

Senior Information 2016-2017

1. TRANSCRIPTS / OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

- Check carefully to make sure all your grades and credits are accurate.
- Check carefully to determine what you need to graduate. Your counselor will review your transcript with you in your CCR conference, but it is up to you and your parent to continue to track your progress each of the remaining quarters.
- **Incomplete (I)** grades count as F grades in GPA. **“No Grade” (NG)** is not figured in GPA. There is no credit given for I or NG.
- **TRANSCRIPTS FOR COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS** - When applying for college, official transcripts are available from **Kerry Hardy** in the Registrar’s Office. Please allow for a few days preparation / printing time when ordering official transcripts.

2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR GRADUATION IS PRIMARILY YOURS

- Make an appointment if you have any questions.
- Respond to pink slips from your counselor . . . your graduation is at stake.
- **If you have any makeup credit to complete, get it done early. Set a goal to complete your makeup credits and online classes by the end of 1st semester.**

3. ACT / SAT – WHICH ONE AND WHEN?

- ACT is preferred in Utah
- Necessary for admission to University of Utah, Utah State University, Southern Utah University, Weber State University, Utah Valley University (not used to deny admission at UVU but for placement), and BYU.
- Used for placement purposes at Utah State University – Eastern, Snow College, Dixie State University, Salt Lake Community College, and Weber State University (1 yr. and Associate Degree programs only.)
- If applying out of state, check each school’s specific requirement for admission. Some schools do not require either one. Others have preferences, but will accept either one.
- ACT and SAT prefer students / parents to apply on line using a credit card for payment. You will need a photo to unload in order to register for the ACT.
- **Seniors should plan on taking either test no later than December.** It can take up to 6 weeks for results to be mailed to the schools and students. Most admissions application deadlines are in February, March, and April.

4. FREE NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR AT CORNER CANYON HIGH SCHOOL - see flyer in packet for more info

- Rocky Mountain College Fair – featuring more than 200 college reps. for high school students. Students planning on attending the fair can pre-register at **www.gotocollegefairs.com**. This will allow you to best utilize the scanner technology most colleges will have by creating and printing out your own barcode. Financial aid and college application workshops. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, October 1, 2016, 1:00 - 3:30
Corner Canyon High School Main Gymnasium
12943 South 700 East
Draper, Utah 84020

5. HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL POST HIGH SCHOOL TOUR - see flyer in packet for more info

- Monday, September 12th at Highland High School 9:30 – 11:48
- All Utah colleges and programs will have representatives available
- Student will choose 3 different college / university presentations to attend. Parents are invited to attend.

6. SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

- Scholarship monthly bulletin updated and published monthly, available in the counseling office, on the Counseling Bulletin board in the hallway, and on the Highland website under Counseling Center.
- Our scholarship coordinator is **Christie Divver**. Her office is **D106**. Her work hours are **M, W, Th 8:45 – 3:00**. Her phone number is 801-484-4343 ext. 157.
- Do your own internet searches. Do not pay any organization money for scholarship searches.
- Contact the schools you are interested in attending for departmental and in-house academic performance awards.
- **FAFSA applications can now be submitted after October 1, 2016**. Funding is on a first come, first serve basis, so you will want to do it immediately after parent taxes have been filed. All students will want to fill this out to be considered for scholarships, grants, loans, work study, or in case of a change of situation during the first year of college.

7. REGENTS SCHOLARSHIP

- The Regents' Scholarship application for the high school graduating class of 2017 will become available online on November 15, 2016.
- **It is the applicant's responsibility to understand the requirements, complete the application, and meet all deadlines.** Please keep in mind that this application process is very specific and must be adhered to. If you do not complete every step, the scholarship could be denied even though you might be qualified.
- A complete application consists of an online application, as well as submission of supporting documentation. The program guide and online application is accessed through the Regents' Scholarship webpage <http://higheredutah.org/regentsscholarship/>. More specific instructions regarding how to apply for the scholarship will be provided when the application becomes available in mid-November.
- There is a **priority deadline of December 9, 2016**. The FINAL deadline is February 1, 2017.
- Any questions check the website or call 801-321-7159.

8. COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- **All colleges** use online applications.
- **DEADLINES ARE ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL FOR COLLEGE APPLICATION, SCHOLARSHIPS, TESTING, AND FINANCIAL AID. BE ON TIME AND DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL OF THE INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU.**

9. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Complete resume' that includes a list of activities in and out of school, honors and awards as well as employment history and possible skills.
- Meet with teacher / counselor with correct information (where to send, when to send, and to whom, etc.).
- **PLEASE GIVE COUNSELORS AND TEACHERS AT LEAST 2 WEEKS NOTICE.** Remember – you are not the only one requesting a letter of recommendation.

10. COLLEGE ADMISSION ESSAYS / PERSONAL STATEMENTS

- Don't forget to use proper grammar, punctuation, and essay format. Use everything your English teachers have taught you about what makes a good essay. Colleges and universities want you to write about what makes you – YOU! Be creative and express your uniqueness.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATIONS!!