

PRAIRIE VIEW HIGH
SCHOOL

Class of 2026
Senior Parent Night

Overview

- Welcome (Principal, Mr. Shelton)
- Senior Meetings, Graduation Requirements, Postsecondary Planning and Support (Counseling Staff: Mrs. Hicks and Ms. Zelkin)
- Important Senior Information on Graduation (Class of 2026 Sponsor, Ms. Schneider)

Senior Meetings

Happening Now! (Started Sept 9th)

All seniors are pre-scheduled for their 20 minute, one-on-one, meeting with their counselor.

We cover the following::

- Graduation Status (including Credit Recovery courses needed, if applicable)
- Demonstration Status
- Community Service
- Next steps for post-secondary plans
- Important Dates and Events

Follow-up emails to parents will be sent to parents/students after each meeting. Students will need to contact counselor to reschedule if they miss their meeting.

Graduation Requirements

2 Credit Completion

Students must complete a minimum of 46 credits.

| Subject Area | # |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| English Language Arts | 8 |
| Math | 6 |
| Science | 6 |
| History | 4 |
| Economics | 1 |
| Political Science | 1 |
| Health | 1 |
| Physical Education | 2 |
| Career & Technical Education | 2 |
| Humanities | 2 |
| Electives | 13 |
| Graduation Total | 46 |

3 College/Career Demonstration

Students must complete one measure of college and career readiness in English and one in Math.

| Demonstration | English | Math |
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| SAT All students must take the SAT | 470 Minimum score for competency | 500 Minimum score for competency |
| AP Classes Advanced Placement | 2 Minimum score in Eligible AP Courses | 2 Minimum score in Eligible AP Courses |
| Concurrent Enrollment College Course | Passing Grade in Eligible College-Level Course | Passing Grade in Eligible College-Level Course |
| Industry Certificate | Industry Certificate completion Fulfills both Math & English career readiness demonstrations. | |
| Pathway Completion | Pathway completion Fulfills both Math & English career readiness demonstrations. | |
| ASVAB Military Service Exam | 31 Minimum AFQT score fulfills both Math and English career readiness demonstrations. | |

4 Community Service

Students must complete 20 hours of community service as part of the graduation requirements.

*Fine Arts, Performing Arts, World Languages, Academic elective courses may be counted as Humanities credits.

*Up to 2 physical education credits may be awarded for successful completion of a CHSAA-approved sport or participation in Marching Band.

*Any course completed that does not count for subject area requirements listed above is considered an Elective Credit course.

Demonstrations

If one or both of the English and Math Demonstrations have not yet been met, your senior will be advised on other options for meeting demonstration requirements. Their counselor will provide them with more information.

Community Service Requirement

All PVHS graduates must have a minimum of five hours of community service for EACH year at PVHS. Service can be either volunteer or experiential e.g. job shadowing. We expended what we can accept, starting with this class. Make sure it is something that they are not receiving payment for!!

Some students complete these at PVHS during the school year during off periods or lunch hours. Opportunity and ideas are posted in Google Classroom.

Post-secondary Planning

Planning for the Future!!

We're in this together.

Postsecondary Support

September - One-on-one Senior Meetings

September 24th - Financial Aid Parent Presentation at PVHS , 6:30-8pm

Sept 23rd - Oct 7th- Application Workshops in Counseling Career Center During Both Lunches

October 1st - FAFSA Application Opens

October 7th, 8th, and 9th - Colorado's Free College Application Week (Submit applications to Colorado public institutions for FREE these days!!)

November 13th - FAFSA Assistance Workshop at PVHS from 5:30-7pm (one-on-one help)

Ongoing - College Visits and College Fairs (posted to Google Classrooms)

Application Deadline Definitions

Students are encouraged to complete applications for any four year colleges/universities before November 1st!!! For Colorado public institutions, apply for free Oct 7th-9th.

Application deadline definitions:

Early Action (non-binding) - *Students encouraged to apply by this deadline*

Rolling Admission - *can apply anytime*

Early Decision (legally binding contract!!!) - *Not common, used with elite colleges only - students must speak with your counselor before applying this way!!*

Naviance

Naviance is the system we use for college and career exploration at PVHS. It is also the only program we use for students to have their transcripts and letters of recommendations sent to colleges.

Students must know how to use Naviance to request their transcripts/letters of recommendations. Instructions given during senior meetings and included in follow-up emails.

Letters of Recommendation

If you DO need a letter:

- Determine how many and who they need to come from
- Determine deadline and plan ahead. (Teachers should have a minimum of two weeks to write your letter!!)
 - Complete a BRAG SHEET
 - Complete your resume
 - Complete the Letter of Recommendation Info Sheet
- Ask your teacher IN PERSON and give them a copy of your Brag Sheet and the Info Sheet so they know which colleges to send to.
- Add this teacher to Naviance as one of your recommenders.

College Entrance Testing (SAT / ACT)

- All Colorado Institutions are currently “Test Optional”
- If scores are required for out-of-state college, students must send scores through CollegeBoard.com (scores not on PVHS transcripts)
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- Some more selective schools will require scores
- Scholarships may require scores
- Sometimes it may still be good to submit scores...it depends

College Entrance Testing (SAT / ACT)

If your student needs to take another SAT (or ACT) test.

SAT

- Register at [Collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)
- Test dates: 10/4, 11/8, 12/6, 3/14, 5/2

ACT

- Register at [ACT.org](https://act.org)
- Test dates: 10/18, 12/13, 2/14, 4/11

Financial Aid / FAFSA

FAFSA application changed last year

FAFSA will open on October 1st this year

Attend PVHS Financial Aid Night - Sept 24th from 6:30-8pm

FAFSA completion workshops are offered at all 27J high schools - PVHS will host this on November 13th from 5:30-7pm in the Commons

Studentaid.gov - FAFSA website

Scholarships

- Can start exploring options now, but focus on college applications first
- Scholarship Group will start end of October - during Advisory
- LOCAL scholarships get posted to Advisory Google Classrooms and sent out in emails to students/parents in the Spring (many local ones typically do not open until Spring)

Scholarships - Where else to look:

- Colleges' websites - specific merit-based scholarships. *(These are typically automatic awards for attending if you meet specific GPA and test score requirements.)*
- Scholarships | Brighton Colorado - www.brightonco.gov/1034/scholarships (also sent out via email when these open)
- Employers - parents' employers or your own place of employment
- Churches, non-profit organizations, military family benefits, large companies
- National Search Engines: www.fastweb.com, cappex.com, finaid.org

Military: Enlistment Options

- Recruiters do come to PVHS during lunches
- Counselors encourage students to include parents in conversation, have parents join when visiting recruitment offices, and explore all branches (career opportunities vary)
- ASVAB testing available twice a semester - sign up in advance through Google Classroom
 - Study! Minimum scores required
 - www.asvabpracticetestonline.com
 - *ASVAB for Dummies* - available on Amazon
- Military Requirements
 - Most, if not all, branches of military require High School Diploma and physical fitness requirements
- Academy Appointments/ROTC Scholarships - Lengthy process and already should have started!

EMPLOYMENT

Resumes

Seniors encouraged to update these - activity during Advisory
Clean up social media accounts for prospective employers

Apprenticeships / Workforce

CTE instructors can be helpful in advising on pathways

[Colorado Apprenticeships](#)

[Government Apprenticeship Site](#)

All Things Senior to Celebrate

- **September 11-12 - Jostens in Front Lobby**
- Cap & Gown Ordered No Later than December 31st
- **October 31 - Senior Pics Due for Yearbook**
- November 1 -Last day for Baby Ads Discount
- **November 19 - Last day for Baby Ads**
- Prom - May 9- Details
- **Senior Last Day of Class - May 22**
- Senior Events Day - May 29
 - Graduation Rehearsal* 9:00am
 - Check Out/Yearbook* 10:00 am - 12:30 pm
 - Black, Gold & Beyond 1:30 pm - 3:15 pm
 - Moving Up 3:30 pm - 4:00pm
 - Car Parade 7:00pm
 - Fireworks 8:00pm

**Senior Fact
Sheet**
Important Links
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But Wait...There's More

Graduation

Monday, June 1st

Blue Arena

5290 Arena Cir, Loveland, CO 80538

Students arrive **no later than Noon**

Ceremony begins at 1:00pm

Cap & Gown Information

- Gowns are all Black (no striping or other details)
- Caps are printed with PVHS logo which must be viewable
- Tassels are black & gold
- Medal is gold metal with gold ribbon
- Academic & Activity Stoles/Cords/Pins provided by PVHS are presented to students by the awarding teacher/organization
- Any Stole, Cord or Pin that a student would like to wear for cultural significance, must be approved by **May 29 by Mr. Shelton**. Unapproved items will not be allowed during the ceremony
- No adornments can include cash money as part of the decoration

EXIT SURVEY

Thank you for your feedback!

