

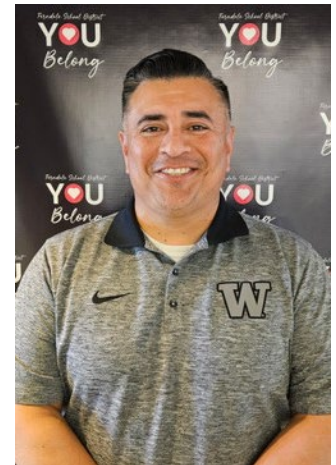


CLASS OF
2025

**SENIOR YEAR
& BEYOND**

ADMIN WELCOME TO SENIOR NIGHT!

- Admin Introductions (alpha caseload)
- We feel so excited to support you through senior year!



FHS Counseling Team

School Counselors:

Bobby Jones (A-D)
North Moench (E-K)
Bryce Zofkie (L-Q)
Sierra Hills (R-Z)

Registrar:

Stephanie Ruud
Transcripts, work authorization, grades

Administrative Assistant:

Cristina Gholam
New student enrollment, immunization forms, public notary

College & Career Specialist:

Michaela Tanis
*Career connections, scholarships, apprenticeships, resume help,
Tech/Community college, military, career interest inventory*

Senior Class & Graduation Coordinator:

Brandi Tilton



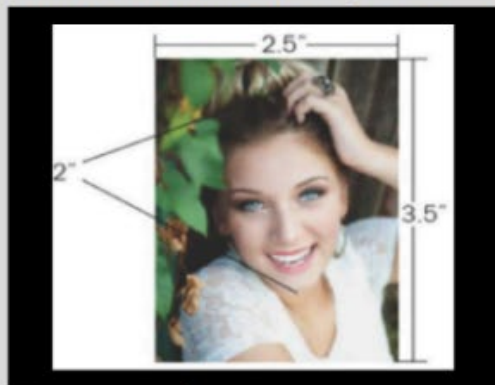
Graduation Friday, June 6th

Ferndale High School Stadium

- **Jostens Senior Week Oct 16th – Oct 30th**
- **Jostens Senior Class Meeting – October 16th**
- **Senior Photos – Due November 1st**
- **Diploma Information**
 - Mrs. Tilton
 - Form linked here and on Counselor Corner CANVAS
[Diploma Name Form](#)

CLASS OF 2025 SENIOR PORTRAIT SUBMISSIONS

Due Friday,
November 1, 2024



Requirements:

- Do not cut the head/hairline at the top of the photo.
- Only head and shoulders will be in the yearbook photo (some cropping may occur).
- No special filters or graphics added to the photograph.
- If hands are near the face, there should be no hand gestures. Photos with hand gestures will be rejected.
- BE SURE THAT YOU HAVE NOT CLICKED "DO NOT PUBLISH" on Skyward to ensure your photo will be in the book.
- The FHS Yearbook staff reserve the right to refuse any photograph.
- There will not be an email notification confirming the submission. If your portrait has been approved, you will see a date by your student ID number on a spreadsheet that will be sent out.

Any questions, please contact the yearbook adviser,
Victoria Caputo, victoria.caputo@ferndalesd.org

Congratulations!

You're a senior now and you have the opportunity to submit your own senior photo! If you do not submit a photo, your school photo will be used.

You will upload your photo to the yearbook website. No email submissions will be accepted.

Before
you start:

1. Make sure photo is the correct size/format. Your photographer should provide you with the correct size image. Give them the requirements showed in the picture on the left--(2.5 x3.5, 300 dpi)

2. Don't take an image off social media or a phone. Why? Because if you copy images from the internet or a phone, the quality of the photo declines. If this happens, the photo will not be approved and your school photo will be used instead. Use the photograph directly from your photographer.

Yearbook
Snap App

1. Download Yearbook SNAP in the App store of your choice! Search for Ferndale High School, WA.
2. Enter: Ferndale2025 (case sensitive).
3. Click "this photo is a portrait".
4. Enter the name of the student in the photo
5. Describe the photo in the notes—i.e, senior portrait, brunette in front of tree.
6. Enter your contact info and you're done! Thank you for submitting!

Yearbook
Snap on a
Computer

1. Visit YearbookForever.com. Search for Ferndale High School, WA.
2. Enter the code: Ferndale2025 (case sensitive).
3. Click "this photo is a portrait".
4. Enter the name of the student in the photo
5. Describe the photo in the notes—i.e, senior portrait, brunette in front of tree.
6. Enter your contact info and you're done! Thank you for submitting!

Jostens Senior Week Savings

Oct. 16th to Oct. 30th

- Free shipping on all products
- Receive a \$20 savings on your cap and gown
- Receive \$40 off when ordering your ring. Promo Code RING40
- Be guaranteed the official graduation announcement
- Updated Link available on Counselor Corner Canvas Oct. 21st

Goals for this Presentation

➤ Senior Year Planning

- HSBP/School Links
- Timeline for this year
- Jobs/Resume
- Apprenticeships
- Military Programs
- College Admissions (2- and 4-year)
- Financial Aid (FAFSA/WASFA)

➤ Check out the Career Center

➤ Check out Counselor's Corner on Canvas



TIMELINE OF SENIOR YEAR: WHAT TO EXPECT & WHEN

➤ September

- Meet with your counselor to discuss credits and post-grad plans

➤ October


- Start 4-year College Applications (Common App)
- Update School Links (new platform for HSBP)

➤ November

- Early Action Apps Due!
- Update academic resume for scholarships

➤ December

- Dec 1st – Financial Aid application opens (FAFSA)
- Complete College Applications by specific deadlines
- Begin to search and apply for scholarships



*Be sure to
check out the
SENIOR MANUAL
for a more detailed
to-do list and timeline
for your specific
pathway!*

TIMELINE CONTINUED...

➤ January

- Financial Aid Completion Event – Jan 23rd, 5:30-8:30 at FHS
- Check Career Center for Scholarships!
- Pass classes & build employment skills!

➤ Feb - March

- Continue searching and applying for scholarships!
- Apply to Community or Tech Schools
- Meet with Recruiters and connect with Employers

➤ April

- SBA Math & ELA Tests (or Grad Pathway Check)

➤ May

- Acceptance letters! Final decisions!
- Recognition Night!
- Sign Final Transcript Form!
- Notify counselor of post-high school plans (senior survey)!

➤ June → GRADUATE!!! 😊

HSBP (SCHOOL LINKS)

1. WA State Graduation Requirement
2. Helps your counselors connect you with resources and opportunities that align with your goals

- ☐ CAREER INTERESTS
- ☐ PLANS AFTER GRADUATION
- ☐ PREFERRED COLLEGES & AREAS OF STUDY



**High School
& Beyond Plan**

MAJOR SENIOR RESOURCE!

**Career
Center
Room 123**



FHS Career Center

Who uses the Career Center?

ALL FHS STUDENTS! 😊

- Check it out if you need more information on:
 - Volunteer, Apprenticeship, & Internship Opportunities
 - Jobs for students (includes specific certifications – Ex: Food Handlers)
 - Career Research (with and without college path)
 - Resume Building Help (Cover Letters, Interview Tips, etc.)
 - College (Applications, College Essays)
 - [Application guide for first-year students \(commonapp.org\)](#)
 - [Results of Your College Search - BigFuture | College Board](#)
 - Financial Aid, Local & National Scholarships Lists + Tips/Tricks
 - Local: Whatcom Community Foundation (January)
 - National: Compiling a One-Stop Shop Page
- Campus Visits, Field Trips, & Activities
- Colleges and military reps coming in person to FHS

WORK FORCE PATHWAY

- What you can do right now...
 - Take classes that support your workforce goals
 - Create/Update resume
 - Sign up for any career path related events that will expose you to different types of jobs available after you graduate
 - Apply to as many places as possible
 - Applications can be found online OR In person
 - Talk to loved ones and local professionals about their experiences
 - Don't get discouraged! Keep going! Ask for help!
Michaela.hall@ferndalesd.org

Apprenticeship & Internship Programs

Apprenticeships

- 1-2 years, learn specific trade skills, compensated, earn a certificate/license in the field, high chance of immediate employment
- Careers: Building, Construction, Manufacturing, Machine, IT, Healthcare, Service, Body Art, and Support
- Typically, 18+ with HS Degree/GED

Internships

- Temporary or seasonal (3-6 months), help you learn more about a general industry role or company, typically not compensated
- Careers: Marketing/Sales, Finance, Communications, HR, Social Work, Sports Med
- Typically 16+

Military

- US Air Force
- US Navy
- US Army
- US Marines Corps
- US Coast Guard
- National Guard
 - Representatives will be visiting throughout the year
 - Visit the Career Center to see who is coming when.

Contact local recruiters to learn more!

See Michaela for complete contact list

Community & Tech College

➤ WHY?

- Financially more accessible
- Specific training / certification
- 2-year programs
- Smaller class sizes
- Local options
- Can be used to start 4-Year Degree!
- OPEN ACCESS & ROLLING ENROLLMENT



34 Comm +
Tech
Schools in
WA

Community & Tech College

- One application to apply to all!

<https://apply.ctc.edu/user>

- Some have application fees
- If you are enrolled in Running Start, you will need to re-apply as a college student

*All seniors will complete applications for CC or Tech during Eagle Time, or During English Class

4-Year University

WHY?

- More advanced degree options
- Campus Life
- WAGAP

Things to Consider:

- Apply to 3-5 colleges (reach, target, safety)
- Location/size (Urban? Rural? Community Demographics?)
- Educational Programs (do they offer your major/interest?)
- Athletics
- Private vs Public
- Religious Affiliations
- Academic Fit (GPA/test scores)
- Cost!
- **College Search Tool:**

[College Search CollegeBoard](#)

[Princeton Review College Search](#)

Reach

- Academically challenging – you may not quite fit the college's academic profile
- Selective admissions
- Potentially high cost of attendance

Target

- Likely to be admitted based on your academic profile
- You would be happy attending that college
- Would not be financially overwhelming to attend

Safety

- You are almost certain to be admitted
- You would be happy and get a good education there
- Affordable with reasonable effort

College Admissions 2025

College Admissions Counselors will use a holistic review of your high school career, including GPA, course rigor, extra curricular activities, and community engagement! (It's not all about grades!)

*** ALL WASHINGTON SCHOOLS ARE USING THE COMMON APP**

WA STATE MINIMUM COLLEGE ADMISSIONS (CADR)

ENGLISH

4.0 CREDITS

MATH

Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2
Senior Year Math-Based Quantitative Course

3.0 CREDITS

SCIENCE

Some require Chemistry or Physics (WWU)

2.0 (LAB)

SOCIAL SCIENCES

3.0 CREDITS

WORLD LANGUAGE

(consecutive & same)

2.0 CREDITS

FINE ARTS

1.0 CREDIT

GUARANTEED ADMISSION WAGAP

WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

3.0 GPA AND CADRs

- ✓ Central Washington University
- ✓ Eastern Washington University
- ✓ The Evergreen State College
- ✓ University of Washington Tacoma
- ✓ Washington State University
- ✓ Western Washington University

*These Colleges will each send letters to eligible students

4 Year College Applications



- College Website
 - Create user account
- **Common Application**
 - Open an account at: <https://commonapp.org>
 - Check for specific supplements
- If you need admissions fee waiver, ask your counselor
- **CHECK DEADLINES!**

College Application Essay

- Varies by college, so be sure to check their website
- Write to the prompt: Be honest, be yourself, share your unique story. You are special! 😊
- **Draft, Draft, Redraft**
- Have outside sources proofread for you (teacher, counselor, parent/guardian, mentor, etc.)



Letters of Recommendation

- Varies by college! Check website or Common App to see if your specific schools require any letters or rec
- Complete a '*Request for Letter of Recommendation Form*'
 - Available on Counselor's Corner Canvas Page
- Think about who can best write about your academic journey, activities, and abilities. Give form to each recommender.
 - Provide a minimum of 3 weeks to write the letter!
- **For the Common App:**
 - Invite two teachers to write letters.
 - Invite counselor to complete student recommendation
 - Ask before you send them an email invitation!

College Entrance Exams

- All Washington State Public Colleges (and most Independent colleges) are **test-optional or test-blind**

- **SAT**

Reasoning Assessment (Critical Reading, Math & Writing)

- **ACT**

Curriculum Based (English, Math, Reading & Science)

Scores: Must be sent directly from the ACT/SAT websites at time of registration.

- Fee waivers available. Ask your counselor!

Transcripts

- Request official and unofficial transcripts on the FHS Counselor's Corner Canvas Page or in the Counseling Office through Mrs. Ruud –

Stephanie.Ruud@ferndalesd.org

- Allow 3+ days for processing

- All fines must be paid.



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Inter
FOR COLLEGE A

COUNSELING OFFICE
BOX 428
ALE, WA 98248
(360) 383-9642

CONSENT FOR EXCHANGE

Name _____

Birth date _____

Contact (your phone/e-mail) _____

I authorize Ferndale High School to **release** the

1) College name: _____

Admission Email: _____

2) College name: _____

Admission Email: _____

Student name: _____



Financial Aid

FAFSA/WASFA

Which one?

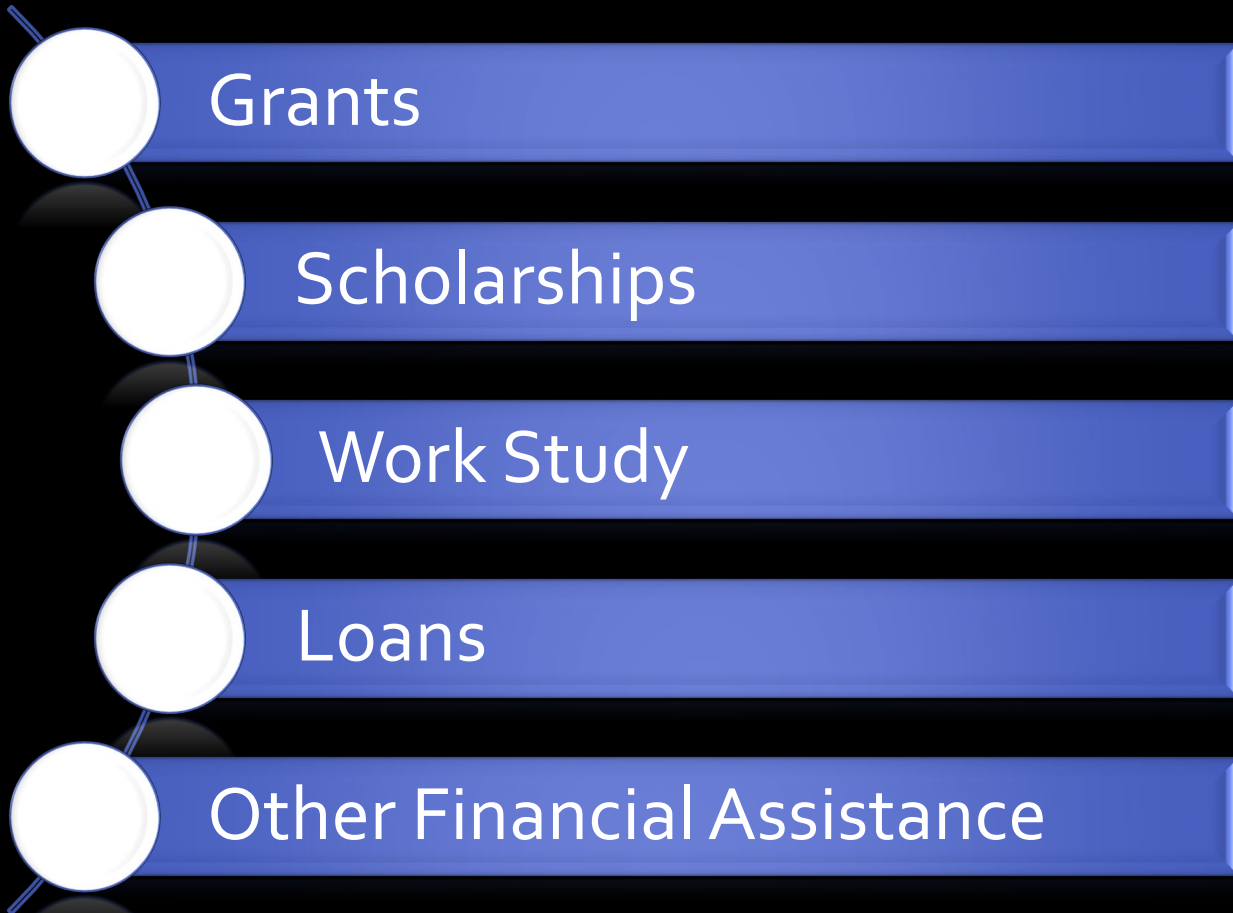
- [WASFA Questionnaire | WSAC](#)

Why?

- To qualify for Grants and Scholarships!
- To get low-interest, forgivable federal loans
- Schools can put together a personalized FA package for you

What is Financial Aid?

Money to help pay for college costs...



FAFSA/WASFA

FAFSA Step 1: Create an FSA ID for yourself & guardians ([Create Account | Federal Student Aid](#))

WASFA Step 1: Create an Account! ([WASFA \(Washington Application for State Financial Aid\) | WSAC](#))

Financial Aid Completion Event!

For all Seniors wanting to start/complete their FA applications (FAFSA or WASFA). Please bring your school or personal device, a charger, parents/guardians, a SSN (if you have one), and a personal email address. There will be many FA specialist in attendance to help everyone complete their applications. Additionally, Spanish interpreters will be available. Dinner will also be provided!

- When: Thurs, Jan 23rd
- Time: 5:30-8:30 PM
- Where: FHS Commons

Register Here: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0F48AAAB2FA0F5C61-50940620-financial>

Better FAFSA/WAFSA 2024

More eligibility

- Larger average Pell awards.
- More students eligible for Pell.
- Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is now Student Aid Index (SAI), which more accurately reflects students' costs and financial need.

Simpler application

- Fewer questions on form.
- People only see and respond to questions for their specific role (e.g., student, parent).
- With direct connection to IRS, families don't need to enter income info manually. (Note, tax filing not required to submit a FAFSA application.)

Adjusted timeline

- 2024-25 application opening delayed until December 2023.
- Check with your college to see if other deadlines are impacted (admissions applications, scholarships).

What about WASFA?

- The Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) will open at the same time as the FAFSA.
- The WASFA is also improving, with fewer questions and a simpler form.
- Complete only one application: FAFSA or WASFA. Most people should file a FAFSA to maximize financial aid.
- The WASFA is for people who are undocumented or who do not qualify for federal financial aid, and may be used by others in limited circumstances.

Scholarships



- **Merit Based vs. Income Based**
- The WashBoard: www.thewashboard.org
- College Board: [Search for Scholarships – BigFuture | College Board](#)
- Gear Up Washington State: [Scholarships | GEAR UP \(wa.gov\)](#)
- Washington State Opportunity Scholarship: [Washington State Opportunity Scholarship - Washington State Opportunity Scholarship \(waopportunityscholarship.org\)](#)
- Whatcom Community Foundation (January 2025)
- Check FHS Career Center and Counselor Corner CANVAS for updates
 - One-Stop Shop for Scholarships (Local, State, & National): [Senior Scholarship Document](#)

USE YOUR RESOURCES!

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!!!! 😊

➤ FHS Counselor's Corner

➤ Senior Manual

➤ PowerPoint



What is the Senior Manual?

➤ Document for you that includes all the information from this presentation.

- Available on FHS Counselor's Corner!

➤ Calendar of events

➤ To-Do Lists

➤ Links

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IS COUNSELING CENTER CONTACTS.....

INFORMATION ROAD MAP.....

START STRONG!

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Minimum College Admission Standards.....

SAT/ACT Testing Dates & SAT PREP.....

What Do Colleges Look For?

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE).....

WORK / APPRENTICESHIP/ JOB CORPS/ M

Senior Year To Do List.....

Work.....

Apprenticeship Programs

Job Corps.....

Military Services

Dates to Remember!!!

- ✓ Oct 16th – 30th: Jostens Week
- ✓ Nov 1st: Senior Pictures Due
- ✓ Nov 15th: ASVAB #1
- ✓ Dec 1st: FAFSA Opens (WASFA already open)
- ✓ Jan 23rd: Financial Aid Completion Event
- ✓ Jan 27th: ASVAB #2
- ✓ Feb 19th: Dual Credit Night
- ✓ March 25th: ASVAB #3





Enjoy the journey
ONE STEP AT A TIME