estimator

www.fastweb.com

Scholarship Search website

www.steubenfoundation.org

Steuben County Community Foundation website (local scholarships)

Testing Information

www.actstudent.org

ACT testing website

www.sat.org/register.org

SAT testing website

Sports Clearinghouses

<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

NCAA Eligibility Center website

<https://www.ncsasports.org/>

NAIA Eligibility Center website

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Transcripts

www.parchment.com

Parchment website for high school transcript ordering