



# **JUNIOR MEETING PACKET**

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**Class of 2026**

# **Barnegat High School**

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Check out the [BHS Counseling web page](#). Helpful links are provided for colleges, test preparation, career information, financial aid, and more. Also, all of our Counseling Department annual presentations including Senior College Planning and Financial Aid can be found on our website.

# Graduation Requirements - 3 Main Components

## 1. Credit Requirements for Graduation

The following coursework is required to receive a High School Diploma:

Subject	Credits	See next page for more details.
English	20	
PE/Health	20	
Mathematics	15	
Science	15	
History	15	
World Language	5	
Visual/Performing Art	5	
Career/Technical Art	5	
Financial Literacy	2.5	

In addition to the required courses, a student's total earned credits upon high school completion must be at least 120.

## 2. Assessment Requirements

Please note: **NJDOE has not yet released testing requirements for Class of 2026.**

Listed below are the requirements for Class of 2025:

	ELA	Mathematics
<b>First Pathway:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA) — ELA <math>\geq 725</math> (Graduation Ready)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA) — Mathematics <math>\geq 725</math> (Graduation Ready)</li> </ul>
<b>Second Pathway:</b>	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACT Reading <math>\geq 17</math></li> <li>ACCUPLACER WritePlacer <math>\geq 5</math></li> <li>ACCUPLACER WritePlacer ESL <math>\geq 4</math></li> <li>PSAT10 Evidence Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) <math>\geq 420</math></li> <li>PSAT10 Reading <math>\geq 21</math></li> <li>PSAT/NMSQT EBRW <math>\geq 420</math></li> <li>PSAT/NMSQT Reading <math>\geq 21</math></li> <li>SAT EBRW <math>\geq 450</math></li> <li>SAT Reading <math>\geq 23</math></li> </ul>	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACT Math <math>\geq 17</math></li> <li>ACCUPLACER Elementary Algebra <math>\geq 49</math></li> <li>Accuplacer Next-Generation QAS <math>\geq 250</math></li> <li>PSAT10 Math Section of PSAT/NMSQT Math Section <math>\geq 420</math></li> <li>PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math <math>\geq 21</math></li> <li>SAT Math Section <math>\geq 440</math></li> <li>SAT Math Test <math>\geq 22</math></li> </ul>
<b>Third Pathway:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal for ELA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal for Math</li> </ul>

## 3. Complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

- Beginning with Class of 2025, FAFSA completion is required for graduation.
  - A waiver may be possible. See your counselor for more information.

# Coursework Graduation Requirements

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

## **20 credits in English Language Arts:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ English 1 (5 credits) - 9th grade
- \_\_\_\_\_ English 2 (5 credits) - 10th grade
- \_\_\_\_\_ English 3 (5 credits) - 11th grade
- \_\_\_\_\_ English 4 (5 credits) - 12th grade

## **15 credits in Mathematics:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Algebra 1 (5 credits) - 9th grade
- \_\_\_\_\_ Geometry (5 credits) - 10th grade
- \_\_\_\_\_ Math - Year 3 (5 credits)

Options: Bridge to Advanced Algebra, Algebra 2

\*Students who enter HS at higher math level may progress to Trigonometry/PreCalculus, Calculus, AP Calculus, AP Statistics

## **15 credits in Science:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Biology (5 credits) - 9th grade
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chemistry (5 credits) - 10th grade
- \_\_\_\_\_ Science - Year 3 (5 credits)

Options: Environmental Science, Physics, Anatomy & Physiology, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics

## **20 credits in Health/Physical Education:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Physical Education 9/Health 9
- \_\_\_\_\_ Physical Education 10/Drivers Theory
- \_\_\_\_\_ Physical Education 11/Health 11
- \_\_\_\_\_ Physical Education 12/Health 12

## **15 credits in History:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ World History - 9th grade
- \_\_\_\_\_ US History I - 10th grade
- \_\_\_\_\_ US History II - 11th grade

## **Total Credits:**

9th grade \_\_\_\_\_

10th grade \_\_\_\_\_

11th grade \_\_\_\_\_

12th grade \_\_\_\_\_

## **17.5 credits in World Language/Electives:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ World Language (5 credits)  
Options: Spanish or French
- \_\_\_\_\_ Visual/Performing Arts (5 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Career/Technology (5 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Financial Literacy (2.5 credits)

**17.5 credits of additional Electives** - See [Program of Studies](#)

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_ (must be at least 120)

# **Post-Secondary Options**

## **Undecided?**

If you're not sure what you want to do after graduation, start with [Naviance](#).

- Self-Discovery section
  - Contains a variety of personality and interest inventories to help direct you towards future careers that may interest you
- Careers Section
  - Allows you to search for more information on a variety of careers. Information can include required studies/degrees, job outlook, daily tasks, average salaries, and more.

## **Military**

- Branches
  - [Army](#)
  - [Navy](#)
  - [Marines](#)
  - [Air Force](#)
  - [Coast Guard](#)
- [ASVAB](#): Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery
  - [ASVABpracticetests.com](#)
  - More Information about ASVAB and score requirements at [military.com](#)
- Explore your options, learn about each branch, and make an informed decision
  - [Choosing the right military branch](#) example guide
- Speak with a recruiter about your options
  - [Example Questions to ask your recruiter](#)

## **Vocational/Technical Programs**

- [Ocean County Vocational Technical School](#)
  - [Admissions Information](#)
  - Offers accelerated 10 month programs and part time, 2 year programs
- There are a number of other vocational and technical programs available
  - Here is some helpful information about [choosing vocational programs](#)

## **Entering the Workforce**

Do you have a job lined up?

- [New Jersey Department of Labor - Office of Apprenticeship](#) - Matches career-seekers with apprenticeships so you can earn while you learn
- [New Jersey Department of Labor - Career Services](#) - Resources specific for NJ job-seekers
- [Ocean County One-Stop Career Center](#) - Ocean County resources for individuals seeking employment and assistance

## **College: 2-year and 4-year**

More information on next page

# College and Career Planning

- [Naviance](#) - Online college and career research tool to help with post-graduation planning; all BHS students have access.
  - USERNAME: Barnegat email address
  - PASSWORD: temporary password was emailed to you; use Reset Password tool if necessary
  - “Colleges” Section
    - College Search using “SuperMatch”
      - Discover colleges of interest based on criteria such as location, size, major, campus setting, etc.
    - Indicate colleges that you are interested in “Colleges I’m Thinking About”
    - Upcoming college representative visits under “College Visits”
    - “College Events” provides filtered search for upcoming tours and open houses
  - “Self Discovery” section
    - Complete interest and personality inventories to help you discover potential careers and majors
    - Explore career options based on results of Self Discovery Assessments
- Visit our web page for a variety of helpful college and career resources and sites
- View our [College Planning Presentation](#) for more information regarding colleges, careers, and financial aid
- College Visits are an important step in choosing colleges
  - College visits are an Excused Absence (must present paperwork proving you went to a college visit to Attendance Office)
  - Click the link to access a guide to prepare you for [visiting campuses](#).
- College representatives visit BHS throughout the school year. All students are welcome to meet with College Admission representatives in the cafeteria during lunches. List of college visits will be available on the Counseling website and on the bulletin board near the Attendance Office.

# **Ocean County College**

## **Advantages to attending OCC**

- Cheaper tuition.
- Close to home.
- No essay, Letters of Recommendation, or test scores (SAT) required
- “Clean slate”: Chance to develop a stronger transcript for transferring to a 4 year college.
- Opportunity to participate in athletics / activities

## **Pathways program**

- College 101- Reps from OCC will visit BHS to meet with Seniors in English and/or PE classes to discuss opportunities through OCC in the Fall.
- Opportunity to visit OCC Manahawkin in the Fall.
- Express Enrollment Day for seniors definitely attending OCC in May.

## **NJSTARS**

- Students who rank in the top 15% of their class at the end of junior year or senior year are eligible.
- Free tuition for the Associates Degree, up to five semesters. Does not apply to summer courses.
- GPA of 3.0 must be maintained to keep eligibility.
- [NJSTARS II](#) program can pay an additional \$1250 per semester upon transfer to NJ state school.

## **Early College @ OCC**

- Earn college credits taking OCC courses while still in high school.
- Reduced tuition rate
- Flexible scheduling options: main campus, SEC, Hybrid Flex, Online
- Extensive course options: [General Education courses approved for Early College](#)
- View [OCC's tutorial video](#) on how to register yourself for classes.
- Potential for high school credit through Option 2.

## **Transferring to 4-year college**

- For students who earn an Associates Degree at OCC, credits earned are guaranteed to transfer to any 4-year public NJ state university.
- Most colleges will accept credits earned at OCC.
- Students are encouraged to speak with receiving institution regarding their policy on accepting transfer credit.
- Check [njtransfer.org](http://njtransfer.org) for information regarding transferring credits and colleges' acceptance policies.

## Testing Dates & Deadlines

**Fee waivers** are available for students who meet [eligibility requirements for free or reduced lunch](#). Complete Barnegat Township School District's [online free/reduced meal application](#) to determine eligibility for testing fee waivers.

### SAT

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

College Board High School Code: **310062**

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline**
Mar 8, 2025	Feb 21, 2025	Feb 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025

\*\*Late fees apply after first registration deadline.

**Anticipated dates for SY 25-26:**

Aug 23, 2025	
Sept 13, 2025	
Oct 4, 2025	
SAT School Day TBD	Offered at BHS; Registration through BHS
Nov 8, 2025	
Dec 6, 2025	

- SAT is administered in-person, via computer.
- Students will use their Barnegat-issued Chromebook, and College Board's [Bluebook App](#).
  - Bluebook App is already installed and available on your Barnegat Chromebook in testing menu.
- Students currently have access to [test preparation resources](#) through Bluebook.
- When taking SAT at another location, students must bring their Chromebook and student ID.
- BHS may be a location for certain SAT weekend dates; dates to be determined.

### ACT

Register at [actstudent.org](https://actstudent.org)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline*
Feb 8, 2025	Jan 3, 2025	Jan 20, 2025
April 5, 2025	Feb 28, 2025	March 16, 2025
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025
July 12, 2025	June 6, 2025	June 20, 2025

\*Late fees apply after first registration deadline

### ASVAB

**Spring 2025 Date TBD**

- 7:15 in BHS Media Center
- Register in the Counseling Office
- \*ASVAB can be scheduled and taken through appropriate Military branch as well



## **4 Year College Admission Considerations**

### **What are Colleges considering?**

- Transcript
- Grades / Overall GPA
- Rigor of courses
- SAT / ACT scores
- Essay
- Letters of Recommendation
- Volunteer Work
- Demonstrated interest (BHS visits, tours)
- Activities and leadership positions
- Personal Accomplishments
- Resume
- School Profile
- Community Involvement

## **Student Athletes**

If you want to play sports at a Division I or Division II college, you MUST register with the [NCAA Eligibility Center](#).

- Test scores must be reported to the eligibility center from either ACT or SAT using code 9999.
- Students must submit a Transcript Request Form to their counselor for the Eligibility Center.

### **Other Things You Can Do**

- Make a sports resume reflecting your athletic achievements and stats
- Ask your high school coach to write you a letter of recommendation or to contact college coaches on your behalf
- Make contact with the coach at every college you are interested in attending (contact information is easily found on college websites)
- Email your resume and current athletic schedule to the college coach
- Try to arrange an unofficial/official visit at the college

Visit NCAA's page for more [information for future student-athletes](#).

# **General Timeline for College Planning**

## **JUNIOR YEAR**

### **Spring:**

- Register and/or prepare for spring/summer SAT
- Maintain your list of 'Colleges I'm Thinking About' on Naviance
  - College Supermatch tool is an excellent way to find colleges that match your preferences
- Use Career and Personality Assessments in Naviance to help determine future career goals
- Attend college fairs
- Take tours / attend open houses at colleges of interest
  - Check with college websites to see if they will offer these events in person
- Think about teachers you might ask for Letters of Recommendation

### **Summer:**

- Continue visiting colleges
- Create a resume of all activities, work and volunteer experiences (Naviance: 'About Me' -> 'Resume')
- Open communication lines with colleges regarding sports and special activities (i.e. music, drama)
- Register and prepare for August/October SAT/ACT
- Continue to refine college list on Naviance
- Gather documents for financial aid - class of 2026 will use 2024 tax returns
- Begin applications! Typically open about August 1. [Common App](#) is a great place to start.

## **SENIOR YEAR**

### **Fall:**

- Senior meeting with counselor
  - Credit/graduation review
  - Finalize college planning
  - College application process
- Continue/finalize applications
  - Be aware of deadlines, especially if considering early action/early decision
- Talk with at least two teachers to ask them to write a Letter of Recommendation for you
  - Officially request Letters of Recommendation through Naviance
  - Fill out Counseling and Teacher Recommendation Forms
- Link Common App with Naviance account
- Complete FAFSA (scheduled to open Oct. 1)
- Send official SAT score reports to colleges through College Board account
- Visit with college admissions reps in BHS cafeteria (list posted on Naviance and in Counseling office)
- Attend college fairs (College Night at Jersey Shore in Toms River in October)
- Visit college campuses if you have not already done so