

Houston High School – Senior Timeline

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

• 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.
- Work on scholarship essays. Allow time for peer/staff proofing.
- Begin building a personal portfolio including reference and/or recommendation letters from adult friends and HHS staff for employment and scholarship opportunities.
- 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 (Senior year, Semester 2). 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.
- Actively seek summer employment, internship, community service experiences before college students return in early May.

○ **Ongoing Activities**

- **Check the District Counselor website** (District Homepage/Programs/MSBSD Counseling/Scholarships & Financial Aid), **school newsletter and listen for announcements about available scholarships and school district employment opportunities. See your counselor for more information.**
- 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
- Fall Application Deadline: May 1(Priority)/August 1 (Late)
- \$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 2020 requirements are a minimum 2.5 GPA for Bachelor Degree, No minimum GPA for Certificate/Associates Degree Programs
 - Completed application
 - Sealed, official transcript
 - Placement Exams or Standardized tests for Math & Writing courses
 - \$50 application fee for a Bachelor’s Degree (Can be Waived)
- 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

- 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

Mat Su Borough School District Summer Employment: See your school counselor

Test Dates

ACT

(Approx. Fee: \$60.00-\$85.00+)

	Registration Deadline	Late Fee	Test Date
UAA	Aug. 6 th	8/7-20	9/11/21
UAA	Sept. 17 th	9/18-10/1	10/23/21
Colony High, UAA	Nov. 5 th	11/6-19	12/11/21
Colony High, UAA	Jan. 7 th	1/8-21	2/12/22
Colony High UAA	Feb 25 th	2/26-3/11	4/2/22
UAA	May 6 th	5/7-20	6/11/22
UAA	June 17 th	6/18-24	7/16/22

SAT

(Approx. Fee:\$55.00 and higher)

	Registration Date	Late Fee Deadline	Test Date
Colony HS, Grace Christian HS, UAA	Sept. 3 rd	9/4-21	10/2/21
Grace Christian HS, UAA	Oct 8 th	10/9-26	11/6/21
Colony HS, Grace Christian HS, UAA	Nov. 4 th	11/5-23	12/4/21
Colony HS, Grace Christian HS, UAA	Feb 11 th	2/12-3/1	3/2/22
Colony HS, Grace Christian HS, UAA	April 8 th	4/9-26	5/7/21
UAA	May 5 th	5/6-25	6/4/21

Registration must be completed online.

ACT: www.actstudent.org

SAT: www.collegeboard.org

Houston High School Code: 020178

*Please visit ACT and SAT sites to confirm dates as changes may occur.

Closures and cancellations may occur at the last minute