
INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

School code - 470-477

Planning for the College Application Process Presented by the IRHS Guidance Department

- Step 1:** Decide where you want to apply.
Send away for college applications or go on-line now!
How to pick a college? How many to apply to?
Use of the Career/College Room.
College reps are visiting IRHS. Sign up on bulletin board in guidance.
- Step 2:** Get recommendations from teachers/counselors.
Personally ask your teachers/counselors to write recommendations.
Get people who know you well to write the recommendation.
Make sure you always give teachers/counselors 2 weeks to write these.
- Step 3:** Fill out application completely and send before deadline.
- Have someone read your essays and double check that everything is filled out and signed.
- Most colleges prefer that you apply on-line.
- Try to have all applications mailed off by Thanksgiving.
- Step 4:** Fill out Transcript Release Form in Guidance (\$2 per transcript)
- You must fill out the form and pay \$2 to get your transcript.
- The transcript includes your grades, class rank, and SAT/ACT scores.
- This must be done or your application will not be complete.
- Allow a 2-week turn around time for transcripts to be made.
- We can send them to the colleges or give them to you.
- Step 5:** Make sure you have taken the SAT/ACT at least once by Jan. 1, 2008.
- The SAT's cost \$43 (plus \$22 more if it's late) and the ACT costs \$30 or \$44.50 if you take it with writing (plus \$19 more if it's late)

<u>SAT Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Deadline (extra fee required)</u>
Nov. 3	Oct. 2	Oct. 11
Dec. 1	Oct. 30	Nov. 8
Jan. 26	Dec. 26	Jan. 4

To register for the SAT Reasoning Test go to www.collegeboard.com

<u>ACT Test Date</u>		
Oct. 27	Sept. 21	Oct. 5
Dec. 8	Nov. 2	Nov. 15
Feb. 9	Jan. 4	Jan. 18

To register for the ACT go to www.actstudent.org

- Step 6:** Investigate scholarship options and fill out Financial Aid Form- the FAFSA will be available in Guidance sometime in December. Your goal should be to mail it by mid Feb. Financial Aid Workshop – Nov. 27 – 6:30 pm
- Mrs. Galloway and Mr. Jordan Brown, the ACCESS Counselors, are here at IRHS every Monday and Tuesday. They have a box in Guidance.

Other information:

- NCAA Clearinghouse forms - must be filled out if you are a serious athlete interested in playing Division I or II sports.
- Chesapeake College Fair - Chesapeake Conference Center - October 29, 2007 - 6pm-8pm.
- Senior Info Night for IRHS seniors and parents – Monday, Sept. 24 at 7pm - auditorium