



Your Future

Planning for
life after
High School

Email Attachments :

- Junior/Senior Check List
- Scholarship List
- Educational Planning Guide

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It is Important to continue your education - you have options!



- College*
 - University
 - Technical College
 - Military
 - Apprenticeships and on the job training
- Other (Travel, Humanitarian Service, Gap Year, etc.)
 - 87% of all jobs in the U.S. require some sort of education/training beyond high school.

Step 1: Career Exploration

- Career Information Sites
 - www.sdmylife.com
 - www.mappingyourfuture.org
 - <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

*Research jobs that interest you and what you will need to do to accomplish your goals.



Career Exploration Step 1 Continued...

Not sure how to narrow down your interests?

Take Job Shadow and Youth Internship

- Career exploration based on personal aptitudes, abilities, strengths, talent and interest
- Develop employability skills for personal and professional success
- Internship/Job Shadow experience
- Develop a plan for life after high school
- This year: 1st or 4th Block
- Take it senior year



Step 2: Academic Preparation

- Take advanced classes (dual enrollment/AP)
- Take classes in your area of interest.
- Take 4 years of math and science.
- Take 4 Pass 4
- Be involved!
- Take Job Shadow and Youth Internship and/or do community service.
- See your counselor to make sure you are on track for your future goals.
- Work hard!

ACT/SAT College Entrance Exams

Step 2 Continued...



- Register for the ACT

- www.actstudent.org

- Register for the SAT

- www.sat.org/register

Some colleges require writing/subject tests – research your prospective colleges about admission requirements.

Need based fee waivers available in Student Services - see your counselor.

ACT Winter/Spring Test Dates

Step 2 Continued...

<u>2021/2022</u> ACT Test Dates	Registration Deadline
October 23, 2021	September 17
December 11, 2021	November 5
February 12, 2022	January 7
April 2, 2022	February 25
June 11, 2022	May 6
July 16, 2022	June 17

* If you register after the registration deadline, there may be an additional late fee.

ACT & SAT Study Resources

ACT

- ACT Test Prep
 - www.act.org
- Method Test Prep
 - www.sdmylife.com
- Learning Express Library
 - www.learningexpresshub.com
- Book: The Real ACT
 - Library at SHS or purchase
- www.march2success.com

SAT

- Khan Academy
 - www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat
- College Board Website
 - <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice>
- Learning Express Library
 - www.learningexpresshub.com
- www.march2success.com

Accuplacer

- Used by technical colleges for admissions and class placement.
- Some colleges may require for Math and English course placement.
- Also used for dual enrollment admission while in high school.
- Contact the college to schedule the accuplacer.
 - Each institution uses different level Accuplacer exams and students must contact their institution to find out if they need to test, then set up an appointment to test with that institution directly.

Step 3: Set Goals

The 3 most important goals to consider when looking at schools:

1. **Educational** (career, major, program)
2. **Personal** (family, extracurricular)
3. **Financial**
 - How much you want to spend?



Step 4: Develop a list of colleges

- How many colleges should I be looking into?
 - *It's up to you!*
- Research the college you are interested in.
 - *Academics / Admissions / Tuition costs*
- Narrow choices by considering your goals.
- Plan to visit schools or virtual tours (Summer/Fall 2022)
- Finalize your list – be ready to apply to colleges senior year and **know your deadlines!**

Step 5: Application Process

- Virtually all applications are online
 - Common Application
 - Individual college websites
- After you finish the online application, remember to:
 - Complete & submit your application
 - Pay the fee
 - Send ACT/SAT scores
 - Complete a transcript request (Student Services)
 - Possible – Essays and/or letters of recommendation (allow 2 weeks for letters of recommendation)



SD College Admission Requirements

Step 6 Continued...

English	4 credits
Math	3 credits (Integrated Math 1 or above)
Lab Science	3 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Fine Arts	1 credit

- Ivy league, competitive, and/or out of state colleges usually require extra courses: **4 math, 4 science, and 2-4 credits of foreign language.**
- Colleges may have different requirements than SHS graduation requirements.
- ***It is your responsibility to know the requirements for the colleges you are applying to!***

Step 6: Scholarships & Financial Opportunities

- FAFSA – Federal Application (grants, loan, work study) – Open October 1st (apply senior year)
- Web-sites www.rcas.org
- Colleges – general, major, extracurricular, need-based
- Stevens Listserv-www.k12.sd.us/Listserv/StevensScholarships.htm
- Private Loans – parent/student
- Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)– 16 states
- Reciprocity with Minnesota
- Military – ROTC, Academies, Reserve
- SD Opportunity Scholarship
- Dakota Corp Scholarship
- Build Dakota Scholarship – SD Technical Colleges only



Did you know...

Most admissions and scholarship deadlines are earlier than students expect!

- Many competitive scholarships have a deadline of December-February, or earlier, of their senior year.
- Admission application & ACT/SAT test scores must be received by these deadlines to be eligible.
- ***Start early and pay attention to deadlines!***



South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship

\$6,500

- 3.0 GPA unweighted
- C or higher on core subjects
- 4 Math
- 4 Science (3 lab Science)
- 2 World Language **OR** Career Technical Education (can be a combination)
- ACT composite score of 24 **OR** SAT score of 1090 or higher.
- Smarter Balance Scores
- Entering a South Dakota College/University/Technical Colleges in the fall after graduation.
- For more info go to <https://sdos.sdbor.edu/Pages/default.aspx>

Dakota Corps Scholarship

- SD HS graduate with a 2.8 or higher GPA
- Minimum ACT of 27
- Attend a SD institution
- Selective – limited number of scholarships.
- Incoming freshman in critical need occupation. Most recent critical need areas:
 - Teaching (math, science, special education, CTE, foreign language), Accounting, Engineering (except Mining), Information Technology, Registered Nurses
 - For more info go to <https://www.sdbor.edu/dakotacorps/Pages/welcome.aspx>

Step 7: Decide!

- Consider your educational, personal and financial goals.
- Compare award letters/consider entire packages.
- Notify college of plans to attend.



www.rcas.org

- Student Services Staff and Contact Information
- ACT/SAT Links
- College & Career Affordability Information
- Scholarship Search Sites
- SD Mylife Information
- Scholarship Listserv
- Many more College, Career & Life Resources

Post-High Planning Day

October 7th , 2021 (Civic Center) 8-10am

Great
Opportunity!

- Over 70 in-state and out-of-state post-secondary schools will be in attendance.
- Register online at: <https://gotocollegefairs.swoogo.com/registration>
- Must Register before you can meet with reps
- Registration Open Today!
- Look at Educational Planning Guide (emailed)

The End!

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