NEWSFLASH

November 11, 2026

The LHS Counseling & Social Work Department is committed to fostering the academic, personal, and post-secondary growth of every student!

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Thank You, Veterans!

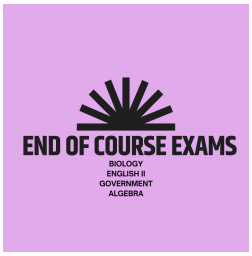
This Veterans Day, we pause to honor the incredible courage and selflessness of our nation's veterans. To those within our own community: the parents, grandparents, staff members, and local neighbors who have served in the Armed Forces: thank you. Your service and sacrifice ensure the freedoms we enjoy every single day. We are so grateful!

Testing, Testing, Testing ...

Besides passing the required classes needed for graduation, there are several tests you will encounter throughout high school. While some are required for graduation, others are strongly encouraged depending on your post-secondary goals. **To help you navigate these options, here is a quick glossary of the major exams you may take.**

State Graduation Requirements (Mandatory)

These assessments must be completed by all students to fulfill Missouri high school graduation criteria.



End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments

Purpose: State-mandated standardized tests used to measure student mastery of the Missouri Learning Standards.

Who takes it: All Missouri high school students enrolled in a core graduation course. Algebra I | English II | Biology | Government

Format: Administered online via the **DRC Insight** platform at the completion of each respective course.



CPR & Choking Relief Requirement

Purpose: Teaches life-saving emergency skills, including CPR, AED awareness, and the Heimlich maneuver.

Who takes it: All Missouri high school students must complete this training before they can graduate.

Format: A hands-on instructional session lasting at least 30 minutes, integrated into Health class.



Government Graduation Exams

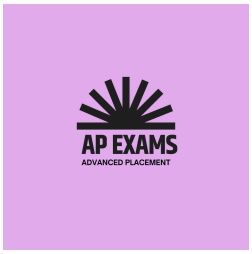
Purpose: State law requires Missouri students to demonstrate proficiency in civic and constitutional knowledge across three distinct areas to qualify for high school graduation. **U.S. Constitution Test** | **Missouri Constitution Test** | **Civics Exam (MCEI)**

Who takes it: All Missouri public school students before graduation.

Format: Students must take and pass **three individual tests** in Government class.

College & Career Planning (Path-Dependent)

These tests are not required for high school graduation, but are highly encouraged depending on a student's specific goals after high school.



Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

Purpose: Standardized tests that measure a student's mastery of college-level course content.

Who takes it: Students enrolled in rigorous, college-level AP courses during high school.

Format: Subject-specific exams scored on a 1-to-5 scale, taken in May, which can earn students **tuition-saving college credit** depending on their score.

ACCUPLACER

Purpose: Evaluates reading, writing, and math skills to place students in appropriate college-level courses.

Who takes it: Typically taken by high school **students enrolling in Dual Credit courses or**

preparing for Community College admission.

Format: Administered online with **instant score reports** that outline course placements and provide learning resources to bridge any skill gaps.

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery

Purpose: Measures academic strengths alongside mechanical, technical, and spatial skills to determine career aptitudes and military enlistment eligibility.

Who takes it: Students in grades 10–12 who are exploring career pathways or planning to enter the military after graduation.

Format: A multiple-choice exam administered in either a digital or paper format.

ACT / SAT

Purpose: Standardized college admissions exams that evaluate a student's readiness for college-level academic work.

Who takes it: High school juniors and seniors planning to apply to four-year colleges or universities.

Format: Paper or digital formats covering core subjects like English/Reading and Math (plus Science on the ACT), providing a scaled score used for admissions and merit-based scholarships.

Early Practice Tests

These tests act as checkpoints to help students practice for higher-stakes exams later in high school.

PSAT / NMSQT

Purpose: A practice version of the SAT that provides early insight into college readiness and standard testing environments. Taken in the fall of junior year this is also a qualifying test for the prestigious **National Merit Scholarship Program**.

Who takes it: Typically administered to high school sophomores and juniors.

Format: A shortened digital exam.

PreACT

Purpose: Serves as an official practice test for the ACT, providing early score predictions and identifying academic areas that need improvement.

Who takes it: Typically administered to high school freshmen and sophomores to practice before taking the actual ACT.

Format: A paper-based or digital multiple-choice test that mimics the English, math, reading, and science sections of the real ACT.

In the Know

Missouri Seal of Biliteracy

What is the Missouri Seal of Biliteracy?

The Missouri Seal of Biliteracy is an award granted by a local district to recognize a student who has attained proficiency in English and one or more other world language(s) before high school graduation. The recognition of attaining biliteracy becomes a part of the high school transcript for these students and serves to certify attainment of biliteracy for the community, employers and universities. In order to participate, ***Senior's must sign up with Mrs. Currie by November 13, 2026.*** Mrs. Currie can be reached at amy.currie@lps53.org. Please see the presentation on the Missouri Seal of Bilteracy for more information!

Off-Campus Opportunities Night

Join Us

Off-Campus Opportunities Night
December 3rd
6:00 pm at Liberty High School

Come learn all about the opportunities available to Juniors and Seniors to get off campus and get some real world learning experiences!

A representative from every program will be here. Bring your questions!



COLLEGE REP VISITS

College Representatives come to LHS throughout the year. If you are interested in learning more about a specific college, simply **RSVP in Schoolinks**! Log into **SchooLinks**, head to the **Engage** tab on the left, click **Events**, and register for the sessions you'd like to attend. All visits are located in the Counseling Office.

College	Date	Time
UMKC	11/3/2026	10:00 AM
Missouri State	11/10/2026	10:00 AM
Northwest Missouri State	11/12/2026	10:00 AM

Senior News!

→ Community Scholarship Program Application Opens

Liberty Public School District is proud to bring back the Community Scholarship Program again this year!

The Community Scholarship Program is a program designed to provide seniors in our community with **over 30 scholarship opportunities** in 3 easy steps.

We have partnered with some amazing organizations that want to help our Liberty High School and Liberty North High School seniors advance their education. **Scholarships are available for students who want to attend college or trade schools.**

The application opens November 1, 2026 and closes January 15, 2027 at 3PM. You can find more information on the scholarship page of the LHS Counseling and Social Work website!

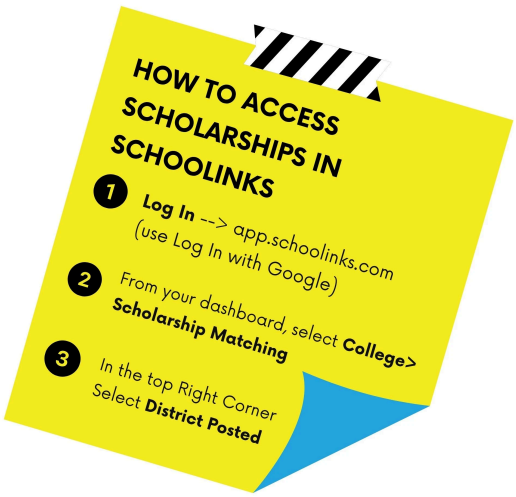


→ Other Local Scholarships

Don't forget to check Schoolinks for other local Scholarship Opportunities!

Current Available Scholarships to check out:

- The Elks Foundation
- MSBA FutureBuilders Scholarship
- Seven Days Kindness Scholarship
- Several American Legion Scholarships



→ College Application Season Check-In! 🎓

College application season can feel overwhelming! How are yours coming along? If you haven't already, now is a great time to wrap up those applications and hit submit! Don't forget that colleges often have their own deadlines for scholarships, housing, and other opportunities. Get those applications in early so you don't miss out!

Local Opportunities


MO BOYS STATE
GIRLS STATE MISSOURI
A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY
RUN YOUR OWN STATE.
MAKE THE RULES.
LEAD THE CHARGE.
JUNE 19-26, 2027
LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY, ST. CHARLES, MO
For one week, 1,700 rising seniors from across Missouri take over and build the 51st state.
• Engage with world-class speakers • Start a business •
• Run the media • Compete in sports • Meet friends •
• Run for office • Write laws • Argue in court •
• Access college credit • Earn scholarships •
LEARN MORE
Check out our websites:
moboysstate.org
missourigirlsstate.org
Find us on Socials
Talk to your school counselor or faculty lead
APPLY NOW
1. Apply Online
MBS
MGS
2. Secure your school's nomination
NEED MORE INFORMATION?
headquarters@moboysstate.org
headquarters@missourigirlsstate.org
SPONSORS:
Central Bank
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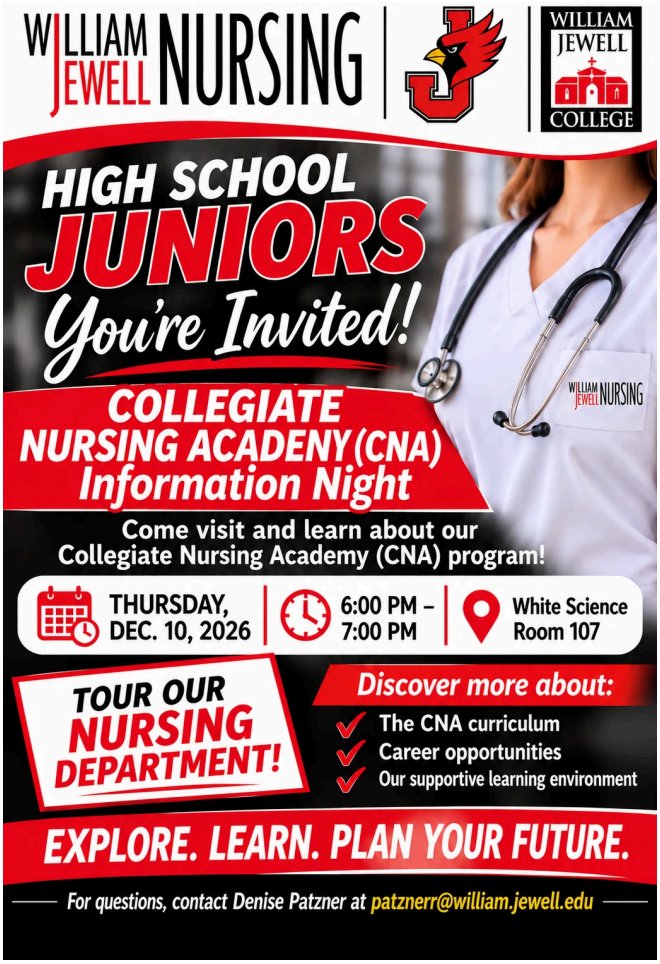
FIRST IMPACT
SAFE DRIVING 101
For Parents & Teens
LEARN THE RULES. BUILD CONFIDENCE. STAY SAFE.
This informational session is designed for parents and teens to learn about the rules and regulations of the Missouri Graduated Driver License (GDL) program.
Participants will gain a clear understanding of driving requirements, restrictions, and best practices to help teens stay safe on the road.
JOIN US TO GET PRACTICAL TIPS, ASK QUESTIONS, AND FEEL CONFIDENT SUPPORTING YOUR TEEN AS THEY NAVIGATE THE JOURNEY TO BECOMING A RESPONSIBLE DRIVER.
Free Program!
A CLEAR BREAKDOWN OF DRIVING RULES & REGULATIONS
KEY RESTRICTIONS EVERY TEEN DRIVER MUST KNOW
PRACTICAL SAFETY TIPS FOR REAL-WORLD DRIVING
CONFIDENCE TO SUPPORT YOUR TEEN BEHIND THE WHEEL
DATE:
Sat., December 5, 2026
TIME: 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
LOCATION:
KCPD Regional Police Academy
6885 NE Pleasant Valley Road
Kansas City, MO 64119
SAFE DRIVING TODAY SAFE TOMORROW ALWAYS
REGISTER HERE:
QUESTIONS?
Call Allyn
314-302-4542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WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE
HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS
You're Invited!
COLLEGIATE NURSING ACADENY (CNA) Information Night
Come visit and learn about our Collegiate Nursing Academy (CNA) program!
THURSDAY, DEC. 10, 2026
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
White Science Room 107
TOUR OUR NURSING DEPARTMENT!
Discover more about:
The CNA curriculum
Career opportunities
Our supportive learning environment
EXPLORE. LEARN. PLAN YOUR FUTURE.
For questions, contact Denise Patzner at patznerr@william.jewell.edu



LHS Counseling & Social Work Website

Transcript Requests
College Admissions, Good Driver Discount, Social Security, College Coaches? *We can send your transcript!*

Parent Presentations
Find Student Newsletters, Past Newsflash, Presentations

Emergency Food Resources

Contact Us

Follow Us on SportsYou to stay connected with class specific updates!

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