

SENIOR QUICK REFERENCE

2020

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Our School Code is 481-580. This is also called the CEEB (SAT) code and is our ACT code number.

BHS Address/Phone, Fax and E-mail

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Testing: (SAT I, SAT Subject Tests, ACT)

- Test registration for these college entrance examinations is done online. See www.collegeboard.org/sat for the SAT. See www.actstudent.org for the ACT. Seniors are encouraged to have all testing completed by December in order to receive scores in time for the college application process.
- There are no required tests for community college entrance, but students will need to take a placement test upon registration. Students should go to the counseling office at the community college for placement testing.
- Should you send SAT or ACT scores or both? Several websites may help you determine which is better for you. Search for “ACT and SAT Score Comparison” to find some of the options available.
- Most colleges prefer that students have the testing company send scores directly to the college. Follow directions on the College Board or ACT websites to send SAT or ACT scores.

Processing Applications:

- Many colleges require information from the BHS Counseling Office in the application process.
- Follow all directions on the **College Application Process** handout available under “College Planning” tab on the BHS Counseling website.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE TIMELINES below! The counselors and secretaries *must have this time to process your application along with the hundreds of others.* *NOTE: We cannot guarantee that your school report or counselor recommendation letter will be submitted in a timely manner if you do not meet the required deadlines below.*

STUDENTS MUST CHECK THE 'Yes, I do waive my right to access...' *Otherwise the counseling office will not be able to write the required recommendation letter to accompany the Secondary School Report.*

- **If you are requesting Transcripts-only via Parchment: 4 weeks prior to the deadline.**
Typically public colleges and universities do NOT need a counselor or teacher recommendation letter.
- **If you are requesting Recommendation Letter(s) from a Counselor: 4 weeks prior to the deadline**
This includes ALL Common Application schools.
Student Data Sheet and Parent Brag Sheet must also be turned in to the counselor 4 weeks prior to the deadline.
- **We do not report Class Rank. The BHS Class of 2020 currently has 345 students.**
The BHS GPA is unweighted (per state law) and exact. Ask your counselor for your current GPA.

Recommendation Letters From Teachers:

Ask the teacher(s) first! Then follow the teachers' directions and give them at least **four (4) school weeks** prior to the first application deadline. Be sure to write a thank you note to each teacher after they have sent their letters.

E-Mail Addresses:

Use a professional e-mail address for college applications and correspondence. Check it often!

Online Applications Tip:

Select one username and password for use on all online applications; keep this information secure.

Useful Websites for College Search:

Students can identify colleges by size, location, costs, financial aid, freshman retention rates, admissions data (number of applicants, acceptance rate, SAT/ACT scores), academics (ratios, graduation rates) and student body information on many of these sites. In addition, **Naviance Student** is available via the BHS Counseling webpage and it has an excellent college search section as well as Scattergram data for many colleges.

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search> <http://nces.ed.gov/COLLEGENAVIGATOR/>
www.actstudent.org www.CheckOutACollege.com www.makemeafreshman.com
<http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-colleges> www.embark.com www.petersons.com

Senior Schedules:

It is important to know that colleges are interested in the *strength* of your senior year. They are not impressed with a slacker year or a drop in performance.

PE Waivers:

Seniors who have taken at least six classes every semester and have participated on a BHS sports team may have .5 (for one season of play) or 1.0 (for two seasons of play) PE requirement(s) waived. "PE Waiver Request" forms will be available in the Counseling Office in spring of senior year. Students do not receive credit with a PE waiver.

College Admission Representatives:

Many college admissions reps visit Bainbridge High School to meet with interested students. The complete calendar is on the BHS home website. *Students* must sign up via **Naviance Student** on the BHS Counseling webpage. This is a great opportunity to meet with the person who will likely read your application first!

Common Applications:

Nearly 900 colleges accept the Common Application. A complete list of member colleges and the application itself can be accessed at www.commonapp.org. Students should meet personally with their counselor and teacher(s) to request a recommendation letter in person *prior to* "inviting/assigning" them electronically on Common Application. The new version for Class of 2020 launched on August 1 and counselors will be happy to assist any students needing help with the Common Application. NOTE that the CA **does** require a counselor recommendation!

FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid:

- The FAFSA should be completed online *as soon as possible on or after October 1, 2019* at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- There are useful tools to estimate the expected family income by searching for "FAFSA4Caster" and also at http://apps.collegeboard.com/fincalc/efc_welcome.jsp
- We recommend that families use the online version of FAFSA rather than the paper form since it is more efficient and families receive results quicker.
- Families should explore this website as soon as possible this fall to request an FSA ID and start organizing data.
- Beware of "scams" (usually ending in ".com") that charge for assistance. FAFSA is free!
- Watch for the PTSO-sponsored *Financial Aid Night* and the *FAFSA Info Night* this fall. Both will be at BHS.

Financial Aid "CSS Profile" form:

This form is required of applicants applying for "Need Based" financial aid by a very small number of colleges (usually private). It is filed in addition to the FAFSA. Information is available at <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>

Scholarship Information:

Forms for national, state, and college-based scholarships are listed on the BHS Counseling website via Naviance. Also, see www.fastweb.com, www.meritaid.com, www.zinch.com, www.thewashboard.org and www.cappex.com

Career Center:

The Career Center in the BHS Library has volumes of information to help students with job explorations, career opportunities and career speakers. Contact the BHS Career & Technical Education Office for more information.

We continue to use the daily bulletin, the PTSO Newsletter and the BHS/Counseling webpage to communicate. Students can also print a copy of the *Class of 2020 Planning Guide* located on the BHS Counseling website.