



PINEDALE HIGH SCHOOL **THINGS TO DO – JUNIOR/SENIOR CHECK LIST**

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APRIL / MAY

- _____ Meet with counselor to discuss the college application process, financial aid, and class schedule for next year. (Math and science classes have the biggest influence on ACT/SAT scores. Additional courses are available through the WEN system and APEX learning).
- _____ Write for college catalogs.
- _____ Check admission requirements against your own course of study.
- _____ Read through catalogs for deadlines, timelines, scholarships, etc.
- _____ Visit colleges.
- _____ Take ACT (required by some colleges).
- _____ Take SAT (if registered).



SUMMER

- _____ Improve your reading and vocabulary skills.
- _____ Visit colleges going to or coming from vacation spots. Arrange appointments for interviews.
- _____ Start working on your personal essay.
- _____ Plan your fall college visits to the most competitive colleges and call for interview appointments as early in the summer as possible.
- _____ Have senior pictures taken!

SEPTEMBER

- _____ See counselor early to formulate plans to avoid pitfalls.
Examples:--Check schools of engineering and business that fill well before application deadlines.
--Check schools where housing fills by mid-October.
- _____ Write for college catalogs/applications.
- _____ Plan to visit schools you are interested in - early fall is a good time.
- _____ Register for October ACT if required by college of your choice.
- _____ Register for October or November SAT. November/December combination of SAT I and SAT II if possible. Check with counselor about the best combination for you.
- _____ Meet with college representatives visiting Pinedale High School.
- _____ Attend College Planning Days.

OCTOBER

- _____ Register for December SAT I or SAT II (if you are planning to take either).
- _____ Check to know if the college requires particular SAT II for admission. For example: Chemistry and/or Physics for engineering program.
- _____ Work on applications.
- _____ Meet with college representatives visiting Pinedale High School.
- _____ Take October ACT (if registered).
- _____ Take October SAT (if registered).
- _____ Early decision candidates should complete college applications.

NOVEMBER

- _____ Take November SAT (if registered).
- _____ Register for December ACT.
- _____ Work on college applications.
- _____ Early decision deadline is often November 1 or November 15.
- _____ Check financial aid deadlines.

DECEMBER

- _____ Take December ACT (if registered).
- _____ Take December SAT (if registered).
- _____ Ideally, complete applications by December 1.
- _____ Register for January SAT I and SAT II (if not taking them in December).
- _____ Attend Financial Aid workshop.
- _____ Turn in Senior and Baby Pictures (deadline – December 8).

JANUARY

- _____ Take SAT I or SAT II (if registered).
- _____ Have Pinedale High School counselor secretary send 7th semester transcript and ACT scores.
- _____ Deadline for many applications.
- _____ Register for February ACT (if still needed).

FEBRUARY / MARCH

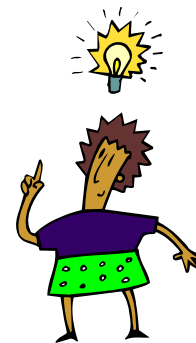
- _____ Apply for local scholarships (deadline – February 26).
- _____ College replies are returned.
- _____ Notify counselor of college decisions.
- _____ Check with college of your choice for CLEP (College Level Examination Program) testing.
- _____ Register for April ACT (if still needed).

APRIL

- _____ Decide on your college choice.
- _____ Take ACT Test (if registered).
- _____ Withdraw applications from all colleges you choose not to attend.
- _____ Send announcements for graduation.

MAY

- _____ Return all necessary forms to the college you plan to attend.
- _____ Notify counselor of your final choice.
- _____ Fill out final transcript request form.
- _____ *Send thank you cards for graduation gifts and scholarships received.*



2009 / 2010 Test Dates

ACT

Registration Deadline

Aug. 7, 2009

Sept. 18, 2009

Nov. 6, 2009

Jan. 5, 2010

*TBD

Mar. 5, 2010

May, 7, 2010

Test Date

Sept. 12, 2009

Oct. 24, 2009

Dec. 12, 2009

Feb. 6, 2010

Mar. 9, 2010

Apr. 10, 2010

June 12, 2010

SAT

Registration Deadline

Sept. 9, 2009

Oct. 1, 2009

Oct. 30, 2009

Dec. 15, 2009

Feb. 4, 2010

Mar. 25, 2010

Apr. 29, 2010

Test Date

Oct. 18, 2009

Nov. 7, 2009

Dec. 5, 2009

Jan. 23, 2010

Mar. 13, 2010

May 1, 2010

June 5, 2010

*Tests given at PHS are in bold italics. *State mandated ACT test date for juniors.*

ACT Assessment - \$32.00; Plus Writing - \$47.00

SAT I Assessment - \$45.00 (2008-2009)



SOME IMPORTANT TIPS:

Deadlines are of the utmost importance and must be met! Examples: College Admissions Testing, Admission Applications, Financial Aid and Scholarships.

You may apply to as many schools as you want (usually 4-6). Apply to two "Dream Schools", two "More Realistic" and two "Sure Bets." We will check financial aid packages in the spring and decide on the school of your choice. Just because you are accepted doesn't mean you must attend.

You may want to apply to a junior college close to home just in case.

Don't let money stand in your way. Financial aid is available. Accept any and all financial aid. You can always reject it later.

Correct grammar and spelling are essential in any correspondence during your senior year. All applications and correspondence should be typed. Remember, first impressions are important.

Recommendations....Plan ahead!! Don't ask your teachers / counselors / employers, etc. for a recommendation the day that you need them. Give them your resume with at least a week's notice.

Check with schools for possible early application deadlines.

Remember to send thank you notes for scholarships or awards received. Also remember to send letters to colleges that you choose not to attend and let them know of your plans.

In the fall of your freshman year in college, stop by the financial aid office to check on scholarships that may have been turned back.

Check on out-of-state colleges that offer in-state tuition programs [ie. W.U.E. (Western Undergraduate Exchange)].



***"THE HARDER YOU WORK AND THE MORE YOU 'DIG',
THE GREATER REWARDS YOU WILL RECEIVE
IN SCHOLARSHIP MONEY."***

