

Information & Resources from your BHS counselors

JUNIORS
CLASS OF 2021

Graduation Requirements

- English- 4 credits
 - Required English 9, English 10 plus 2 choice credits
- Math- 3 credits
 - Required to pass Geometry and Algebra 2
- Social Studies- 3.5 credits
 - Required Am. Gov't, Am. History, World St. and Econ
- Science- 3 credits
 - Required Science 9, Gen. Bio, and Physics or Chem
- Phy. Ed.- 1.5 credits
- Health- .5 credits
- The Arts- 1 credit
- Choice credits
- Total- 30 Credits Required to Graduate

College- Gather Information!

- ◉ College Reps- visit counseling office to meet with students, listed on [website calendar](#), ask for pass if you'd like to visit
 - Questions to ask a college rep- (handout)
- ◉ College Fairs- local and national options
 - Upcoming fairs in Minneapolis and St. Paul
 - [Register online](#) for the fairs
 - More to come in the fall

College- Gather Information!

- College Visits- can be requested on any college website
- Ask to participate in something extra- eat in the commons, sit in on a lecture, speak to a professor, attend an event
- [College Comparison Worksheet](#) or create your own based on your preferences

Minnesota Career Information System- MCIS

◎ www.mncis.intocareers.org

- Username- school username
- Password- school password, first letter CAPITALIZED

School Sort- find college matches

Careers- Abundance of info and stats

Programs of Study- find what colleges offer your major

Test Prep- practice for ACT, SAT, Accuplacer

(My Portfolio Tab, Test Prep, College Entrance Tests)

Types of College

- ④ Four-year colleges offer programs that lead to a bachelor degree. These include universities and liberal arts colleges.
- ④ Two-year colleges offer programs that lead to a certificate or an associate degree. These include community colleges, vocational-technical colleges and career colleges.

Types of College

- ① Community College: offer two-year associate degrees that prepare you to transfer to a four-year college to earn a bachelor degree. They also offer other associate degrees and certificates that focus on preparing you for a certain career. Community colleges are often an affordable option with relatively low tuition.
- ① Technical College: offer specialized training in a particular industry or career. These colleges usually offer certificates or associate degrees.

Military

- Information in the counseling office from all military branches
- Military branch reps visit the lunchroom once each term
- ASVAB testing will be required for entrance- this can be taken at a military branch office
- Today's Military- description of branches and enlistment/career opportunities

Apprenticeships

On the job training in skilled trade industries including: construction, manufacturing, healthcare, energy, IT and more

Benefits include: paid training, high employment outlook, benefits

- ◎ [Apprenticeship.gov](https://www.apprenticeship.gov)
- ◎ [U.S. Department of Labor](https://www.dol.gov)
- ◎ [Minnesota State](https://www.mn.gov)
- ◎ [MN Apprenticeships](https://mnapprenticeships.org)

College Knowledge Month

October 2020

- ◉ Info sessions
 - College Admissions
 - Military
 - NCAA

Lots of college reps visiting the counseling office and lunchroom

Application completion help from counselors

Application fees waived for many state colleges

ACT and SAT

- ◉ 4-year college admission tests given nationally on scheduled days
- ◉ Students can take test as many times as they like
- ◉ April 7th ACT test option during the school day for all juniors (students register at BHS for this test date only during advisory in March)
- ◉ ACT Registration- www.actstudent.org
- ◉ SAT Registration- www.collegeboard.org/sat

Accuplacer

- ⦿ 2-year college placement test taken after applied and accepted to college
- ⦿ Test proctored on the college campus
- ⦿ STUDY for the test- If you score low, you will be placed in lower level or remedial classes that may not be covered by financial aid

Helpful links for Accuplacer test prep :

[Collegeboard](#)

www.accuplacer.org

www.mncis.intocareers.org Login. Under “Profile” there is Test Prep and College Placement Skills practice tests

ASVAB

- ◉ Military entrance exam
- ◉ Multiple-choice exam covering 10 subject areas
- ◉ Arranged with recruiter from your selected branch
- ◉ [ASVAB information](#)

Test Prep Options

- ◉ Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Community Education- multiple test prep courses (\$)
- ◉ MCIS website
- ◉ Books in the library
- ◉ Practice questions in the counseling office
- ◉ Free, online test prep
- ◉ Free apps- Ready4ACT; ACT: Practice, Prep, Flashcards; ACT Prep Coach and Practice Test; Khan Academy

Transcripts

- You are responsible for checking your transcript for accuracy
- Parchment- online, secure ordering to send high school transcripts to colleges
- CIS Transcripts- order at the end of senior year from the colleges offering the credit

Financial Aid

- ◉ FAFSA Completion Night @ BHS-
October
 - Receive info on all types of financial aid
 - Assistance provided for filling out the [FAFSA](#)
- ◉ Financial Aid Sort on MCIS website
- ◉ Scholarship search online
- ◉ [BHS Student Services Website- Paying for College](#)

Letters of Recommendation

- ⦿ Begin thinking of who you may ask
- ⦿ If you need a letter of recommendation from a teacher, pick up a [Recommendation Request Form](#) in the Counseling Office.
- ⦿ Schools prefer to receive letters from teachers of core subjects: Math, Science, Social Studies, English, and World Language.
- ⦿ Do not ask more than 2 teachers.
- ⦿ You need to give teachers at least 2 weeks notice!

Reminders

- ◎ Fee waivers are available for students on free/reduced lunch for college apps and ACT's- tell your counselor if you are eligible
- ◎ Activities/Recognitions resume- create one now
- ◎ Common App- application to apply to more than 600 colleges in the U.S. and world
 - can save time if applying to multiple colleges that use Common App
 - search participating schools and deadlines online
- ◎ MN State Universal Application- apply to any MN State college
- ◎ NCAA- DI and DII athletics at college- accounts should be made this year
 - NCAA Eligibility Center

Additional Resources

General/Occupational:

[BHS Student Services](#)

[Get Ready for College](#)

[Big Future](#)

[Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)

Financial Aid/Scholarships:

[Good Call](#)

[Fastweb](#)

[Cappex](#)

[Chegg](#)

[Unigo](#)

[Raise Me](#)