

Senior Planning Calendar & Guide

2026-2027 / HHS School Counseling Department

IMPORTANT DATES + TIMELINES

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

PREPARE FOR GRADUATION!

- ☐ Order your cap & gown if you are participating in commencement (will be info posted in Schoology and mailed home)

SAT TEST DATES

- ☐ **September 12th:** September SAT Test Date at other area high schools. [Register and identify testing locations](#)
- ☐ **October 3rd:** October SAT test date offered at HHS [SAT Registration Link](#)

COLLEGE REP VISITS

- ☐ WIN periods throughout the fall: Reps from numerous schools will visit the high school throughout the fall semester to meet with students! Sign up in Schoology "Class of 2027"

RESEARCH PRIVATE LOANS

- ☐ Connect with local banks and other lending institutions

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)

- ☐ **Oct. 14 7:45 am :** Students interested in military enlistment or anyone looking for career guidance/feedback are encouraged to take the ASVAB. Sign ups are posted in the Schoology Class of 2027. There is no obligation to the military.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

CHECK YOUR EARLY APPLICATION DEADLINES

- ☐ Are you applying via Early Decision or Early Action? Know your deadlines and their implications.

COUNTY COLLEGE FAIR @Conestoga Valley High School

- ☐ **November 2nd 6p-8p** (one of the largest college fairs in the county!)

SAT TEST DATES (anticipated) [SAT Registration Link](#)

- ☐ **November 7th:** November SAT Test Date at other area high schools.
- ☐ **December 5th:** December SAT Test Date at other area high schools.

COMPLETE FAFSA (FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID)

- ☐ **Opens Oct. 1st:** [FAFSA® Application Deadlines | Federal Student Aid](#)
-FAFSA allows you to be considered for federal aid. Additionally, many schools will use this information to award their own grants, scholarships, and loans!
- ☐ **Oct. 20th 5:30-7:30pm 'dual night' for financial aid info then a FAFSA workshop.**
- ☐

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

COLLEGE/POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL PROCESS

- ☐ Final deadlines approaching for applications
- ☐ Check your email that you used to apply with for important updates or follow-up steps
- ☐ Common App mid-year transcripts will be sent automatically. If not CA, you will need to request a mid-year (if needed)

SPRING

FINALIZE YOUR PLANS

- ☐ Research scholarship opportunities
 - ☐ List of scholarships with applications links, as well as a “Parent Resource Guide” on the HHS website [Counseling Office / Financial Aid & Scholarships](#)
 - ☐ Local scholarships will be posted in SchoolLinks and Schoology: Try the Scholarship Match tool!
 - ☐ Check out the resources in the “Scholarships” folder in the Class of 2027 Schoology course (go to “materials” and then click on the “scholarships/financial aid” folder)
- ☐ Inform your school of your acceptance offer by May 1st
 - ☐ Indicate in SchoolLinks the school you plan on attending
 - ☐ Review all financial aid awards
 - ☐ Research housing options and deposit deadlines (if living on campus)
- ☐ Finish strong!
 - ☐ Hempfield will send your final transcript to the college/post-secondary school you are planning to attend
 - ☐ Dual enrollment or AP credits? Send your records to your school to be considered for transfer credits
 - ☐ Complete your Senior Exit Survey (you will indicate where you would like your final transcript to be sent)

Senior Planning Checklist

GOAL SETTING

- ☐ Determine what your goals are for after high school graduation
 - ☐ Career goals: Research and brainstorm possible career fields in your areas of interest or strength
 - ☐ Educational goals needed for your potential careers: 4-year college, 2-year/community college, technical/specialized school, military, work, etc.? What college major(s)?
- ☐ Update your resume in SchoolLinks - save a copy in your personal files/google drive
- ☐ Plan a challenging, yet manageable course load for your senior year
 - ☐ A rigorous senior schedule can aid in college admissions consideration *and* will look good to employers!
- ☐ Consider finding a job, internship, or volunteer opportunity in an area of interest.

POST-SECONDARY PLANNING

- ☐ Sign up for entrance exams (ASVAB, SAT, or ACT)
 - ☐ Develop a plan for when you will take the SAT (or ACT). If you are even considering applying to colleges, you should take the SAT or ACT *at least once* before the end of the school year!
 - ☐ Utilize your PSAT score results to determine if you plan to do any prep work. Access the Khan Academy website to access free practice tests and prep materials.

PREPARING FOR THE WORKFORCE

- ☐ Update your resumé and save it to your personal files
- ☐ Explore job opportunities - visit websites for more info
 - ☐ [PA Career Link](#)
 - ☐ Short-term Adult Education Training
 - ☐ [Apprenticeship - Associated Builders & Contractors Keystone](#)
 - ☐ Apprenticeship programs to become a trained craftsman
 - ☐ [Lancaster Career & Technology Center: Adult Programs](#)
 - ☐ Class A CDL Program (4 weeks)
 - ☐ Basic Welding Program (10 weeks)
 - ☐ [Penn Medicine Health Careers](#)
 - ☐ High school diploma and on-site paid training opportunities
 - ☐ Potential for tuition reimbursement after 6 months employment
 - ☐ [Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology](#)
 - ☐ Production Welding Training (6 weeks)
 - ☐ Associate programs (2 years) - various majors/career fields

ASK QUESTIONS (THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS)

- ★ **THIS IS A LOT TO MANAGE!** See your school counselor with any other questions about the future planning, career and college/post-secondary search, application, and transcript request processes.

Future Planning Resources

Class of 2027 Schoology Page

**Contains all updates, forms, and information specific to the senior class*

SchoolLinks (login is your student email + password) <https://start.students.hempfieldsd.org>

- College searches
- Request transcripts
- Request teacher recommendations
- Update resume
- Scholarship Match Tool
- Career Exploration and Inventories

Additional College/Post-Secondary Searches (additional listed in the Class of 2027 Schoology under “materials”)

- www.collegeboard.org
- www.petersons.com
- www.collegeconfidential.com

Financial Aid and Scholarships

- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- www.pheaa.org

- www.fastweb.com
- www.finaidfacts.org
- <https://www.nerdwallet.com/best/loans/student-loans/private-student-loans>

NCAA Clearinghouse www.eligibilitycenter.org

- [NCAA Quick Reference Guide](#)

Standardized Testing

- SAT/ SAT Subject Tests: www.collegeboard.org
- ACT: www.actstudent.org

Admissions Essays

- [Essay Writing Tips](#) (College Board)
- [Essays That Worked](#) (Johns Hopkins University)

The Common Application (Common App) www.commonapp.org

- If you are applying to more than two schools that are Common App participants, you will want to consider applying via Common App

Career Research/Outlook <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

- The Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH) provides information on what workers do; work environment; education, training, and other qualifications; pay; job outlook; information on state data; similar occupations; and sources of additional information, for 324 occupational profiles, covering about 4/5 jobs in the economy.

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