

*\*Juniors - it doesn't hurt to start thinking about this stuff early*

# Seniors!

**it's time to get busy**

# Did you know?

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- People with college degrees or certifications earn about 56% more than those who have only a high school diploma
- 65% of all jobs will require education & training beyond high school by the year 2020

**Post-Secondary Education is education beyond high school.  
This could include:  
Earning a Bachelor's Degree, an Associate's Degree or Certifications  
through Colleges, Universities, Trade Schools or Vocational Programs**

Sources: US Department of Labor, US Bureau of Labor Statistics,  
Economic Policy Institute, Center on Education & the Workforce

# Other Ways to Learn After High School

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- Apprenticeships
  - Earn money while learning about a specialized, highly skilled career
- Internships & Job Shadowing
  - Learn about the day-to-day work of careers you're interested in
- Military Programs
  - Serving in the military can help you earn money for college while offering job & career training

Want to go to  
college?  
Here's what you  
should be doing:



# Make sure you're on track to graduate.

& stay on track!

Subject Group	Action	Enrolled	Requested	Waived Credits	Applied Waiver Credits	Required	Progress
Math		13	6.5	0	0	3	2.5 ✓
Language Arts	Algebra (MM725)	2	1	0	0	0	1
	Algebra (MM725)	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0.5
	Geometry (MM730)	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0.5
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Physical Education	9 Language Arts (LL705)	2	1	0	0	0	1
	9 Language Arts (LL705)	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0.5
	10 Language Arts (LL710)	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0.5
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Health	Life Activities (PP705)	1	1	0	0	0	1
	Physical Training (PP715)	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0.5
	Physical Training (PP715)	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0.5
Science	Health (JJ705)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Earth Science (SS750)	1	1	0	0	0	1
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double check  
your credits in  
PowerSchool!

# Take/Retake ACT/SAT if you want to improve your scores.

Better scores can mean  
more scholarships &  
more opportunities.



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\*fee waivers are  
available for students in  
the free/reduced lunch  
program - see Ms. G

# ACT Registration & Test Dates

*Test early so that schools will get your scores in time!*

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	Sept. 23 - Oct. 6, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	Nov. 4 - 17, 2017

# SAT Registration & Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
October 7, 2017	September 8, 2017	Sept. 27, 2017
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017	Oct. 25, 2017

# Which Schools?

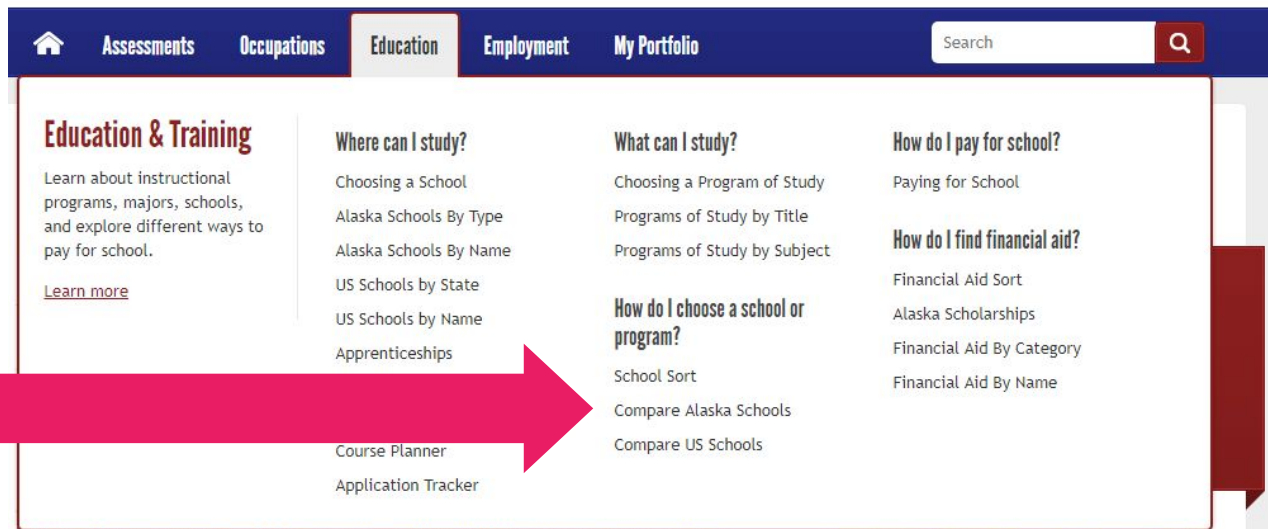
Things to consider:

- What are the admissions requirements?
  - Do you meet them?
- Do they offer a program you're interested in?
- What is the school's/program's reputation?
- Do you like the size of the school?
- How much will the program cost you?
  - Can you afford it?
- How near/far is the school from your support system?
- Is the school somewhere you want to be?
- What is housing like?
- Do they offer other things you're interested in?





# AKCIS School Sort



Home Assessments Occupations **Education** Employment My Portfolio Search

## Education & Training

Learn about instructional programs, majors, schools, and explore different ways to pay for school.

[Learn more](#)

### Where can I study?

- Choosing a School
- Alaska Schools By Type
- Alaska Schools By Name
- US Schools by State
- US Schools by Name
- Apprenticeships

### What can I study?

- Choosing a Program of Study
- Programs of Study by Title
- Programs of Study by Subject

### How do I pay for school?

- Paying for School

### How do I find financial aid?

- Financial Aid Sort
- Alaska Scholarships
- Financial Aid By Category
- Financial Aid By Name

### How do I choose a school or program?

- School Sort
- Compare Alaska Schools
- Compare US Schools

### Course Planner

### Application Tracker

that most interest you. Once you've decided which schools you might like to attend, you need to apply. Use these tools to help.

[View](#)

## What can I study?

There is a training program or major that is a good fit for you. Check out these tips for narrowing your options.

[View](#)

## How do I choose a school or program?

Narrow your list of schools to those that match your preferences about location, size, programs of study offered, and other factors. Then it sometimes helps to compare school information. These tools will help you evaluate your options.



**KNOW YOUR DEADLINES**

# School-Specific Info You Need to Know:

- Application Deadlines
- Scholarship Deadlines

# FAFSA

**Opens October 1st**

# Important Dates

Be there:

**Post-Secondary Planning//  
Financial Aid Information Session**

Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>  
5th period in the Nikiski High Library

**Post-Secondary Planning//  
Financial Aid Information Night**

Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>  
7:00-8:30pm in the Nikiski High Library

**FAFSA Completion Event**

Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-8:30pm in the Nikiski High Library

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# Scholarships

APS? WUE?

# Places to look for scholarships

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- KPBSD 1Stop
- AKCIS Financial Aid Sort
- FastWeb
- Chegg
- The College Board
- The schools you're applying to - check their deadlines!
- Do your Bulldog Packet



# Letters of Recommendation

start asking now  
you'll need 3-5

- Give people plenty of time to complete your letter of recommendation
- No family members!
- Provide them with a copy of your resume & any information that would be helpful (like your personal essay)

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# To Summarize:

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1. Post-Secondary Education = Opportunities
2. Stay on top of your studies
3. Take/Retake ACT/SAT [ASAP] if you need to
4. Create a list of schools to apply to
5. Write down your deadlines!
6. Do the FAFSA
  - i. Attend Financial Aid Night & FAFSA Completion Event at school
7. Scholarships - Scholarships - Scholarships
8. Ask for Letters of Recommendation
9. Sign Up for Remind