

WELCOME AVON LAKE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2026 & PARENTS!

MINOR MAPSTART





ALHS Counselors

A - E · → MR. SKIERSKI

F-K --→ MRS. GRIEGER

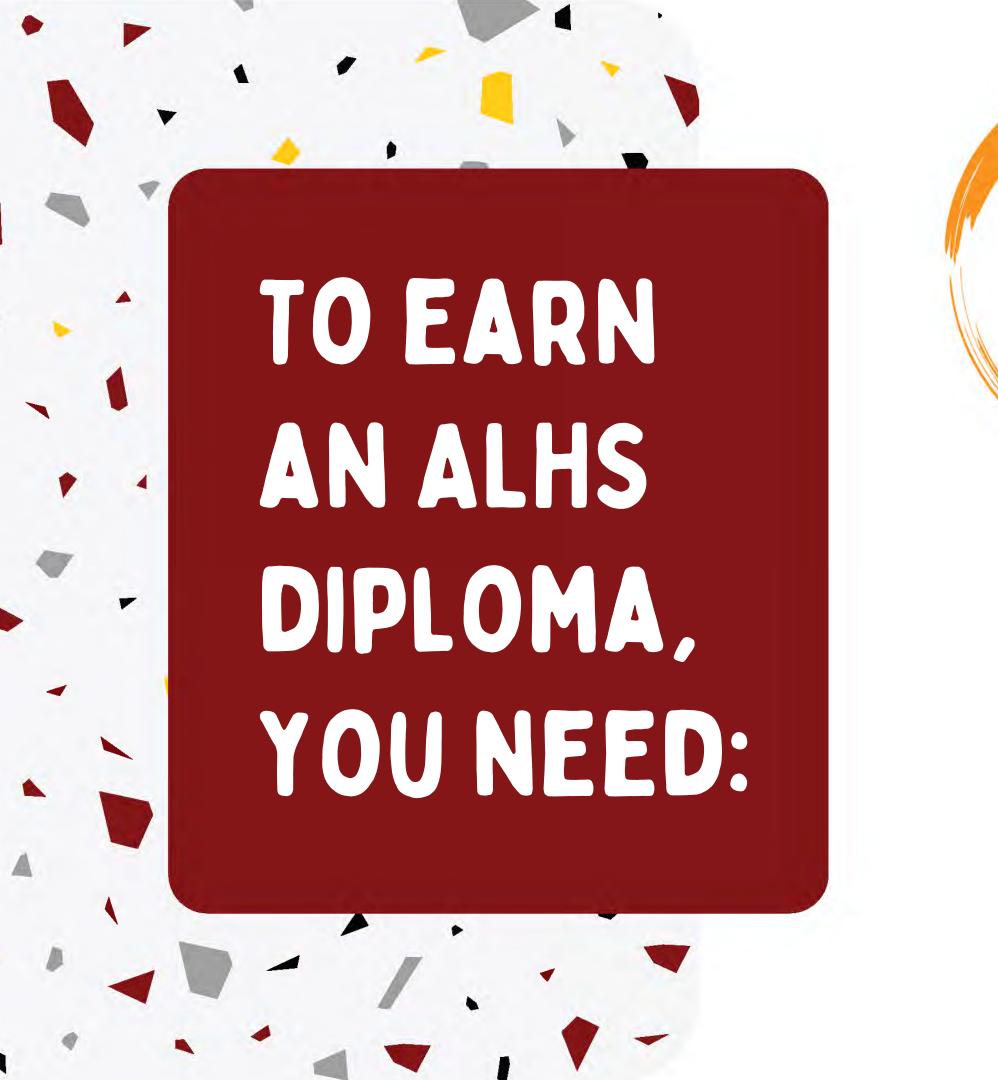
L-Ri ·-→ MRS. ARCHER

Ro - Z --> MR. KAMINSKI
DEPT. CHAIR

MRS. DELILI

COUNSELING SECRETARY
"THE BOSS"





21 credits

2 Graduation Seals

Pass 2
End of Course
Exams: Algebra 1
and English 10
score: 684+

COURSES	CREDITS	DETAILS		
English	4	English 9, 10, + two additional credits		
Math	4	Must include Algebra II or equivalent		
Science	3	Physical Science, Biology, advanced science		
Social Studies	3	World History, US History, Gov		
World Lang/ Fine Arts/Tech/Biz	1			
Health	0.5			
Physical Education	0.5	PE Waiver completed by <u>end</u> <u>of JUNIOR year</u>		
Financial Literacy	0.5			
Electives	4.5			



There are no volunteer 'requirements' in order for a student to graduate, but hours are of course encouraged!

30 hours- seal on transcript 30 hours- cord @ graduation

Mr. Arra has tracking spreadsheet for hours. Volunteer Form (available in Counseling Office) must be signed off by project supervisor & submitted to Mr. Arra





New

EARNING THE ALHS ACADEMIC HONORS DIPLOMA

Please visit education.ohio.gov for the most up-to-date information

STUDENTS MUST MEET ALL BUT I REQUIREMENT

REQUIREMENT	STATE MINIMUM		
English	4 years including English 9 & English 10		
Math	Fourth year of math must be greater than Algebra 2		
Science	One additional unit of Advanced Science		
Social Studies	One additional unit of Social Studies		
World Lang see below	3 units of 1 world lang, or 2 units of 2 world languages		
GPA see below	3.5 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted)		
ACT/SAT see below	ACT: 27+ OR SAT: 1280+		
Seal Requirement	Earn 2 additional diploma seals, not including Honors Diploma (see reverse for details)		
Experiential Learning	Field Experience, OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal*, Portfolio or Work-Based Learning		
	*Students can use OMJ Readiness Seal in the '2 additional seals' requirement if it is not used in Experiential Learning		

Gray options: More on next slide

STUDENT STRENGTH DEMONSTRATION REPLACEMENT

Student can use the Student Strength Demonstration to replace the ACT/SAT, GPA, <u>OR</u> World Language requirement for any Honors Diploma. Options:

- College Credit Plus: 12 total College Credit Plus credits
- Advanced Placement: three courses with score of 3 or higher on AP tests
- Career-Technical Assurance Guide (CTAG): 12 total credits
- WorkKeys: Score of 6 or higher on all tests
- Armed Services Vocational Battery: Score of 50 or above on the ASVAB
- Work-Based Learning: 250 total hours of work-based learning



COUNSELORS HAVE BEEN MEETING 1 ON 1 WITH JUNIORS SINCE NOVEMBER

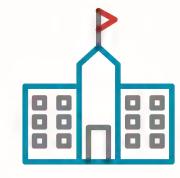
THE STUDENTCOUNSELOR MEETING:







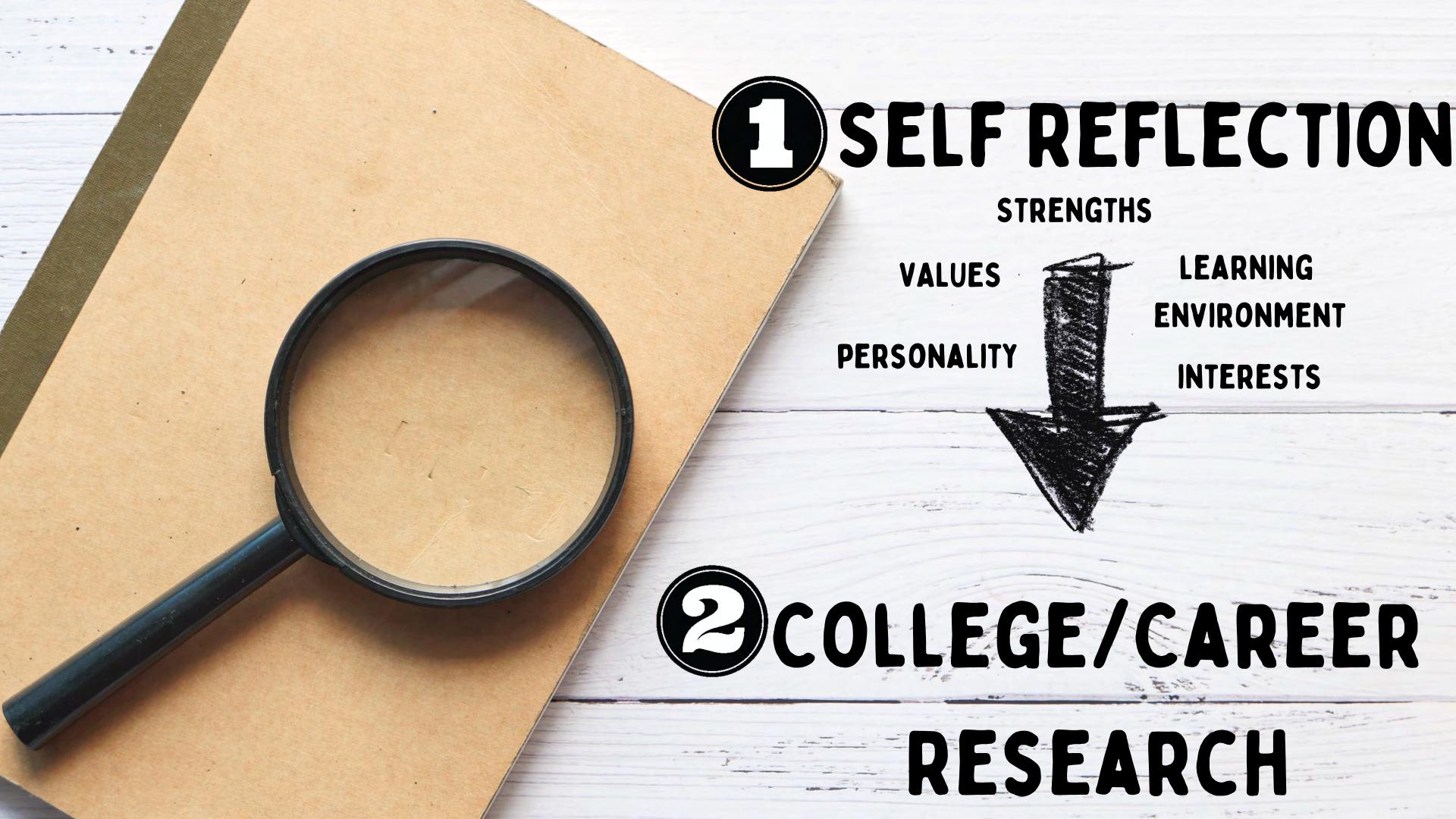
Review seals earned/needed

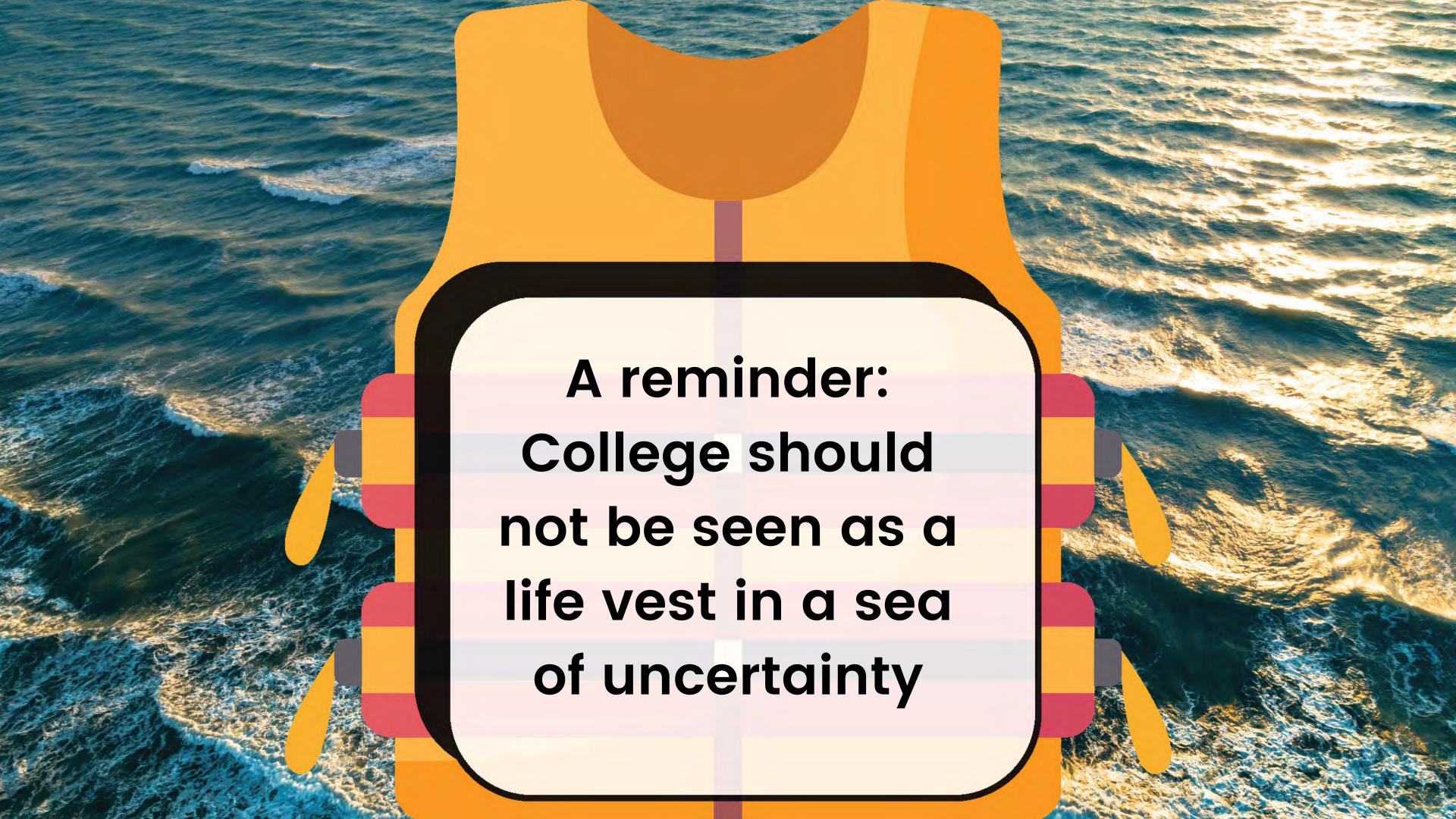


Career/college interests









NAVIANCE IS:

A platform we use for:

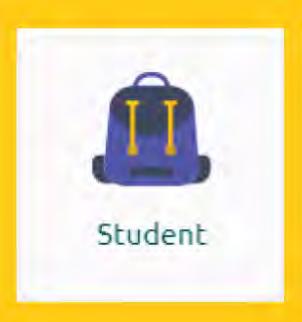
- College Exploration
- Career Exploration
- Creation of resumes
- Assessments for personality, strengths, skills
- How counselors send transcripts to colleges students apply to
- How students request teacher recommendation letters
- How teachers upload and send their recommendation letters
- How students indicate what colleges they are applying to
- How students indicate their app deadlines for specific colleges
- How students indicate how they are applying to a college

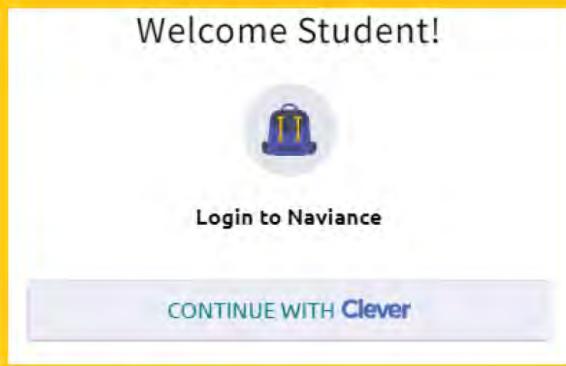
NAVIANCE: A GREAT PLACE TO START COLLEGE & CAREER EXPLORATION!

Finding the "perfect college/career"

Finding the perfect FIT FOR YOU





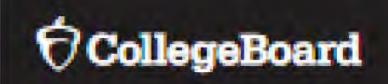


Avon Lake City School District Not your district? Log in with Google

HOW TO LOG IN TO NAVIANCE

- Go to: <u>avonlakecityschools.org</u>
- Hover over Students/Parents
- Click Naviance- High School
- User type: Click "Student"
- Click "Continue With Clever"
- Click "Log in with Google"
- Student logs in with usual alstudent Gmail address and password

CAREERS



BigFuture

Career Finder













Lorain County

A proud partner of the American Job Center network <u>ALHS Webpage</u>



STATISTICS

WWW.BLS.GOV

- Fastestdecliningoccupations
- Fastest growing occupations
- Occupations needed by state
- Salary data
- And more

OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK HANDBOOK

Fastest Growing Occupations

PRINTER-FRIENDLY

Fastest growing occupations: 20 occupations with the highest projected percent change of employment between 2023-33.

Click on an occupation name to see the full occupational profile.

OCCUPATION	GROWTH RATE, 2023-33	A	2023 MEDIAN PAY	\$
Wind turbine service technicians		60%	\$61,770 per year	
Solar photovoltaic installers	489	Vo	\$48,800 per year	
Nurse practitioners	46%		\$126,260 per year	
Data scientists	36%		\$108,020 per year	
Information security analysts	33%		\$120,360 per year	
Medical and health services managers	29%		\$110,680 per year	
Physician assistants	28%		\$130,020 per year	
Computer and information research scientists	26%		\$145,080 per year	
Physical therapist assistants	25%		\$64,080 per year	
Operations research analysts	23%		\$83,640 per year	
Occupational therapy assistants	22%		\$67,010 per year	
Actuaries	22%		\$120,000 per year	
Financial examiners	21%		\$84,300 per year	
Home health and personal care aides	21%		\$33,530 per year	

<u>ApprenticeOhio</u>

Benefits of Apprenticeships

- Skill Development
- Considered a Full-Time Employee from Day One
- Avoid Student Debt
- Begin a Long-Term Career Pathway
- Structured Training with Experienced Mentors
- A minimum of 2,000 Hours of On-thejob Training
- 144 hours of Classroom Training
- Pay Increases with Program Progression
- Nationally Recognized Credentials
- University of Ohio Classroom Instruction
- Receive College Credits

Statewide Registered Apprenticeship Dashboard Find an Apprenticeship Here! JobsOhio Regions Map **Workforce Areas Map** New Apprentices by Year Completers by Year **Active Apprentices** Active Apprentices by Occupation Active Apprentices by Industry 22,849 Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation **Active Sponsors** 12,696 Automotive Body and Related Repairers Automotive Service Technicians and Mec. 655 2,765 4,421 Boilermakers Active Apprenticeship Occupations 263 Other Services (except Public Administration) Brickmasons and Blockmasons Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engl. 171 Butchers and Meat Cutters

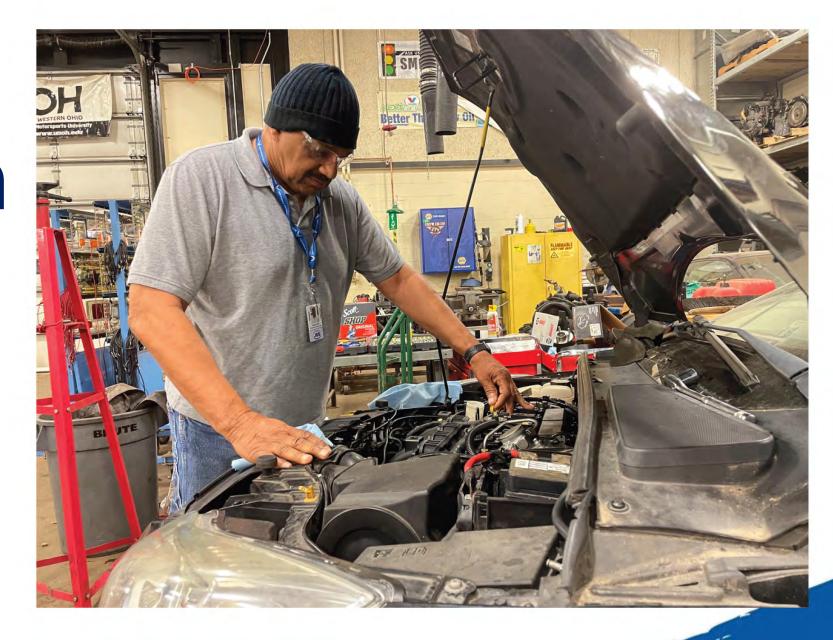


Automotive Program

 Automotive Service Technician











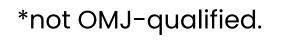
Health & Beauty Programs*

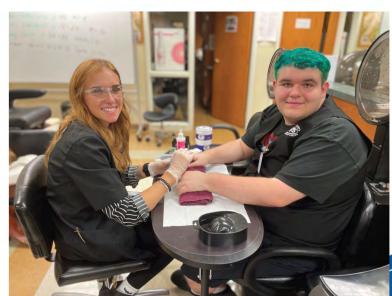
Cosmetology

Esthetician

Manicurists











Healthcare Programs

- Dental Assisting/Radiography
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Phlebotomy Technician
- State Tested Nurse Aide (STNA)















Manufacturing Programs

- Manual Machining
- CNC Programming & Operations
- Certified Production Technician
- Welding/Fabrication









Enrollment Process

- Attend a 1st Step to Success! Information Session.
- Complete applications for financial aid and/or scholarships; create your financial plan.
- Submit program-specific paperwork.

 Includes a copy of your high school diploma/GED.
- Enroll and begin your new endeavor!









MILITARY

SSG MORGAN L. ARDNER
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OHIO ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

ACTIVE DUTY RESERVES MILITARY ACADEMY ROTC NATIONAL GUARD

- Recruiter
- ASVAB Exam
- Physical Exam
- Career Counseling
- Oath of Enlistment
 - Direct Ship
 - Delayed EntryProgram
 - Split Option
- Basic Training
- Active Duty vs.Reserve Duty



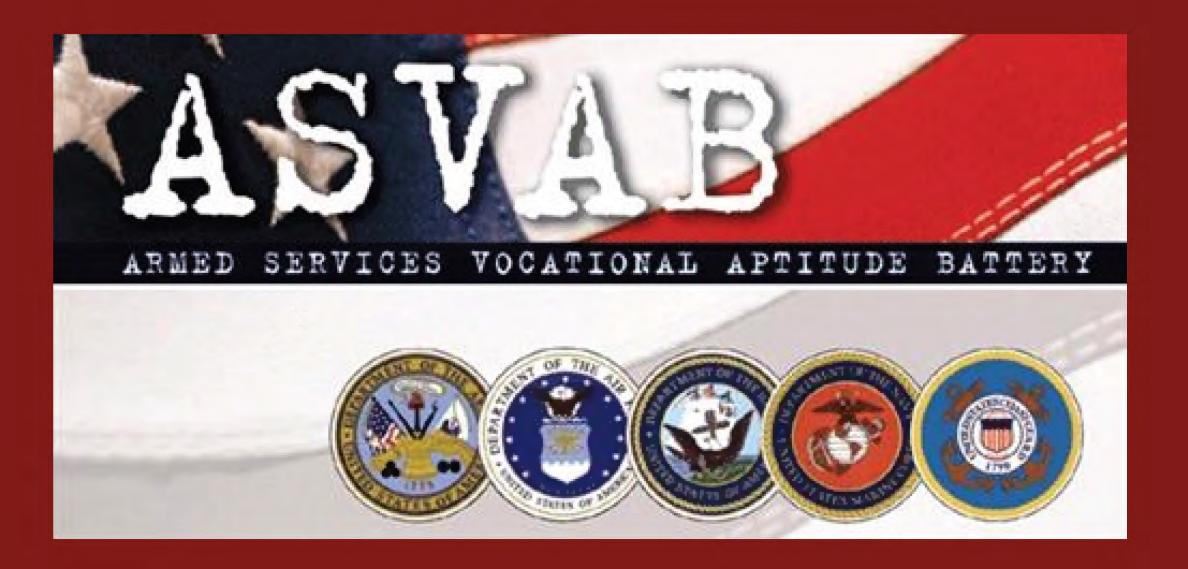
ENLISTMENT PROCESS





- Responds to domestic emergencies, overseas combat missions, counterdrug efforts, reconstruction missions
- Any state governor or the President of the United
 States can call on the Guard in a moment's notice.
- Guard Soldiers hold civilian jobs or attend college while maintaining their military training part time.

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD



WHAT IS IT?

Exam that measures abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military.

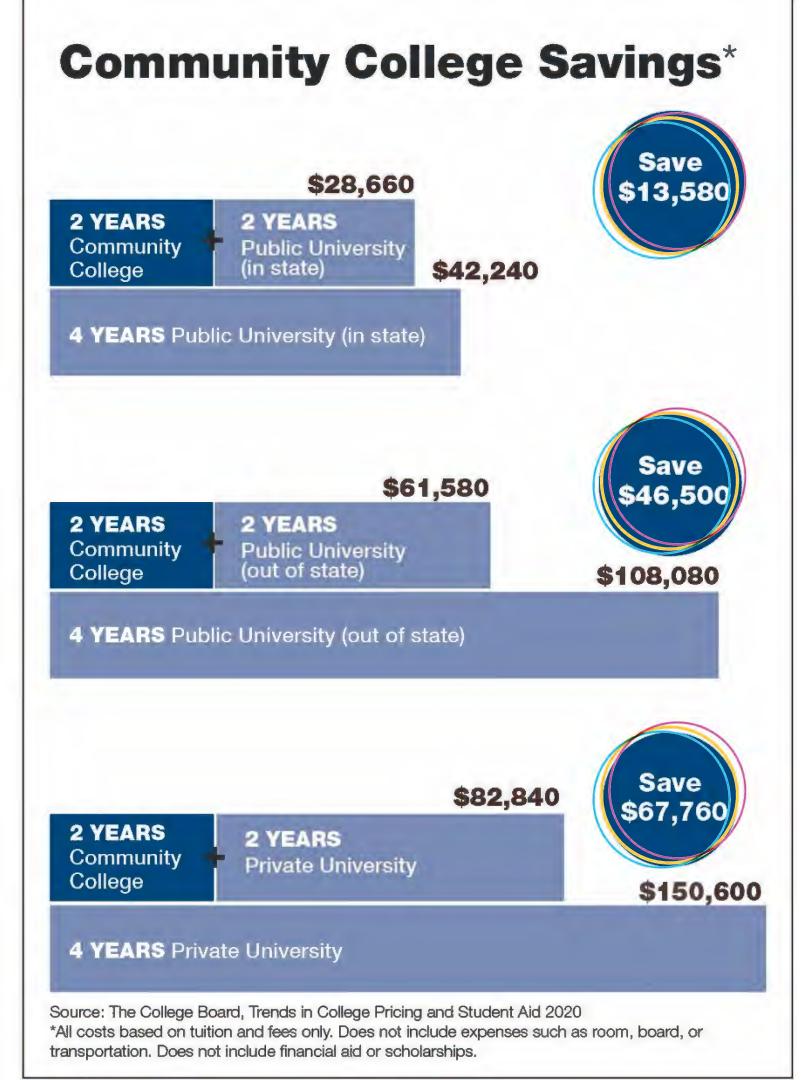
ALSO: ASVAB Career Exploration Program: for non-military bound students: results used to guide career exploration

INTERESTED?

ALHS is looking to offer the ASVAB this upcoming October. Please let your counselor know if you are interested.



COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY



BEFORE YOU THINK 4 YEAR COLLEGE...

CONSIDER YOUR OPTIONS!

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2025 LORAIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 2025

PRESENTED BY SARAH NAU
LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

- New graduates may be automatically eligible for these scholarships, and are eligible for the following scholarships through either their earned GPA while in high school, or through credits earned while in College Credit Plus (high school dual enrollment).
- No application is needed as these scholarships are awarded based on student record or enrollment information as well as information provided to LCCC by the student's high school. However, recipients will need to formally accept the scholarship for it to be applied to their account. Please be on the lookout for communications about your eligibility.

- Each of the following awards are last-dollar, and require students to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Awards can be used for tuition for courses in associate degree programs as well as LCCC courses with a University Partnership bachelor's degree.
- LCCC partners with 14 colleges and universities, delivering more than 100 bachelor's and master's degrees-<u>saving an average of \$74,000.00</u>
- Recipients of these awards must maintain good academic standings and a 2.50 GPA while enrolled at LCCC, and are encouraged to also pursue other scholarships and experiences based on their program of study, career interests, and financial need.
- The scholarships are known as the Trustee Award, Presidential Award and the Career Incentive Award.

<u>Partners include:</u>

- Ashland University
- Bowling Green State
 University
- Cleveland State University
- Franklin University
- Kent State university
- Lake Erie College
- Miami University
 Regionals
- Ohio University
- The Ohio State University
- University of Akron
- University of Toledo
- Ursuline College
- Western Governors OH
- Youngstown State
 University

Trustee Award

- The LCCC Trustee Award covers up to 72 credit hours of tuition and fees over two consecutive years (Summer, Fall and Spring semesters are included for two full years).
 - Students may qualify for the Trustee Award in one of two ways.

 High School GPA, 3.7 GPA at the conclusion of their junior year of high school OR
 - Completion of 24 or more college credits through the College Credit Plus program with LCCC. CTAG, CTE credits can be considered in the CCP credit total for eligibility.
 - The scholarship requires students to enroll full time (12 credit hours) and does not cover books, supplies or material fees.

Presidential Award

- The LCCC Presidential Award covers tuition and fees up to \$1,500.00 per semester, over two consecutive years (Summer, Fall and Spring are included for two full years).
 - Students can qualify for the Presidential Award in one of two ways:
 - Have a 3.40-3.699 GPA at the conclusion of their junior year of high school **OR**
 - Completion of 12-23 college credits through the College Credit Plus program at LCCC. CTAG, CTE credits can be considered in the CCP credit total for eligibility.
 - The scholarship requires students to enroll full time (12 credit hours) and does not cover books, supplies or material fees.

Career Incentive Award

- The LCCC Career Incentive Award is a \$500.00 per semester award, for use towards tuition and fees over two consecutive years (Summer, Fall and Spring semesters are included for two
- years (Summer, Fall and Spring semesters are included for two full years).
- Students can qualify for the Career Incentive Award in one of two ways:
- Have a 2.50-3-39 GPA at the conclusion of their junior year of high school OR Completion of 1-11 college credits through the College Credit
 - Plus program at LCCC. CTAG, CTE credits can be considered the CCP credit total for eligibility.

Career Incentive Award

Students who pursue academic programs aligned to areas of high workforce need in the northeast Ohio region can double their award

- and receive \$1,000.00 per semester towards their tuition and fees over two consecutive years (Summer, Fall and Spring semesters are included for two full years.
 - The collection of programs eligible for an increased Career Incentive Award is subject to change based on regional workforce needs,
- though students are guaranteed to receive their award over their two-year eligibility period.
 - LCCC's programs are designed to "stack" into one another to help you seamlessly advance your education and career.

Career Incentive Award

The \$1,000.00 Career Incentive Award also applies to any short-term certificate, one-year certificate, associate degree or applied bachelor's degree offered within the following programs:

- Accounting
- Applied Electronics
- Automation which includes the Applied Bachelors Degree
- Clinical Lab Science
- Computer Maintenance and Networking
- Construction
- Culinary Arts
- Cybersecurity
- Data Analytics
- Dental Hygiene
- Emergency Medical Services-Paramedic
- Entrepreneurship/Management
- Fast-Track Programs
- Industrial Safety
- Mandel Humanities Cohort

- Medical Assisting
- Micro Electromechanical Systems (MEMS) which includes Applied Bachelors Degree
- Network Technology
- Nursing-All Levels
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy Assisting
- Practical Nursing (LPN)
- Radiologic Technology
- Software Development
- Sonography
- Sterile Processing
- Surgical Technology
- Web Development
- The Career Incentive Award requires students to enroll full time (12 credit hours) and does not include books, supply or material fees.

- Did you earn credits through College Credit Plus with LCCC, but attended a high school outside of Lorain County?
- If so, you still may qualify for these scholarships.
- Please contact <u>info@lorainccc.edu</u> to check your eligibility

Questions?

Please feel free to contact the following:

Info@lorainccc.edu

Sarah Nau, Student Financial Aid 440.366.7621

snau@lorainccc.edu

Student Financial Aid at LCCC 440.366.4034 finaid@lorainccc.edu

APPLYING TO COLLEGE:



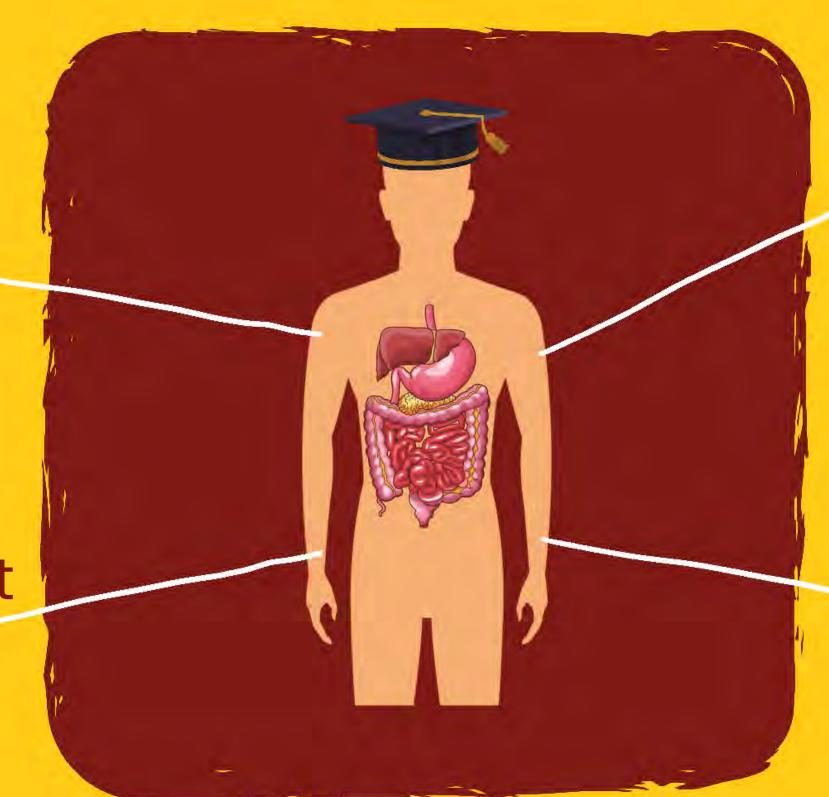
ANATOMY 101: THE COLLEGE APPLICATION

Application

(essay and fee)

Official Transcript

Sent through Naviance



ACT/SAT scores

if applicable

Sent by student directly from testing websites

Letters of
Recommendation
if applicable

HOW TO APPLY TO COLLEGE:

Student submits application to college(s)

Common App OR Direct to the College Essay may be required

Student submits blue form(s) to Counseling Office

1 blue form for EACH college

ONGOING: Student meets with his/her counselor

Set up at least one senior meeting with your counselor.

This is a **process**, not a one time event.

Counselors will meet with the senior class the first week of school this fall

Student submits official SAT/ACT scores

If applicable. Must be sent through act.org or collegeboard.org

Student asks for teacher/counselor letters of recommendation

If applicable. Do your research first.

Teacher/counselor requests & letters are sent through Naviance (NOT COMMON APP)



SO... WHAT IS COMMON APP?

A single online college application form used by over 1,000 colleges and universities. Instead of filling out the same general information—like your address, GPA, and extracurriculars— a dozen times, you only have to do it once.

Students can create a Common App account at any time... like now!

If you create an account before August 1st, CA deletes any responses to college questions or writing supplements. This is because many colleges change their application year over year. Any invitations to counselors, teachers, advisors, and other recommenders are also removed.

You can plan out things like essay responses but be sure to save those notes somewhere secure outside of Common App.

****Use a personal email- not an alstudent email****



Let's get started!

Welcome to Common App! Please tell us how you will use the system so we can prepare your account. If you are unsure, we encourage you to explore each option before you continue.

Already have an account? Go to the login page.

Transfer student

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5 Main Sections of Common App:

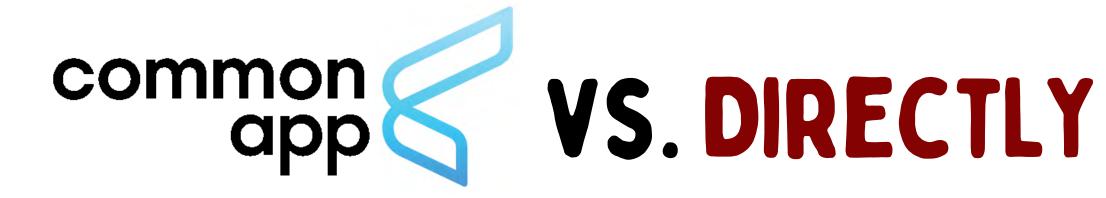


Common App in a nutshell...

- 1-Enter basic info (name, address, school, parent info, etc) activities,
- 2- Add colleges you are applying to
- 3- Add in College Essay (if college(s) requires)
- 4- Answer any additional questions specific to each college
- 5- Review, review, review. Then review again
- 6- Submit... and see your counselor

Common App Essay Prompts- may vary slightly year to year

- 1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
- 2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
- 3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
- 4. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
- 5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
- 6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
- 7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.



COMMON APP

WWW.COMMONAPP.ORG

DIRECTLY TO THE COLLEGE

One application, can send to over 1,000 schools that accept it

Available on each college's website

Lengthy, but only have to do once

Less to fill out, may not have to do an essay, have to fill out multiple apps For students who are applying to 3 + colleges (give or take)

For students who are applying to less than 3 colleges (give or take)



WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?





Nov 1, Nov 15, Dec 15



Student B

- Has one clear "top choice"
- Is comfortable with whatever financial aid the school can provide
- Strong grades from junior year
- Finished with college visits/extensive research
- Has a final list of schools
- Done taking ACT/SAT



Student C

- Needs a strong senior fall semester to bring grades up
- Needs to (re)test in ACT/SAT
- Has not thoroughly researched colleges
- Is not fully committed to attending the college
- Is only applying early because friends are

Student A

- Unsure which school is 'top choice'
- Strong grades from junior year
- Finished with college visits/extensive research
- Has a final list of schools
- Done takingACT/SAT

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

www.collegeboard.org

All Juniors took this earlier today! (Scores released early April)
Have also taken multiple PSATs
Scored out of 1600 points
3 sections: Math, Reading, Writing







Scored out of 36 points
4 sections: English, Math, Reading, Science



TESTPREP



What's the difference?

Click here

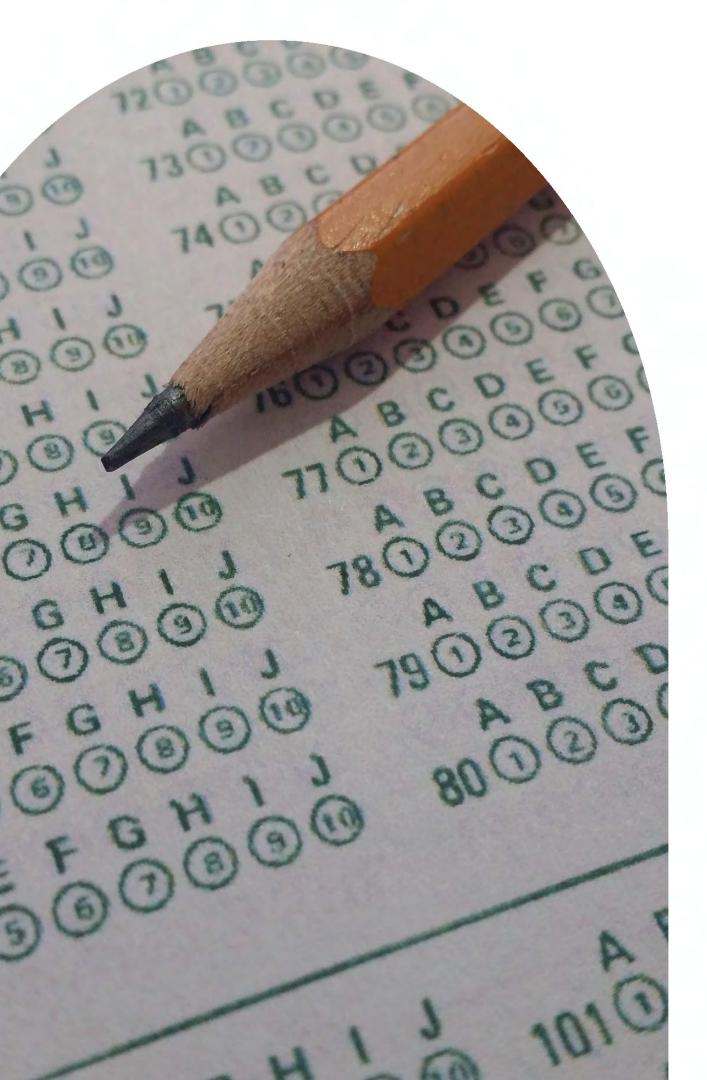
ACT / SAT
Score Comparison



- kaptest.com/act
- Ohio Dept. of Ed.
- www.act.org

ZAPS ACT TEST PREP
March 10 & 11
6:30pm - 9:00pm
\$110
Click here to register

- Khan Academy
- Test prep through LCCC
- Ohio Dept. of Ed.
- Practice through
 Bluebook app on
 Chromebook



WHAT IS A "TEST OPTIONAL" COLLEGE?

- A college that does NOT require an official ACT or SAT score to be submitted as part of the application in order to be considered for their school
- Does not penalize student
- Holistic review
- For students who may not have the strongest test scores
- Check college websites for the most up to date information regarding test optional policies
- Please note ***Some <u>majors</u> may require a test score! (Engineering, Nursing, etc)



Percentage of colleges attributing considerable importance to factors in admissions decisionsfirst time freshmen 2012-2023

	2023	2020 - 2022	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
High school grades in college prep courses	77%	-	73%	71%	77%	-	79%	82%	82%
Total high school grades (all courses)	74	-	75	81	77	-	60	52	50
Strength of high school curriculum	64	_	62	51	52	_	60	64	65
Essay or writing sample	19	_	23	17	19	-	22	22	20
Student's interest in attending	16	-	16	16	14	-	17	20	18
Counselor recommendation	12	-	15	11	15	-	17	16	16
Teacher recommendation	11	-	14	7	11	-	15	14	15
Extracurricular activities	7	-	6	4	8	-	6	10	7
Admission test scores (ACT, SAT)	5	-	46	52	54	-	56	58	56



All parents/students should complete FAFSA, regardless of income

studentaid.gov

FINANCIAL AID

FAFSA will open this December
We will have a Financial Aid Night this
upcoming fall



MERIT BASED AID & COLLEGE SPECIFIC

Money given by a college based on a student's GPA and/or ACT/SAT scores Check college websites for additional \$ options



LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

A Common Scholarship students fill out; can apply for Avon Lake/local scholarships; February of senior year



FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

Scholarships through organizations your family is already involved with (work, religious, volunteering, clubs, etc)



NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Search engines;
College Board
Scholarship Matches
BigFuture Scholarships

SO... HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO KEEP TRACK OF ALL THIS???

Click here
to stay organized
in your college search!

School	College 1	College 2
Basics		
City, State		
Distance from home via air		
Distance from home via car		
Student population		
Public or private		
Campus size		
Admission counselor (name)		
Deadlines		
Application (Early Decision)		
Application (Early Action)		
Application (Regular Decision)		
FAFSA/CSS (Early Decision)		
FAFSA/CSS (Early Action)		
FAFSA/CSS (Regular Decision)		
Academics		
Desired major(s)		
Alternative major or double major		
Alternative major or double major		
Student-faculty ratio (overall)		
Student-faculty ratio (my major)		
Average class size (overall)		
Average class size (my major)		
Average admitted GPA		
Average admitted SAT/ACT		
Cost		
Tuition and fees (per year)		
Room and board (per year)		
Other fees and expenses (activities fee, books, supplies, etc.)		

JUNIORS: TO DO LIST



RESEARCH

Use Naviance.

Research

Colleges/Careers
that interest YOU

GET ON CAMPUS

Juniors and Seniors
get 5 excused
absences each year
for college visits
(10 total)

3

MEET WITH YOUR COUNSELOR

We are here for you!

5

BRAINSTORM REC LETTERS / ESSAY

4

Do your colleges require a rec letter and essay? Think about which teacher(s) you will ask and what topic you will write about. You can create a Common App account now & begin!

6

STRIVE FOR YOUR ACADEMIC BEST!

This year counts!

(RE)TAKE ACT / SAT

Registration deadlines are ~1 month in advance of exam

JUNIORS-PLEASE COMPLETE THIS GOOGLE FORM BY MAY 1





We use this info to write letters of recommendation!

Scan QR code or click here



YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE IT ALL FIGURED OUT RIGHT NOW... BUT A WILLINGNESS TO BE CURIOUS IS A MUST

PLEASE COMPLETE SURVEY BEFORE LEAVING:







@ALHS_Counselors

OR CLICK HERE!