

# FRANKLIN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

## POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

August 2017

### COLLEGE ADMISSION

Counselors will be meeting individually with students beginning mid-August. You do not need to put in a pass for the counselor. You will be called down to the guidance office.

#### Admission Criteria

Some combination of the following (not all colleges use all of these):

Strength of subjects (AP classes)  
SAT/ACT Scores  
Personal Essays

Class Rank  
Recommendations  
Interviews

Grade Point Average  
Activities/Awards

*Sample criteria from the I.U. and Purdue Admissions Offices:* In evaluating applications, the admissions committees consider the following criteria: your overall grade point average and your grades in academic courses, including English, mathematics, laboratory science, social studies, and foreign language. The Committee also considers grades in courses that relate to your intended major, standardized test scores (SAT/ACT), the direction your grades have taken throughout high school, and the time of year you applied.

#### How to Decide Where to Apply

- 1. College Rep Visits** Each student may attend 4 visits. You must sign up for the meetings through your Naviance account. After you have signed up, listen for announcements to receive a pass to attend.
- 2. Naviance** Website: [connection.naviance.com/fchs](http://connection.naviance.com/fchs)
  - 1) Scholarship list
  - 2) College searches and admissions data
  - 3) Resume for teacher/counselor recommendation
  - 4) Career information
  - 5) College Rep visits
- 3. Campus Visits** Call the college admissions office 2-3 weeks ahead to make arrangements. You are ***strongly encouraged*** to take college visits over fall break: October 9<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### College Applications

- 1. Complete application online.** Make sure to complete all sections and don't forget to click SUBMIT. Pay application fee w/ credit card online. \*If you qualify for free/reduced lunch or the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars program, see your counselor about a fee waiver immediately after submitting the application.
- 2. Parchment:** If you have not already done so, register for your free account at [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com). **Make sure you select Franklin Central as your high school and 2018 as your graduation/leave year.** You will then be able to make requests to have your transcript sent to colleges you have applied to. Make sure you have completed and submitted your application to each college before making your transcript request in Parchment. The profile in Parchment is optional and does not have to be completed to send your transcript.
- 3. Teacher recommendations:** Teacher recommendations are not required for many colleges. If a teacher recommendation is required, ask an academic teacher at least two weeks in advance to write you a letter.

Provide that teacher with your resume, printed from your Naviance account. Also let that teacher know what the recommendation is for and where to send it.

- 4. Common Application:** The common application is a college admission application that students can use to apply to about 700 different colleges across the country. Both Purdue and IU accept the Common Application, as well as several other Indiana colleges. Students who use the Common Application to apply to colleges need to make sure to request their transcript be sent to the Common Application through their Parchment account. Students will need their Common Application ID number to make this request through Parchment.

**Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** will be the last day to submit transcript requests through Parchment to guarantee that your transcript will be released through Parchment by Fall Break.

#### **Additional Application Considerations:**

1. Check to see if separate housing and/or financial aid application is required.
2. You do not have to wait for SAT/ACT scores before sending college applications (\* if taking fall ACT or SAT and applying to IU, e-mail IU admissions rep directly with personal contact info and that you have taken the test but scores will come after Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> deadline).
3. Applications should be completed early in the year. Some programs and colleges have earlier deadlines. Most students apply to more than one college.
4. You should receive some response from the college in 6-8 weeks depending on the total number of applications the institution is processing. It may take longer for bigger schools  
\*You should receive a decision from IU and Purdue no later than Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> if you submit all application materials by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Colleges will require a deposit by May 1<sup>st</sup> to confirm your decision to attend.

#### **College Go Week: September 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>**

[www.learnmoreindiana.org](http://www.learnmoreindiana.org)

College application help will be available after school in the media center computer lab on Monday 9/25, and Wednesday 9/27 from 3:00 to 4:00.

### **SAT/ACT TESTING**

<p>Colleges will accept either SAT or ACT scores and they will count your highest scores.  <b>The FC High School Code for SAT/ACT is <u>153665</u></b>  <b>You must send test scores directly from ACT/SAT to Purdue, IU, and the NCAA.</b> They will not accept the scores from your transcript.  <b>*You should choose to have your ACT/SAT scores sent directly to the colleges you are applying to from the testing agencies for any test retakes from this point on. You can select the colleges you want your scores sent to through your ACT/SAT account.*</b>  <b>*We strongly recommend taking the optional essay as part of the SAT or ACT at least once.*</b></p>	
<b>ACT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you didn't do well on the PSAT, you should consider taking the ACT. The ACT is a more content-based test that has four sections: English, Math, Reading Comprehension and Science. It also has an optional Writing test.</li> <li>• Each subject area on the ACT is given a scaled score between 1 and 36; you also receive a Composite score, which also ranges between 1 and 36.</li> <li>• <b>The ACT test will be given at FCHS on September 9<sup>th</sup>.</b></li> </ul>
<b>SAT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are two main sections on the SAT: 1) Evidence Based Reading &amp; Writing, and 2) Math; there is also an optional essay</li> <li>• You can earn a scaled score of between 200 and 800 on each section, for a total of a possible 1600 points on the SAT</li> </ul>

Test Prep Resources:	
<a href="http://www.number2.com">www.number2.com</a> (FREE!) ACT only	<a href="https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat">https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat</a> (FREE!) SAT only
<a href="http://www.doorwaytocollege.com/">http://www.doorwaytocollege.com/</a> -SAT prep class at FC Sep. 25 <sup>h</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> ; \$89.99 -more test prep options available on counseling website	

### SAT Registration

Students can register for the SAT online at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).

The fee is \$57 with the essay

Testing Date	Registration Deadline
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	September 8 <sup>th</sup>
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	October 5 <sup>th</sup>
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	November 2 <sup>nd</sup>

### ACT Registration

Students can register for the ACT online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

The fee is \$62.50 with the Plus Writing test

Testing Date	Registration Deadline
September 9 <sup>th</sup> *	August 4 <sup>th</sup>
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	September 22 <sup>nd</sup>
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	November 3 <sup>rd</sup>
*Date test is offered at FC	

## PAYING FOR COLLEGE

### What is Financial Aid? Some Basic Information to Help Understand the Financial Aid Process

**Financial aid** is any money a student receives to pay for college. This can include grants, scholarships, and loans. Any tuition, room and board, or other expenses not paid for through these methods becomes the student's responsibility.

**Grants:** Money that is given by the government to help those in need; this money is not repaid. Grants are completely need based.

**Loans:** Money that is loaned by the government or private loan agencies to help pay for college tuition and expenses. This money **MUST** be repaid to the lending agency along with interest. Use loans only as a last resort and take out only what you need. Loans can be need based or non-need based.

**Scholarships:** Money that is given to a student by a scholarship committee. This money does not have to be repaid. It is often awarded after an application is submitted and the student chosen best exemplifies the qualities the committee is looking for.

**Cost of Attendance (COA):** Each college or university will provide an estimated COA on their website. This will give you an idea of how much it will cost to attend that school as a full time student. You will want to examine the estimated COA for each of the colleges you are considering attending.

**Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):** The first step in securing financial aid is completing the FAFSA. The FAFSA qualifies you for both federal and state grants and loans. The FAFSA can be completed

online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). This year, you can begin filing the FAFSA on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The first step is to apply for your FSA ID, which both you and your parents will need. You can do this before Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**\*Financial Aid Night at Franklin Central – Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, FCHS Auditorium\***

**Individual Priority Scholarship Deadlines:**

Purdue: November 1 <sup>st</sup>	IU: November 1 <sup>st</sup>	IUPUI: November 15 <sup>th</sup>
Butler: November 1 <sup>st</sup>	ISU: November 1 <sup>st</sup>	

**To meet the November 1<sup>st</sup> scholarship date, you must submit application online and make transcript request through Parchment by Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.**

1. You must apply and be accepted before colleges will offer scholarships or financial aid.
2. Students and parents should not assume that they cannot afford a particular college or university. Financial aid often makes it possible for students to attend colleges they would have considered too expensive.
3. FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will be available on October 1st and should be filed as soon as possible. This is the only way you will be considered for many institutional based grants, loans, work study programs and scholarships. The FAFSA will be based on 2016 tax information for you and your parents. [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
4. **Franklin Central Financial Aid Night for parents and students will be offered on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the FCHS auditorium.**
5. Use Naviance to search for scholarships: [connection.naviance.com/fchs](http://connection.naviance.com/fchs)
6. Register now on [www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com), [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [www.raise.me](http://www.raise.me), and [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com) to obtain access to hundreds of scholarship opportunities.
7. Consider all financial aid sources: ROTC Scholarships, churches, clubs, unions, parent's employers, loans, military educational benefits, work/study programs, etc.
8. It is the student's responsibility to search for all opportunities for financial aid.

**I'M ADMITTED...NOW WHAT?**

1. **Do Not Rush Your Decision.** The National Candidates' Reply Date is May 1. No college can require a deposit before that date.
2. **Review Your Options Carefully.** Gather as much information as possible about your future options. Compare financial aid and scholarship offers, attend prospective student events at the colleges to which you were accepted, and talk with your parents about your decision.
3. **Develop an Action Plan With Your College Admissions Counselor.** Find out if you will be required to take any placement exams and when they will be offered. Find out when new student orientation is held and schedule your appointment. \*If you are offered conditional admission or a place on a wait list, make sure to follow up with the college admissions counselor to determine your next steps.

4. **Send AP scores and Dual Credit transcript.** Once you know which school you will be attending, you need to make sure you have sent any AP scores or dual credit grades directly to the college in order to receive college credit. You can send your AP scores by logging in to your account at [apscores.collegeboard.org](https://apscores.collegeboard.org). If you have taken a dual credit class, you must contact the college who sponsored the course and request that they send a copy of your college transcript to the college you will be attending.
5. **Finish High School on a High Note.** You need to finish your senior year strong. Reread your acceptance letter. It usually informs you that your admittance is conditional on the successful completion of your senior year. Colleges can, will, and do rescind their offers of admission if a student's grades significantly decline or if a student becomes involved in a serious disciplinary situation after the offer of admission is made.

## **NOT ATTENDING A FOUR YEAR COLLEGE? OTHER OPTIONS**

Make sure to ask your counselor questions about your post-secondary options at your individual senior meeting. There are many other options open to students who decide not to attend a four year college. Here are some of the options available to you:

1. **Two Year Colleges** – Schools like Ivy Tech, Vincennes University, and Ancilla College may be a great fit for you. These schools generally do not have a minimum GPA requirement, they offer many different academic programs and majors, and many of them offer transfer agreements with four year schools so you can continue your education and earn a bachelor's degree. If you are attending C9, you might already have earned college credits through Ivy Tech or Vincennes.  
[www.ivytech.edu](http://www.ivytech.edu), [www.vinu.edu](http://www.vinu.edu), [www.ancilla.edu](http://www.ancilla.edu)
2. **Career/Trade Schools** – Some careers require specific training that you can learn by attending a career or trade school. Examples of these schools are cosmetology and automotive schools. Ask your counselor for more information on career/trade schools.
3. **Apprenticeship Programs** – Apprenticeships are also a great way to learn specific skills required for many different careers. Apprenticeships are competitive and require an application. There are apprenticeship programs in many different career areas in Indiana, including: electrical, construction, plumbing, and carpentry. Ask your counselor for more information on apprenticeships or check out these websites.  
[www.learnmoreindiana.org](http://www.learnmoreindiana.org), [www.ivytech.edu/apprenticeships](http://www.ivytech.edu/apprenticeships)
4. **Military** – If you think you may be interested in a military career, your first step should be to gather as much information as possible. Representatives from all of the military branches—Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard—visit Franklin Central outside the cafeteria at lunch several times a year. Stop and talk with a recruiter during lunch, and then schedule a time to meet with them outside of school if you are interested in learning more.  
[www.goarmy.com](http://www.goarmy.com), [www.airforce.com](http://www.airforce.com), [www.marines.com](http://www.marines.com), [www.navy.com](http://www.navy.com), [www.gocoastguard.com](http://www.gocoastguard.com)

**\*Please take this information home to share with your parents. Keep this information for reference throughout your senior year.\***