



Talawanda HS: Senior Bulletin



In this packet, you will find information on graduation requirements, recommendations, and college timelines. *Please* take the time to closely examine the graduation requirements. You are ultimately responsible for making sure you have the needed credits to graduate. Questions? See your counselor.

Graduation Requirements:

- 22 credits in the required courses
 - 18 points on the End of Course Exams or Benchmark on the ACT
 - Alternative Pathway for those short on EOC points may be available
- *** *Reminder: you must meet these requirements to be eligible to walk at the graduation ceremony*

Early Graduates: There is an application! Until then, remember to work hard in your courses and avoid being absent or tardy.

College Visits:

- Six visits permitted your senior year
 - Pick up a form from Mrs. Johnson at least 3 days before your visit.
 - Complete the form and turn it into Mrs. Johnson
 - While on the visit, obtain proof that you were there and bring this letter back to the office

College Fairs and Expo:

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| • Cincinnati Convention Center College Fair | September 14 th from 2:00 – 5:00 PM |
| • Miami Hamilton College Fair and Financial Aid Workshop | September 17 th from 6:30-8:00 PM |
| • College Essay Workshops at THS | September 9 th from 2:30 – 4:00 PM |
| • College Planning Workshop / Admissions Panel | TBD |

College Applications:

- The school submits an official copy of the transcript, school profile, and, if applicable, the Secondary School Report
- Recommendation letters can be sent upon request. Please request all recommendations at least 2 weeks before they are due
- Most schools use Common App or SendEdu for the college application process. If your college does not, please let your counselor know once you have completed your application.
- Print any necessary documents that require counselor completion and turn them in right away!
- Official reports of standardized test scores must always be sent by the testing agency.
- **Please allow at least 5 business days for your counselor to prepare the application!**
- Delays in any of these steps could prevent the college/university from reviewing your application or cost you a scholarship!

Scholarships and Financial Aid:

- Scholarships can be found on the Talawanda School Counseling Website.
- There is also a separate scholarship booklet that comes out in February. Read the entire criteria to determine your eligibility.
- THS has a FAFSA day where parents/students can complete the FAFSA with the help of financial aid experts. This will be held on October 9th from 10am-6pm at the High School.

Internet Sites:

A reputable site will not charge you for a scholarship or college search. Use the free informational sites listed below:

www.fastweb.com
www.bigfuture.com
www.studentaid.gov
www.act.org

www.fafsa.ed.gov
www.sat.org (SAT and AP)
www.eCampusTours.com

NCAA (College Athletics): Interested in participating in college athletics? See you counselor for information.

College Entrance Tests: We recommend that all of our students take either the ACT or SAT during the spring of their senior year.

Remember that you can take the test multiple times! Our school CEEB code is 363-990.

Senior Year Timeline

September

1. Check ACT and SAT deadlines and register for the tests if you want one more chance.
2. Visit Colleges or Technical Schools (be sure to let the Main Office know).
3. Meet with admission reps during tutorials in the School Counseling Office.
4. Early grads will need to complete the application and be approved.

October

1. Attend local and national college fairs.
2. Continue campus visits.
3. Start Applying to colleges and for scholarships (be aware of deadlines). Be aware that many universities have a November 1 application and scholarship deadline.
4. Continue to work hard in your classes!
5. Meet with admission reps during tutorials in the Counseling Office
6. Attend the THS FAFSA workshop

November

1. Continue the college application process.
2. Apply for scholarships.
3. Submit your FAFSA information to all schools that you have applied.

December

1. Finalize any last-minute applications
2. Last opportunity to earn EOC points towards graduation

January

1. Check to make sure that you are registered for the right classes that you need to graduate or receive an honor's diploma.
2. Continue checking on scholarships

February

1. The local scholarship booklet will become available

March

1. Keep working hard in all of your class.
2. A few scholarships may be available, keep checking.

April- June

1. Prepare for graduation!
2. Commit to colleges or vocational schools.
3. Complete the Final Transcript Request Form. If this step is not completed, it will delay and/or prevent the college/university from finalizing the process of admissions! Please know that your final transcript will not be sent if you owe student fees.
4. Tell your school counselor about your awards/honors by the announced deadline, in order to be recognized for the senior night program.