

Senior Information

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Delaware County College Fair: Thursday, October 8th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Muncie Central. Over 50 colleges and universities will be in attendance. There will also be financial aid tables.

College Admissions Tests (SAT & ACT)

For **both tests:**

- Students must register approximately one month ahead of the test date.
- Tests are always administered on a Saturday.
- Students must bring a photo ID and admission ticket. The admission ticket must also have your picture.
- Students may arrive to check in at approximately 7:30 AM, but must be in the building no later than 8:00 AM.
- Muncie Central's high school code is **152475**.
- **Fee waivers** are available in the guidance office.
- Check registration deadlines for each test date.

SAT: There are 7 SAT test dates throughout the school year. It costs \$52.50 to register for the test. Registration can be completed either online at sat.org or via a mail-in form that can be picked up in the guidance office.

ACT: There are 6 ACT test dates throughout the school year. It costs \$38.00 for the No Writing version of the ACT, and \$54.50 for the Plus Writing version of the ACT.

SAT Test Dates	ACT Test Dates
October 3, 2015	September 12, 2015
November 7, 2015	October 24, 2015
December 5, 2015	December 12, 2015
January 23, 2016	February 6, 2016
March 5, 2016	April 9, 2016
May 7, 2016	June 11, 2016
June 4, 2016	

AP Testing: all tests are taken in May. Must score a 3 or higher for college credit.

College Visit Days: seniors are granted 2 days they can use for college visits. All students must:

- Arrange the visit with the college ahead of time.
- Have a parent report the absence to the school on the day of the visit.
- Bring back documentation from the college in order to have the visit count as an excused absence.

College Applications

- **Apply early:** many colleges have an early application deadline (usually around **November 1st**) in order to be considered for college-specific scholarships.
- **Apply online:** most college applications can be completed and submitted online. Some colleges do request that your counselor fill out a form for you. I would be more than happy to do this for you. You can also request a transcript through a free service called e-transcript. The link is on our website: <http://www.muncie.k12.in.us/chsweb/Guidance>

College Go! Week

- Some colleges waive the application fee during College Go! Week. College Go! Week is scheduled to take place from **September 21st** to **September 25th**.

FAFSA

- Complete the **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Any college-bound senior who wants to receive financial aid from the federal government **must** complete a FAFSA.

- You can start filling out the FAFSA on **January 1st**. The deadline is **March 10th** (March 1st for some financial aid). You **must fill out the FAFSA online**. The website is <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
- **FAFSA Day** takes place in February here at Muncie Central. The National Center for College Costs will have representatives at our school to help students with completing the FAFSA.
- **College Goal Sunday**: Sunday, February 14th at Ivy Tech. Bring your financial information and PIN number to get help filling out the FAFSA.
- **21st Century Scholars MUST complete a FAFSA in order to remain eligible for state financial aid.**

Scholarships

1. Check the **scholarship drawer** for scholarships we receive in the guidance office.
2. A **scholarship packet** was (or will be) given out at your senior meeting.
3. Fill out the **Preliminary Information for Scholarships** form – this is useful especially for scholarships offered through Muncie Central and for letters of recommendation.
4. The **Community Foundation** offers several local scholarships, which can be found at www.cfmdin.org.
5. National scholarship directories: www.fastweb.com and www.petersons.com are two very popular scholarship websites. Be wary of any company that offers to find scholarships for you for a fee – this is likely a scam; you should **never** have to pay for scholarships.
6. Tips when filling out scholarship applications: Read the requirements carefully to make sure that you qualify. If a letter of recommendation is needed, be sure to ask the teacher/counselor/principal at least one week ahead of time. **Make sure you apply before the deadline.**

Athletes

- If you are planning to play Division I or II college sports, you must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse at <http://eligibilitycenter.org/>. SAT and ACT scores must be sent directly to the Clearinghouse. Mark 9999 on SAT and ACT forms when sending scores. 16 core courses are required.

IU Groups

- A program for low income, first generation college students. Takes place over the summer at IU Bloomington. Credits can be earned for free. See Mr. Hansen for more information.

21st Century Scholars

- Make sure to attend an exit meeting and submit an affirmation statement. Deadline is **March 10th**
- All 21st Century Scholars must maintain a **cumulative** GPA of at least 2.5 in order to receive state financial aid.

Other Information

- Students will need 6 math credits **in high school** in order to receive a Core 40 Diploma or better.
- Students must take a **quantitative reasoning** course each year they are enrolled in high school.

ECA (End of Course Assessments): if you have not passed your Algebra or English 10 ECAs, you may apply for a waiver at the end of the school year. The waiver has several requirements:

1. Student must take the ECA in each subject area in which the student did not achieve a passing score at least one time every school year.
2. Student must complete remediation opportunities provided by the student's school.
3. Student must maintain a school attendance rate of **95%** through **all four years of high school**.
4. Student must have at least a "C" average in the courses required by the State Board of Education.
5. Student must complete one of the following:

Option 1: Teacher Recommendation	Option 2: Work Readiness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain a written recommendation from a teacher in each subject area in which the student has not achieved a passing score; • The recommendation must be concurred with the principal and supported by documentation that the student has attained proficiency in the subject area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a career academic sequence (6 CTE credits); • Take a workforce readiness assessment such as the WorkKeys; • And one of the following: Career Exploration Internship, Cooperative Education, or Workforce Credential