



Guidance Information for Seniors...

Class of 2018

Welcome to your senior year! This important year should be full of fun and challenges! Along with enjoying all the good times associated with being a senior comes a lot of responsibilities and tasks to be completed to get you ready for life beyond high school. This handout is meant to prepare you with information and resources to help you with that process. As you continue through this year, make sure to use your counselor and all the help to be found in the guidance office. Best of luck with your senior year!!

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College Applications

College applications are mostly an online process nowadays. Simply go to the college website and look for the link for “prospective students” or “apply”. Once you’ve opened up the application, look it over to see what information you need to collect to complete it. Most applications can be saved if you need to complete it in two or more sessions. Here’s a few tips from a college admissions counselor regarding completing applications:

1. Take your time!
2. Misspellings and poor grammar DO get noticed and affects our impression of the candidate.
3. Never submit an essay without having an adult, maybe an English teacher, look it over.
4. If an essay is required, give it careful thought and planning. Don’t start until you have a clear plan and a good topic sentence.

Transcripts and Parchment Accounts

Shortly, you will have the chance to set up your Parchment account. You will use this account anytime you need to send your high school transcript to a college, clearinghouse, etc or to get a copy for yourself. To access your account, you can click on the link on the guidance page of the AHS website or go to www.parchment.com. Sign in, select send transcript, pick your destination, and submit. We will take it from there! Please do this process at the same time that you are finishing your college application.

Clearinghouses

If you plan to play NCAA Division I or II or NAIA sports in college, you need to register with the appropriate clearinghouse. If you’re looking at a NCAA school, you should also see your counselor so you can check on course requirements. Do this early in case your schedule needs to be changed for second semester.

College Visitations

You are permitted a total of two days of college visitations during high school. To schedule a college visit, first check the college website for options and then pick up a college visit form in the guidance office. Return this completed form a week in advance for your visit day to be an exempt absence.



SAT and ACT Dates & Information

SAT Information Cost: \$46 without writing test; \$60 with writing test

Test Date	Oct 7	Nov 4	Dec 2	Mar 10	May 5	June 2
	(At AHS)			(At AHS)		
Reg dead-line	Sept 8	Oct 5	Nov 2	Feb 9	Apr 6	May 3

ACT Information Cost: \$46 without writing test ; \$62.50 with writing test

Test Date	Oct 28	Dec 9	Feb 10	Apr 14	June 9
	(At AHS)				(At AHS)
Reg dead-line	Sept 22	Nov 3	Jan 12	Mar 9	May 4

Students who qualify for Free/Reduced lunch are eligible for 2 fee waivers for each test during high school. If used properly, these students are then eligible for 4 college application fee waivers. Students should see their counselor for more information.

NE Indiana Regional College Fair

The Northeast Indiana Regional College Fair hosted by Trine University will NOT be held this fall. The college fair is moving to a spring date this year.

Scholarship Information

Hopefully you have made a trip to the guidance office to get a list of available scholarships. Look over the list reading the description of each scholarship. If you meet the requirements and are interested in applying for it, pick up an application or apply online. Scholarship applications can be found in the top drawer of the filing cabinet in the guidance lobby. **Updated lists will be available each or every other Friday.** Some scholarships may ask you to download an application from a website. **Please pay particularly close attention to the deadlines on your scholarship lists and what you are to do with the scholarship, once finished.** This information is found on the last line of each scholarship description. If it needs to be returned to the guidance office, it MUST be returned by the deadline, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Scholarship Searches

You might also find available scholarships by doing an online search. Two free scholarship search programs that we suggest are:

- www.fastweb.com
- www.scholarships.com

At these websites, you build a profile and the program will search for scholarships just for you!

One More Thing about Scholarships...

Occasionally, we hear of parents and students being contacted by "companies" who will promise to find all kinds of hidden scholarship money...**for a fee.** All scholarships can be found by doing a little research. We suggest NEVER paying anybody to obtain scholarship information.

Financial Aid

Many students (and parents) have questions about the financial aid process used for college. Filing the FAFSA can now be done beginning October 1st. Remember, if you are a 21st Century Scholar, you MUST file the FAFSA by the state-aid deadline to access your scholarship. The filing deadline to be considered for state financial aid is March 10. If you file the FAFSA after that date you will only be considered for federal aid programs.

Be sure to attend the **Parents of Seniors and Financial Aid Information Night** with a parent scheduled for September 26th @ 6:30 p.m.

Resources Page...

The Best of Online Resources!

Angola High School

- ahs.msdsteuben.k12.in.us AHS website; link to guidance

College / Vocational School Information

- bigfuture.collegeboard.org College Board college search website
- in.gov/learnmoreindiana/ Learn More Indiana website
- triptocollege.org Trip to College college search website
- www.petersons.com Peterson's college search website
- <http://www.in.gov/collegegoweek/2512.htm> Website with link to all IN colleges (applications, visit links, admission criteria, application deadlines and fees)

Financial Aid

- www.fafsa.gov FAFSA application website
- StudentAid.gov/fsaid Website to apply for a FSA ID
- StudentAid.gov/fsaid Federal student aid website
- www.ssaci.in.gov State of Indiana financial aid website

Scholarships

- www.fastweb.com Scholarship search
- www.scholarships.com Scholarship search
- www.steubenfoundation.org Steuben County Community Foundation website for local scholarships

Testing Information

- actstudent.org ACT registration website
- sat.org/register SAT registration website

Sports Clearinghouses

- web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3 NCAA Clearinghouse website
- www.playnaia.org NAIA Clearinghouse website

Parchment

- www.parchment.com website for students to send transcripts electronically

Twitter

- www.twitter.com AHS Guidance tweets @angolaguidance

College Rep Visitations

Here are the institutions that will have representatives at Angola High School this fall. They will be meeting with interested students in the office conference room during homeroom period or during lunches. Interested students should get a passing the morning of the visit from the office or the guidance office.

Date	College
8/30	Alma College
9/5	Wabash College
9/7	Indiana Tech
9/8	Grace College
9/13	Trine University
9/19	Valparaiso University
9/25	University of Indianapolis
9/11	
10/9	Army (during lunches)
11/13	
9/12	
10/10	Navy (during lunches)
11/14	



Senior Year Checklist

Refrigerator door material!

SEPTEMBER

- Review your schedule to make sure your classes will satisfy your diploma requirements
- Turn in your senior data form
- Create a Parchment account
- Register for the SAT and/or ACT if you didn't take it in the spring or if you need to improve your scores
- Talk with colleges reps who visit AHS
- Review college information online (see resource page)
- Check out the scholarship list from the guidance office
- Set up a fastweb account to search for scholarships
- Order your transcript through Parchment for every college to which you've applied
- Attend the Financial Aid Information Night with a parent



OCTOBER

- Finish college visitations
- Apply to Indiana state colleges by October 15th
- Register with the NCAA and/or the NAIA Clearinghouse(s) if you plan to play sports in college
- If required, order your SAT and/or ACT scores to be sent to your colleges from the testing agency (see your counselor)
- Place your cap and gown graduation order
- Apply for a FSA ID for FAFSA filing
- Submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online. Completing this determines your eligibility for federal and state aid programs

- Submit financial aid forms at the college/vocational school you will attend
- Once the FAFSA is filed, check the SAR (Student Aid Report) for errors and needed corrections



NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

- Continue above processes
- Ask your counselor about taking the ASVAB at if you are interested in entering the armed services after high school
- Attend an affirmation meeting if you are a 21st Century Scholar
- Make sure that you've met your college scholarship deadlines
- Check in the office for apprenticeship information, if interested
- Finish all college applications by the end of the calendar year
- Schedule an appointment with your counselor if you are still undecided about your options after high school

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

- Set up a job shadowing experience to find out more information about a specific career
- Fill out seventh semester graduate forms if you are going to complete your coursework in January
- Continue reviewing and applying for scholarships
- Start putting together a resume if you will be job hunting after high school



MARCH

- File the FAFSA by the March

10th deadline

- Arrange placement testing with colleges, if necessary
- Pay and/or pick up cap and gown orders from Herff Jones

APRIL AND MAY

- Receive award notification letters from colleges detailing their offer of financial aid
- Start filling out job applications if working after high school
- Order your final transcript to be sent to your college, if necessary
- Finalize your plans for graduation



**Angola High School
Graduation is 2:00 p.m. on
June 10th.**