

Senior Career & College Planning Handbook



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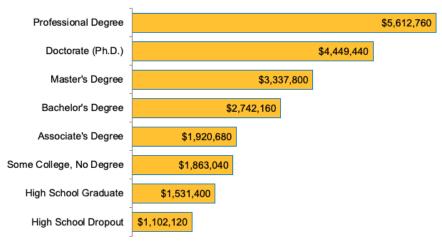
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Increase Your Earning Power

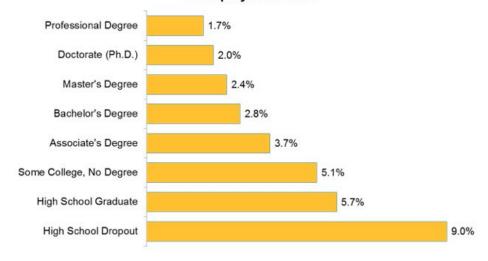
College and trade-school graduates have more earning power!





- High school graduates earn \$430,000 more over their lifetimes than high school dropouts.
- Potentially double your lifetime income by graduating from college.
- An Associate's degree is worth \$390,000 more than a high school diploma.
- A Bachelor's degree is worth \$1.2 million more than a high school diploma.
- A Doctorate (Ph.D.) is worth \$1.7 million more than a Bachelor's degree.
- A Professional (law or medical) degree is worth \$2.9 million more than a Bachelor's degree.
- All of the highest paying jobs require a college degree.
- Jobs for college graduates include better benefits, such as health insurance and retirement plans.
- College graduates have half the unemployment rates of high school graduates and better job security.
- There are many more jobs available for college graduates than high school graduates.

Unemployment Rates



Source: FastWeb.com

Hudsonville High School Senior Year Pre-College Checklist

September/October	Attend local college nights and open houses. Meet with admissions representatives @ HHS. Visit college campuses. Narrow college choices to 3-5 schools. Complete college applications and register at www.parchment.com to send transcripts. Register and take ACT/SAT, if needed. Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org or the NAIA Eligibility Center at www.playnaia.org, if interested in college athletics. Research public/private sector scholarships using www.fastweb.com, school announcements, the Hudsonville Scholarship File on the HHS Guidance Office website, etc.
	Discuss with selected colleges about their academic scholarships.
October through February	Submit FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
November 1	Early Action Deadline for College Applications. For your best chance to be admitted to competitive colleges, apply before Nov 1.
February through April	Look for Student Aid Report (SAR) or other notification regarding Financial Aid Awards
Prior to May 1	Finalize college plans Alert the college of: Financial Aid Acceptance Housing Plans (if necessary, pay a deposit)
May	AP Exams Senior Exams Graduation Ceremony
June	Request for your final transcripts to be sent at www.parchment.com . If applicable, send AP scores, CLEP scores, or articulation documents to your college of choice.

College Application Tips

All colleges prefer online applications - look on the college's website.
Be sure to follow all the instructions on the application, use correct capitalization and
punctuation - you want to make a good impression.
Check all deadlines. (i.e. Early Action, Scholarships, etc.)
Need help writing your application essays. Check out these tips.
You will need to pay an application fee for most college applications. However, if you are on
free or reduced lunch, there is a nationally recognized fee waiver form available at
http://bit.ly/NACACfeewaiver that you can download and have signed by your counselor. If
you forgot to sign up for free or reduced lunch this year, make sure to do so in order to enjoy
these great savings benefits.
Register at www.parchment.com to request transcripts for schools not using the Common
App or Coalition App systems.
Follow up with your counselor to make sure they've received online notification to submit
materials through the Parchment, Common Application, or Coalition Application systems.
Have college applications submitted by the end of October, Thanksgiving at the latest.
College Application Week will be hosted for our seniors the final week of October. Computer
labs and assistance will be available during school hours for all seniors.
If you need a letter of recommendation from your teacher and/or counselor, make sure you
give at least 1 week's notice before the due date and provide the recommender with
additional information, such as extracurricular activities.
If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask!

Parchment

You should have received an email from Parchment prompting you to create an account. If you have not done so, please use the link in that email to get started - it will save you a ton of time.



IN THREE EASY STEPS



If you received a registration code handout, go to parchment.com/register. If you received an email, just click the link

- 1. Visit Parchment.com
- 2. Click Sign Up Now
- 3. Build your profile







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- 2. Click Send Transcripts
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Scholarships & Other Financial Aid

What are scholarships?

Scholarships are gifts that are usually given for special talents, academic abilities, writing essays, etc. These are sponsored by colleges or universities, organizations, businesses, churches, etc. and do not need to be paid back.

Where can I find scholarships?

There is no one source to find scholarships. However, the following 3 sources are a good starting point:

- 1. **College or University website:** Look for the Financial Aid page on a college's website to find the scholarships that their institution offers to incoming freshmen. This is often the biggest source of scholarship money for students.
- 2. The Hudsonville High School Scholarship File: The Hudsonville High School Counseling Office manages "The Hudsonville Scholarship File." This file houses information about local, state, and national scholarships. There are also tabs for "Search Engines" and "College Scholarship Website Links" at the top of the page. It can be found by visiting http://bit.ly/HudHSCounseling, selecting Scholarships/Fin Aid then The Hudsonville Scholarship File.
- 3. Scholarship Search Engine Websites: If you check out "THE HUDSONVILLE SCHOLARSHIP FILE" on our Guidance Office website, we have listed a number of search engines that we trust. Below are a couple of the most popular ones. These websites are free. You would create a profile, and the website will match up scholarships that fit your profile.
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.scholarships.com

What are grants?

Often confused with scholarships, grants tend to be need-based and are available to students based on criteria such as family income. They are funds provided by the Federal and state governments and do not need to be paid back. The Pell Grant is a well-known federal grant program. State-funded grants ordinarily go to students pursuing an education in that state.

What are student loans?

There are a variety of student/education loans available to students. Like any loan, the funds you borrow must be repaid with interest. Federal student loans are financing options provided by the federal government through the Department of Education. The good news is that student loans from the government offer low fixed interest rates and generous repayment terms.

Privately funded student loans are available but typically offer higher interest rates and shorter repayment terms.

Please note - to qualify for federal student loans, federal and state grants, and many scholarships, families must work with their student to complete the FAFSA each year they desire to receive these types of aid.

fastweb provides a large bulletin with detailed information about financial aid at https://www.fastweb.com/nfs/fastweb/static/educators-2016/FAFSA Step by Step 2016.pdf.

Below is the page outlining steps in filing the FAFSA.



Student Bulletin

FAFSA: Step-by-Step

What is it? FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The federal government uses this form to determine your eligibility for federal financial aid for college, which may include grants, scholarships, work-study and loans.

Why fill it out? The FAFSA is used to apply for financial aid from the federal and state government(s) and from most public and private colleges. Private colleges may have their own supplemental forms in addition to the FAFSA for awarding their own aid funds. For example, about 250 private colleges require an additional form called the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE. The FAFSA is a prerequisite for the unsubsidized Stafford and Parent PLUS loans, which do not depend on financial need.

EFC stands for Expected Family Contribution.

According to the government's calculation, you and your family should be able to contribute this amount in the coming academic year to your college costs. The EFC is a harsh assessment of you and your family's ability to pay for college. It does not consider the impact of consumer debt on a family's financial strength.

How does it work? The college you plan to attend will try to meet your demonstrated financial need with a package of different types of aid from multiple sources, including federal, state, school and private sources.

You can do the following on www.fafsa.ed.gov:

- Electronically sign your FAFSA
- Check the status
- Make corrections
- Add additional colleges and universities
- Fill out an online renewal FAFSA next year
- To obtain a FSA ID, eligible students should visit https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas.
- Fill out the form to create a FSA ID and follow all instructions.
- Keep your FSA ID confidential. It allows you to electronically sign federal student aid and loan documents and access your confidential FAFSA information.

Step 1: Assemble forms needed to complete FAFSA

You and your parents (if you are dependent) need the following to fill out the form:

- Social Security Number
- Current bank and brokerage account statements
- · Driver's license (if any)
- Current mortgage and investment records (if any)
- · Alien registration card (if not a U.S. citizen)
- Current federal tax return (estimates are OK on tax questions, if you or your parents haven't filed yet)
- · Current untaxed income records (if any)
- Current W2 and 1099 forms and other record of money earned
- · Parents' current income tax return (if dependent)

Step 2: Complete the FAFSA

- Download, print and complete the FAFSA on the Web worksheet.
- Complete FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
 The online version is used by over 99% of the applicants since it includes skip logic to avoid asking you unnecessary and redundant questions.
 Processing is quicker and more efficient with built-in edit-checks to reduce errors on the form.
- In order to maximize the amount of aid, fill out the FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1.
- Once finished, print the FAFSA summary as well as the "Submission Confirmation" page (or write down your confirmation number and date). If you complete the paper version, make a copy for your records.

Step 3: Review your Student Aid Report (SAR)

The SAR is proof that your FAFSA was received. You should receive your electronic SAR in 1-3 days if you filed electronically (paper filing: 2-3 weeks).

What if I find errors on my Student Aid Report (SAR)?

- Report errors immediately to your financial aid office.
 You can also make corrections online using your FSA ID at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- If you don't receive your SAR in 3-4 weeks, call 1-800-433-3243 (1-800-4-FED-AID) or visit www.studentaid.ed.gov.

Quick Tip: New in 2016, the FAFSA application will now be accepted as early as October 1st. Early submission maximizes your chances of receiving aid.

Fasteeb Student Bulletin Series FAFSA Step-by-Step www.fastweb.com

College-Bound Student-Athletes

Students who wish to play college athletics must meet specific academic requirements to be eligible to be on the roster, practice, or receive scholarship dollars. If you are considering playing athletics at the NCAA Division I, NCAA Division II, or NAIA levels - <u>please alert your counselor</u> so they can assist you in checking your initial college eligibility.



Eligibility Requirements

Current High School Student-Athletes

Early decisions are available for current high school students who qualify.

■ Test score 18+ ACT or 970+ SAT

GPA 3.0 on a 4.0 scale after junior year

2.5 on a 4.0 scale midway through senior year

High School Graduates

Meet 2 of 3 requirements to be eligible in the freshman year:

GPA 2.0 on 4.0 scale

Test score 18+ ACT or 970+ SAT

Class rankFinal ranking in top 50% of class

*test score exception (March 1, 2016 - April 30, 2019)

16+ ACT or 860+ SAT



DIVISION I ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

College-bound student-athletes enrolling at an NCAA Division I school need to meet the following academic requirements to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship in their first year of full-time enrollment.

Core-Course Requirement

Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:



MATH (Algebra I or higher)

3 years

NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)

2 years

ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science) SOCIAL SCIENCE

COURSES
(Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy

ADDITIONAL

1 year

2 years

4 years

FULL QUALIFIER

- Complete 16 core courses.
 - Ten of the 16 core courses must be completed before the seventh semester (senior year) of high school.
 - Seven of the 10 core courses must be in English, math or natural/physical science.
- · Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.300.
- Earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score matching the core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale (see back page).
- · Graduate high school.

ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

- · Complete 16 core courses.
- · Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.000.
- Earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score matching the core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale (see back page).
- Graduate high school.

Full Qualifier

College-bound student-athletes may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during their first year of full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division I school.

Academic Redshirt

College-bound student-athletes may receive an athletics scholarship during their first year of full-time enrollment and may practice during their first regular academic term, but may NOT compete during their first year of enrollment.

Nonqualifier

College-bound student-athletes will not be able to practice, compete or receive an athletics scholarship during their first year of full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division I school.

International Students

Please review the **international initial-eligibility flyer** for information and academic requirements specific to international student-athletes.

Click here for Division II academic requirements.



Test Scores

If a student plans to attend an NCAA Division I college or university in the 2019-20 or 2020-21 academic years, use the following charts to understand the core-course GPA he or she will need to meet NCAA Division I requirements.

A combined SAT score is calculated by adding critical reading and math subscores. An ACT sum score is calculated by adding English, math, reading and science subscores. A student may take the SAT or ACT an unlimited number of times before he or she enrolls full time in college. If a student takes either test more than once, the best subscores from each test are used for the academic certification process.

When a student registers for the SAT or ACT, he or she can use the NCAA Eligibility Center code of **9999** to send their scores directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center from the testing agency. Test scores on transcripts **CANNOT** be used in an academic certification.

DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE

FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE		
Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum*
3.550	400	37
3.525	410	38
3.500	430	39
3.475	440	40
3.450	460	41
3.425	470	41
3.400	490	42
3.375	500	42
3.350	520	43
3.325	530	44
3.300	550	44
3.275	560	45
3.250	580	46
3.225	590	46
3.200	600	47
3.175	620	47
3.150	630	48
3.125	650	49
3.100	660	49
3.075	680	50
3.050	690	50
3.025	710	51
3.000	720	52
2.975	730	52
2.950	740	53
2.925	750	53
2.900	750	54
2.875	760	55
2.850	770	56
2.825	780	56
2.800	790	57
2.775	800	58

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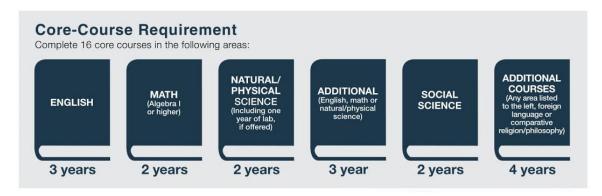
Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum*	
2.750	810	59	
2.725	820	60	
2.700	830	61	
2.675	840	61	
2.650	850	62	
2.625	860	63	
2.600	860	64	
2.575	870	65	
2.550	880	66	
2.525	890	67	
2.500	900	68	
2.475	910	69	
2.450	920	70	
2.425	930	70	
2.400	940	71	
2.375	950	72	
2.350	960	73	
2.325	970	74	
2.300	980	75	
2.299	990	76	
2.275	990	76	
2.250	1000	77	F
2.225	1010	78	豊
2.200	1020	79	SO
2.175	1030	80	W
2.150	1040	81	ACADEMIC REDSHIRT
2.125	1050	82	Σ
2.100	1060	83	PE
2.075	1070	84	C
2.050	1080	85	4
2.025	1090	86	
2.000	1100	86	

*Final concordance research between the new SAT and ACT is ongoing.



DIVISION II ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

College-bound student-athletes enrolling at an NCAA Division II school need to meet the following academic requirements to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship in their first year of full-time enrollment.



FULL QUALIFIER

- · Complete 16 core courses.
- Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.200.
- · Earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score matching the core-course GPA on the Division II full qualifier sliding scale (see back page).
- · Graduate high school.

PARTIAL QUALIFIER

- · Complete 16 core courses.
- Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.000.

· Earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score matching the core-course GPA on the Division II partial qualifier sliding scale (see back page).

· Graduate high school.

Full Qualifier

College-bound student-athletes may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during their first year of full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division II school.

Partial Qualifier

College-bound student-athletes may receive an athletics scholarship during their first year of enrollment and may practice during their first year of full-time enrollment at a Division II school, but may NOT compete.

Nonqualifier

College-bound student-athletes will not be able to practice, compete or receive an athletics scholarship during their first year of full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division II school.

International Students

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Click here for Division I academic requirements.



DIVISION II FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE

FULL QUA	LII ILN SLIDI	NG SCALE
Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum*
3.300 & above	400	37
3.275	410	38
3.250	430	39
3.225	440	40
3.200	460	41
3.175	470	41
3.150	490	42
3.125	500	42
3.100	520	43
3.075	530	44
3.050	550	44
3.025	560	45
3.000	580	46
2.975	590	46
2.950	600	47
2.925	620	47
2.900	630	48
2.875	650	49
2.850	660	49
2.825	680	50
2.800	690	50
2.775	710	51
2.750	720	52
2.725	730	52
2.700	740	53
2.675	750	53
2.650	750	54
2.625	760	55
2.600	770	56
2.575	780	56
2.550	790	57
2.525	800	58
2.500	810	59
2.475	820	60
2.450	830	61
2.425	840	61
2.400	850	62
2.375	860	63
2.350	860	64
2.325	870	65
2.300	880	66
2.275	890	67
2.250	900	68
2.225	910	69
2.200	920	70 & above

DIVISION II PARTIAL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE

Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum*
3.050 & above	400	37
3.025	410	38
3.000	430	39
2.975	440	40
2.950	460	41
2.925	470	41
2.900	490	42
2.875	500	42
2.850	520	43
2.825	530	44
2.800	550	44
2.775	560	45
2.750	580	46
2.725	590	46
2.700	600	47
2.675	620	47
2.650	630	48
2.625	650	49
2.600	660	49
2.575	680	50
2.550	690	50
2.525	710	51
2.500	720	52
2.475	730	52
2.450	740	53
2.425	750	53
2.400	750	54
2.375	760	55
2.350	770	56
2.325	780	56
2.300	790	57
2.275	800	58
2.250	810	59
2.225	820	60
2.200	830	61
2.175	840	61
2.150	850	62
2.125	860	63
2.100	860	64
2.075	870	65
2.050	880	66
2.025	890	67
2.000	900	68 & above

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ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM (AP)

What is it?: Advanced Placement is a program of college-level courses and exams for high school students. Students who successfully participate in the program may earn college credit at more than 3000 colleges and universities.

How do I participate in AP?: You can participate in two ways: 1) take an AP course offered at HHS and take the AP exam or 2) indicate to your counselor that you are interested in taking an AP exam by the middle of October so they can direct the student where to .

When & where are the exams?: The exams are administered at HHS in the beginning of May.

What are the subject areas tested by AP?: AP exams are given in many subject areas including Art, Sciences, Languages, History and Government, Mathematics, and English. Check https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses for a full list of AP courses.

How do I know what credits my college offers? Visit

https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies for a searchable database or visit the college's website and search for AP credit policy.

COLLEGE-LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP)

What is it?: CLEP examinations cover material taught in courses that most students take as requirements in their first two years of college. A college usually grants the same amount of credit to students earning satisfactory scores on the CLEP examination as it grants to students successfully completing the course.

How can I learn more about CLEP?: For comprehensive descriptions of the CLEP examinations, a list of where students can be tested, and a list of colleges granting credit for satisfactory scores on CLEP exams, check www.collegeboard.com/clep or call 1 (800) 257-9558.

When should a student take an AP or CLEP exam?: If students take an AP course they should take an AP examination. If the student is taking a high level course that is not a specific AP course, they should consider CLEP as an option.

How do I know what credits my college offers? Visit

https://clep.collegeboard.org/school-policy-search for a searchable database or visit the college's website and search for CLEP credit policy.

ARTICULATION

What is it?: Articulation is a process of earning college credit for skills and/or knowledge mastered at the high school level. Students can articulate credit from many of Hudsonville High School Business courses and Careerline Tech Center program when they attend specific colleges with articulation agreements..

Where can I get credit?: Currently HHS has articulation agreements with Davenport and Baker College. Careerline Tech Center has agreements with Davenport, Baker, Ferris, and Grand Rapids Community College.

How can I get credit?: In most cases you have to notify your teacher and fill out the appropriate forms to submit to the college.