

Senior year planning

Class of 2027

TONIGHT'S GOAL:

HOW TO ACCESS RESOURCES!



Bellingham High School Website…

Senior Checklist

<u>Post-Secondary Resources</u>

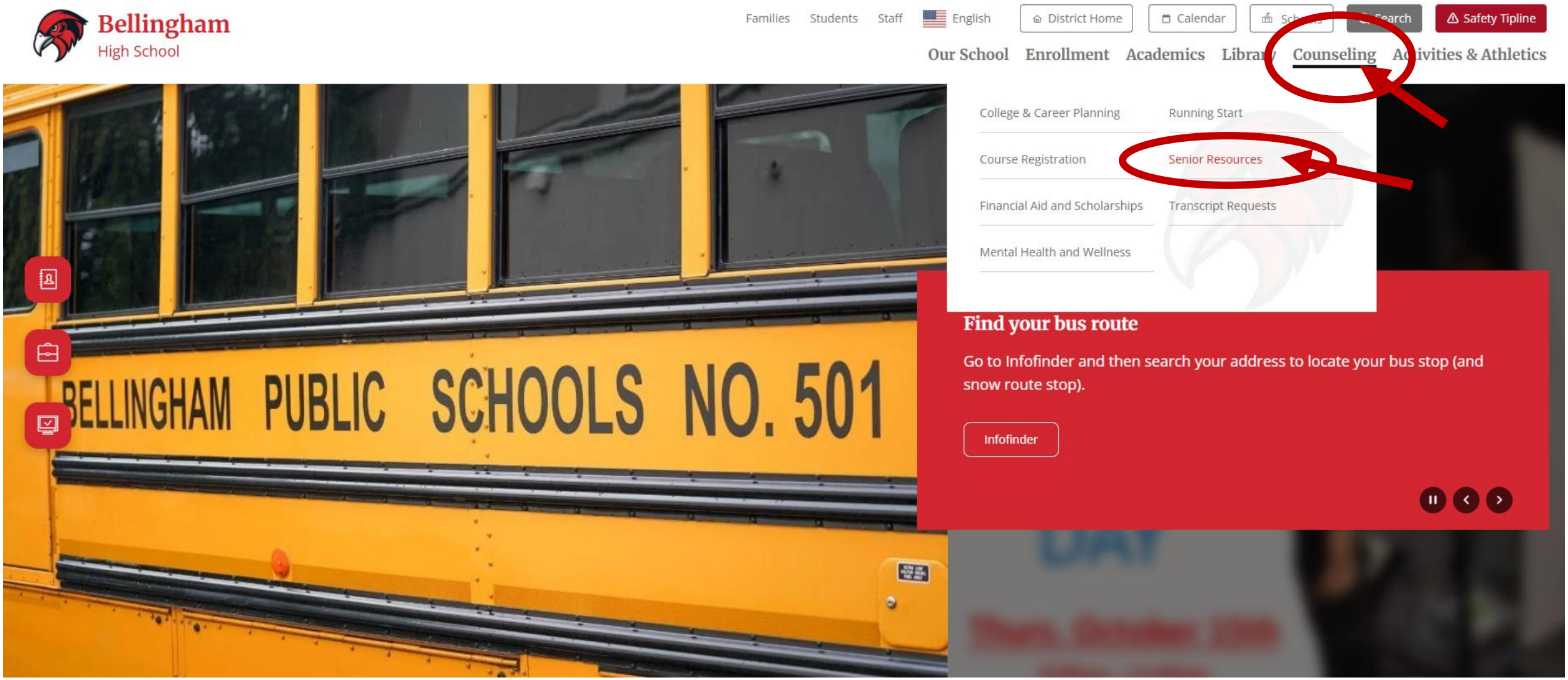
- 4-year college
- 2-year college
- Military
- Apprenticeship
- Employment
- Financial Aid

Senior Manual (PDF of topics above)

What information can I find…

- Timelines
- Application How to’s
- Financial Aid
- Scholarships
- College Admissions
- Field Trip Opportunities

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Cap and gown orders, senior grad ads for yearbook, and more.

Click here to view

Post-Secondary Resources

4 Year College | 2 Year College | Military | Apprenticeship | Employment | Financial Aid

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Provided to students during their **Senior Meeting**

Order Cap and Gown now
Order Yearbook now
Senior photos upload by Nov. 9
Grad Ad upload by Dec. 4
FAFSA opens Oct. 1

QR Code for senior checklist

2026-2027 Senior Checklist

Throughout The Year: Check Frequently
☐ Check your email often for important information.
☐ Career and College Visits: Check the Counseling Office or Schoolinks Events.
☐ Check for scholarships in Schoolinks - Scholarship Matching.
September
☐ Review your graduation requirements in Skyward. See your counselor for questions.
☐ **Schedule your Senior Meeting with your Counselor**: See Evan Walker in the Counseling Office.
☐ Start college applications and check their designated deadlines. Common Application: For most four-year college applications.
☐ CADR's: Minimum entry requirements for four-year colleges: Make sure you have what it takes.
☐ CSS Profile: Additional financial assistance needed for some universities.
☐ Request transcripts by following directions posted on the Transcript Request webpage.
☐ Pre-order Yearbook: Pay through ASB Online Portal.
☐ **September 25th:** Deadline to sign up and pay $60 at the ASB office for the Bellingham High School SAT.
☐ **September 28th:** Learn about cap and gown and grad announcements with Jostens.
October
☐ **October 1st:** First day to start the FAFSA or WASFA (financial aid) application. Establish a student aid account for yourself and your parents.
☐ **October 8th:** College Fair at Sehome High School 6 – 8pm with Financial Aid Completion and Question Support with FuturesNW.
☐ Check out WAGAP: Guarantee Admission Program for Washington State Colleges.
November
☐ **November 9th:** Deadline for Senior Photo Portrait Submission to Yearbook.
☐ **November 19th:** FAFSA/WAFSA Family Completion Event hosted at Options High School from 6 – 8pm.
☐ Complete and submit college application – Early Decision for some colleges.
☐ Work on completing your High School & Beyond Plan in Schoolinks.
☐ Order Cap and Gown between October and December.
December
☐ **December 1st:** Deadline to request counselor and teacher recommendations for college applications due in January (staff will not be working during winter break).
☐ **December 4th:** Deadline for Grad Ad Submission to Yearbook (1/4 page is free to all families).
March / April
☐ College acceptance letters and Financial Aid are starting to arrive.
☐ Review FAFSA/WASFA award, check that it is correct, and all paperwork completed.
☐ **April 22nd:** Teen Job Fair at Bellingham High School from 3 – 5pm.

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4-year college resources…

4-Year Colleges/Universities

To visit individual college websites, both public and independent, visit the link below

https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search

Expand the appropriate tab to explore more information.

- Timeline
- Holistic Review
- Common Application
- Letter of Recommendation
- Transcript Request
- SAT / ACT
- WUE
- WAGAP (Automatic Admission)
- CADR's Requirements

College visits and field trips….

Sign up in SchoolLinks under EVENTS. Student must add event to their personal calendar as a reminder

College Visits, Fairs, & Events 2026-27

Updated 9/30/26

College Admissions Counselors come to Bellingham to share information about the college they work for. Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to come and learn more about colleges they may be interested in. Students are required to sign up in the SchooLinks "events" page.

Date	Time	Event	Location
9/21/26	1:40pm	Johns Hopkins University	Library
9/24/26	8:45-12:30	BP Refinery Tour	BP Refinery Blaine WA
10/1/26	10:40-12:00	Pacific Lutheran University	BHS Commons
10/2/26	11:00-3:00	ASVAB testing	Rm 109
10/05/26	1:40pm	Willamette University	BHS Commons
10/7/26	1:20-1:50pm	U.S. Navy nuclear power and fission reactors	Library
10/8/26	6:00-8:00pm	BPS College Fair	Sehome High
10/12/26	1:40-2:20pm	Whatcom Community College	Library
10/14/26	1:25pm	Gonzaga University	Library
10/16/26	1:40pm	University of Montana	Library
10/19/26	1:40pm	University of Michigan	Library
10/21/26	8:30-12:00pm	WAVE Apprenticeship Tour	Mt. Vernon WA
10/26/26	1:40pm	Washington State University	Library
10/30/26	8:30am-12:00pm	Western Washington University Senior Day	WWU Campus
11/2/26	1:40pm	University of Washington (Seattle Campus)	Library
11/5/26	1:15pm	ASVAB testing	Sehome High
11/9/26	1:40pm	University of Washington (Bothell Campus)	Library
11/16/26	1:40pm	Whitworth University	Library
11/19/26	6:00-8:00pm	FAFSA/WAFSA family completion event	Options High
TBD	8:30-1:00pm	Learning W/leaders Skagit Valley College	SVC Mt. Vernon
2/18/27	6:00-8:00pm	BPS Design your future	Bellingham High
TBD	8:00-1:00	Learning With Leaders Bellingham Technical College	BTC Bellingham

$$$ for Post Secondary….

All information is on the Senior Checklist and on website under Financial Aide

FAFSA- Free Application for Federal Funding

Help sessions 6 -8

Oct. 8 @ Sehome 6 to 8

Nov. 19 @ Options

WAFSA – Washington Free Application –

only WA state funding

CSS - The CSS Profile is an online application used by colleges and scholarship programs to award non-federal institutional aid. (only for participating colleges)

School Links – Bellingham School District Platform for Scholarship $$$. Parents and students have access

SchooLinks Guide:

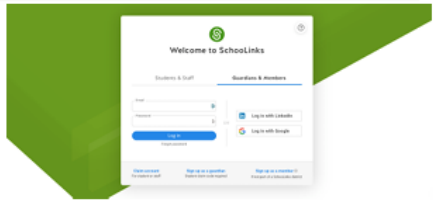
Onboarding for Guardians

For District-Synced Accounts

Getting Started

Your district has provided your email to SchooLinks so that we can have an account waiting for you. The following instructions will help you log in!

Visit app.schoolinks.com/login/member to access the login page for Guardians.



Option 1:
For Google account/emails, you can click this button:

Sign in with Google

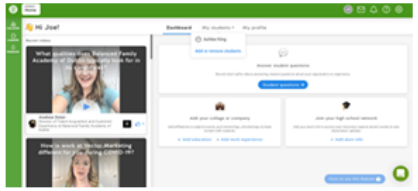
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Option 2:
Or, use the Forgot Password button to claim your account:

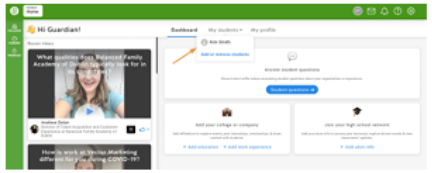
Forgot Password

Welcome to your Guardian Dashboard!

Once you're logged in, you'll see your Guardian Dashboard which includes any associated students determined by your district. If you don't see the right students, please reach out to the district for corrections.



Use the side navigation or click on your student's name to explore other parts of the platform. You can see your student's assessment results, review course plans, and reach out to your student's counselor!



School Links

Guardian access to work **alongside** student as they search for post high school opportunities and scholarships

Please encourage your student to schedule their meeting by <u>October 31</u>

Schedule your **Senior Meeting**

with your BHS Counselor

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Question and Answer

Thank you