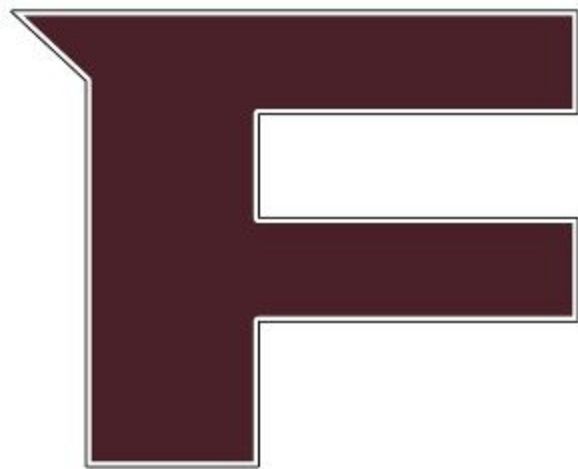


Fulton High School



Senior Information Packet

Class of 2020

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SENIOR CHECKLIST 2019-2020

Be sure you complete this checklist in order to make sure that you're on track for next year's plans!

August 1st	Tennessee Promise application opens
August	Students begin thinking about their post-secondary plan and discussing with their College/Career Access Coach.
September 9	Senior Success Night, 5:00-7:00, Library
September 23-27	College Application Week
September 24	Knox County College Fair
September 26	Latino College and Resource Fair, 4:00-7:00, Fulton High School Library
October 1	FAFSA Available-gather information from 2018 tax return
October 1	Senior ACT Retake (given during the school day; no need to register online)
October 2	FAFSA Frenzy 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM in Library Classroom
October 4	Mandatory TN Promise meeting at 11:00 AM (Auditorium)
November 1	Mandatory Tennessee Promise Application Deadline
November 14	Fulton College and Career Fair (8:00-12:00 in Gym; called up by classes)
November 15	Typical early application deadline for scholarships
December 1	Typical application deadline for most colleges and universities.
December 15	Deadline for UT application for Pledge and Flagship Scholarships
December/January	Student should follow up on applications and give acceptance notifications to College/Career Access Coach
February 1	Mandatory FAFSA deadline
March 25	Mandatory TN Promise Meeting at 5:00 in auditorium, parents encouraged
April 19	Mandatory for Project GRAD Scholars only: Celebration Dinner
May 2	Prom
TBD	Senior Etiquette Breakfast
TBD	Mandatory Graduation Practice at 12:00 PM (Thompson Boling Arena)
May 16	Graduation at 2:00 (Saturday this year at Thompson Boling Arena)
July 1	Deadline for community service form for TN Promise scholarship
July	Mandatory Time TBA: Project GRAD Scholars only: meet with College Success Coaches at Orientation

Senior Checklist

First Semester

- Make an appointment with College Access (Project GRAD) to research colleges.
- Continue college discussion(s) with your parent(s) and review with your counselor and Project GRAD..
- Create a list of colleges where you will apply. 6-9 is plenty.
- Retake the ACT! Attend tutoring sessions (see Project GRAD for tutoring options).
- Apply for TN Promise by November 1 even if you think you may not attend a 2-year college. It's better to have the scholarship than to regret it later!
- All seniors will retake the ACT in school on October 1st. If you'd like to register to take it again on October 26, the deadline is September 20. Register with Project GRAD.
- Create FSA ID and file FAFSA (fafsa.ed.gov, after October 1). You will need family tax information.
- Start working on college essays that will accompany your applications. Ask your English teacher and/or counselor to review and provide feedback.
- Ask for letters of recommendation at least 2 weeks prior to when needed.
- Visit colleges of interest. This is VERY important. You need to experience the environment before making a decision.
- Watch deadlines for applications and financial aid, especially priority admission deadlines (UT priority deadline is Nov. 1.)
- File all applications and keep copies of each.
- Be sure to request that transcripts and test scores be sent after you have applied.

Second Semester

- Attend the mandatory meeting for TN Promise (March 25th at 5:00 in the auditorium).
- Keep up your grades. No Senioritis.
- As you obtain acceptances, watch for financial aid letters and housing information. Also, tell your counselor and/or College Access about any acceptances you receive.
- Watch for deadlines on scholarship applications and other college forms.
- It is recommended to narrow your search to your top college choice by mid-March.
- Register and take any AP tests needed.
- Carefully analyze financial aid offers. Compare and determine what will be a best fit.
- Notify all colleges of your decision and accept one by May 1. Send applicable deposit and let your counselor and/or College Access know of your final decision.
- Study hard for senior final exams! Make sure to finish your senior year strong!

Summer

- Fill out and send housing forms, roommate info and any other required paperwork.
- Study hard for senior finals. This is not a time to slip.
- Register for and attend any orientation programs at your college.
- Think about what you'll need at college: computer, phone, bike, etc.
- Consider a summer job to give you some college dollars.
- Relax and enjoy your summer. Congrats on a job well done!

Scholarship and Financial Aid Information

TN Promise-Free 2 years at Community College/Technical School

- www.tnpromise.gov

FAFSA-Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- www.fafsa.ed.gov

Hope Scholarship (Tennessee Schools ONLY)- Requires a 21 on ACT or 3.0 GPA

- http://www.tn.gov/collegepays/mon_college/hope_scholar.html

Project GRAD Scholarship

- The Project GRAD Scholarship is available to any senior who graduates on time with a 2.5 GPA and who has completed two summer institutes. You will be receiving information from us throughout the year with more pertinent information.

Internet Search for Scholarships

- Google “scholarships”
- www.fastweb.com
- www.educationconnection.com
- www.studentaid.gov
- www.collegegreenlight.com

Local Area Scholarships

- Inquire with local businesses/non-profits/community service opportunities about potential scholarship offers
- Check updates on scholarship bulletin board outside of cafeteria near Health Science office (will be posted in the Spring).

Things To Consider About Your School of Choice

- Always look at schools' financial aid information on the website. This will give you information on tuition and fees, scholarships available through the school, room and board, meal plans, etc.
- Review the admissions requirements for the school. Do you meet them?
- ACT/SAT and GPA Requirements
- Do they require letters of recommendation? Who will you ask?
- Does the school offer the program/major that you are interested in? A list of programs offered can be found at each school's website.
- Review application deadlines for admission to the school and other scholarships
- Compose a list of questions you cannot find the answer to and contact the school's admissions office for further inquiry
- * Schedule a campus visit for schools of interest to better determine what school is the best fit. This gives students the opportunity to see the campus, meet other students, and have some of their questions answered

Requesting Transcripts

At Fulton, we use an online transcript request process to send transcripts for your student. The system that we use is called Parchment. In order to have your transcript sent anywhere, you will have to request it through Parchment, which means that you need to have a Parchment account. See directions below for how to set that up.

How to set up a Parchment account...

1. Go to www.parchment.com ([Links to an external site.](#))[Links to an external site.](#)
2. Click “create account” in upper right hand corner
3. Click “learners/parents” on the left (green button)
4. Fill out the personal information (name must match what is in Aspen)
 - a. Name, DOB, highest level of education, email (one that you check - you will get a verification code shortly), create your own password (do not use suggested password), click yes or no for the information, click yes on parents permission and click submit
5. Check your email for verification code
6. Type verification code on parchment site
7. Click submit
8. Complete contact information (including GPA) - look up in Aspen - Click “My info”, then “transcripts” to see your GPA, then “Grade Point Summary”, your GPA is all the way on the right
9. Click dashboard
10. Click “start by adding a school or organization you attend” (blue plus sign in the middle of the screen)
11. Search Fulton High School
12. Add **Fulton High School Knoxville, TN** (there are multiple Fulton High Schools)
13. Select “currently enrolled”
14. Select your gender
15. Select your earliest year at FHS
16. Select your expected graduation year from FHS
17. Select “I waive my right to access”
18. Click “Consent and request”
19. You do not have to fill out the extra personal data on your dashboard unless you desire to

Senior Privilege Exam Exemption Policy

Any Senior with two (2) or fewer absences and a class average of 80 or better is exempt from taking the final exam for non-state tested classes.

Each class's attendance will be calculated individually, so you may earn an exemption from one class and not from another.

*This exemption excludes any state mandated EOC's including AP, Dual Enrollment, and SDC exams.

AP Course Policy

AP students may choose to be exempt from the final semester class exam by taking the AP National Exam. In the event students miss or choose not to take the AP exam, they will then be required to take the teacher-created course exam.

AP courses receive one quality point for GPA calculation. This means an A is worth 5 points, a B is worth 4 points, a C is worth 3 points, and a D is worth 2 points. Additionally, students may earn an additional 5 points added to their final class average if they take the national AP exam. ***Only students who take the AP National Exam will receive the additional 5 points.***

Senior Graduation Portfolio Requirements

Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the Senior Graduation Portfolio requirements have changed. These changes are designed to make expectations the same across all upper house SLCs. The basic structure of portfolios remains the same. Satisfactory completion of the portfolio remains a requirement to walk at Fulton High School graduation ceremonies, and this year will be due Monday, March 23rd.

Senior Graduation Portfolios are divided into three categories:

1. Student's Resume and Personal Statement

- a. Resumes will be written in the senior Personal Finance classes with a common rubric across all classes.
- b. Personal Statements will be completed in English IV classes
- c. The resume and personal statement will be graded assessments
- d. Successful completion of the resume and personal statement will score a 100 in the grade book. Anything less will require the student to re-submit the items for a satisfactory grade.

2. Community Service Hours

- a. All upper house SLCs now require 20 hours of community service spread over the two years for 11th and 12th grade.
- b. All community service hours are based on the TN Promise scholarship requirements (<https://tnachieves.org/community-service/>)
 - i. What counts? *Volunteering* with things like tutoring at a community center, doing laundry at a nursing home, participating in an environmental clean-up program, and similar areas of service. Students should be volunteering for a non-profit organization such as KARM, Habitat for Humanity, or the Public Library. Students are not allowed to be paid for this work. If you have questions, your SLC counselor is a good resource!
 - ii. What doesn't count? Things like babysitting, picking up trash while out hiking, donating cans to a food bank, running in a race to raise funds, and other similar ideas.

3. Senior Skill Demonstration

- a. Health Science and Skilled Professions will require a demonstration of skills learned in an appropriate elective focus CTE class. Communications will present two exemplar artifacts from an appropriate elective focus CTE class.
- b. Skill demonstrations will take place in the CTE classroom and count as a grade for that CTE teacher. Whenever possible, the SLC administrator, counselor, or dean will attend.
- c. Students with an elective focus outside of the traditional CTE pathway can make other arrangements with their counselor and advisory teacher.

If you have any questions, please contact your student's SLC school counselor. You can also follow our counselors on Twitter at @FHSCounselors1.



College & Career Access

ACT Testing Information for 2020

Testing Date	Registration Deadline
September 14, 2019	August 16, 2019
October 26, 2019	September 20, 2019
December 14, 2019	November 8, 2019
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020

**For assistance with paying for testing fees or getting test prep/study information, see Mr. Alan & Ms. Christi*

Note that your ACT does not improve simply by retaking the test. You need to study and prepare!