

Scheduling Updates for Senior Year...3 years down 1 to go!

Post-Secondary Planning - How to Make the Best Choice for You!

When thinking about your future after high school, there are many options to consider. Here are some helpful websites to visit, and be sure to talk to your parents/guardians and school counselor!

www.pacareerzone.org- Take self-assessments, develop a budget, explore various pathways to your career goals, watch career videos, and create goals. All data is unique to PA and encourages mindfulness with money throughout.

www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org- Filter colleges by features that are important to you and read "quick facts" about each. Research careers and financial aid options. A very comprehensive, easy-to-use site!

www.niche.com-this site is similar to Big Future but also includes student ratings and reviews.

www.educationplanner.org- Learn how to master standardized tests, use a financial aid calculator, search for colleges/careers, and plan campus visits.

www.onetonline.org- Created by Dept. of Labor, it's the nation's primary source of information about the job market.

www.apprenticeship.org - Learn about apprenticeship programs that pay you to learn a high-demand, high-skill trade.

www.careersinthemilitary.com/options-military - Learn about the mission of each branch of the military and military careers. Read what you'll experience at boot camp, pay/benefits, and how to become an officer.

Ask Mrs. Barber or your counselor for the Training and Job Opportunities newsletter link.

Graduation Requirements

- 4 English Credits
- 4 History Credits
- 3 Science Credits
- 3 Math Credits
- 1 additional Math or Science credit (not required for CTC students)
- 0.5 Career Credits
- 2 Arts or Humanities Credits
- 1 Wellness or Fitness Credit
- 6.5 Elective Credits

Total: 25 Credits

Please note...

Flexible Release, Dual Enrollment, and other special scheduling requests do not appear on your schedule until all paperwork is received. The sooner I have your paperwork, the sooner I can adjust your schedule.



How Can I Stay Informed?

Meet with your school counselor periodically.

Check your school email regularly for important updates from class advisors, counselors, and teachers.

Listen to the morning announcements or read them online at the high school website "Daily Bulletin".

Subscribe and read the Monthly Counseling Center Newsletter and weekly Mustang Minute.

College Visits

College reps come to see students throughout the fall. Pay attention to announcements to see which schools will be here and when. These visits are a great way to learn about a college before you spend time and money on a visit. Sign up in FlexTime if you're interested!



Scholarship searches

www.tfec.org- Search for scholarships specifically for Perry County students.

www.fastweb.com

www.scholarshipamerica.org

www.myscholly.com

www.questbridge.org

Ask your Counselor about the West Perry Scholarship Newsletter.

College Timeline and Tips

*All colleges vary in requirements and how they want application materials submitted. Please be sure to read all information from the college thoroughly and communicate with Mrs. Zeigler for help with applications.

Be prepared!

- Take the SAT in the spring of 11th grade. If you are unhappy with your score, you can take it again in the fall of 12th grade. Do not wait until 12th grade to take it for the first time! Register online at www.collegeboard.org. Deadlines are typically 4-6 weeks prior to the test.
- Practice for the SAT. If you took the PSAT, you have online access to a personalized study guide. Check out www.khanacademy.org for free practice.
- If you are majoring in science, consider taking the ACT as well. Register at www.act.org.
- Visit colleges in the spring of 11th grade or anytime after. The sooner the better! You should have a college list ready to show your counselor at the start of school.
- Attend Financial Aid Night in August and spend some time searching for scholarships over the summer.

- Spend time this summer writing a college resume that lists your activities, sports, community service, honors/awards, and other achievements. This is helpful when asking for letters of recommendation and allows the writer to give you an awesome letter! Ask Mrs. Zeigler for a guide and sample if you'd like. Always give 2 weeks' notice when asking for a recommendation and be sure to send a thank you!
- Sign up for college visits in FlexTime. These are mostly in the fall.
- Apply to college by Thanksgiving of senior year. Some colleges or selective programs may require applications even earlier!
- Mrs. Barber handles transcript requests if you need your transcript sent.
- If you want to play college sports, you must register with the NCAA during 11th grade. You'll need a certain GPA in approved courses to play. Be sure to notify your counselor of your intent to play. See www.ncaa.org for details.
- Complete the FAFSA financial aid application and PA State Grant application after October 1st of senior year.
- Apply for scholarships and remember to thank your recommenders.

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