

HERE ARE A FEW HIGHLIGHTS ALONG THE WAY TO GRADUATION SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND @ 3:00 P.M.

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**FHS
SENIOR MEETING
GRADUATION 2024!**

GO BRONCOS!



I. FHS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Verify with Mr. Grewatz that you have completed all credits and you are on track to Graduate

24 Credits Total

- 4 credits English
- 4 credits Social Studies
- 3 credits Science: Earth Space Science, Biology, and Chemistry or Physics or Conceptual Physics
- 3 credits Math: Intermediate Algebra, Geometry, and Algebra II (Honors Algebra I-8th grade)
- 1 credit Music/Art
- 1 credit Technology/FACS
- 1.5 credit Physical Education
 - Health, .5
- 6.5 additional credits in any area

CREDIT CHECK FROM HOME ... SKYWARD!

- Skyward
 - Family Access
 - Student Profile
 - Graduation Requirements!
 - Graduation plan is always available online and if you find a deficiency see Mr. Grewatz in the counseling office.
 - Everyone and every class is accounted for in Skyward Family Access.
 - PSEO students are not schedule 2nd semester until January, so be certain all graduation credits are accounted for in your individualized graduation plan. PSEO College North – Amy Amundsen 218-598-9326


EARLY DECISION AND EARLY APPLICANTS

TYPES OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

ED applicants (If you know for certain you are attending (i. e. family alumni))

- Apply early (usually in November) to first-choice college.
- Receive an admission decision from the college well in advance of the usual notification date (usually by December).
- **Agree to attend the college** if accepted and offered a financial aid package that is considered adequate by the family.
- Apply to only **one college** early decision.
- Apply to other colleges under regular admission plans.
- Withdraw all other applications if accepted by ED.
- Send a **nonrefundable deposit** well in advance of May 1.

EA applicants (if you are not certain)

- Apply early.
 - Receive an admission decision early in the admission cycle (usually in January or February).
 - **Consider acceptance offer**; do not have to commit upon receipt.
 - Apply to **other** colleges under regular admission plans.
 - Give the college a decision no later than the May 1st.
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INFORMATION ON COLLEGE AND MILITARY VISITS

- Throughout the year FHS invites representatives from other colleges to visits with FHS students about their college choice. All visits are listed in the daily FHS announcements and online at FHS website.
- Students need to sign-up in the counseling office to be excused from class to visit with representative.
- Men do **not** need to register with selective service for financial aid when you turn 18 years of age but it is still recommended. (**Selective Service registration is no longer required to receive federal financial aid**, it is still required for almost all males (according to their sex assigned at birth) ages 18-25. ... If you don't register with the Selective Service, you won't be eligible for federal job training or a federal job. Aug 13, 2021 <https://www.sss.gov/Home/Registration/Registration>
 - Direct questions to Counseling Office

STAR ID # AND COLLEGE REGISTRATION

- D2L College Unified Application-fill out application then add colleges and universities
 - Online application allows you to apply to one or several colleges/universities in Minnesota. <https://minnstate.edu/admissions/index.html>
- Common Application – Nation wide application for colleges and universities.
 - <https://apply.commonapp.org/login>
- Create only ONE state star ID #
 - Each college campus has a campus ID #. Student in CIS, PSEO classes already have a college ID and star ID #. <https://starid.minnstate.edu/>

FAFSA

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID
SEE POWERPOINT!

[HTTPS://WWW.ISD361.ORG/O/ISD-361/PAGE/SCHOLARSHIPS-FINANCIAL-AID--16](https://www.isd361.org/o/isd-361/page/scholarships-financial-aid--16)

- **Your FSA ID* (7 points to know) FAFSA NIGHT SCHEDULED FOR 01/31/2024 AT COLLEGE NORTH RR CAMPUS**
 - An FSA ID is a username and password that you can use to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education (ED) websites. Each student, and one parent of each dependent student, will need an FSA ID to complete the FAFSA process on fafsa.gov. We recommend creating your FSA ID early—even before you're ready to complete the FAFSA form—to avoid delays in the process.
 - **IMPORTANT: Do NOT create an FSA ID on behalf of someone else. That means parents should not create FSA IDs for their children and vice versa. Doing so may result in issues signing and submitting the FAFSA form and could lead to financial aid delays. (Also, it's against the rules to create an FSA ID for someone else.)**
- **Your Social Security number**
- **Your driver's license number**
- **Your 2022 tax records (Two Years Ago) Starting College In Fall 2024!**
- **Records of your untaxed income**
- **Records of your assets (money)**
- **List of the school(s) you are interested in attending**

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

1. Scholarship applications (**due April 5th unless otherwise noted**) – Most scholarships require the following:
 - a. Student's resume
 - b. Minimum of 2 recommendation letters – ask for these early!!
 - c. Copy of college acceptance letter
 - d. Essay on future plans and goals
 - e. Unofficial copy of high school transcript – transcript includes all (high school and/or college) student's courses and grades for grades 9-12, weighted and non-weighted GPA, class ranking, ACT/SAT scores, and immunizations (be sure to check what immunizations are required at student's college choice. Any updates can be given to Nikki in the Counseling Office to update the record).
- Type application unless otherwise noted.
 - Scholarships: as they become available are listed in the counseling office.
 - Updated listings of scholarships are always available on the school's website – Under the Guidance and Counseling section.
 - Students should contact their specific college choice to see what opportunities are available.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM

- The **FHS Scholarship Award Program** is May 8th @ 6:00 p.m. in the FHS Cafeteria.
- A listing of students receiving a FHS sponsored Scholarship will be available in the Counseling Office.

AMERICAN COLLEGE TESTING ACT TEST DATES

REMEMBER IF YOU TOOK THE ACT IN 11TH GRADE YOU ALREADY HAVE AN ACCOUNT. DO NOT GENERATE A 2ND ACCOUNT. ACC # IS ON THE HARD ACT COPY FROM LAST YEAR!!

ACT Scores carry a lot of weight in terms of scholarships and in some cases admission into programs.

Register @ www.actstudent.org (handout)

2023 - 2024 ACT Test Dates and Registration

<u>ACT Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
• October 28, 2023	September 22, 2023	Oct. 6, 2023
• December 9, 2023	November 3, 2023	November 17, 2023
• February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024	January 19, 2024
• April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 22, 2024
• June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024

SAT TEST DATES

2023-2024

[HTTPS://WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG](https://www.collegeboard.org)

Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes
November 4, 2023	October 5, 2023
December 2, 2023	November 2, 2023
March 9, 2024	February 23, 2024
May 4, 2024	May 16, 2024
June 1, 2024	May 19, 2024

ACT vs. SAT Comparison Table

•If you are unsure about which test to take, you should consider the differences between the two in order to determine which test will better convey your strengths. Ultimately, both are content-based tests that cover a range of fundamental academic topics.

ACT VS SAT

	SAT	ACT
Test components	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Reading (5 reading passages)•Writing and Literature•Math (arithmetic, Algebra I & II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Data Analysis)•Optional Essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•English (4 reading passages)•Math (arithmetic, Algebra I & II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Probability & Statistics)•Reading•Science Reasoning (testing critical thinking, not specific science knowledge)•Optional Essay (All students are encourage to complete one essay test for the record)
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•3 hours without essay•3 hours, 50 minutes with essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•2 hours, 55 minutes without essay•3 hours, 40 minutes with essay (All students are encourage to complete one essay test for the record)
Rules for Calculators	Calculators Not Allowed	Calculators Allowed
Rules for Essays	Essay tests comprehension of a provided text	Essay determines how well you evaluate and analyze complex problems
Scoring	Scoring uses scale from 400-1600	Scoring uses scale from 1-36

Take an SAT vs ACT Quiz

A way to determine which test is right for you is to take a short quiz.
In the chart below, **check whether you agree or disagree with each statement.**

MOSTLY AGREES — THE SAT IS YOUR MATCH!
MOSTLY DISAGREES — THE ACT'S THE ONE FOR YOU!
EQUAL AGREES AND DISAGREES — EITHER TEST WILL WORK!

Statement

Agree

Disagree

I struggle with geometry and trigonometry.

I am good at solving math problems without a calculator.

Science is not my forte.

It's easier for me to analyze something than to explain my opinion.

I normally do well on math tests.

I can't recall math formulas easily.

I like coming up with my own answers for math questions.

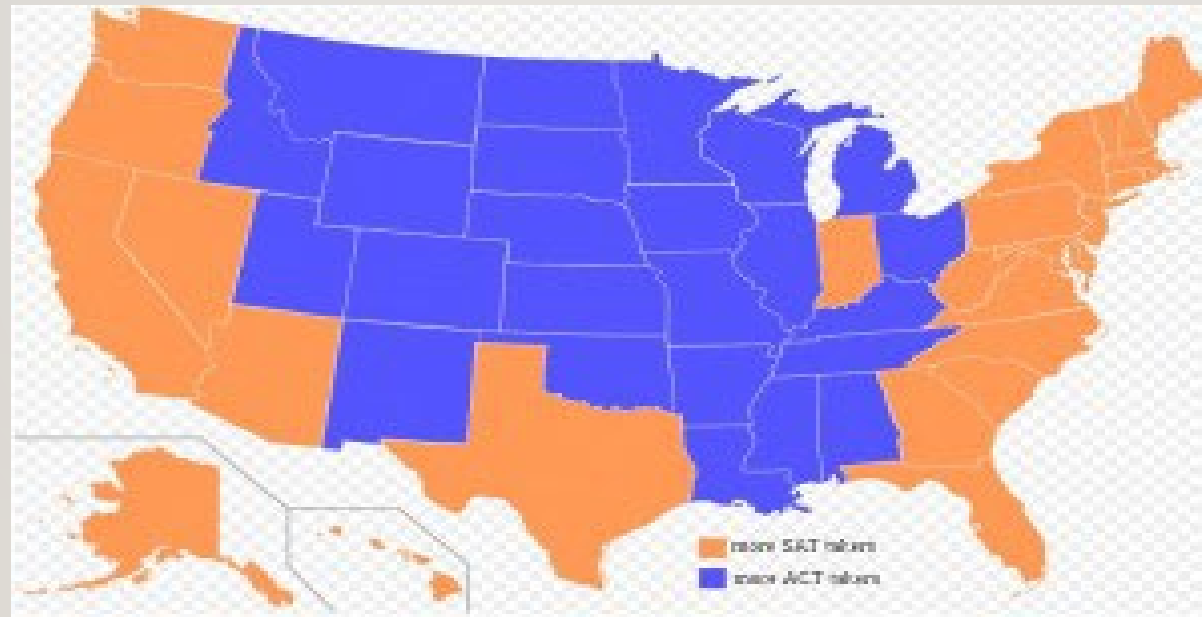
Tight time constraints stress me out.

I can easily find evidence to back up my answers.

Chronologically arranged questions are easier to follow.

WHICH TEST TO TAKE: ACT/SAT

- Most Midwest Schools Accept ACT Scores
- SAT Test And Sub Tests (3)



NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

- <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- Athletes need to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center to compete at an NCAA Division I or II school. (NCAA Handout)
- Athletes will need to create a Certification Account at the above website.
- Students who are undecided or plan to compete at the Division III level need to create a Profile Page.
- Athletes will get an NCAA ID, and will be sent important reminders as they complete high school.
- The NCAA will request athlete transcripts from the high school when needed and we will upload them digitally.

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

1. High School Transcripts – FHS requires a **written request** for official and unofficial transcripts. Students should stop in the Guidance Office and complete the form; an e-mail to Nikki Rolando nrolando@isd361.org would be just fine too.

FINAL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

1. Request **FINAL TRANSCRIPTS** once final grades are posted. Students **MUST** turn this form in to the Guidance Office in order for the transcript to be sent to the student's college choice. If the form is not submitted, the transcript will **NOT** be sent out (this is for the student's safety and to prevent identity fraud).
2. The Counseling Office also has forms to request any Final Transcripts for any college courses that were taken. There may be a small fee from the college for college transcripts.

HONORS INFORMATION

- MN Honor Society Requirements (Inducted Fall Of Junior Year)
 1. Minimum 3.80 cumulative GPA
 2. Open to qualifying juniors and seniors
 3. Must maintain 3.65 cumulative GPA after elected
 - Academic Excellence Award Requirements
 - Student that qualify will receive a letter
 - Students need to fill out the form and return it to the office
 1. Grades 9-10 Minimum 3.70 cumulative GPA
 2. Grade 11 Minimum 3.70 cumulative GPA
 3. Grade 12 Minimum 3.70 cumulative GPA (3.80 2025)
- Graduating with honors requires a minimum 3.85 (2024) cumulative GPA. (3.80 2025 f.f.)

FALLS HIGH ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

- 1. Falls High School Academic Excellence Awards** will be awarded at a ceremony May 8th @ 6:00 p.m.. Students receiving the awards will get an invitation in April. Qualifying seniors will receive a letter in the mail with an application form. Seniors need to have a 3.70 cumulative GPA to qualify to apply.
 - Student will receive a letter if they qualify
 - Student needs to fill out the form and return it to the office

ELK'S STUDENT OF THE MONTH

- 1. Elk's Student of the Month Banquet** will be on Sunday, (????). Students who were selected as students of the month or who will be receiving an Elks scholarship will be notified by mail to attend.

CAP AND GOWN INFORMATION

Terry Gavin with Minnesota Grad Services will be here on (DONE) to hand out order forms for your cap and gown. (DONE)

*Terry will be back on (DONE) to pick up your application. (DONE)

See Victoria if you have questions.

FULL LEGAL NAME

1. FHS Graduation will be held on Sunday, June 2nd 2024 at 3:00 p.m.
2. Please confirm with Victoria Heiss in the Front Office the student's:

FULL LEGAL NAME.

LAST WEEK ACTIVITIES FOR SENIORS GRADUATION!

- **Seniors' last day, lockers must be cleaned out, teachers submit senior grades by 3:30 PM On May 29th.**
- **Elk's Senior Breakfast – May 31st @ 8:30 a.m.**
- **Graduation Practice – May 31st 9:30 a.m. FHS**
- **Graduation – Sunday, June 2nd , 2024 3:00 PM**

QUESTIONS?

218-283-2571

- Mrs. Rolando, Nikki nrolando@isd361.org ext. 1105
- Mrs. Heiss, Victoria vheiss@isd361.org ext. 1100
- Mr. Grewatz, Thane tgrewatz@isd361.org ext. 1106
- Mr. Everson, Tim teverson@isd361.org ext. 1104

Thank You For Attending

And

Have a Good Evening!