

Houston High School – Junior/Senior Timeline

School Code: 020178

This is a sample timeline to help you prepare for life after high school. Please verify all information.

- **Junior Year:**

- Take the PSAT in October for scholarship consideration.
- Register for and then take the SAT or ACT in the spring.
 - Go to www.collegeboard.org to register for the SAT and to find testing dates.
 - Go to www.actstudent.org to register for the ACT and to find testing dates.
- Research the colleges in which you have interest. Learn about:
 - Their admission requirements
 - Their scholarship programs
- If possible, make arrangements to visit the colleges you would like to attend.
- Visit www.akcis.org and take the Career Cluster survey or the Interest Profiler to learn about careers that would interest you. The username is houstonhs and the password is 4Student. You can also create your own portfolio and save your results.

- **Senior Year:**

- **September through November**
 - Verify admission requirements and application/scholarship deadlines to the colleges before applying.
 - Make arrangements to attend meetings when college representatives visit Houston HS.
 - **Complete applications for admission to the college(s) which you would like to attend.**
 - SAT II tests are required by some schools. Check the admission requirements carefully.
 - You can apply to college before you receive your SAT or ACT results, but if it is required, register to take one or both of those tests if you have not already done so as soon as possible. When you register, you can have your test scores sent directly to the colleges you have applied to. You can send 4 free score reports.
 - Tell Mrs. Way when you have applied to a college so that she can submit your transcript. Allow her ONE WEEK to get the transcript in the mail.
 - If you plan to participate in Division I or Division II college athletics, you must register with the NCAA at www.eligibilitycenter.com. Be sure to check on the website for eligibility requirements. You must have your SAT or ACT scores sent directly to the clearinghouse from SAT or ACT. You can take care of this when you register to take the SAT or ACT.
 - File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) before March 1, and earlier if the college requires an earlier filing date. You can do this as early as October 1.
 - FAFSA forms must be filed online. This form is an assessment of the family's financial situation and is based on the previous year's federal income tax return. It will be to your advantage to prepare

these forms early, before attempting to complete the FAFSA form. Please be sure to check filing deadlines.

- **Many SCHOLARSHIPS and all GRANTS and LOANS are based on the FAFSA form, including the Alaska Performance Scholarship.**
- Website: www.fafsa.ed.gov

- **January through June**
 - Continue to work hard. College acceptances are provisional until your 8th semester grades and rank are received. Grade trend is very important.
 - Inform Mrs. Way where your final transcript should be sent. This has to be sent in order for you to register for classes.
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- **Ongoing Activities**
 - **Check the Guidance website/newsletter and listen for announcements about available scholarships.**
 - Be sure to apply for scholarships WELL before the deadlines. You do not want to miss out on an opportunity due to procrastination. Pay attention to deadlines – they could be “received by” dates or “postmarked by” dates.

Helpful Information

Alaska Performance Scholarship

- Website: akadvantage.alaska.gov

Alaska Pacific University

- Website: www.alaskapacific.edu
- Admission Requirements:
 - Official copy of transcript
 - Essay of 500 words or more
 - 2 Recommendation Letters
 - 2.5 GPA or higher
- \$25 application fee

AVTEC

- Website: avtech.edu
- \$35 application fee

Job Corps

- Website: Alaska.jobcorps.gov

Military Information:

- Website: www.military.com/join-armded-forces
- Navy: www.navy.com
- Army: www.goarmy.com
- National Guard: www.nationalguard.com
- Air Force: www.airforce.com

University of Alaska

- University of Alaska Anchorage Website: www.uaa.alaska.edu
- University of Alaska Fairbanks Website: www.uaf.edu
- University of Alaska Southeast Website: uas.alaska.edu
- Admission requirements for Fall 2017 requirements are a minimum 2.5 GPA.
 - Completed application
 - Sealed, official transcript
 - Some students may need a placement test
 - \$40 application fee for an Associate's Degree
 - \$50 application fee for a Bachelor's Degree
- Scholarship applications can be completed AFTER applying for admission. There is a separate application for scholarships.

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

- Website: www.wiche.edu
- For Western Undergraduate Exchange Information: www.wiche.edu/wue

Scholarships (just to list a few)

- www.fastweb.com
- collegeboard.com/paying
- www.zinch.com
- www.nerwallet.com/nerdscholar

SAT/ACT Information:

- Practice questions are available online with questions of the day, practice tests, and some resources that cost additional money.
- To register for the SAT/ACT, you will need:
 - Your name as it appears on your ID
 - Your mailing address
 - Date of birth
 - Test date, test center, test type
 - An acceptable photo of yourself that resembles the photo on your ID (SAT only)
- On test day, remember to bring:
 - Your admission ticket
 - Your photo ID
 - Several #2 pencils
 - Your calculator and extra batteries
 - Snacks – it is a long day.
 - No cell phones or other electronic devices

2019-2020 Testing Dates

SAT Information –

www.collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat

	Registration Daeadline	Late Fee	Test Date
Colony HS, Grace Christian HS, UAA	Feb 8 th	2/9-19 (online)	3/9/20
Colony HS, Grace Christian HS, UAA	April 3 rd	4/14-21 (online)	5/2/20
UAA, Grace Christian HS	May 8 th	5/19-27 (online)	6/6/20

ACT Information -- www.actstudent.org

	Registration Deadline	Late Fee	Test Date
Colony High, UAA, Hanshew Middle	Jan. 10 th	1/11-17	2/8/20
Colony High UAA, Hanshew Middle	Feb. 28 th	2/29-3/13	4/4/20
UAA	May 8 th	5/9-22	6/13/20
UAA	June 19 th	6/20-26	7/18/20

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