

Senior Night 2026

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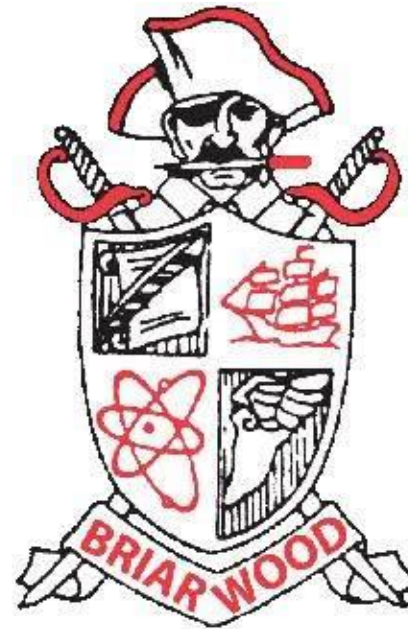


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Senior Year!!!

Agenda for the Meeting

- ▶ Welcome
- ▶ Senior Year Expectations – Overview of Calendar
- ▶ What is Your Next Step after Graduation?
- ▶ Careers and Preparation Requirements
- ▶ Colleges and Universities
- ▶ Entrance Requirements
- ▶ Application Process
- ▶ College Entrance Exams
- ▶ Collegiate Sports
- ▶ Paying for College/Scholarships
- ▶ Closing
- ▶ Q and A



Senior Year Expectations

- ▶ Maintain grades and extracurricular activities.
- ▶ Take entrance tests for the next step.
- ▶ Be vigilant and careful about deadlines. Check email accounts frequently.
- ▶ The details are your friends!
- ▶ Join a club or an organization. Being involved in school enhances your enjoyment of school.
- ▶ Take time to have fun and make great memories – it's your senior year!



AP Exam Schedule May 2027

Week 1	Morning 8 a.m. Local Time	Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time
Monday, May 4, 2026	Biology	European History
	Latin	Microeconomics
Tuesday, May 5, 2026	Chemistry	United States Government and Politics
	Human Geography	
Wednesday, May 6, 2026	English Literature and Composition	Comparative Government and Politics
		Physics 1: Algebra-Based
Thursday, May 7, 2026	Physics 2: Algebra-Based	African American Studies
	World History: Modern	Statistics
Friday, May 8, 2026	Italian Language and Culture	Chinese Language and Culture
	United States History	Macroeconomics
Art and Design: Friday, May 8, 2026 (8 p.m. ET), is the deadline for AP Art and Design students to submit their three portfolio components as final in the AP Digital Portfolio.		

Week 2	Morning 8 a.m. Local Time	Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time
Monday, May 11, 2026	Calculus AB	Music Theory
	Calculus BC	Seminar
Tuesday, May 12, 2026	French Language and Culture	Japanese Language and Culture
	Precalculus	Psychology
Wednesday, May 13, 2026	English Language and Composition	Physics C: Mechanics
	German Language and Culture	Spanish Literature and Culture
Thursday, May 14, 2026	Art History	Computer Science Principles
	Spanish Language and Culture	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Friday, May 15, 2026	Environmental Science	Computer Science A

What is Your Next Step after Graduation?

- ▶ Ask yourself some questions (you have probably done this already).
 - ▶ How do you want to spend your working life?
 - ▶ Do you want to work inside or outside, or a little bit of both?
 - ▶ Do you want to interact with other people, or would you rather work alone?
 - ▶ Take time to picture yourself working in 10 years when you are 27 or 28. What does that look like?
 - ▶ Does the career path you are considering match your vision?
 - ▶ Why do I want to pursue the career I have in mind? Is it really how I want to spend my time?
 - ▶ Have I done the research on my dream career? If not, use these websites: <https://www.gafutures.org/career-exploration/>
<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

Careers and Preparation Requirements

- ▶ Jobs that lead to Careers – some students enter the workforce after high school graduation. These students may be offered advancement opportunities as they work for the business/company.
- ▶ Military Career – students sit for the ASVAB, a “placement” test for military branches and careers. Different branches of the military; career and educational opportunities.
- ▶ Trades – students may attend a technical college such as Augusta Technical College or take classes through a union and complete apprenticeship hours. In order to obtain licensure, students will sit for a certification test at the end of their coursework or apprenticeship.
- ▶ Many Careers – there is a wide variety of careers that require an associates, bachelors or graduate degree. The level of the career depends on the completed degree. For example, a certified teacher is required to earn a bachelors degree. A principal, counselor or superintendent is required to earn a graduate degree – at a minimum, a masters degree.

Colleges and Universities

► Trade Schools and Technical Colleges

- Both types of schools provide hands-on training for specific careers.
- Both types of schools offer short-term programs that lead to a certificate or diploma.
- Technical Colleges may require an entrance exam such as the COMPASS or Accuplacer.
- Technical colleges may also offer degree-level courses that can transfer to a four-year college or university.



Colleges and Universities

- ▶ Two – Year Colleges/Community Colleges/Junior Colleges
- ▶ These schools are institutions of higher learning that offer associate degrees.
- ▶ Many of these schools have less stringent entrance requirements than four-year colleges and universities.
- ▶ They tend to be less expensive than four-year colleges and universities.
- ▶ The classes taken at these colleges may transfer to a four-year institution.
- ▶ Some colleges in this category have sports programs, which open opportunities for students to participate in intercollegiate sports.



Colleges and Universities

- ▶ **Four-Year Colleges and Universities**
- ▶ The differences between colleges and universities are that universities are usually larger in scope and size, offer graduate programs and often have a strong emphasis on research while colleges tend to focus on undergraduate education and do not have the research requirements for faculty.
- ▶ Times are changing, but historically, these institutions require entrance exams (SAT or ACT), certain academic requirements, and a variety of application requirements.
- ▶ It is imperative to read the requirements and follow the application directions exactly. If in doubt, call the admissions counselor and ask!

College Application Process

- ▶ Make a list of schools where you will apply. Check the Common App website to see how many of your selected schools participate on the platform. This saves time.
- ▶ Take the SAT/ACT and have your scores electronically sent to your selected colleges. You may send to 4 schools as part of your registration fee.
- ▶ Request letters of recommendation from your teachers/counselor/employers/etc. Make sure to provide a resume` so that the recommenders will have additional information about you to include in their letters. Give them plenty of time to complete the letters.
- ▶ Complete your applications using proper punctuation. Write in complete sentences.
- ▶ Write your essays, if required. Have someone proofread and edit your essays.
- ▶ Submit your applications before the deadline.

College Entrance Exams – CEEB Code 112988



2026-2027
TEST DATES



play to your strengths
Take the ACT

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE DEADLINE	PHOTO UPLOAD & STANDBY DEADLINE	INITIAL SCORE RELEASE
SEP 19, 2026	AUG 14	SEP 1	SEP 14	OCT 6
OCT 17, 2026	SEP 11	SEP 29	OCT 12	OCT 27
DEC 12, 2026	NOV 6	NOV 29	DEC 7	DEC 22
FEB 27, 2027	JAN 22	FEB 9	FEB 22	MAR 16
APR 10, 2027	MAR 5	MAR 23	APR 5	APR 20
JUN 12, 2027	MAY 7	MAY 25	JUN 7	JUN 23
JUL 10, 2027*	JUN 4	JUN 22	JUL 5	JUL 20

* July testing will be available for learners in New York starting in 2027. Available Test Centers will continue to be added to registration as they become available through Spring 2027.

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Important Dates:

2026-27 School Year

FALL 2026 TESTING

WEEKEND TESTING

SAT® Weekend

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Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

Registration deadlines are listed below test dates. Late registration deadlines appear in parentheses. Students who do not register by the initial deadline will be charged a \$38 late fee.

AUG 22	SEPT 12	OCT 3	NOV 7	DEC 5
Aug 7 (Aug 11)	Aug 28 (Sept 1)	Sept 18 (Sept 22)	Oct 23 (Oct 27)	Nov 20 (Nov 24)

Sunday test dates immediately follow Saturday test dates.

Fall 2026 Weekend Score Release Dates

Test Date	Scores available to students	Scores available to educators
AUG 22	SEPT 4	SEPT 8
SEPT 12	SEPT 25	SEPT 28
OCT 3	OCT 16	OCT 19
NOV 7	NOV 20	NOV 23
DEC 5	DEC 18	DEC 21

IN-SCHOOL TESTING

SAT School Day

sat.org/schoolday

PSAT/NMSQT®

psatnmsqt.org

PSAT™ 8/9

psat8-9.org

Testing Window

OCT
1–30

Schools may also choose to offer the PSAT/NMSQT on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026.

Fall 2026 In-School Score Release Dates

Testing staff submit assessments by	Scores available to educators	Scores available to students
OCT 9	OCT 20	OCT 22
OCT 23	NOV 3	NOV 5
OCT 30	NOV 10	NOV 12

SPRING 2027 TESTING

SAT Weekend

sat.org

Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

Registration deadlines are listed below test dates. Late registration deadlines appear in parentheses. Students who do not register by the initial deadline will be charged a \$38 late fee.

MAR 6	MAY 1	JUN 5
Feb 19 (Feb 23)	Apr 16 (Apr 20)	May 21 (May 25)

Sunday test dates immediately follow Saturday test dates.

Spring 2027 Weekend Score Release Dates

Test Date	Scores available to students	Scores available to educators
MAR 6	MAR 19	MAR 22
MAY 1	MAY 14	MAY 17
JUN 5	JUN 21	JUN 21

SAT School Day

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PSAT™ 10

psat10.org

PSAT 8/9

psat8-9.org

Testing Window

MAR APR
1–30

For spring 2027 in-school testing score release dates, visit the In-School Educator Experience.

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Collegiate Sports



- ▶ There are two associations that work with colleges. In order to participate in sports, students must be cleared by the college's association.
- ▶ NAIA is the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics
 - ▶ Focuses on smaller colleges
 - ▶ Does not have divisions
 - ▶ Does offer scholarships
- ▶ NCAA is the National Collegiate Athletic Association
 - ▶ Broader focus
 - ▶ Has 3 divisions (D3 schools do not offer scholarships)
 - ▶ D1 and D2 colleges offer scholarships

Collegiate Sports - NAIA

NAIA GUIDE FOR THE COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT-ATHLETE

Do I meet the freshman eligibility requirements?

If you will graduate from a U.S. high school this spring and enroll in college this coming fall, the requirements are simple. An entering freshman must:

- Be a graduate of an accredited high school.
- Must graduate with a 2.3+ GPA or meet two of the three following requirements.

MUST MEET TWO OF THE THREE

1. TEST SCORE REQUIREMENT	2. HIGH SCHOOL GPA REQUIREMENT	3. CLASS RANK REQUIREMENT
Achieve a minimum of 18 on the ACT or 970 on the SAT	Achieve a minimum overall high school grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale	Graduate in the top half of your high school class
Tests must be taken on an international testing date prior to the start of the term in which you intend to participate in athletics and scores must be achieved on a single test date. The minimum SAT must be achieved on the Evidence-Based Reading & Writing and Math sections only; the Writing score cannot be used. Minimum score requirements for tests taken prior to May 1, 2019 varied. • For tests taken prior to March 1, 2016: 18 ACT, 860 SAT (reading, math) • For tests taken between March 1, 2016 and May 1, 2019: 16 ACT, 860 SAT (evidence-based reading & writing, math)	The NAIA accepts the grade point average determined by the high school, provided it is recorded and awarded in the same manner as for every other student at the school.	If a student's class rank does not appear on the transcript, a signed letter from the principal or headmaster, vice principal or guidance counselor written on the school's letterhead and with the school's official seal, stating the student's final class rank position or may be submitted. Exception: Completion of nine institutional credit hours prior to identification at any institution of higher education can be used if no class rank appears on the final official high school transcript. The credit hours must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

Mid-Year Eligibility Opportunity. If you do not meet requirements for an entering freshman, you can satisfy one of the initial requirements in addition to earning 12 institutional credits hours with a grade of "C" or better during your first term of attendance at your NAIA school to be eligible.

Learning disabilities. Students with diagnosed learning disabilities, who do not meet the freshman eligibility requirements, may have their academic profiles reviewed by the NAIA Learning Disability Advisory Committee at the request of an NAIA institution. The LDAC will then provide recommendations to the National Eligibility Committee to assist with a final decision.

What if I didn't attend a U.S. high school?

The criteria for alternative high school experiences and those outside of the U.S. are determined as follows:

GED Students — must meet two of the three

1. TEST SCORE REQUIREMENT	2. HIGH SCHOOL GPA REQUIREMENT	3. CLASS RANK REQUIREMENT
Achieve a minimum of 18 on the ACT or 970 on the SAT	GED students are recognized as having met the GPA requirement.	(Not applicable)

Home Schooled Students

TEST SCORE REQUIREMENT — Home school students who have an 18 on the ACT or 970 on the SAT are considered to have met freshman eligibility requirements.

If a home schooled student completes a home schooling program conducted in accordance with the laws of the student's state of residence, but does not meet the test score requirement, a home school waiver may be requested from the NAIA Home School Committee. They can also become eligible without a test score by completing nine institutional credit hours with a "C" or better prior to identification at any institution of higher learning. Coursework must be accepted as institutional credit on the certifying NAIA transcript and be shown as earned prior to the term in which the student wishes to compete.

International Students - Must graduate with a 2.3+ GPA or meet two of the three following requirements.

Graduates of high schools outside of the United States or one of the U.S. territories.

1. TEST SCORE REQUIREMENT	2. HIGH SCHOOL GPA REQUIREMENT	3. CLASS RANK REQUIREMENT
Achieve a minimum of 18 on the ACT or 970 on the SAT	Achieve a minimum overall high school grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale	Graduate in the top half of your high school class Exception: Completion of nine institutional credit hours prior to identification at any institution of higher education can be used if no class rank appears on the final official high school transcript. The credit hours must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.
International students must provide their academic records in both the language of issue as well as word-for-word English translation.		

Note: For detailed information about the process for international students, please see the **NAIA Guide for the International Student-Athlete**.

Collegiate Sports - NCAA

General

OUR THREE DIVISIONS

The NCAA's three divisions were created in 1973 to align like-minded campuses in the areas of fairness, competition and opportunity.

Division I	Division II	Division III
361 Schools	292 Schools	422 Schools
8,800 Median Undergraduate Enrollment	2,100 Median Undergraduate Enrollment	1,700 Median Undergraduate Enrollment
1 in 22 Students are Athletes	1 in 7 Students are Athletes	1 in 5 Students are Athletes
19 Average Teams Per School	17 Average Teams Per School	19 Average Teams Per School
37% of NCAA Student-Athletes	24% of NCAA Student-Athletes	38% of NCAA Student-Athletes
Multiyear, cost-of-attendance athletics scholarships available.	Partial athletics scholarship model.	No athletics scholarships.
57% of athletes receive athletics aid.	62% of athletes receive athletics aid.	80% of athletes receive non-athletics aid.
Did you know...	Did you know...	Did you know...
Division I schools award over \$3 billion in athletics scholarships.	Division II is the only division with schools in Alaska, Puerto Rico and Canada.	Division III's largest school has 28,974 undergraduates. <i>The smallest?</i> 339.



Paying for College



- ▶ Complete the FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid – Opens in October
- ▶ Colleges process federal aid, scholarships, grants, loans, etc. through the FAFSA. The financial aid office at each college can assist students with questions.
- ▶ Bills are paid through the Bursar's office.

Scholarships and Search Engines

- ▶ HOPE and Zell Miller – administered by Georgia Student Finance Commission. Both programs cover the cost of tuition at Georgia public colleges and universities. They also cover a portion of the tuition at private colleges and universities in Georgia.
- ▶ HOPE requires a 3.0 unweighted GPA and 4 Rigor Courses.
- ▶ Zell Miller requires a 3.7 unweighted GPA, 4 Rigor Courses, and either a 1200 SAT score or a 26 ACT score.
- ▶ The HOPE Grant is a program to assist with the cost of technical college courses.
- ▶ Other search engines:
 - ▶ Fastweb.com
 - ▶ Collegeboard.com
 - ▶ Studentscholarships.org
 - ▶ www.niche.com/?ref=colleges
 - ▶ [https://scholarships360.org/](http://scholarships360.org/)

Closing Remarks

- ▶ It is going to be a great year!
- ▶ It will go by very quickly – soak it up!
- ▶ Individual Meetings with Seniors

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