

College Planning



Junior and Senior Year Timeline

Graduation Requirements

22 Credits & 5 Regents exams

4 years of English

4 years of social studies

3 years of math

3 years of science

1 year of art, music, or DDP

1 year of Spanish

Health class

PE

Regents Exams and Diploma Types

Regents

*a minimum score of 65 on the following Regents examinations (5 exams total):

- ELA
- one math exam (Algebra, Geometry, etc.)
- one science exam (Living Environment, Earth Science, Chemistry, etc.)
- one social studies exam (Global Studies or U.S. History)
- one additional exam in math, science, or social studies

Advanced Regents

*a minimum score of 65 on the following Regents examinations (8 exams total), plus complete a sequence in Foreign Language, BOCES program, or art:

- ELA
- three math exams (Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2)
- two or three science exams (Living Environment, Earth Science, Chemistry, or Physics)
- one or two social studies exams (Global Studies, U.S. History)

**must have a total of 8 exams from the list above

Special diploma endorsements

- Honors: A student earns a computed average of at least 90 on the Regents examinations applicable to either a Regents diploma or a Regents diploma with advanced designation. No more than 2 Department approved alternatives can be substituted for Regents examinations. The locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE examination is not included in the calculation.
- Mastery in Math and/or Science: A student meets all the requirements for a Regents diploma with advanced designation AND earns a score of 85 or better on 3 math Regents examinations and/or 3 science Regents examinations.
- Technical Endorsement: A student meets the requirements for either a local diploma, a Regents diploma or a Regents diploma with advanced designation AND successfully completes a Department approved CTE program including the 3- part technical assessment.

Graduation Status and Diploma Type



*Please make sure you know and understand the diploma you will be receiving in June. There are many ways to earn a diploma, so double check that you have completed all requirements and passed all Regents exams.

- Regents diploma
- Advanced Regents diploma
- Honors diploma (average of 90 or above on exams)
- With Mastery in Math and/or Science (score of 85 or higher on all qualifying exams)
- Overall GPA
- Class rank

Junior Year

- Overall high school performance is the key to college admission, but the colleges look specifically at the junior year because it is the best predictor of how you will perform in college.
- After looking at your cumulative GPA, many colleges will immediately focus on two things on your transcript:
 - * junior and senior year grades
 - * the degree of difficulty of your courses
- College and career exploration is in full swing. College visits should be planned.
- Students should take college admissions tests (SAT, ACT) by May or June. Also take the PSAT in October.
- Stay involved in school activities.

3-1-3 Program

The 3-1-3 Program at Fredonia State is a time-shortened degree program during which students spend their senior year in both **high school** and **college**.

February 2026 Zoom link available.



Senior Year

- The senior year is extremely busy with the college admissions process, financial aid, and scholarship applications.
- Deadlines are crucial. There will be many this year, so make a list.
- The senior year courses should be challenging, and it is critical to maintain good grades.
- Testing - SAT or ACT
 - October SAT registration deadline is Sept. 19
 - October ACT registration deadline is Sept. 12
- Stay involved with school activities and community service.
- Attend Open Houses!



College Application Process

- Make a list of 3-5 colleges that offer your major.
- Apply to colleges using the Common Application or the SUNY application. If you are unsure of what application to use, visit your college's website. Free SUNY application week is Oct. 20- Nov. 3. (apply up to 5 schools)
- Check application deadlines. For specific majors, application deadlines can be as early as November 1st.
- Tell Ms. Hazelton where you have applied so she can send your transcript.



College Visits

Check your college's website for virtual tours or schedule a zoom meeting with an admissions representative.

Upcoming school visits:

Brockport - Sept. 25 - 8:00 am

College Consortium - Sept. 24 from 8:30 - 9:15 in the cafeteria

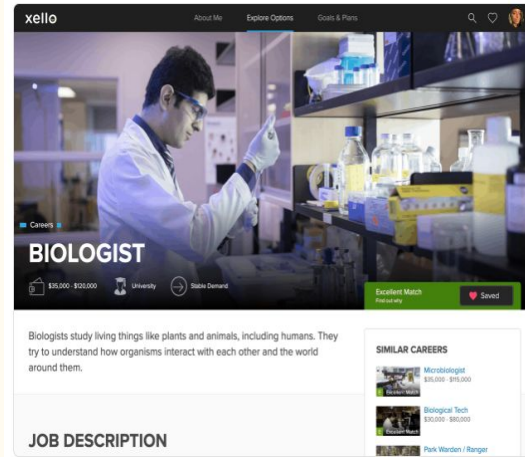
UB - Oct. 1 - 12:15 pm

Xello - College and Career Searching

All students have access to Xello and the link to begin your search is located on our homepage (forestville.com). Xello is college and career planning software. It easily prepares students for future success with an engaging program that builds self-knowledge, personalized plans, and critical life skills.

- Do you need help finding a major?
- Do you need help searching for a career?
- Do you need help finding a college that offers your major?

Xello can help!



EXPLORE OPTIONS

Vibrant Career and College Profiles

Students explore hundreds of career and college options that align with their assessment results. Engaging content written at a grade 6 level, rich photography, and real-world interviews provide an authentic glimpse into their future and the critical knowledge to make informed decisions and plans

Financial Aid

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens in December. It is highly recommended that you complete the FAFSA as soon as possible. Visit fafsa.ed.gov to complete the application. This application will allow you to qualify for loans and grants (you do not have to pay back grants). *More information on how to fill out the FAFSA coming soon!
- Excelsior Scholarship - This scholarship, in combination with other student financial aid programs, allows students to attend a SUNY college tuition-free. The application usually is released in May.



Virtual Financial Aid Planning Nights from SUNY Fredonia

Information coming soon!

Scholarships

There are hundreds of scholarships available to high school seniors each year. I will email the seniors every scholarship that I receive.

Here are several other ways to search for scholarships:

- Fastweb (free scholarship database) - [fastweb.com](https://www.fastweb.com)
- GoodCall (free scholarship database) - [goodcall.com/scholarships](https://www.goodcall.com/scholarships)
- Check your college's website for a list of scholarships
- Check with organizations your family belongs to (credit union, social clubs, etc.)
- [Collegeboard.org/scholarships](https://collegeboard.org/scholarships)
- Senior scholarship packet in April (for scholarships at graduation)

Junior Year Checklist

- Understand the college admissions process
- Find a range of schools that interest you
- Visit colleges
- Know the admissions statistics for the schools to which you intend to apply (GPA, average SAT score or ACT score)
- Take the PSAT test in October
- Take the ASVAB test in November
- Take the SAT or ACT test in May
- Think about who might write you letters of recommendation
- Stay involved in extracurricular activities and community service
- Research scholarships

Senior Year Checklist

- Know and understand which type of diploma you are on track to receive
- Know your GPA and class rank
- Re-take SAT or ACT if necessary
- Research application deadlines (they vary if you are committing to early decision)
- Start applying to colleges (3-5 schools....including a back-up school)
- Request letters of recommendations and transcript for college applications
- Please try and visit the colleges you are interested in attending
- Fill out the FAFSA (Financial Aid) in December
- Find scholarships and submit the applications on time (I email everything I receive)
- Maintain excellent grades and a rigorous high school class schedule
- Stay involved in extracurricular activities....including community service
- Submit payment to the school of your choice by May 1st (for most schools)
- After graduation, request your final transcript be sent to your future school (If you have taken a JCC class, you must request your final transcript from JCC)
- Meet with military recruiter (if this an option for you)

