

So You're A Senior....

Class of 2018

Taylor High School





Things you need to do as a senior....

- Make sure you have all your credits to graduate
- Make sure your schedule is academically challenging
- Pay your school fees
- Check your deadlines
- Take all required tests for the school of your choice
- Complete all paperwork in homeroom
- Log into your Naviance account
- Start looking for scholarships early!
- Be a well rounded student & get involved!

Transcripts

- Name, address, grade, and birthday
- A summary of attendance, tardies, credit earned, and class rank
- Listing of classes you have taken
- Testing information
- A list of your total credits
- A list of your cumulative G.P.A.

Your Transcript

- You are ultimately responsible for your own credits.
- Plan accordingly for your academic goals including college admissions standards, honors diploma, rankings, etc.
- Review your transcript for any errors. Report errors immediately to your counselor.

Credit Requirements

- English : 4 credits
- Math: 4 credits
- Science: 3 credits
- Social Studies: 3 credits
 - Government: .5 credit
 - American History: 1 credit
 - Electives: 1.5 credits
- Health: .5 credit
- P.E.: .5 credit (2 semesters)
- Fine Art- 1 credit
- Electives: 4 credits
- Total: 20 credits



Earning A HS Diploma Pathways

Please refer to your Pathways to
Graduation Handout

Ohio Honors Diploma

Find information on honors diploma [here](#)

New Options for the Class of 2018

Academic Honors Diploma

STEM Honors Diploma

Arts Honor Diploma

Social Science & Civic Engagement

High school students can gain state recognition for exceeding Ohio's graduation requirements through an Academic Honors Diploma. High-level coursework, college and career readiness tests and real-world experiences challenge students.

Students must meet **all but one** of the following criteria, unless it is a minimum graduation requirement, which are [here](#) for the class of 2017 and [here](#) for the classes of 2018 and beyond. Students must meet general graduation requirements to qualify for honors diplomas.

ACADEMIC HONORS DIPLOMA	
Math	4 units
Science	4 units, including 2 units of advanced science
Social Studies	4 units
World Languages	3 units of one world language, or no less than 2 units of each of two world languages studied
Fine Arts	1 unit
GPA	3.5 on a 4.0 scale
ACT/SAT	ACT: 27 or higher/SAT: 1280 or higher

High school students can gain state recognition for exceeding Ohio's graduation requirements through an STEM Honors Diploma. High-level coursework, college and career readiness tests and real-world experiences challenge students.

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STEM HONORS DIPLOMA

Math	5 units
Science	5 units, including 2 units of advanced science
Social Studies	3 units
World Languages	3 units of one world language, or no less than 2 units of each of two world languages studied
Fine Arts	1 unit
Electives	2 units with a focus in STEM
GPA	3.5 on a 4.0 scale
ACT/SAT	ACT: 27 or higher/SAT: 1280 or higher
Field Experience	Complete a field experience and document the experience in a portfolio specific to the student's area of focus
Portfolio	Develop a comprehensive portfolio of work based on the student's field experience or a topic that is related to the student's area of focus

High school students can gain state recognition for exceeding Ohio's graduation requirements through an Arts Honors Diploma. High-level coursework, college and career readiness tests and real-world experiences challenge students.

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ARTS HONORS DIPLOMA

Math	4 units
Science	3 units, including 1 unit of advanced science
Social Studies	3 units
World Languages	3 units of one world language, or no less than 2 units of each of two world languages studied
Fine Arts	4 units
Electives	2 units with a focus in fine arts
GPA	3.5 on a 4.0 scale
ACT/SAT	ACT: 27 or higher/SAT: 1280 or higher
Field Experience	Complete a field experience and document the experience in a portfolio specific to the student's area of focus
Portfolio	Develop a comprehensive portfolio of work based on the student's field experience or a topic that is related to the student's area of focus

High school students can gain state recognition for exceeding Ohio's graduation requirements through an Social Science & Civic Engagement Honors Diploma. High-level coursework, college and career readiness tests and real-world experiences challenge students.

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SOCIAL SCIENCE AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT HONORS DIPLOMA

Math	4 units
Science	3 units, including 1 unit of advanced science
Social Studies	5 units
World Languages	3 units of one world language, or no less than 2 units of each of two world languages studied
Fine Arts	1 unit
Electives	3 units with a focus in social sciences and/or civics
GPA	3.5 on a 4.0 scale
ACT/SAT	ACT: 27 or higher/SAT: 1280 or higher
Field Experience	Complete a field experience and document the experience in a portfolio specific to the student's area of focus
Portfolio	Develop a comprehensive portfolio of work based on the student's field experience or a topic that is related to the student's area of focus

College Application Process

- 1) Review application process online for each school. Collect information you will need to complete applications. Communicate fees to your parents. If you are eligible, ask for fee waivers from your counselor.
- 2) Complete applications. Don't miss your deadlines!
- 3) Log into Naviance and complete the Common App Match or request a transcript through Naviance for schools that do not use Common App.
- 4) Complete your FAFSA any time after October 1st, 2017.
- 5) Decide on the school after receiving all information regarding program of study and financial assistance.



College Application Bootcamp

Wednesday, September 6th.

7:45am to 2:45pm

All seniors will attend

Naviance

- Logging Into Naviance for the First Time
- Go to <http://connection.naviance.com/taylorhighs>
- Click I need to register under the tab Are you New Here
- Enter your registration code
- Enter school email address
- Enter Username- school email address
- Enter Password- Student ID plus 000
- Accept privacy terms
- It will then take you to the Family Connection Login Page
- Re enter your username and password

Submitting a Transcript Naviance Common Application Match

[Naviance Submitting a Transcript and Common App Matching](#)

**All transcripts must be requested
through Naviance.**

College Admission Essay

- If you attended Taylor High School last year, you would have started your college admissions essay in English class.
- Before the College Application Bootcamp, you need to locate that essay.
- If you are new to the school, think about starting that essay in the next week so that you have something to work with during the Common App Essay break out session during bootcamp. Links to prompts can be found on your Naviance homepage.

Resume or Activity Sheet

- If you attended THS last year, you should have done your resume or activity sheet through English.
- Please review this prior to THS Application Bootcamp.
- If you are new, please log on to your Naviance account and begin a resume. This can be found in the About Me tab on Naviance.

Testing...

- ACT vs. SAT
 - Which test you take depends on the schools to which you are applying. Check their websites to make sure you are taking the required admissions test.
 - Most schools will take either test
 - If you qualify for free or reduced lunch or have special circumstances in your family, you may qualify for a fee waiver. See your counselor for help.

If you have not taken a test and plan on going to a 4 year school, you need to sign up ASAP!

Test Registration and Prep

- Check online for test prep questions and test taking tips
 - ACT: www.act.org
 - SAT: www.collegeboard.com
- Test prep courses are offered. Information can be found in guidance office.
- The registration deadline to sign up for the October ACT is September 22nd . The October test is likely the last test score that will come back in time for many university's and scholarship deadline.

College Visits

- Two excused days
- Complete form from the office. Make sure you bring back proof you were there!!

Searching for Colleges

- College Fairs
 - Check out Naviance for upcoming fairs- Duke Energy Fair, Students with Disabilities College Fair, etc.
- Use college search websites
 - Naviance- succeed.naviance.com/taylorhighs
 - Ohio Means Jobs- ohiomeansjobs.com

Job Shadowing

- Each student in grades 9 – 12 gets one excused absence from school to shadow a professional at the career of their interest.
- Forms are available in the guidance office and must be completed before the absence will be excused.
- Take advantage of this great opportunity!

Financial Aid

1) Get Educated....

- Read articles and information provided to you in the college manual and in homeroom.

2) Complete a FAFSA- this can be done online any time after October 1st, 2017!

3) Attend FAFSA information night on October 20th at 6pm.

4) Meet with a financial aid representative from the college of your choice

5) Apply for Scholarships

What's a FAFSA??

A FAFSA is an application for grants and loans that goes to both the federal and state governments. Any student interested in receiving any type of financial assistance should fill one out!!

- Can be found or online at fafsa.ed.gov
- Complete form ASAP after October 1st.
- You can fill out before taxes are completed by estimating your wages and financial information

How do I get Scholarships?

Apply, Apply, Apply

- Check websites for scholarship search engines. Check Naviance, Ohio Means Jobs, or Fastweb.com
- Check with your school to see specific scholarships they have for incoming freshmen. Some will have separate applications and deadlines you need to complete. This is usually where you will get the most money for school.
- Local scholarships can be obtained through the General Scholarship Form. Some local scholarships will be listed through Naviance so check your account!

What if I don't want to go to a four-year college?

Find a program of study or career that you are interested in and investigate ways to accomplish your goal. Make sure you plan on some post-secondary training!!!!

- Two Year Colleges
- Technical Colleges
- Apprenticeships

NCAA Clearinghouse

www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

www.eligibilitycenter.org

- Ensures the academic eligibility of student athletes in division I and Division II.
- All Division I & II athletes must go through the Clearinghouse in order to play in college.
- Division I: range of eligibility requirements for both core GPA and SAT or ACT scores (combined).
- Division II: core GPA must be 2.0+, SAT 820+.

NAIA Clearinghouse

- <https://www.playnaia.org>
- If you are playing sports at a university that is in the NAIA division, you must create an account at the NAIA clearinghouse.

Website & Social Media

- Make sure you check out the Three Rivers Schools website at www.threeriversschools.org
- The guidance section contains important information concerning scheduling, college information, scholarship information and career information
- The website also contains your counselor's and teachers' email and contact information. Many important forms and dates can be found on the website.
- Facebook- Taylor High School Yellowjacket Guidance Department
- Twitter- @TaylorGuidance

Last but not least....

- Meet with your counselor if you have any questions or specific concerns.
- Don't wait until the last minute. Start the process now to prevent stress later on in the year!
- Motivate yourself to find a plan that works for you and will provide you with the best possible future!!!