



Senior Presentation

For Parents & Students Fall 2022

The Role of the School Counselor

Review academic, attendance, and discipline data across the school

Provide services by promoting and addressing student needs in three areas:

- Academic
- Social/Emotional
- College/Career

Delivery of Services:

Direct: Instructional, advising, counseling

Indirect: Consultation, collaboration, referrals

SC for each Academy, as well as a College & Career Counselor

How Students Meet with the School Counselor

Schedule through Calendly App (email confirmation is your pass to the office)

- QR codes posted around high school
- Link on Counseling page

Sometimes, students are called to the counseling office over the intercom.

Email your counselor with quick questions!

In emergency go to the Counseling Office and see Mrs. Carter or Mrs. Smith

Graduation Requirements: Are you on track?

- Transcript can be reviewed in ASPEN
- 28 credits
- Pass Civics Assessment
- Take ACT

4 credits English	4 credits Math
3 credits Science	3 ½ credits History, ½ credit Personal Finance
Wellness and ½ credit PE	Elective Focus (3 credits)
University admissions: 1 Fine Art, 2 world language credits in same language	6 additional electives

College, Career, Paying for College



Be Proactive

Now is the time to map out your route to college/career- even if you are *UNDECIDED*

Your road map may be different than your friends...

Roadblocks happen! Consider it an opportunity to grow your skills.

Looking Ahead: 5 rules to the College & Career Game

**Five Rules of the
College and
Career Game**



Test Optional Admissions in a Post Pandemic World...

- Test optional college admissions lets students decide whether they want to submit scores *with their application*.
- Most test optional schools will *consider* ACT/SAT scores, but may focus on *other* predictors of college success (grades, coursework, essays, recommendations).
- Some will *only* focus on grades (transcript)
- Test scores might be required for merit scholarships.

YOUR SENIOR NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT IS REQUIRED

October 4th ACT: Free- in school- for Seniors

- **All seniors are automatically signed up for this test. If a student wants to take an additional test on a National Test Date students sign up at act.org. Most colleges will take ACT scores through December.**
- **ScoreSurge - Test Prep Limited Trial - Look for email soon! 1st come 1st serve**

ACT

The ACT is also a TN high school graduation requirement

How are your ACT subscores used?

To determine placement in courses and if you need remediation (additional coursework) or if you are able to move ahead to higher level courses more quickly.

For example: at Tennessee Tech, an ACT English score of 27+ means you don't have to take English 1010; 31 English, then you receive credit for both English 1010 and 1020!

Composite Score of 21 = HOPE Scholarship (\$3500 per year freshman/Sophomore, then \$4500 per year Jr/Sr) State of TN = Grad Ready

An ACT score may qualify you for honors programs (MTSU= 25 ACT automatic consideration Honors College)

SCOIR: What is it?

ALL HVA students* have access to their own SCOIR account.

College exploration & application management tool; how HVA sends transcripts and letters of recommendation.

<https://vimeo.com/463477776>

It's pronounced "SCORE" SC-OAR. Not SQUIRE:)

Teachers have a SCOIR account (this is how you request teacher recs for college applications).

***You must be invited by your student to access their SCOIR account!**






Your Senior's SCOIR to do list...

- ❑ *When completed and submitted a college application, move the college to the APPLIED column*
- ❑ HVA will then send the transcript through SCOIR.
- ❑ Mark if you plan to ENROLL so we know where to send your final transcript

- Overview
- Colleges & Applications
 - My Colleges
 - Scattergram
 - Manage Documents
 - Send Documents
- Awards
- Messaging
- Surveys
- Notes

Following (13)


Schools your student likes

-  **Belmont University**
Nashville, TN
-  **Duke University**
Durham, NC
Reach ●
 Scoir
-  **East Tennessee State University**
Johnson City, TN
-  **Grand Canyon University**

Applying (1)

Applications in progress

[Add a College](#)


-  **Lipscomb University**
Nashville, TN
Rolling
Checklist **0/7**
Docs Sent **0/2**
[College Website](#)


Applied (1)

Submitted applications

[Add a College](#)

Where are you enrolling?
Drop your choice here.



-  **Lee University**
Cleveland, TN
Rolling
Outcome **Pending**
Likely ●
Checklist **0/4**
Docs Sent **3/3**
[College Website](#)



Senior To-Do List:

Are you on track to graduate?

Apply for TN Promise Scholarship by 11/1

- Last dollar scholarship used primarily at Tennessee Community Colleges and TCATs

Apply to college(s)- there is no “right” number!

Consider taking the ACT again

- Rule of thumb: if you take the ACT multiple times and make the same score, consider taking the SAT

Complete the FAFSA- we can help!

- FAFSA Workshops scheduled:
 - October 27
 - November 10
 - January 12

January - May

Confirm your applications: Colleges will send a confirmation email. Check your email often!

Verify your financial aid: Once you complete your FAFSA, you have access to your Student Aid Report (SAR). Make sure you understand it.

Research other scholarship opportunities

Keep your grades up

Review financial aid offers from colleges (you should get an email)

Make final decisions (National Decision Day is May 1)

Make a deposit (if required- usually for housing)

Make sure your final transcript is sent

Paying for College: The Quick Info!

- FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid. All students (& parents) must complete...every year you are in college.
- CSS Profile: Supplemental financial report
- Grant: Money that is never repaid. Usually based on family income (Pell Grant)
- Scholarships: Based on academics; athletics; service; special skill
- Federal Work Study: Funds available for part time employment during college (when asked on FAFSA if you are interested in FWS, answer yes!)
- Student Loans: Borrow & repay after leaving college.

FAFSA

Completion of the FAFSA can be a barrier to college enrollment

FAFSA Help Sessions: November, December, January

TN Achieves and TSAC staff can also assist!

Verification: Order a Tax Transcript now and be prepared (a tax transcript is NOT a copy of your tax return).

One parent and the student will need an FSA ID; get that now at

<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing>

TN Promise Scholarship

TnAchieves is the mentoring program and management organization of TN Promise

Pays for tuition and mandatory fees at TN community colleges and TSACs

Pair students with mentors

Also tracks completion requirements through TN Achieves account

Mandatory Meeting: December 14

Track volunteer hours through CONNECT account on TN Achieves website

Email (and text) is the preferred communication with TN Achieves.

How does my student receive the HOPE Scholarship?

Completion of the FAFSA is the application for the HOPE scholarship

HOPE Scholarship is 4500.00 per year, Freshmen and Sophomores;
5700.00 per year, Junior and Senior years

Must be completed every year student is in college

Reading a Financial Award Letter:

<https://www.collegecovered.com/paying-for-college/award-letter-expert-advice/>

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