

**Edwardsville
High School -
Junior
Information**

What Should I Be Doing Now?

- Getting the best grades possible!
 - Junior year grades are the last grades most Colleges/Universities & Vocational Schools will see when you apply.
- Studying/Prepping for the SAT which will be given to all Juniors on April 9th during the school day.
 - This test is free and you do not need to sign up for it.
 - **This test is required for graduation.**
 - This test can be used for college admissions/scholarships
 - Free on-line test prep at:
<https://www.khanacademy.org/SAT>
- Start your search for colleges, vocational programs, military service, or careers you would like to attend after high school.
 - Additional resources listed on your **Key Websites** form.

Military, Vocational, Workforce

- High School diploma required for entry.
- Some vocational schools will require an ACT or SAT.
- Military will require you take the **ASVAB Test**. (<https://www.asvabprogram.com/>)
 - This test is offered for free at school in Fall and Spring.
 - Please check the announcements and Schoology for specific dates
 - You will sign up in the Guidance Office

Two Year College/Junior College Requirements

To obtain admission to a two-year college or junior college, you must have:

1. A High School Diploma
2. You may have to take an English/Math placement test with that school.

Four Year College/University

- To obtain admissions to a four-year college or university, there are three main criteria that schools look at:
 1. Your Grade Point Average (GPA)
 2. ACT/SAT Score (Test Optional)
 3. Courses taken in high school:
 - 4 years of English
 - 3-4 years of Math
 - 3 years of Science
 - 3 years of Social Science
 - 2 years of World Language (Dependent on individual college admissions requirements)
- All schools accept the ACT & SAT with or without writing.

Applying to Colleges/Universities

- Go to the school's website to fill out and complete their application process.
- The Common Application – Over 900 schools participate in The Common Application.
 - You can apply to many schools using just one application.
 - You can check to see if your schools participate here:
 - <https://www.commonapp.org/>

College Visits

- College representatives visit the Guidance Office throughout the year.
 - Check the announcements/Schoology/guidance website to see when colleges will be here
 - [Guidance Department - Edwardsville High School \(ecusd7.org\)](http://ecusd7.org)
 - Sign up in the Guidance Office
- SIUE & SLU hold a college fair each year in October.
 - Look for specific dates in the announcements and Schoology in the fall.
 - SIUE will host their annual spring college fair on March 20 – 6:00-7:30p.m. (Morris University Center)
- For specific college information please contact Admissions, Financial Aid, & Housing offices at that college.

SAT School Day Test

- April 9th
- Test is administered during the school day and is **digital this year.**
- **Required for graduation!**
- A roster will be provided to students, so they know what classroom to report to on test day. (3rd Floor)
- There is no fee and no need to register for the test.
- On test day, please bring:
 - School ID or Drivers License
 - #2 Pencil – No mechanical pencils allowed
 - Calculator – Please check here (<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/taking-the-test/calculator-policy>) to make sure your calculator is acceptable
 - Water and Snack
 - Your device...please make sure that you have a working device before April 9th!!!!
- **In order to view your score from this test, you will need to create a CollegeBoard account at <https://www.collegeboard.org/>**

National ACT/SAT Test Dates

- ACT - April 13th, June 8th, & July 13th
- SAT – March 9th, May 4th, & June 1st
- Register at [The ACT | Register for the Test](https://www.act.org/register) and collegeboard.org (SAT)
 - EHS School Code: 141735
- ACT & SAT fee waivers are available.
 - Please contact your School Counselor for more information.

Athletes

- Juniors wanting to compete in college should register with the NCAA at:
 - <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
 - You can also review NCAA requirements to qualify to play in college.
- Please let your School Counselor know if you plan on playing a NCAA sport in college.
- Honest Game – Track your NCAA Eligibility
 - Please check your school email for a link to create an account.

High School Transcripts

- All high school transcripts are sent digitally through parchment.com
- ALL Juniors must go to parchment.com and create an account.
- When anyone requests a high school transcript from you, you will log on to your Parchment account and request a transcript.
- DO NOT LOSE YOUR USERNAME OR PASSWORD!!!

Financial Aid (FAFSA)

- It is required for graduation to complete the FAFSA or Non-participation form.
- What is FAFSA?
 - The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the online application that allows a student to apply simultaneously for federal student aid (including the Pell Grant, work-study opportunities, and federal student loans) and the Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant. Many colleges and universities use it for their aid programs, too. The Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid is a similar application that provides a path for some students who do not qualify for federal aid to apply for state and school-funded assistance.
- Application opens October 1, 2024 and is first come first serve – www.fafsa.gov

Scholarships

- Juniors will apply for scholarships in the Spring of their Senior year.
- Please check the announcements, Schoology, or Guidance website (<https://ehs.ecusd7.org/academics/guidance-department>) weekly for new scholarships.
- Additional resources available on the [Key Websites](#) handout.
- Merit Based Scholarships

Schoology

- Class of 2025
 - Under “Groups” Tab
 - Very important information posted here – check daily!

Contact Information

- Contact your counselor with questions
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