



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

Most scholarships are available for application in the senior year, but some are open to juniors as well. National/regional scholarship lists are available in the East guidance office and on the school's website at www.portage.k12.in.us. Local scholarships will be available beginning in February of the senior year. This is guaranteed money for Portage High School seniors. Your chances increase if you are strong academically, show leadership skills and are involved in community service. To qualify for scholarships, aim for a GPA of 3.0 or better. Pay close attention to details and deadlines! Some scholarships will require an official transcript. These must be obtained from Mrs. Szabo in the guidance office. Students will need to fill out a FERPA form and submit a \$2 fee. This will require 24 hours, so don't wait till the last minute!

COLLEGE INFORMATION:



Portage High School's annual College Fair is held in September. Approximately 70 college admissions representatives will be available to answer questions and pass out brochures about their college and programs of study. College representatives also visit PHS during the school year. Students may fill out a pass to attend those sessions. Students undecided about a college major may take a career interest survey through their Naviance account.

Students may begin the college application process in the fall of their senior year. Most applications may be completed on-line. After the application is submitted, the next step is to send the college your high school transcript. Seniors can fill out a FERPA form and submit a \$2 fee to the registrar to mail it directly to the school, or they may send it free through www.Parchment.com, send.edu, or the common application.

While many of our students attend a 4-year college after graduation from high school, there are other great options as well, including career/technical schools, the military, apprenticeship programs or getting a college start at Ivy Tech for a certification or 2-year degree. Your counselor will be an important resource as you make decisions about your future after high school.

Students interested in earning dual credits can go to TransferIN.net to access the Core Transfer Library (CTL). You will discover which colleges will accept your dual credits. Students enrolled in dual credit classes in the areas of math, science, social studies, English and World Language must complete a separate application in the spring prior to the school year the dual credits will be earned. The universities that PHS partners with set specific deadlines that must be adhered to.

NCAA INFORMATION:



All prospective student-athletes are encouraged to register with the NCAA clearinghouse at www.eligibilitycenter.org in order to compete in college athletics. If you are attending an NAIA school, the website to register is www.PlayNAIA.org. (See Miss Alkire for NAIA requirements).

Division I and II guidelines are set by the NCAA, whereas Division III guidelines are set by the schools. GPA is calculated using core courses only i.e. English, math, science social studies and foreign languages. Sixteen core courses are needed for both Division I and Division II. The SAT or ACT is also required for eligibility as well as a minimum GPA of 2.3. Division I uses a sliding scale that allows students to score lower on the test depending on their core GPA. Division II minimum requirement is 900 (Critical reading and math only) on the SAT and a sum score of 75 on the ACT. Fees for applying to the clearinghouse are \$70. Please see your counselor if you qualify for a waiver. All students should send testing information to the NCAA eligibility center using code 9999 when signing up to take the SAT or ACT. For more information, go to www.goportageindians.com and click on the college info tab.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION:

There are many options to pay for college. Websites to assist you with this include www.fastweb.com, www.finaid.org and www.studentaid.gov. These websites provide a variety of information on the different types of aid available to meet the needs of each student. Every student planning to attend college must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Portage High School hosts a Financial Aid Night in November to answer any questions you or your parents have regarding the financial aid process. In addition, College Goal Sunday is a statewide volunteer program that provides free information and assistance to students and families applying for financial aid. Professionals from colleges and universities along with volunteers will be available to assist you with completing the FAFSA. For more information and locations, visit www.collegegoalsundayusa.org.



SUMMER SCHOOL:



Summer school will be offered beginning in June and lasting through July. Both sessions last 15 days. Classes are offered for remediation in English and Math. Students may take US History, Economics and Government prior to the year it is required. PE classes are also available. Payment is due before the start of each session. Applications should be available beginning in March. Summer school fees will not be waived for any reason. Limited bus service is available.