

Senior Presentation Class of 2027

Park Hill High School
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Introductions



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What are my post-secondary options???

In this presentation we will mostly talk about the steps required to apply to (when we say “college,” we are referring to all of these options):

- Trade school/technical school
- 2 year community college
- 4 year college/university

What are my post-secondary options???

There will be different steps for these options, so if one of these applies to you, let your counselor know so we can help you navigate that process:

- [Military](#)
 - Visit with the recruiters during lunch
 - Take ASVAB during Super Test Day in March
- Work/Apprenticeship Programs
 - [MCC Apprenticeships](#)
 - [SAGC Builders and Construction](#)
 - [ATS](#)
 - [KC Tech Council](#)
 - [Evergy Internships](#)
 - [Quest Diagnostics](#)
 - [Great Jobs KC](#)
 - [MoApprenticeConnect.com](#)
 - <https://jobs.mo.gov/moapprenticeships>
- Gap Year
 - Communicate directly with admissions at university you plan to attend if wanting to take an “official” gap year.
 - Example: [Mizzou GAP year info](#)

Other Useful Resources

- The Source [“Journey to College”](#)
 - published by MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
- State of Missouri higher education institutions
 - 13 public four-year universities
 - 14 public two-year colleges
 - 24 independent colleges
 - 11 specialized/technical colleges
 - 17 theological institutions
 - More than 150 proprietary and private career schools.
 - Search for schools here:
 - [Missouri Higher Education Institutions](#)

Where do I even start?

Research and narrow college choice

Apply to at least
3 schools!
1. Stretch
2. Perfect Match
3. Fall Back

- Make a [list of schools](#)
- [Xello](#)
 - Click on Explore Options
 - Click on Explore Schools
 - Complete filters to find your college matches
- [Big Future](#)
- Explore College Websites
- Take [virtual tours](#)
- Take College Visits (Preferably on days we don't have school)
 - Typically you can find the information for these under Admissions or visits.
- Visit with the college representatives when they come to PHHS
 - All rep visits will be LUNCH visits this year so students can talk with them during their lunch.

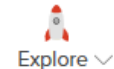
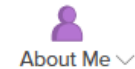
UPCOMING COLLEGE FAIRS

- Liberty College Fair
 - September 21, 2026 @ Liberty HS
 - 5:30-7:00 pm
 - [Register Here](#)
- NACAC College Fair
 - October 6, 2026 @ Hy-Vee Arena
 - 8:30-11:30 and 5-7 pm
 - [Register Here](#)
- HBCU College Fair at PHS
 - February 2, 2027
 - 6-8pm

Xello

Xello

- Each student has an account. Login using the portal app.
 - Transcripts
 - Resumes
 - College searches
 - Research colleges, careers, and majors
 - Scholarships
 - Click on Plans > College Planning > Complete Profile > Scholarships



What is needed to apply to college?

- College Application
 - Create account on college website **OR**
 - [Common Application](#) **OR**
 - [Common Black College Application](#)
- High School Transcript (Official and Unofficial)
- Senior Schedule
- Application Fee
 - Fee waivers available for some schools for those who qualify - see counselor
- ACT and/or SAT Scores
- Some schools require an essay
 - Be familiar with the college's policy on using AI to write, or help with writing, the essay

How do I send transcripts to colleges?

xello

How to request a transcript

Use this quick guide to learn how to request and then track a transcript in Xello. Once you make the request, your high school will send your transcript to the colleges of your choice.

1 Access college planning tools

Under **Quick links**, click **College Planning**.

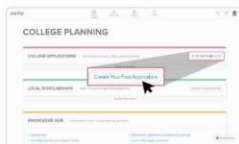
This page shows all the applications you're tracking. You can also view local scholarships and the **Knowledge Hub** for college planning topics.



2 Create an application to track

Begin by creating an application to track in Xello. This is where you'll request, and track the progress of transcripts and recommendation letters.

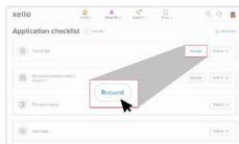
Click **Create your first application** to choose the college you want to begin tracking. Use the search bar to find a school or pick one of your saved ones. Then, add details such as your application admission method, type, and deadline.



3 Send a transcript

Once you've created the tracker for the college, use the **Application checklist** to stay on top of your tasks to complete for the application.

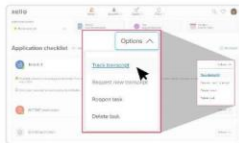
Next to **Transcript**, click **Request**. This will send a request to a counselor or admin in charge of transcripts at your school who will send yours to the college. You'll see a notification in the **Transcript** box letting you know the request was sent.



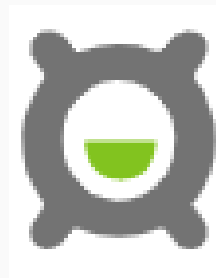
4 View progress

Check in on the progress of your transcript request to see updates on when your school processed it, sent it, and at what stage it is with the college.

View the status by opening the college application tracker you created. Next to **Transcript**, click its dropdown and select **Track transcript**. Here you can view all updates of your transcript requests.



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[Directions on How to Request Transcript](#)

How do I send my dual credit, AP credits and ACT scores to my college?

- Dual Credit
 - send directly through MCC or college account
- AP Scores
 - send directly through Collegeboard account
- CLEP Scores
 - send directly through Collegeboard account
- ACT Scores
 - send directly through ACT student account (**free if requested at time of registering for test**; fee of \$20.00 if requested after test is taken)

Why should I take the ACT multiple times?

- Admissions: Students with no test; need GPA of 3.0 for admissions; or 21 and minimum 2.0 GPA
- Program Admission
- SuperScore: Many schools, including MU superscore admissions and scholarship decisions
- NWMSU Scholarships (also GPA requirement)
 - Northwest Merit: Less than 19 or no ACT/ at least 2.75-3.24 GPA
 - 1,000
 - University Scholar: 19-20 ACT/ at least 2.75-2.99 GPA
 - 1,500
 - Academic Excellence: 20-23 ACT / at least 3.24-3.5GPA
 - \$3,000
 - Distinguished Scholar: 25-26 ACT / at least 3.75-3.84 GPA
 - \$4,000 renewable
 - Dean's Scholar: 27-29 ACT/ at least 3.85-2.94 GPA
 - \$5000 renewable
 - Provost Scholar: 30-36 ACT/ at least 3.95
 - \$6,000 renewable
- Remedial Course Placement
 - Ex low math subscore=placement in remedial math that you pay for but doesn't count

How do I sign up for the ACT?

- Sign up online @ www.actstudent.org
- Students will create online account (if they don't already have one)
- PHHS School Code 262-545
- PHHS Test Site Code 191410
- Cost:
 - \$70.00 (English, math, and reading only)
 - +\$5.00 (Science add-on fee)
 - +\$25.00 (Writing add-on fee)
- Fee waivers are available to those who qualify...see counselor!
- Request to send scores to colleges in the registration process!

ACT National Test Dates

2026-2027 Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline (Late fee applies after this date)	Late Deadline	Photo Upload & Standby Deadline	Paper Initial Score Release
September 19, 2026	August 14	September 1	September 14	October 6
October 17, 2026	September 11	September 29	October 12	October 27
December 12, 2026	November 6	November 29	December 7	December 22
February 27, 2027	January 22	February 9	February 22	March 16
April 10, 2027	March 5	March 23	April 5	April 20
June 12, 2027	May 7	May 25	June 7	June 23
July 10, 2027	June 4	June 22	July 5	July 20

How do I prepare for the ACT?

Several ACT Prep opportunities are listed on our counseling web page:

- [ACT PREP OPPORTUNITIES HERE](#)
 - Scroll down to “Testing”, then click on “ACT Prep Opportunities”

What is the FAFSA, and how do I apply?

- [FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#)
 - Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID - student and parent
 - Create a username & password - google 'fsa id'
 - Use personal email address
 - October 1st - FAFSA opens for 2027-2028 academic year
 - \$ awarded based on student need - not academic achievement
 - Will need 2025 IRS Tax Information - Data Retrieval Tool

Why complete the FAFSA?

- \$ to pay for college costs
- Types of aid
 - Pell Grant - up to \$7,395
 - Work Study
 - Low-cost loans
 - Subsidized (Gov. pays interest) & Unsubsidized (you pay interest) - \$5500/yr
- Missouri student financial aid
 - Access Missouri (Need-based)
 - Bright Flight (ACT/SAT Score)
 - Missouri Land Grant (Need-based - covers all tuition and fees not covered by other grants and scholarships)
- A+ requirement

Plan for these college-related costs

- Direct Costs (Billed to University)
 - Tuition
 - Fees
 - Room and Board
- Indirect Costs (Variable)
 - Books and school supplies
 - Equipment and supplies for dorm room or other housing
 - Travel and miscellaneous expenses

FAFSA example #1:

Mizzou - Pell Eligible		
Tuition In-State	\$16,162 (12 credit hours)	\$16,162
Housing - Food	+15,780	\$31,942
Pell (FAFSA)	-7,395	\$24,547
Loan (FAFSA)	-5,500	\$19,047
Scholarship	-2,000	\$17,047
Work Study (FAFSA)	-2,000	\$15,047
Missouri Land Grant	-15,057	\$0 (Balance owed)

FAFSA example #2

Mizzou - Loan Eligible		
Tuition In-State	\$16,162 (12 credit hours)	\$16,162
Housing - Food	+15,780	\$30,827
Loan (FAFSA)	-5,500	\$25,327
Scholarship	-3,000	\$22,327 (Balance owed)

FAFSA example #3:

Maple Woods - A+ Eligible		
Tuition In-State	\$3,780/year (30 credit hours)	\$3,780
Books/Fees	+1,000/year	\$4,780
A+ Scholarship	-3,780	\$1,000 (Balance owed)

ABC UNIVERSITY

Award Letter

John Smith
123 Main Street, Boston, MA 02110

Cost of Attendance: \$56,000
Cost of attendance includes tuition, fees, housing, meals, books, supplies, transportation, and other education costs.

Eligibility Factors

Our determination of your eligibility for financial assistance was based in part on the factors listed below:

Enrollment Status: Full-Time Undergrad: **Number in Family:** 3
Housing Status: On Campus **Number in College:** 1

A change in any of these factors will affect your eligibility. Please notify our office right away if any of these factors are incorrect or if they change at any time during the academic year.

Financial Aid Award

You are eligible to receive the following assistance:

	Fall	Spring	Total	Check to Accept	Revised Amount
ABC University Grant	17,995	17,995	35,990	☐	_____
Federal SEOG	500	500	1,000	☐	_____
Federal Pell Grant	2,960	2,960	5,920	☐	_____
MASSGrant	800	800	1,600	☐	_____
Federal Work-Study Program	750	750	1,500	☐	_____
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan	1,750	1,750	3,500	☐	_____
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan	1,000	1,000	2,000	☐	_____
Total	\$25,755	\$25,755	\$51,510		

Outside Scholarships/Resources:

Total outside scholarships and/or other education resources for the academic year, as reported by you:

\$1,000 Computer Science League Scholarship
\$500 Boston Karate Scholarship

This letter is for your records and does not need to be returned to us unless you would like to decline any of the aid offered to you. If you do not want to accept particular awards, or you would like to accept less than the amount offered, please indicate the revised amount on the line next to the appropriate award(s), initial your changes, make a photocopy for your records, and return the original to our office.

SAMPLE UNIVERSITY

Dear Joe Sample:

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Office of University Financial Aid has prepared this statement using the following criteria:

Academic Level: Undergraduate Freshman
Dependency Status: Dependent
College: Undergraduate
Major/Program of Study: Non-Declared Major
Housing Category: On-Campus Housing

ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE: **\$55,000**
Tuition and fees: \$39,000
Housing and meals: \$13,000
Books and supplies: \$ 1,000
Personal and miscellaneous: \$ 2,000

AWARD

Description	Fall	Spring	Total	Accepted Y/N
1 President's Scholarship	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00	Y/N
Federal Pell Grant	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$1,200.00	Y/N
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	Y/N
2 State Scholarship	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$900.00	Y/N
3 Federal Work-Study (FWS)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	Y/N
Federal Perkins Loan	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,500.00	Y/N
Federal Stafford Loan – Subsidized	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$3,500.00	Y/N
Federal Stafford Loan – Unsubsidized	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	Y/N
Total:	\$34,100.00			

If any of the information in the table above is incorrect, please contact the Office of Financial Aid in writing or via the Ask the Counselor service.

Office of University Financial Aid
Sample University, 199 State Street, 4th Floor, City, MA 02009
800.555.1212 www.sampleuniversity.edu

A+ Scholarship Program



Ellen Reys

A+ Coordinator

reyse@parkhill.k12.mo.us

(816) 359-6734

[Park Hill A+ Website](#)

Why should seniors complete the A+ Scholarship Program?

1. **2 years free** community college or vocational/technical school in MO
2. Several 4-year universities in MO offer **A+ Recognition Scholarships**
 - a. Northwest, MO State, Truman, Park, MO Southern, Missouri S & T & more!
3. Can take **2 summer classes for free** at community college BEFORE attending a 4-year university
4. Looks great on resumes and college/scholarship applications
5. Students have 4 years after graduation to use A+ (good back up plan)

A+ Senior Deadlines

(different)

(mid-year grads are different)

- **October 1:** FAFSA opens up (all A+ students must apply)
- **April 16:** Attendance Appeals due (November 20 for midyear)
 - students and will be contacted
- **May 1:** All 50 Mentoring & Tutoring hours are due (December 1 for midyear)
 - Aspiring Educators = 50 hours
 - Aspiring Professionals = 12.5 hours (only 1 semester counts)
 - NCAPS = 12.5 hours (only 1 semester counts)
 - Child Growth & Development = 20 hours

How do students notify colleges that they are A+ students?

The official high school transcript will be sealed with a “Completion of A+ Scholarship Program”. When the school receives the transcript, they will see the A+ seal.

- Some 4-year schools have applications that must be completed by a certain date. Check that university’s website.
- Some 4-year schools require a letter from the A+ Coordinator.

How do I find scholarships?

- Resources listed on our counseling website, newsletter or click links below:
 - Xello - hover over Plans on top of page > click on Scholarships
 - [Fastweb](#)
 - [My Scholarship Central](#)
 - [Greater Kansas City Community Foundation](#)
- Scholarships will be posted in the following places:
 - Xello
 - Schoology in grade level group
 - Occasional emails will be sent out
- **You should NEVER pay to apply to a scholarship or FAFSA. If you are asked, it is a scam.**

Scholarships- Xello

- “School added only” will show only what Mrs. Lisi and Mrs. Lucas add to Xello (some of which are already in Xello)
- Completing your profile will give you more matches
- Scholarship Lab Wednesday (more information to come)
- Coming soon: Park Hill Scholarship Initiative - more information will be shared later this semester!!!!

College Planning

Scholarship matches

0 saved scholarships

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Profile strength: Good 😊

Complete your scholarship profile to get better matches.

Complete profile

Search all scholarships

☒ School-added only ⓘ

Sort by Recommended ▾

6 matches	Deadline	Amount	
School-added Questbridge Match Scholarship Are you a low-income high school senior who has excelled academically, but feels that the nation's best colleges are financially out of reach? The QuestBridge National College Match can be your pathway to a top college...	Sep 30, 2025	Varies	Preview Save
School-added The Elks Lodge Scholarship The Elks Lodge offers both National and local opportunities. The Elks Most Valuable Scholarship application is now open and can be accessed here. It is due November 12th. Please see details through the website and linked...	Nov 12, 2025	Varies	Preview Save

Senior Awards Night:

- An evening for you to come and be recognized for awards/scholarships in front of friends and family!
- Keep track of all the scholarships you are offered (even if you don't accept them) because we will be asking for this information!
 - Suggestion! Start a Google Sheet of what you get offered at each school so it's easier for you to report those scholarships to us in the spring!
- More information on Senior Awards Night will be shared during second semester as we get closer to the end of the school year.

How do I obtain letters of recommendation?

- Ask for letters of recommendation from teachers/counselors 2-3 weeks in advance, if possible!
- When asking a teacher/counselor for a letter of recommendation, have your resume prepared and ready to give them.
- If letter is for a scholarship, be sure to provide the teacher/counselor with details about the scholarship so they can be specific to any necessary details in their letter.
- In many cases, it would be beneficial for your counselor to have VERY specific information about you that they might not already know, so consider filling out the student questionnaire
 - [CLICK HERE](#) for PHHS SENIOR Questionnaire
- Attend the writing lab w

How do I create a resume?

- Create using the Resume Builder Feature in Xello Student
 - Login to Xello through portal
 - Click About Me
 - Click Resume- update
 - Students can add activities as they go through high school and it will save them so when they want to print resumes as a senior, there isn't as much work to do!
- Create using Microsoft Word
 - When creating a new document, type "Resume" in the "search for online templates" box. Many resume options will appear. Select one to open and edit it.

NCAA / NAIA Eligibility Center

- [NCAA Eligibility Center](#)
 - Must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center if playing Division I or II NCAA Athletics
 - \$100 to register (fee waivers available for qualifying students)
 - Request transcript to be sent through Xello
- [NAIA](#)
 - Must register with the NAIA Eligibility Center is playing athletics at an NAIA school
 - \$110 to register (fee waivers available for qualifying students)
 - Request transcript to be sent through Xello

What is the timeline for my senior year?

- Fall 2026
 - Narrow College Search
 - Visit college campuses and meet in person or virtually with college reps
 - Complete college applications (pay close attention to automatic scholarship deadlines)
 - Retake ACT to improve score
 - File FAFSA starting October 1, 2026
 - Complete A+ hours
 - Research and start applying for scholarships
 - Prepare any necessary essays
 - Ask for recommendations (utilizing resume/student questionnaire)

What is the timeline for my senior year?

- Spring 2027
 - Compare Financial Aid awards
 - Decide on college that is right for you
 - Be sure to meet your college's admissions, financial aid, housing, deposit and other deadlines.
 - Continue researching and applying for scholarships
 - Continue working hard in school, last semester of high school matters!
 - Request final transcript to be sent to college of choice!
 - Complete Senior Exit Survey
 - Senior Awards Night (more on next slide)

Yearbook Information

Adviser: Michael Brinkmeyer (Rm 350)
BrinkmeyerM@parkhill.k12.mo.us

- **SENIOR Photos (cap and gown or formal portraits):** Inter-State Studio 913-745-6700
- **FALL PICTURE & RETAKE DAY:** October 20, 2026
- **Yearbook Pre-orders - \$75**
 - Price increases to \$80 on October 1
- **Purchase options:**
 - www.yearbookforever.com (preferred)
 - in-person with cash/check - Room 350

Senior Salutes

Adviser: Michael Brinkmeyer (Rm 350)

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- **SENIOR Salute Final Deadline: December 1, 2026**
 - Senior salutes are a "celebratory" message that family members can add to the yearbook for their graduating children.
 - Please submit as soon as you can - it gives the yearbook staff more time to put everything together before sending it off to the yearbook company.
- **Price is determined by senior salute size (from \$75 for a 1/8 page to \$325 for a full page)**

Submit at www.yearbookforever.com

Senior Salute Samples

You purchase the senior salute and submit your message and photos at www.yearbookforever.com.

The yearbook staff designs the ad.



Senior Exec Information

Sara Holmes & Amanda Irvin-Black

- Jostens Meetings for announcements & cap and gown - October 12, 2026
- Jostens Order Days for grad announcements, cap, and gown -
 - October 23, 2026
 - October 28, 2026
 - November 13, 2026
- Jostens Grad Announcement Delivery - March 2, 2027
- April –letter from Dr. Kincheloe about senior events (cap and gown pickup, exit survey, etc)
- May –ALL Senior events will take place:
 - Senior Awards night - TBA
 - Seniors Last Day - TBA
 - Senior Fun Day - 5/20 10am-1pm Location TBD
 - Senior breakfast/graduation practice - Friday 5/21 at PHHS
 - Graduation - 5/23 1 pm at Cable Dahmer Arena

Where to find us online...

Website: <https://phhs.parkhill.k12.mo.us/student-support>



Park Hill High School Counseling Department



@phhscounseling



Info on the Counseling Bulletin Board

This bulletin board outside the counseling office will have posters of upcoming events at different post-secondary institutions.

Be sure to pay attention to it so you don't miss any opportunities!



Students Sign Up for Individual Meetings

- Remind your seniors to sign up for their individual meetings with their counselor!