

2 empty seats
between each
student

Sit in every other
row



Class of 2021

Welcome to your senior year...

- Schedule changes / strength of schedule
- Attendance
- Take care of your responsibilities
- Send an email; check your email!
- Parents of Seniors Meeting: Wednesday, September 16th @ 6:30 p.m. NO STUDENTS!
- **Virtual** Financial Aid Mtg - Tuesday, September 22 @ 6:00

Class of 2021 Google Classroom

- Senior Data Form
- Senior Checklist & Website List
- SAT / ACT dates & information
- Scholarship information
- Virtual College Fairs
- NCAA & NAIA Clearinghouse information
- More info added as this year continues

AHS Student Data Form



- Record activities from high school
- Record activities from outside of school
- Information is used by counselors, teachers, others
- Submit on Google Classroom by 9/11/20

Senior Checklist & Website List

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MGtDYk6gDdZaTrVyzXD9SG2b1KZZM349rOlzTbVv4D8/edit>

- Guideline for when activities should be completed
- Deadlines, deadlines, deadlines!!!

(A deadline is the LAST day an application or other form can be turned in - it's not the ONLY day!)

Be sure to check out Angola High School's website **Guidance page**

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `ahs.msdsteuben.k12.in.us/index.php/students-and-parents/guidance-page`. The page header features the Angola High School logo and navigation links: Home, Essentials, Students and Parents, Athletics, Faculty, and Contacts. The main content area is titled "Guidance News Today" and includes the following text:

Students and Parents — Guidance

Guidance News Today

2020-21 Student Council Application . . . [click here](#). Application will be available until 3:15 on Friday, September 4.

WATCH FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION via websites, social media, email, and Classroom!

Seniors: With the addition of virtual learning to start the school year, much of the information that is typically delivered to seniors on paper will be posted to Google classroom. Each senior has been invited to join the "Class of 2021 Information" classroom. Join and check the assignment list weekly.

Senior Class Information Meetings:
Last Name: A-G (9/8), H-O (9/9), P-Z (9/10) at 10:41 in the Auditorium . . . [more information to follow](#).

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship: the scholarship application is available [here](#). All applications are due to Mr. Police

On the right side of the page, there are two sidebar widgets: "Order Transcripts" featuring the Parchment logo and "Useful Links" with a list of links: ACT, Test Prep Review, College Board, SSACI, and Four County Area Vocational Coop. A "Screen Reader" icon is visible in the bottom right corner.

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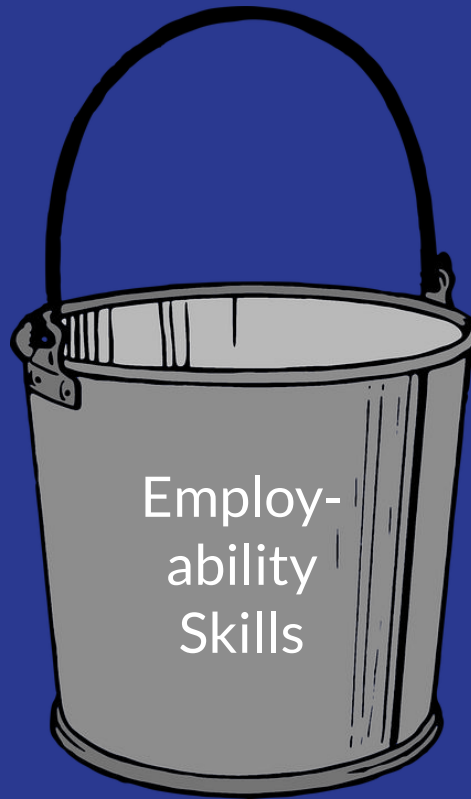
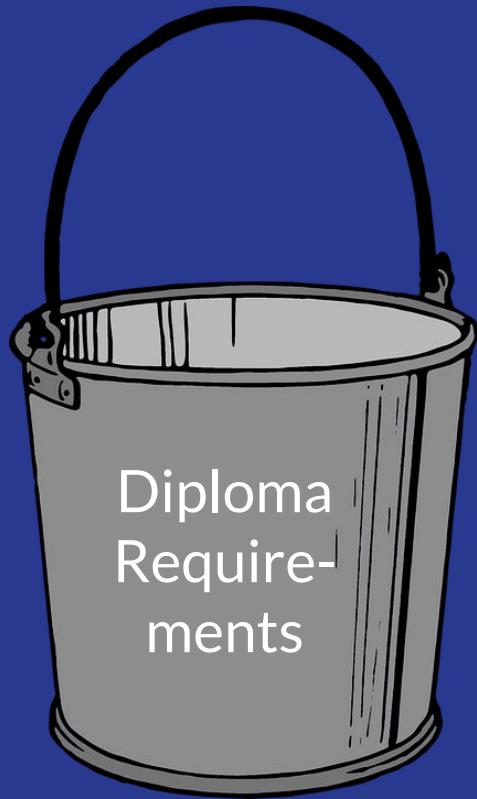
Students in the class of 2021 must pass ISTEP **ELA** and **math** to graduate

ISTEP retests will be offered in November and February
BUT...

- We can use the new Graduation Pathways requirements that began with the class of 2023 to graduate students **INSTEAD** of the ISTEP requirement
- We used these to help some members of the class of 2020 to graduate

What are the Graduation Pathways requirements?

Graduation Pathways



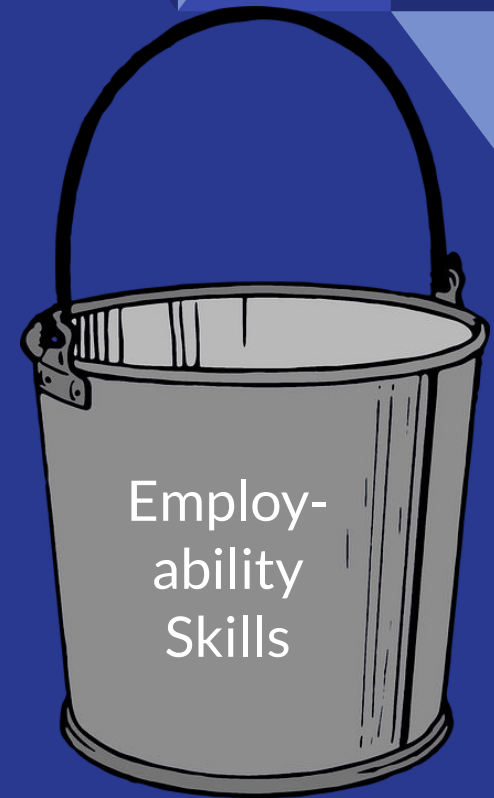
Diploma Requirements

- Academic Honors
- Technical Honors
- Core 40
- General



Employability Skills

- Project-Based Experience
- Service-Based Experience
- **Work-Based Experience** (form available from your counselor)



Post Secondary Ready Competency

- **Honors Diploma**
- SAT (Eng 480, Math 530)
- ACT (Eng18 or Rdg 22 AND Math 22 or Sci 23)
 - * Must get 2 of the 4 scores needed*
- **ASVAB (31) Offered Oct 5th, 7th, or 9th**
- **State Credential or Certification**
- Industry-recognized Apprenticeship
- **CTE Concentrator**
- **Dual Credit**



College applications



- Students apply online
 - Common Application
 - College/Other Application
- Send your transcript to colleges where you apply
 - Common Application-AHS counselors will send
 - Other applications - order through Parchment
- Students applying to state schools (IU, PU, BSU, etc.) should do so by **October 15th**
- Letter of recommendation? Ask 7-10 days in advance. Share Senior Data Sheet with recommender, if requested.
- SAT or ACT fee waiver = 4 college application fee waivers

Common Application

- Online application that can be completed and sent to multiple schools.
- **25** colleges in Indiana accept the Common Application
- Resources for students on essay writing and other topics
- **Application fees can be waived if a student qualifies for free/reduced lunch**
- Common App On Track (app for phone where you can keep track of your application progress)
- www.commonapp.org to create your account
- **Do NOT request your transcript on Parchment for schools you apply to using the Common Application.**

Parchment

- Service used to send your transcript to colleges, now and in the future
- Juniors created their accounts last year when scheduling for senior classes
- Parchment website: www.parchment.com

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Testing information

- **SAT**

- October **3rd** @ Angola High School. Late registration until Sept **22nd**. November and December dates available.

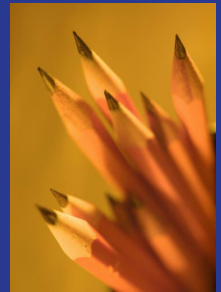
- **ACT**

- October and December dates available.

- **SAT & ACT**

- Some colleges are now “**test optional**”

Some colleges ask for “**official**” SAT / ACT scores. These must come from the testing company.

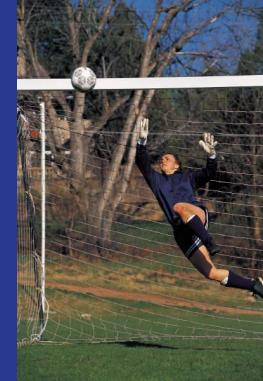


- Students should add colleges score reports to their registration. Four are free!
- Fee waiver available for free/reduced lunch students (**automatic if you've used one before**)
- Must upload picture for admissions ticket

Sports Clearinghouses

NCAA Eligibility Center

- For student-athletes wishing to play Div I or
- Div II sports
- Cost: \$90 (fee waiver available, if eligible)
- Register with the clearinghouse
- (<https://web3.ncaa.org>)
- Order transcript through Parchment
- Test scores must be sent directly from the testing agency



NAIA Eligibility Center

- For students wishing to play NAIA sports (smaller schools)
- Cost: \$90 (fee waiver available, if eligible)
- Register with the clearinghouse (<http://www.playnaia.org/>)
- Order transcript through **Parchment.com**
- Test scores must be sent directly from the testing agency

Dual Credit - Ivy Tech & Trine

- No more opportunities to change into a dual credit course this year except for 2nd semester Psychology and 2nd semester Government
- Students must request a college transcript from each college after you graduate (information will be in graduation packets given to graduates after the ceremony explaining how to do this).

Social Media

Positives

- Many colleges are encouraging students to “connect” with other students entering or already on campus through social media
- Students can select roommates and get to know them before going on campus

Negatives

- An increasing percentage of colleges are researching student information on social media before making admissions decisions
- A post, a tweet, is forever...

College visits

- Most colleges are only allowing **virtual** visits at this time
- Juniors / seniors are allowed **2** college visit days
- Pick up form in the guidance office, complete it, and return it at least a week before your visit.
- Must list college contact information
- A college visit is NOT missing school on a Friday to visit a friend.



College Representative Visits

- College representatives are not permitted to meet with students at AHS: IN-PERSON VISITS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED FOR ONE YEAR REACH OUT TO COLLEGE REPRESENTATION TO SCHEDULE VIRTUAL VISITS
- Meeting in homeroom, lunch or after school
- Meetings scheduled to date



Great Lakes Potawatami Regional College Fair

- October 1st from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the MTI Center
- Students will receive a postcard in addition
- Students can also scan or snap a code to pre-register. Colleges you visit will then just scan you code to collect your information

21st Century Scholars

Make sure you have completed your senior activities:

- Submit a college application
- Watch “College Success 101” video
- File the FAFSA by March 10th

In addition, ALL previous activities (9th, 10th, 11th) activities must be completed as well.



Scholarships

- List - updated every/every other Friday
- Location - filing cabinet in the Guidance Office and Guidance webpage
- Get applications:
 - Pick up applications in filing cabinet (only what you NEED)
 - Download the applications from a website or Google Classroom
 - Fill out application on a website
- **Deadlines: PAY ATTENTION TO THESE!!**
 - For those that need to be returned to the guidance office, the deadline on the SCHOLARSHIP LIST is the TRUE deadline.

- **Scholarships (continued)**

- Teacher recommendation forms in guidance office
- Recommendations when applying:
 - Type or word process whenever possible
 - If writing, use black or dark blue ink (same pen throughout)
 - Proofread your application and essays and have someone else do it also (English teacher?)
 - Don't wait until the last minute to do it or turn it in **Deadlines are the LAST day to turn in applications - not the ONLY day!!**
 - Don't assume that only top academic students get the scholarships

- **Scholarship searches:**

- www.fastweb.com
- www.scholarships.com
- Check at parents' places of employment
- **Don't pay for scholarship information**

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

- Used to apply for all Federal and State aid
 - State scholarships
 - Federal and State grants
 - Federal work-study programs
 - Federal student loans
- Must fill it out between **October 1st and March 10th**
- Dependent upon tax return information (parents' and student's)
- Virtual Financial Aid Meeting: Sept. 22nd @ 6:00 p.m.
- **21st Century Scholars: you MUST fill out the FAFSA to access your scholarship!**

Announcements...

- **Reminders:**

- Parents of Seniors Meeting on Sept. 16th @ 6:30 p.m. in auditorium and/or virtually
- 21st Century Scholars **MUST** complete their Scholar Success Activities in order to access their scholarship; a letter with updated progress was sent home.
- **Graduation Order Information Meeting:** October 8th during homeroom
- Use **Parchment** to request transcripts as necessary.
- Complete and submit **Student Data Form**

