

SEPT 2019

COLLEGE CORNER

Monthly Newsletter from Biglerville College Advising

UPCOMING DATES

Open House at Gettysburg College

SEPT 2ND

Wilson College and F&M rep visits

SEPT 5TH

Shippensburg Instant Decision Day

SEPT 7TH

Penn State rep visit

SEPT 11TH

Financial Aid Night

SEPT 18TH

Juniata College rep visit

SEPT 20TH

Open Houses at Shippensburg, Dickinson, and Penn State Mont Alto

SEPT 21ST



Welcome Back Cannners!

By Miss K

Welcome back for your final year at Biglerville, seniors! There is a lot to look forward to this year with college advising including the College and Career Fair, field trips, College Application Day and Work Application Day, FAFSA Night, and much more!

Please know that I am an available resource for all students, even if you're not thinking about college, and for parents as well! I am only a phone call or email away.

Parents, feel free to reach me at:

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FAQ's About the College Process at Biglerville

How do I apply to college?

To apply to a college, start on that college's admissions website. Look for the "apply" button for instructions on how to apply. Some colleges will use the Common Application, which allows you to apply to multiple colleges with one application

When should I start applying to college?

Now! If you are applying for a competitive program with limited spots, such as nursing or engineering, you will want to apply ASAP. Make sure you know the application deadlines for all the schools you are applying to.

How do I send my transcript?

You will need to get a pink sheet from Miss K. Once filled out, she will send your transcript.

When should I look for scholarships?

Now! Check out the scholarship page on Biglerville's guidance/career services page. There is a full listing of local scholarships as well as links to scholarship databases

HELPFUL WEBSITES

College Board- SAT registration and score reports

collegeboard.org

Big Future- College searching database on College Board

bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search

FAFSA- application for federal student aid

fafsa.ed.gov

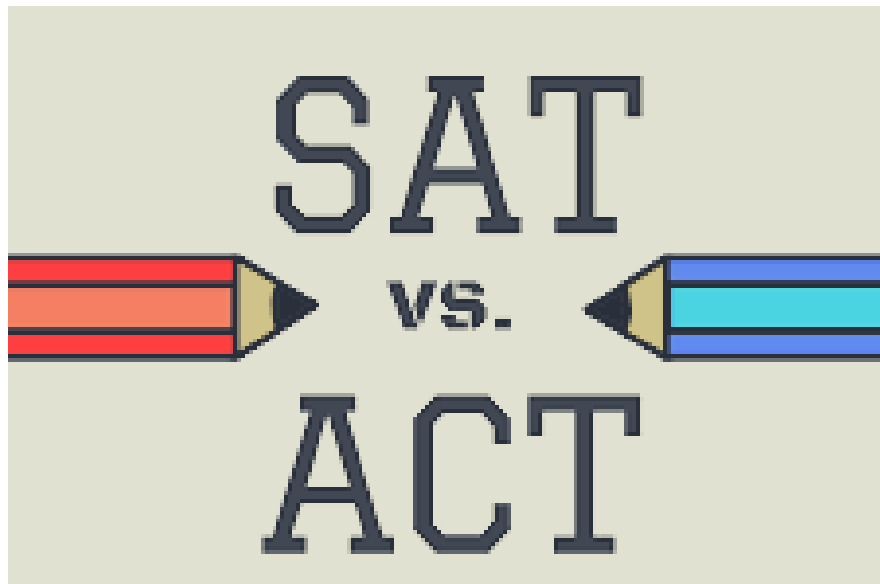
PHEAA- application for state student aid and other financial planning resources

pheaa.org

Biglerville Scholarship Page- full listing of local scholarships and scholarship databases

upperadams.org/Page/2099





The SAT & the ACT

WHICH SHOULD YOU TAKE?

The SAT and ACT are both standardized tests that are used as part of the college admissions process. When comparing the SAT and the ACT, the biggest difference between these tests is that the ACT measures what a student has learned in school and is referred to as an achievement test. On the other hand, the SAT is considered an aptitude test, which only focuses mainly on certain aspects of an individual's abilities.

In terms of content, the ACT is comprised of up to five sections: English, Math, Reading, Science, and Writing. Writing is optional on the ACT and SAT. The science section is more about comprehension than scientific knowledge. On the other hand, the writing section is not optional on the SAT. There is no penalty for a wrong answer on the ACT and is only based off of the number of correct answers you have. The SAT also tends to focus more heavily on vocabulary.

As a senior, you want to be taking the test as soon as possible so that you can report those test scores on your college applications. However, if you already have taken a test, you can apply with your existing scores and have your new scores sent along after taking either test again.

See Miss K if you have any questions about registering for the SAT or the ACT as well as getting fee waivers for the test.

***if you are eligible for free or reduced lunch then you qualify for a fee waiver**

Senior Year Checklist

September

- Start putting together a list of colleges to apply to and begin working on applications
 - Meet with Miss K
 - Study for SATs
 - Visit colleges

October

- Narrow down your top colleges
- Attend FAFSA Night and complete your FSA ID and FAFSA
- Continue working on apps
 - Visit MORE colleges!

November

- Participate in College Application Day!
- Submit your applications before Thanksgiving!

December

- Submit remaining applications
- Continue working on scholarships

January & February

- More scholarships!

March & April

- Scholarships, scholarships, and more scholarships!
- Compare financial aid packages

May & June

- IT'S TIME TO DECIDE!
- GRADUATION!!!!