



# Senior Survival Guide

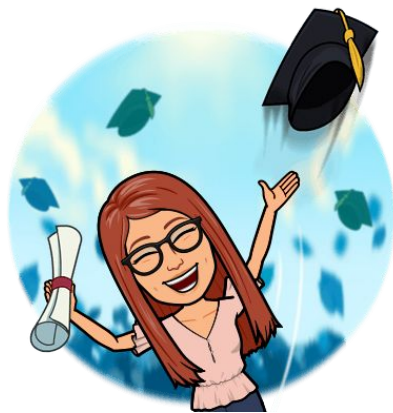
A little bit of everything you could need to know!

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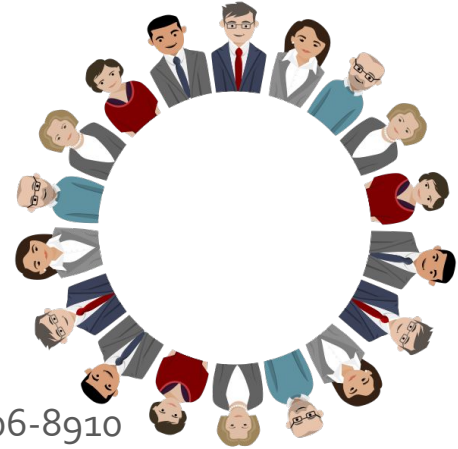
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# To Do Lists:

## Senior Year - FALL

College Research (**finalize** 3-5 schools to apply to). Conduct research at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org), BigFuture, College Search (see slide show)

- ☐ Scholarship Research - save ones you may qualify for
- ☐ Visit Colleges
- ☐ Determine ACT and SAT dates for the next year and Study!!
- ☐ Study and Take ACT and/or SAT
- ☐ Keep grades up!
- ☐ Update Bobcat Brag Sheet



# To Do Lists:

## Summer - Senior Year

- ☐ TAKE SENIOR PICTURES
- ☐ Research/make lists of scholarships
- ☐ Finalize College list
- ☐ NCAA/NAIA Eligibility (if applicable)
- ☐ Brag Sheet - must be completed for transcripts to be sent & recommendations to be written
- ☐ Updated Resume



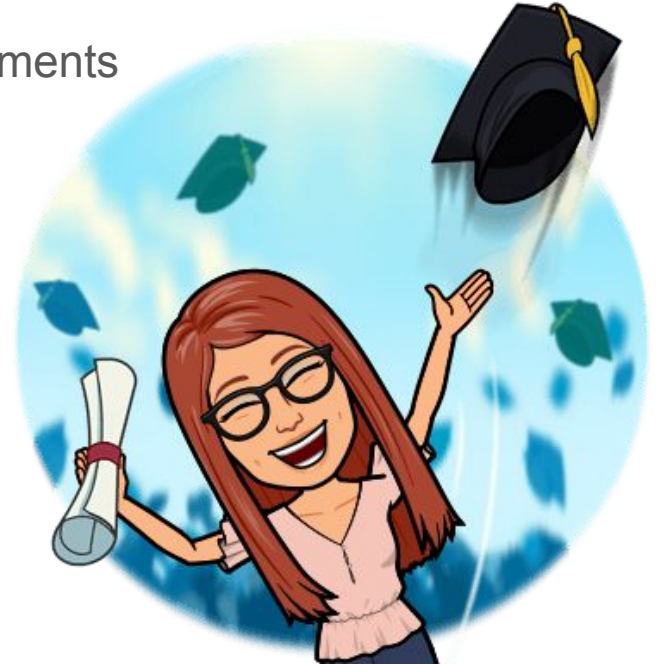
## Fall - Senior Year

- ☐ College Applications - Complete by October 31st
- ☐ FAFSA - Opens October 1, 2023
- ☐ Order Cap & Gown in November
- ☐ College Fair in September - more information to come
- ☐ **College Application Day - 11/3/23**
- ☐ Watch grades and attendance

# To Do Lists:

## Spring Senior Year:

- ☐ Scholarships - keep track of deadlines and requirements
- ☐ Celebrate Admissions and Scholarships
- ☐ Keep track of grades and attendance
- ☐ Senior Awards Night
- ☐ Graduation Survey & check out
- ☐ Graduation June 2024!!





## College and Career Readiness - must meet 1 before graduation!

### College Readiness:

- 20 or better ACT score
- 1020 or better SAT score
- 3 or better on an AP test
- Complete at least 6 credits of Dual Enrollment in English, Math, or STEM courses with a final grade of a C or better

### Career Readiness:

- Become a CATE completer - including earning a national industry credential as determined by the business community
- Earn a Silver, Gold, or Platinum on the WIN Test - earning a National Certificate
- Earn a composite score of a 31 or higher on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test

# SAT Basics - [www.collegeboard.org](https://www.collegeboard.org)



## **SAT Length**

3 hours (plus 50 minutes if taking optional Essay)

## **SAT Sections**

- Math
- Evidence-Based Reading and Writing
- Essay (optional)

## **SAT Cost**

\$46 (\$60 if taking SAT with optional Essay)

## **Highest SAT Score**

1600

## **Average SAT Score**

1060

## **Where to Study:**

[College Board - SAT, AP, College Search and Admission Tools](https://collegeboard.org)

<https://www.princetonreview.com/>

[www.Khanacademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org)

[www.testprepreview.com](https://www.testprepreview.com)

<https://www.testpreppractice.net/>

<https://www.powerscore.com/sat/help/>

<https://www.varsitytutors.com/sat-practice-tests>

<https://www.kaptest.com/>

# 2023-24 SAT Dates

Register at [www.collegeboard.org](https://www.collegeboard.org)

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes
August 26 2023	July 28	Aug 15
Oct 7, 2023	Sept 8	Sept 26
Nov 4, 2023	Oct 6	Oct 24
December 2, 2023	Nov 3	Nov 21
March 9, 2024	Feb 23	Feb 27
May 4, 2024	Apr 19	April 23
June 1, 2024	May 17	May 21

**BLHS CEEB Code: 410206**

# ACT Basics [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)



## ACT Length

2 hrs, 55 minutes (plus 40 minutes if taking ACT with writing)

## ACT Sections

- English
- Math
- Reading
- Science
- Writing (optional)

## Cost

US without Writing: \$50.50 USD

US with Writing: \$67.00 USD

## Max. Score

36

## Avg. Score

21

## Where to Study:

[www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org)

<https://www.princetonreview.com/>

<https://www.testpreppractice.net/>

<https://www.powerscore.com/>

<https://www.kaptest.com/>

<https://www.mhpracticeplus.com/act.php>

# 2023-24 ACT Dates

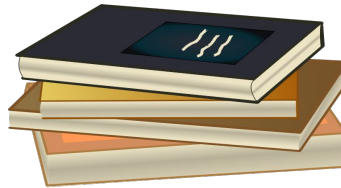
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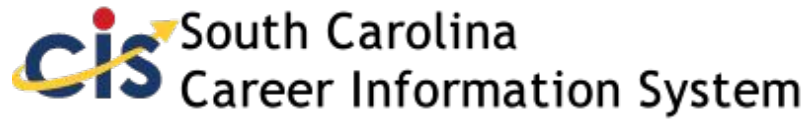
ACT Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload Deadline
Sept 9, 2023	August 4	August 18	September 1
October 28, 2023	Sept 22	October 6	October 20
December 9, 2023	November 3	November 17	December 1
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19	February 2
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22	April 5
June 8, 2023	May 3	May 17	May 31
July 13, 2024	June 7	June 21	July 5

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# Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)

- ☐ Used to determine qualification for enlistment in the United States Armed Forces
- ☐ Offered at BLHS 3 times per year: **9/13; 11/28 & 2/6**
- ☐ Score determines job opportunities in the military
- ☐ Tested Subjects
  - ☐ General Science
  - ☐ Arithmetic Reasoning
  - ☐ Word Knowledge
  - ☐ Paragraph Comprehension
  - ☐ Mathematics Knowledge
  - ☐ Electronics Information
  - ☐ Mechanical Comprehension
  - ☐ Assembling Objects
  - ☐ Automotive & Shop Information
- ☐ Click on the pictures to study





SCOIS is an on-line system and you need a password to enter. You will have access to several Career Assessments, College Information, Occupational Information, College Major Information, Career Clusters, School Subjects matched to careers, Financial Aid Information, Private Trade Schools, Career Videos, Building and Posting Resumes, Career Electronic Portfolios, Salary and Outlook information on Careers, Lesson Plans for Teachers, Career Guidance Tools for Parents, Accountability Reports for Administrators and much much more.

User Name: school email address

Password: Scois2013

# College Applications

- Who?
  - Anyone who has any interest! Give yourself options - just because you apply, doesn't mean you have to go
- When?
  - Apps should be done by October 31st because:
    - Find out sooner
    - Peace of mind
    - More time for school & Scholarship Apps
    - Financial Aid
  - Keep up with earlier deadlines - Oct 15th is College of Charleston & USC-Columbia

- Where?
  - Visit each school website
- How Many?
  - A minimum of 3-5 schools is recommended
    - 1. Dream/Reach School
    - 2. Good Matches
    - 3. Safety/back-up School

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# College Applications & Financial Aid

Visit college websites (all college websites can be found at [www.collegeboard.org](https://www.collegeboard.org)). Follow link to college website.

- **Click on Admissions**
  - Undergraduate Admissions/First time Freshman
  - Complete application for incoming Freshman, undergraduate, Fall 2024
    - We recommend you submit applications no later than October 31st.
  - Request transcript through Parchment after application is submitted
- **Apply for Financial Aid, October 1, 2023**
  - <https://studentaid.gov/>
    - You and your parents will need a copy of your 2022 tax returns
    - Complete application and send to colleges in which you applied. The earlier you apply, the more money is available!!

# College Websites

Benedict College – [www.benedict.edu](http://www.benedict.edu)

Charleston Southern University- [www.csuniv.edu](http://www.csuniv.edu)

The Citadel- [www.citadel.edu](http://www.citadel.edu)

Claflin University- [www.claflin.edu](http://www.claflin.edu)

Clemson University- [www.clemson.edu](http://www.clemson.edu)

Coastal Carolina University- [www.coastal.edu](http://www.coastal.edu)

Coker College- [www.coker.edu](http://www.coker.edu)

College of Charleston- [www.cofc.edu](http://www.cofc.edu)

Francis Marion University- [www.fmarion.edu](http://www.fmarion.edu)

Newberry College - [www.newberry.edu](http://www.newberry.edu)

Furman University- [www.furman.edu](http://www.furman.edu)

Lander University- [www.lander.edu](http://www.lander.edu)

Limestone College- [www.limestone.edu](http://www.limestone.edu)

Morris College- [www.morris.edu](http://www.morris.edu)

South Carolina State University- [www.scsu.edu](http://www.scsu.edu)

Technical College of the Lowcountry- [www.tcl.edu](http://www.tcl.edu)

Trident Technical College- [www.tridenttech.edu](http://www.tridenttech.edu)

University of South Carolina- [www.sc.edu](http://www.sc.edu)

University of South Carolina, Beaufort-  
[www.uscb.edu](http://www.uscb.edu)

Winthrop University- [www.winthrop.edu](http://www.winthrop.edu)



# College Visits

- ❑ When: It's never too early!
- ❑ How: Sign up on the College websites!
  - ❑ Admissions page
  - ❑ Campus Visits



# Money!!

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- ❑ FAFSA - October 1, 2023
- ❑ Local scholarships
- ❑ National websites



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[studentscholarships.org](https://studentscholarships.org)



# State Lottery Scholarships

## Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Qualifying Criteria:

- 3.5 SC UGP GPA
- 1200 SAT/25 ACT
- Top 6% rank at the end of grade 10, 11 or 12

If class rank criteria not met:

- 4.0 SC UGP GPA
- 1400 SAT/31 ACT

\$6,700 for the first year and can go up towards \$10,000



## Life Scholarship Qualifying Criteria:

Must meet 2 of 3 Criteria listed if attending a 4- year institution

- 3.0 SC UGP GPA
- Rank if top 30% of graduating class
- Score 1100 SAT/22 ACT

Must meet the 3.0 SC UGP GPA if attending a 2-year institution

\$5,000 per year

## SC Hope - 4 year institutions only

- 3.0 SC UGP GPA

# State Lottery Grants



## SC Need Based Grant

Qualifying Criteria: Determined “in need” by completing the FAFSA

### Continued Eligibility Criteria

- 2.0 GPA
- Earn 24 Credit Hours
- Complete the FAFSA annually, so “in need” status can be confirmed.

## Lottery Tuition Assistance

Qualifying Criteria: 2-year institutions only

- Complete FAFSA or FASFA Waiver
- Enroll in at least six credit hours

### Continued Eligibility Criteria

- Maintain satisfactory academic progress
- After attempting 24 credit hours, maintain a 2.0 GPA
- Complete the FAFSA Annually

# Athletic Scholarships

- ❑ **Who:** anyone interested in playing college athletics. Apply through the NCAA for Division I, II, III Schools
- ❑ **When:** after successful completion of Junior year
- ❑ **Where:** Click on the picture to register on the Eligibility Center
- ❑ We will upload your transcript **-SAT and ACT scores are no longer needed**
- ❑ See Google classroom for more information on college athletics

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# Stay Calm!

- ☐ Create and Follow your To-Do Lists
- ☐ Take things one step at a time
- ☐ Use all of your resources
- ☐ Ask questions!
- ☐ Counseling Homework:
  - ☐ Update brag sheet
  - ☐ Update resume
  - ☐ Complete Career Interest inventories - add 2 careers to your list
  - ☐ Add 3-5 Colleges to your list of Colleges you are thinking about

