

# WHAT EVERY SENIOR NEEDS TO KNOW

Jacobs High School Class of 2017

## Graduation Requirements

- Review your transcript— make sure that you are ready to graduate on time.
- If there is an error in your transcript then let your counselor know.
  - ⇒ Minimum of 26 credits
  - ⇒ English (4), Mathematics (3), Science (2), World History (1), Economics/Government (1), U.S. History (1), PE (3.5), Health (.5), Drivers Education (.5) or Private Instruction, Strand 1 (1), Strand 2 (1), Strand 3 (1)

## College/Career Information

- Use the internet as a search tool!
- College Representatives Visits: Listen for announcements or check the calendar outside counseling office. Please sign up with Mrs. Pilson in the Counseling Office.
- Military Representatives frequently visit during lunch hours
- Schedule an appointment with your counselor to discuss any specific questions.

## Apply to College

Each college and university has a different application process, however, you will want to become familiar with the following:

### ⇒ Applications

- *Be aware of all application deadlines!*
- Visit college websites for applications. Some colleges use CommonApp and SendEdu
- CommonApp and SendEdu ask you to report your counselor and/or teachers name and email address so they are notified of your application.
- **CommonApp and SendEdu allows your counselor to submit your transcript electronically (without the use of parchment).**

### ⇒ Transcript Requests

- Transcripts are requested online at [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com)
  - 1) Click "Create Account" on the top left corner
  - 2) Sign Up
  - 3) Learners → Transcripts → Order
  - 4) Submit Payment, if necessary

### ⇒ ACT Score Reports

- Jacobs ACT code is 140-027
- Official ACT scores must be sent via [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
  - 1) Click "Register, View Scores, and More"
  - 2) Click "Create Your ACT Student Web Account or Log In"
  - 3) After you have logged in or created your account, click "Send Your Scores"
  - 4) Choose school(s) you wish to send your report(s) and submit payment
    - \* Regular Delivery (processed within one week): \$12.00
    - \* Priority Price (processed within two days): \$16.50

### ⇒ Counselor Pages

- If you need one, drop off the form with Mrs. Pilson and she will pass it on to your designated counselor. Mrs. Pilson will notify you when it is ready and you will mail it to the college yourself.

### ⇒ Letters of Recommendation

- Provide your teacher/counselor with a completed *Recommendation Request Form* (Gold form available at Mrs. Pilson's desk).
- Clarify what the letter of recommendation should cover and provide the exact instructions from the college.
- Allow at least two weeks' notice for the teacher/counselor to write the letter.

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## Helpful Tips

Create a professional and appropriate email account.

Create a document or folder to help track and organize application deadlines, passwords, your transcript, ACT information, your resume, contact information, etc.

*"Go confidently in the  
direction of your  
dreams. Live the life you  
have imagined."*

*-Henry David Thoreau*

## Career Cruising

- [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com) — a resource for Career, College/Technical Program, financial aid/scholarship searches

### Login

Username : jacobs

Password: careers

### Login to "My Plan"

Username: 300-ID# (ex. 300-312456)

Password: Birthdate MMDDYYYY (ex. 02141998)

### ⇒ Career Search

- **Self-Assessment** : Start off with the Career Matchmaker assessment. Matchmaker helps you discover your work interests and provides you with a list of suggested careers.
- **Explore Careers**: Click on one of the suggested careers to go to its summary page where you will find key information about the career, including core tasks, earnings, and education and training requirements. If the career interests you, explore each section of the occupation profile in depth and view multimedia interviews with real people in the occupation.

### ⇒ College/Technical Program Search

- **Explore Education**: This section provides information on where to get the required education and training. For instance, if you are interested in becoming a graphic designer, you can use the Search for Programs feature to find colleges offering programs in graphic design. You can also go directly to those school profiles by using the Related College Programs links in the Education section of the graphic designer occupation profile.

### ⇒ Financial Aid/Scholarship Search

- **Explore Financial Aid**: Also use the "Financial Aid" section to search for scholarships by name or use the Financial Aid Selector to find suitable financial aid programs. This section also includes information about federal financial aid programs. Adapted from US Department of Education resources, the guide provides helpful information about the value of going to college; completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); reducing college costs; and the types of aid administered by the US federal government, such as grants, work-study programs, and loans.

### TUTORIALS

Parchment: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0-GDRBBX1Q8>

Common App: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JdBpfrjpZt0>

## ACT: Upcoming Test & Registration Dates

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>
October 22, 2016	September 16, 2016
December 10, 2016	November 4, 2015
February 11, 2017	January 13, 2017

Register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

Fees: ACT: \$42.50, ACT *with writing*: \$58.50

## SAT: Upcoming Test & Registration Dates

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>
October 1, 2016	September 1, 2016
November 5, 2016	October 7, 2016
December 3, 2016	November 3, 2016
January 21, 2017	December 21, 2016

Register at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

Fees: SAT: \$45, SAT *with essay*: \$57

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