

Welcome to Senior Parent Night 2011

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Agenda

- Website
- Graduation Requirements
- Transcripts
- SAT / ACT Testing
- Financial Aid Overview
- College
(selection/requirements/applications)
- Forms
- Questions/Survey

Graduation Requirements

- English 4
- Science 3
- Math 3
- Social Studies 4
- Fine Arts 1
- PE 1.5
- Health .5
- Computer .5
- Tech Ed or Consumer Families 1
- Elective 3.5
- **Total credits for graduation 22**

Transcripts

- As you finalize your college selection, please be aware of the college's entrance requirements.
- Please review your student's transcript and ensure their academic achievements coincide with the college's entrance requirements.

Test Dates

SAT

- November 5, 2011
 - ***Deadline 10/7/11***
- December 3, 2011
 - ***Deadline 11/8/11***
- January 28, 2012
 - ***Deadline 12/30/11***

ACT

- October 22, 2011
 - ***Deadline 9/16/11 – with late fee 9/30/11***
- December 10, 2011
 - ***Deadline 11/4/11***
- February 11, 2012
 - ***Deadline 1/13/12***

SAT / ACT Testing

- Attempt to take the earliest test possible
- Be sure to include the FHUHS school code (460-145)
- Have a second test site choice
- You may apply to college without having taken the SAT or ACT yet
- You may register via the paper application or website

Local Examples

SAT / ACT Optional Colleges

- **Bennington College, Bennington, VT**
- **Burlington College, Burlington, VT**
- **Green Mountain College, Poultney, VT**
- **Goddard College, Plainfield, VT**
- **Lyndon State College, Lyndonville, VT**
 - SAT/ACT used only when minimum GPA and/or class rank is not met
- **Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT**
 - SAT/ACT not required if submit SAT Subject
- **Sterling College, Craftsbury Common, VT**
- **Woodbury College, Montpelier, VT**

www.fairtest.org

Financial Aid Overview

■ Sources of Aid

– National databases

- www.fastweb.com
- www.schoolsoup.com
- www.scholarships.com

– College Specific

- Review each college website to see if there is a separate application for scholarships that they offer

– FHU Local Sponsors

- Specifically for Fair Haven graduates – applications begin arriving in March

■ Attend VSAC paying for college workshop Tuesday, 11/8/11 6:00pm

■ Sign up now for FAFSA student and parent Pin number via www.fafsa.ed.gov

College Decision Types

■ **Early Decision (ED)**

- Early decision plans are binding
 - If accepted by the college through ED, you must withdraw all other applications.

■ **Early Action (EA)**

- Early action plans are nonbinding
- Single-Choice Early Action
 - This choice does not allow candidates to apply to other schools during the early-action period only. However, once they receive the EA decisions (usually mid-December), applicants are free to apply elsewhere, if they so choose.

■ **Regular Decision**

■ **Rolling Admissions**

- No set deadline, however the college may stop accepting applications if they fill their quota

College Time Line

Fall 2011

- Speak with counselor regularly
- College Representatives visit FHUHS
 - Signup in Guidance, also listed on FHUHS [Guidance website](#)
- Finalize list of college choices
- Work with teachers/counselor regarding college essays
- Teacher recommendations (2-3)
 - Ask teachers now and have recommendations sent to counselor
- Complete applications
- Submit applications to Guidance
 - At least two weeks before deadline
 - Manila envelope with four stamps
- If necessary, take second SAT/ACT exam

Application Procedure

- Complete Senior autobiography
- Request letters of recommendation
- Develop resume
- Complete application checklist for all applications
- All applications are due two weeks prior to college deadline
- **We encourage students to have all applications submitted prior to the end of calendar year break

Military

- ASVAB
- Recruiters from all branches visit monthly
- If students are interested in learning more any branch, they should see their counselor to schedule a meeting with a recruiter.

Employment

- Career interest survey
- Resume development
- Interview preparation
- Work based learning program

Other Options

- Travel (get passports early)
- Volunteerism
- Study Abroad
- Post-Grad Year / Gap Year Programs
 - Specific schools offer post-grad year (usually boarding schools)
 - Cultural submersion programs

Questions??

- Please take a few moments to complete the survey.

Thank You