Derby High School
Post-Secondary Planning Guide
2019-2020
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Derby High School pursues academic achievement, promotes creative and critical thinking, encourages proper behavior, and fosters responsible citizenship.
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What should I be doing over the summer before my senior year?

- Research colleges
- Visit colleges
- Volunteer in your community
- Build your resume
- Work on your college essay
- Explore various scholarships offered
- Create an FSA ID to complete FAFSA
- Complete Senior Interview for counselor recommendations
SEPTEMBER

- Make appointments with your School Counselor
- Schedule a student/parent meeting with your counselor.
- Register for SATs–fee waivers available through counselor if student receives free or reduced lunch)
- Research and Finalize college list.
- Consider carefully your responsibilities if applying for Early Decision or Early Action.
- Begin organizer/file for each college.
- Begin drafts of essays/edit essays.
- Plan college visits and interviews.
- Review transcript with counselor***
- Begin filling out applications via common application or online
- Request teacher recommendations via Naviance and in person
OCTOBER

- Select test SAT/ACT scores from College Board Account to be sent to the schools of your choice *(STUDENTS MUST SEND ALL SCORES VIA THEIR COLLEGE BOARD ACCOUNT)*.
- Complete senior interview, resume, portfolio, or other appropriate reflection of special talent, as advised.
- Continue to work on college essays.
- Plan college visits and interviews (remember thank you letters).
- Attend DHS and local college fairs.
- Ask teachers for recommendations via Naviance.
- Complete the Common Application or online applications if not available on the Common Application.
- Send Early Decision or Early Action applications (if applying early). Continue to apply to all other schools with rolling admissions.
- Register for SATs and/or ACTs.
- Request transcripts via NAVIANCE.
- Check the CSS (College Scholarship Service) Profile Form to see if it is required by your college for financial aid.
NOVEMBER

- SATs and /or ACTs if applicable.
- Keep organized and up to date!
- Check all college application deadlines.
- Fill out CSS Profile for Financial Aid if college requires it.


DECEMBER

- SAT's and/or ACT’s if applicable.
- Check all application deadlines.
- Talk with graduates who are home from college.
- Check the DHS Guidance website as well as Naviance for Scholarship announcements and deadlines
SENIOR PARENT NIGHT and OPEN HOUSE: September 12th
- 5:15 Senior Parent Night
- 6:00 Open House

SENIOR STUDENT PRESENTATION: September 17th (During Advisory)

DHS COLLEGE FAIR: September 23rd 9:30-11:00am
- (Shelton High School College Fair- 9/23/19 @ 6:30PM-8:00PM).

FINANCIAL AID PRESENTATION: September 26th, 6:00pm

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS by appointment only-Contact the School Counseling Offices to schedule an appointment with Kim Falcioni or your child’s School Counselor.
- October 10th (9:00a.m.-11:00a.m.)
- October 17th (5:30p.m.-7:30p.m.)

Begin completing FAFSA- October 1st (free application for federal student aid fafsa.ed.gov)
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

*REVIEW TRANSCRIPTS*

- English (literature and composition courses) (4 credits)
- Mathematics (3-4 credits) 4 recommended
- Science (laboratory courses) (3-4 credits) 4 recommended
- Social Studies (3-4 credits) 4 recommended
- Foreign Language (at least 3 years of the same language)
- Updated GPA and class rank

*Double check to make sure transcript is accurate AND current schedule will give you 24 credits by JUNE*
# SAT Test Dates

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Sat Registration: [www.sat.org/register](http://www.sat.org/register)

Fee waivers available in guidance if eligible

Act test dates: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

*School SAT’s do not include the essay component. We recommend all students take the SAT’s on one of these above dates.*

*Students are responsible for sending score reports (electronically) to colleges directly from college board.*
Naviance helps high school students:

- Understand their unique strengths
- Connect their interests to careers
- Set goals
- Develop self-knowledge and personal motivation
- Search colleges (colleges and universities can be searched by region, state, size, activities offered, athletics, major programs of study and much more)
- Discover career interests and personality type profiles
- Determine potential careers and majors aligned to your strengths and interests

To access Family Connection please go to:

http://connection.naviance.com/derbyhs
The common application is used for 90% of college applications today.

- One application
- One essay
- One submission

When applying for schools, be sure to select the following:

- 2 safety schools
- 2 target schools
- 2 reach schools

*Please note all deadlines and secondary reports or forms specific to each college*
Post High School Options

- Four year College/University
- Two year Colleges/Community College
- Armed services
- Private vocational trade and technical schools
- Gap year
### Division I Qualifier Requirements

**16 Core Courses**

- 10 core courses completed before the start of seventh semester. Seven (7) of the ten (10) must be in English, Math, or Natural/Physical Science
- “Locked in” for core-course GPA calculation
- There is a sliding scale for GPA & Test Scores
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.0 in core classes with either a combined SAT score of 1100 (Math & Evidence-Based Reading & Writing only) or an ACT sum score of 86**
- Graduate from high school

### Division II Qualifier Requirements

**16 Core Courses**

- 3 years of English
- 2 years of Mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of Natural/Physical Science (1 year of lab if offered by high school)
- 3 years of additional English, Mathematics, or Natural/Physical Science
- 2 years of Social Science
- 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language, or comparative religion/philosophy)
- Graduate from high school
- Sliding Scale for GPA/SAT- Minimum 2.0GPA with 900 SAT or 68 ACT

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**NCAA (COLLEGE BOUND ATHLETES)**

1. Register at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
2. Register to take the ACT, SAT or both and use the NCAA Eligibility Center code “9999” as a score recipient. Students must send scores electronically through college board.
3. Request that your high school counselor send an official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center after completing your junior year. For more info: [http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future](http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future)
WHAT EXACTLY IS FINANCIAL AID?
- It is any grant or scholarship, loan, or paid employment offered to help a student meet his/her college expenses.

MAIN TYPES
There are 3 main types of financial aid:
- Grants & Scholarships - Federal or institutional awards that do not need to be repaid
- Work Study Program - Part-time campus employment subsidized by the Federal Government
- Loans - Low-interest student or parent loans that will need to be repaid

When you apply for financial aid, your financial aid package will likely include student loans. There are generally two types of student loans:
- Federal student loans - Funded by the Federal government
- Private student loans - Non Federal loans; made by a private lender such as a bank, credit union, or school

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) - [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
Begin completing FAFSA on October 1st, 2019
THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TO JUNIOR POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING NIGHT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND YOUR CHILD OVER THE NEXT YEAR.

GOOD LUCK WITH THE REMAINING SCHOOL YEAR AND HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!!!