

Senior Guidelines

(Hyperlinks are available on www.hammontonps.org)

A. Planning for post high school

1. Resource guide for college: <http://www2.ed.gov/pubs/Prepare/index.html>
2. Research careers, majors, colleges or technical schools
www.collegeboard.com www.nican.org (Career Cluster Inventory)
www.Petersons.com www.trade-schools.net
3. Spend time with people in your potential career. Ask questions, shadow at a job, and consider part time work or volunteering.
4. Attend College Fairs www.nacacnet.org (See Attached List of College Fairs)
5. Visit schools - Present a note from the school on letterhead.
6. **Review your online profile!!** Please be aware that all online activity (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, SnapChat, tumblr, etc.) may be viewed by colleges, military branches, and potential employers.

B. Testing HHS code: 310495

1. SAT: Register at www.collegeboard.org
 - List any potential colleges when you register so they receive your scores.
 - Admission ticket must have an uploaded photo on it and a separate and appropriate photo ID.
 - Standby, walk-ins and test center changes are no longer permitted.
 - FREE SAT Prep and Practice Tests <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>
2. ACT: Register at <http://www.actstudent.org/> List potential colleges when you register to ensure scores are sent.
3. SAT 2 may be required by some colleges. Register at www.collegeboard.org
 - *You must list your college choices **every** time you register for an SAT or ACT test so they receive your scores.*
4. *If you are enrolled in the free or reduced lunch program you qualify for fee waivers for the SAT, ACT and for college applications. To receive fee waivers see your counselor.*

C. Applying to colleges, schools, academies:

1. Determine all deadlines and apply as early as possible.
****Some colleges receive over 17,000 applications and can only accept 1,500 students. Some colleges also stop reviewing applications before their official deadline. ****
- Students are responsible for adhering to all deadlines.
2. Update your resume or activities list.
3. Letters of Recommendation (LOR)
 - Provide the teachers and counselor with your resume and request LOR **as early as possible**.
 - Follow up by writing them a thank you note and personally giving it to them.
4. Safe School: Be sure to apply to at least one safe school in terms of acceptance, finances, major.
5. Apply online through the college website, The Common App, or SendEdu.
6. The Common Application: www.commonapp.org
 - When selecting recommenders provide correct teacher and counselor email addresses.
 - Be sure to "Invite" AND "Assign" recommenders as required by Common App.
7. GPA and class rank is reconfigured at the end of 2nd marking period.
8. Submit a "College Application Form" and resume to your counselor to have your transcript and LORs sent.

- This should be done **well before the application deadline**.
 - "Senior Records Release Form" must be signed and on file with the Guidance Office or transcripts **cannot** be sent.
9. It is your responsibility to check the online application for supplementary forms.
 10. Potential Division I or II College Student-Athletes must register with NCAA: www.eligibilitycenter.org
It is important to review NCAA Eligibility Requirements regarding courses, GPA, and test scores:
http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility_center/Quick_Reference_Sheet.pdf
 11. Military candidates: www.todaymilitary.com/service-branches
www.goarmy.com www.airforce.com www.navy.com www.nationalguard.com
www.marines.com www.goang.com www.usmma.edu www.gocoastguard.com
 12. ACCC Jumpstart Program – Sign up with your counselor by December of senior year.
 - Complete application and provide to counselor.
 - You will have three meetings with ACCC advisors here at HHS.
Meetings: 1. General Information 2. Placement Test 3. Scheduling

D. Financial Aid

1. Plan to attend the Annual Financial Aid Night at HHS in October.
2. Prepare to apply for federal student aid. Register for a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov
- One of your parents should also get a PIN.
3. Fill out the FAFSA4caster to get a head start at www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov
4. Encourage your parent/guardian(s) to complete income tax forms early.
5. Complete the **Free** Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after October 1st of your senior year.
- Submit your FAFSA by the earliest financial aid deadline of the schools to which you are applying at www.fafsa.ed.gov
6. Visit www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/guide for helpful financial aid information.
7. Some colleges also require a CSS Profile available at www.collegeboard.com
8. Stay in close contact with each college's financial aid office.

E. Scholarships

1. www.hammontonps.org Click on Guidance then scroll down to click on Scholarships.
2. Check the HHS Career Center and listen to morning announcements.
3. Complete the Local Scholarship Form available in April in the Guidance Office.
4. Scholarship search websites:
www.Fastweb.com www.cappex.com www.unigo.com
www.studentscholarshipsearch.com www.scholarships.com www.myscholly.com
5. Check specific scholarships offered at your college. See college websites.
6. New Jersey Stars Program (*subject to change*) www.HESAA.org 1-800-792-8670
 - A rigorous course of study and graduate in the top 15% required to be eligible.
 - College Placement test scores required.
 - Students must be citizens and legal NJ residents for at least 12 consecutive months prior to graduation from high school.
 - Students must take at least 12 college-level credits each semester, maintain full-time status and a GPA of 3.0.
 - Apply for admission to your home county college and file a FAFSA by the state deadline.

2017 Fall College Fairs

Career Council College Fairs

Thursday, October 26th 9:30 am - 12:30 pm at Riverwinds Community Center, Thorofare, NJ

Friday, October 27th 9:00 am – 12:30 pm at Absegami High School, Galloway, NJ

www.collegefair.info

Atlantic City National College Fair

Thursday, November 2nd 9:00 am – 12:00 and 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Atlantic City Convention Center

www.nacacnet.org

Philadelphia National College Fair

Sunday, November 12th 11:00 am – 3:00 pm at Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA

www.nacacnet.org

National Hispanic College Fair

Tuesday, November 14th 9:30am – 12:30pm at Bordentown Regional High School, 318 Ward Avenue,
Bordentown, NJ 08505

www.collegefair.info

SAT Registration

www.sat.org/register or www.collegeboard.com

2017-18 SAT Administration Dates and Deadlines			
SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Online Score Release
August 26, 2017	July 28, 2017	August 15, 2017	September 18, 2017
October 7, 2017	September 8, 2017	September 27, 2017	October 20-26, 2017
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017	October 25, 2017	November 17-23, 2017
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017	November 21, 2017	December 15-21, 2017
March 10, 2018	February 9, 2018	February 28, 2018	March 23-29, 2018
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018	April 25, 2018	May 18-24, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018	May 23, 2018	July 11, 2018

November and May Tests are administered at Hammonton High School.

SAT with Essay Fee: \$60.00 SAT (no essay): \$46 Late Fee: \$29 Change Fee: \$29

Fee Waiver is available from your counselor if you are a free or reduced lunch student.

ACT Registration

www.actstudent.org

2017-2018 ACT Administration Dates and Deadlines		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 9, 2017	August 4, 2017	August 5-18, 2017
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	September 23-October 6, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4-17, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 13-19, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 10-23, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 5-18, 2018
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018

ACT Fee (no writing): \$46.00 ACT Fee (with writing): \$62.50 Late Fee: \$29.50 Change Fee: \$26.00

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