

10TH & 11TH
INFORMATION MEETING

WELCOME

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REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES-

- **Math:** 4 Credits (Alg 1, Geom, Alg 2, Adv Math class)(*Must be enrolled in a math every year in high school*)
- **English:** 4 Credits
- **Science:** 3 Credits(Bio, Chem/Phys, and Lab science)
- **Social Studies:** 3 Credits (World Hist/Geo, US Hist/Geo, Econ/Gov)
- **Foreign Language:** 2 Credits of same foreign language
- **Wellness:** 1 Credit
- **PE:** .5 Credit (*this is a separate credit from Wellness*)
- **Personal Finance:** .5 Credit
- **Fine Arts:** 1 Credit
- **Focus Electives:** 3 Credits in same area (Humanities/Fine Art, Math/Science or CTE)
- Have taken **ACT test**
- **Pass TN Civics Assessment**
- **TOTAL: 22 Credits required**

- If you do not pass a class then you may have to retake the class or do credit recovery for the class if your final grade is above a 50. Please call or email Ms. Hudson if you have questions.

ACT (11th) – Required for high school graduation!

- All Juniors take it, county-wide in the spring; it is free; we register you for it
- Free practice test: <https://pages.act.org/free-practice-act-test.html>

Aim for a minimum of 21 to receive TN Hope Scholarship

2020-2021 ACT NATIONAL TEST DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
■ October 10, 2020	September 25	No late fee
■ October 17, 2020	September 25	No late fee
■ October 24, 2020	September 25	No late fee
■ October 25, 2020 (Sunday)	September 25	No late fees
■ December 12, 2020	November 6	Nov 7 - November 20
■ February 6, 2021	January 8	January 9 - January 15
■ April 17, 2021	March 12	March 13 - March 26
■ June 12, 2021	May 7	May 8 - May 21
■ July 17, 2021*	June 18J	June 19 - June 25

REGISTER AT: WWW.ACT.ORG---\$55 No Writing; \$70 Writing

WHEN TO TAKE THE ACT

- December or February of Junior year (*family pays & registers for this*)
- March or April of Junior year (*free, countywide, we register your student*)
 - Sometimes in June prior to Senior year (*Some students take it a 3rd time if they are trying to reach a certain score; family pays & registers for this*)
- fall of Senior year (*free, countywide, we register your student*)

Last real chances to take an ACT

for freshman college scholarships is

September & October of the Senior Year.

ACT ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR COLLEGE

UTC – *minimum requirements* combined GPA of 2.85 AND 18 ACT composite *OR* combined GPA of 2.3 AND 21 ACT composite

UTK – *average admitted* freshmen ACT score is 28 composite, 29 Min for Scholarships

GPA COUNTS

- ❑ Colleges/scholarships criteria are based off:
 - * your GPA from May of your Junior year
and test scores
- ❑ Key GPA cutoffs for college admissions and scholarships are:
 - 2.5 – minimum for a 4-year college; community colleges will accept lower
 - 3.0 –HOPE scholarship (based on SENIOR year's May GPA)
 - 3.0/3.25 – general academic or talent-based scholarships
 - 3.5 or higher – more selective colleges and scholarships
- ❑ To keep track of grades that affect your year GPA, use Edgenuity and PowerSchool.

*HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU
HAVE TO SELECT YOUR
COLLEGE/CAREER PROGRAM*

Now through December Senior Year

*Seniors can begin applying to colleges
in August*

Things to Consider When Choosing A College...

SELF-EVALUATION / FAMILY DISCUSSION

Location

- In what geographic area do you want to attend school?

Type of institution

- Liberal arts college, business school, technical college, large university

Finances

- How much money can you afford? **Parents, talk to your students about this!**

School size

- Do you want a small college with 2000 students or a large university with 15,000?

THINGS TO CONSIDER CONTINUED

Campus Setting

- Do you prefer a urban, suburban or rural setting?

Special Areas of Interest

- Particular art, sport, study abroad, ROTC program or co-op program

Major

- Do you have a tentative major? Does the college even offer your top majors?
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START YOUR RESEARCH

■ Individual college websites

Websites with College Search Engines

- www.collegeraptor.org
 - A quick college match search engine that also offers financial affordability, considers scholarships AND best fit
- www.collegeboard.com
 - Home of the SAT/PSAT & AP Tests
 - A great college match maker, also great information on college majors and careers
- www.princetonreview.com
 - You need to set up a free account, not as in-depth but worth investigating
- www.collegeview.com
 - A simple search engine, but can produce some interesting results.

Let's Talk MONEY!



Funding college
with
Tennessee State
Scholarships &
College
Scholarships

What is Financial Aid?

Financial Aid = Scholarships, Grants (Federal & State) and Loans

Scholarships

- Merit based (*based on grades, GPA & ACT requirements*)
- Need based (*based on family income*)
- Performance based (*based on your talent*)
- General Selection (*based on your application essay and/or interview*)

Grants

- Need based (*based on family income*)
- Field Related (*based on your major/career field*)

Loans

- *Borrowed money to be paid back with interest*

SCHOLARSHIPS

Register at www.fastweb.com, www.cappex.com,
www.collegeraptor.com, and www.zinch.com

- Do Community Service and extracurricular activities (Record on your resume')
- Avoid Scams – Don't pay – Don't give out bank number or credit card number

RESEARCH AND START A LIST

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

- Individual college websites
- www.collegeraptor.org
- www.finaid.org
 - most comprehensive source of student financial aid information, advice and tools. Free to use
- www.fastweb.com, www.cappex.com,
www.zinch.com
 - Famous scholarship search websites is also pretty good for college searching. You need to set up free account. There may be a lot of advertising on the site, just say no to their offers.
- www.studentsreview.com

Provides a lot of information from students about their schools. Students grade their schools in a variety of different areas and write reviews.

TN PROMISE (2 FREE YEARS)

Can **ONLY** be used for a 2 year degree at a TN College (most 4 year schools do not offer 2 year degrees)

No ACT or GPA requirements

Is a ***LAST DOLLAR*** Scholarship – only helps ***AFTER*** all other aid is applied such as Pell Grant and TN HOPE Scholarship

TN LOTTERY (HOPE) SCHOLARSHIP

21 ACT (980 SAT) OR 3.0 GPA

Renewal -2.75 college cumulative
GPA after 24 credits and 48
credits

Can only be used at TN schools

WHAT SHOULD YOU START DOING :

- Start checking emails daily– it's how everyone communicates now!
- Stay on pace with your classes.
- Start your RESUME!
- Record your Community Service – Dates & hours spent
- Keep grades up
- Take ACT in 11th Grade

- Create a separate college/career email for parents and students to use.
- Attend College/Career Fairs (some are virtual)
- Complete an interest inventory
<https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Careers/interest-assessment.aspx>
- Do online college/career searches:
www.collegeboard.com
www.careeronestop.org
- Visit colleges
- Explore Careers and Job Shadow
- Start a binder with college and career program information

What to put in a binder :

- List of websites and the usernames/passwords
- College/Career search information- brochures/internet printouts
- College Fair information
- Letters of Recommendation (request from teachers the end of Junior year/beginning of Senior year)
- Scholarship info (applications, letters)
- Volunteer Hour records

The recording of this Zoom and the
PowerPoint will be on the school
website at

[https://virtualschool.hcde.org/social
emotional_support](https://virtualschool.hcde.org/social_emotional_support)

Let me know if you have questions or
need assistance.

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