



Lodi High School
1100 Sauk Street
Lodi, WI 53555



Senior Newsletter

Fall 2020

Post-Secondary Planning and Financial Aid Meeting

There will be a virtual meeting during Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, October 15th at 6:00 p.m. Seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend to receive the most up-to-date information on college and technical school programs, application processes, and financial aid.

In addition to getting the most up-to-date information on college and technical school programs on Thursday, October 15th, at 6:00 p.m. a local college representative will provide students and parent's step-by-step instructions on filling out the financial aid application via a live virtual presentation. Students can start sending the free application for student aid (FAFSA) starting October 1st of their senior year. More information on the Post-Secondary Planning and Financial Aid Meeting will be sent closer to that date.

UW System Applications and Common Application

The University of Wisconsin System Colleges are now accepting applications. Students are encouraged to send applications early in their senior year. The UW System application is available online at apply.wisconsin.edu. Students may use this website to apply to any school within the UW System. Students may also use [The Common Application](#) to apply to UW schools and many other schools in the country.

A complete application must include a high school transcript. A [Transcript Request Form](#) is available on the main page of the counseling website and must be completed before a high school transcript can be sent to a college.

The UW System is test optional for the 2021-2022 academic year. This means students applying to start in the Fall 2020 semester are allowed to choose if they want to report an ACT or SAT score for admission purposes. Applicants make that decision by answering a question on the UW System Application.

Letters of recommendation may not be required as a part of the application process for all higher education facilities, but they are helpful in many situations. Students with any unique circumstances or students whose grades and/or test scores are lower than the college's average scores may benefit from sending letters of recommendation. Students are encouraged to request letters of recommendation from teachers/coaches/employers as soon as possible to allow them adequate time to write the letter.

More information about the UW System can be found on The UW-HELP website at uwhelp.wisconsin.edu.

Madison College

Students interested in applying to Madison College should submit an application as soon as possible. Many of the high-demand programs (dental hygienist, x-ray technician, nursing, etc.,) will only accept applications until **October 15th**, so it is important for students to find out whether or not the program to which they are applying has an application deadline. Also, please be aware that some programs may have specific admission requirements, which can be found on the Madison College website at madisoncollege.edu.

A complete application must include a high school transcript. A [Transcript Request Form](#) is available on the main page of the counseling website and must be completed before a high school transcript can be sent to a college. Madison College requires official test scores from the ACT test agency. Official ACT score reports can be ordered through ACT's website at actstudent.org (this may be needed if a score report was not sent to the college during the registration process).

Wisconsin Education Fair

The Wisconsin Education Fair will be holding virtual fairs monthly this year. This is a great opportunity for students to obtain information from public and private colleges and technical schools from throughout the Midwest. Students can register for free online at <https://gotocollegefairs.swoogo.com/WEFS>

Virtual College Fair Date	Time	Financial Aid Presentation Date	Time
Wednesday - 10/7	3pm – 5pm	Wednesday - 10/7	5pm – 6pm
Sunday - 11/8	3pm – 5pm	Sunday - 11/8	5pm – 6pm
Wednesday - 2/10	3pm – 5pm	Wednesday - 2/10	5pm – 6pm
Wednesday - 3/10	3pm – 5pm	Wednesday - 3/10	5pm – 6pm
Sunday - 4/11	3pm – 5pm	Sunday - 4/11	5pm – 6pm

[2020 Participant List](#)

National College Fair

The National Association for College Admission Counseling will hold the national college fair virtually this year, with representatives from colleges throughout the country, on September 22-24th. Go to the official [NACAC](#) site for more information and to register.

Scholarships

The local scholarship packets will be ready in January and will be emailed to all seniors. Please see the high school counseling website under [Post-Secondary Opportunities](#) for local, national, and scholarship generator site scholarships.

The Herb Kohl Student Excellence Scholarship

The purpose of the Herb Kohl Student Excellence Scholarship is to recognize student leadership, citizenship, school and community involvement, and academic achievement. It is the goal of the Foundation to encourage Wisconsin youth to pursue post-secondary education in a public or nonpublic university, college, or vocational/technical college. The Foundation awards \$10,000 scholarships to 100 Wisconsin high school graduates each year.

Eligibility

Applicants must be graduating high school students who intend to enroll in a postsecondary institution, which may be a public or nonpublic university, college, vocational/technical college, or certification program. Students who are residents of the State of Wisconsin, are in good standing, and who demonstrate probable success in postsecondary education are eligible to apply. This is a highly competitive scholarship. There are no limitations as to the number of applicants who can be considered from any one Wisconsin high school.

Letters of Recommendation

Applicants must have three letters of recommendation. The recommenders will not be able to submit their letters until applicants have completed and submitted the application. It is recommended that applicants complete and submit the application, which includes entering in the names and email addresses of the three recommenders, **at least two weeks in advance of the application deadline** so that recommenders have time to upload their letters.

Application Process

Eligible students may apply directly through the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation's SmartSimple application portal. In order to provide all nominees an equal opportunity, they must follow all instructions in the application form. All applications must be submitted using the SmartSimple application process. Paper applications are not accepted. The SmartSimple application portal can be accessed on the web here: <https://hkf.smartsimple.com>

Applications must be submitted using the SmartSimple web portal not later than **Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 5:00.00 p.m Central Time.**

ACT

Students who wish to retake the ACT this year can register online at www.actstudent.org. The ACT is required for admission to most colleges and universities and is typically used as a factor in the admission process. The ACT is also used by Madison College for admission into specific programs. Upcoming ACT test dates are listed below:

2020-2021 ACT Test Dates

Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (Includes Late Fee)
October 24, 2020	September 20, 2020	October 4, 2020
December 12, 2020	November 6, 2020	November 20, 2020
February 6, 2021	January 8, 2021	January 15, 2021
April 10, 2021	March 5, 2021	March 19, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 21, 2021
July 17, 2021	June 11, 2021	June 25, 2021

Lodi's School Code for ACT is 501-115

Visit www.actstudent.org for further information about the ACT.

SAT

The SAT is generally used by colleges on the east and west coasts and by some private colleges. The SAT is not required for admission to most colleges in the Midwest. Students should check the admission requirements of the schools to which they are applying to find out whether or not the SAT is required for admission. Registration for the SAT is available online at www.collegeboard.com.