

Senior Bulletin #1
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ADMISSION DECISIONS

Colleges and universities grant a variety of decisions regarding admission. Below are a few terms regarding admission decisions. If you receive an admission decision with which you need help understanding, please see your counselor.

Admitted: Congratulations! You have been accepted to the college.

Denied: You have been denied admission to the college. This decision is usually final.

Deferred: If you have been deferred by a Rolling Decision school, you will need to provide updated academic information for further consideration. This includes new SAT/ACT test scores and/or senior-year grades. If you do not provide updated academic information, you will not be granted admission. If you have been deferred by a school during Early Action, Restrictive Early Action, or Early Decision, you will be deferred to the next application period, which is Regular Decision. You may provide updated academic information for review. A new decision will be granted at the end of that application period.

Waitlisted: This decision is usually granted at the end of Regular Decision in the spring. If you are added to the waitlist of a college, you may remain in consideration for admission until late-May or June. There is no guarantee that admission will ever be offered. Remaining on a waitlist is optional. If you would like to remain on a waitlist, communicate your continued interest to your admission counselor. If you decide to attend another college, remove your name from any other schools' waitlists.

TESTING

There are at least two test administrations of both the SAT and the ACT yet available during the first semester. Seniors who need to take one or both of these tests for the first or second time should register now. The SAT and ACT are administered at various local high schools. The cost for the SAT is \$46; the ACT costs \$45. Both tests have an optional essay with additional fees. Registration is available online at: SAT: www.collegeboard.org and ACT: www.actstudent.org. *Test fee waivers are available in the guidance office for students who qualify for free- or reduced-lunches and for students who are 21st Century Scholars. See your school counselor for a waiver.*

School Code: 151082

Test Date	SAT/SAT Subject Tests	Registration Deadline
November 3		October 5
December 1		November 2
	ACT	
October 27		September 28 (late registration through October 14)
December 8		November 2
February 9		January 11

Notes Regarding Testing

1. If you are pursuing the **Academic Honors Diploma** and you are **not** taking two AP/college classes, you must earn at least 1250 SAT (minimum score of 590 on Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing and 560 on Math) or a 26 ACT composite
2. Purdue University, Indiana University, and IU Fort Wayne require that test scores be received directly from the testing agencies (College Board and ACT). When registering for a test, be sure to have your scores sent directly to Purdue and IU.
3. If you are registered or will register with the NCAA Eligibility Center to participate in Division I or II college athletics, you must have your test scores sent directly to the NCAA. Their school code is 9999 for both the SAT and the ACT.
4. If you plan to participate in college athletics at the NAIA level, you must register with the NAIA and have your test scores sent directly to them. The NAIA school code for the SAT and ACT is 9876.
5. Some selective colleges require students to take the SAT and SAT Subject Tests. Please be sure to check the test requirements of a school when doing your research.

EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

Most colleges and university host a variety of event for prospective students and their parents in the fall. Below is a sampling. If you are interested in a particular school or program, check out their website for upcoming events.

Purdue Fort Wayne PSAT Day will be held on Wednesday, October 10 (PSAT Day – no school for seniors). PSAT day consists of an admissions presentation and a tour. There are three start times to choose from: 9:00, 11:00, and 1:00. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.pfw.edu/admissions/visit/>. There are a variety of other visitation days available here, too.

The *University of Dayton* is hosting their annual Open House programs on September 30 and November 11. Additional information is available at admission.udayton.edu/openhouse/ or call 1-800-837-7433.

Anderson University is hosting *Fall 2017 Discovery Days* on October 6, October 19 and November 16. During Discovery Days, students will tour the campus, visit a class, and meet with admissions and financial aid counselors. You may also schedule your visit online at <https://www.anderson.edu/admissions/undergrad/visit/discovery>.

The *Seniors Exploring Engineering at Purdue Day* will be held on Monday, October 15. This daylong event is geared towards senior young women interested in learning more about various areas of engineering and general information about Purdue University. You will meet current engineering students, professors, and practicing engineers. An optional welcome reception will be held in the evening of October 14. Register for the event visit www.engineering.purdue.edu/wiep. The registration deadline is October 8.

Manchester University Visitation Days are coming up. These events include an information fair, academic fair, campus tour, financial aid session, lunch, student panel, and talking with coaches and admissions staff. For more information or to make your reservation, visit www.manchester.edu, call 800-852-3648 or email visit@manchester.edu.

Michigan State University's James Madison College is hosting *Fall Visit Days* on October 5, October 19, and November 16. At James Madison College, the focus is on examining and addressing the major political, legal, social, cultural, and economic issues affecting our world. Graduates go on to careers in government, politics, business, education, and human services. For more information and to register, visit www.jmc.msu.edu/visit. Space is limited, so register early.

The University of Indianapolis is hosting a variety of visitation days this fall. Programs such as nursing, fine arts, English and creative writing, health professions, engineering and sports careers will host events on campus. For more specific information and to register, visit <http://www.uindy.edu/admissions/special-visit-days>.

DePauw University hosts a variety of visitations days. Visit <https://www.depauw.edu/admission-aid/visit-events/admission-events/> for more information and to register.

DUAL-CREDIT COLLEGE CLASSES FOR SENIORS

Senior students, if accepted into the program, may take a college course at **Purdue Fort Wayne** during the school day next semester. **Ann Brown, Collegiate Connection coordinator, representative from PFW will be at BD on Wednesday, October 24 during all three lunch periods to enroll students in classes for the spring semester.** The cost of a course at PFW is approximately \$800, plus the cost of books, excluding the cost for language courses, which is \$25 per credit hour. ***** Students enrolled in the English ENG131 and/or Marine Biology for second semester need to meet with PFW at this time to make sure you are properly enrolled. Cost for the ENG131 class is \$75, and cost for the Marine Biology class is \$315.30, plus the trip. Fees will be due to PFW by the second week of class. Students who qualify for free/reduced lunches may take two classes at no cost.**

Students may also take dual-credit courses through **Ivy Tech**. Ivy Tech courses cost approximately \$360, plus the cost of books. Visit <https://www.ivytech.edu/fortwayne/> for more information and to apply.

Indiana Tech offers an Early Start program for high school students to take courses for \$25 per credit hour, or \$75 per course, plus the cost of books. A variety of general education courses are available online and in traditional classroom settings. **Doris Foss, coordinator of the Early Start program will be in the guidance office during all three lunches on Wednesday, November 7.** If you plan to take a class through Indiana Tech in the spring, you must meet with Doris on November 7. **Complete your application BEFORE November 7 at www.IndianaTech.edu/EarlyStart. Do not use your BD email address to create your account.**

COLLEGE BOUND STUDENT/ATHLETES

Students planning to play NCAA Division I or II athletics need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center after the completion of the junior year. **Register online at <http://eligibilitycenter.org>.** After registering, print a copy of the transcript release form and submit it to the guidance office. The cost to register is \$80. Fee waivers are available for students who used a fee waiver to take the SAT or ACT. See Miss McGuire for instructions for submitting a fee waiver. Please carefully read the rules and regulations the NCAA has established regarding prospective college athletes and the eligibility standards. In addition, **you must have your SAT or ACT scores sent directly from the testing agency (the College Board or ACT) to the Eligibility Center.** The Eligibility Center's score report code is 9999 and must be entered when registering for either the SAT or ACT. If you have any questions, please see Miss McGuire.

Students who plan to participate in athletics at the NAIA level must register with the NAIA at www.playnaia.org. The fee to register is \$80. Once you have registered, submit the NAIA transcript request form to the guidance office. Students who qualify for free/reduced lunches may receive a fee waiver to register. See Miss McGuire for a waiver. You must also have your standardized test scores sent to the NAIA using code 9876 when registering for the SAT or ACT. **To be eligible to play NAIA athletics, you must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 AND an SAT score of 860 (EBRW+ Math) OR an ACT score of 18.**

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The **University of Cincinnati** has established an Indiana/Ohio Reciprocity Agreement, which will allow students living in Allen, Adams, DeKalb, Steuben, Noble, or Wells County to attend at Ohio-resident tuition rates. This is an annual savings of approximately \$14,500. (The offer excludes students enrolling in the nursing program or college of pharmacy's doctor of pharmacy program.) After being accepted to U of C, students must submit the required documentation to receive in-state tuition. SAT/ACT test scores must be sent directly from the testing agencies to UofC. For more information, visit http://www.uc.edu/registrar/residency_reciprocity_metro/indiana_reciprocity.html.

The **Midwest Student Exchange Program** is a tuition reduction program that makes attending our-of-state colleges and universities more affordable for non-resident students. States with participating schools include Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. Visit <http://msep.mhec.org> for a list of participating institutions.

Scholarship Name: Indiana State University Gongaware Scholarship

Criteria: Plan to attend Indiana State University to major in business

Amount: Full tuition, a laptop computer, and \$3,000 stipend to be used for professional development (study abroad)

Deadline: December 1. For information on this and all other ISU scholarships for incoming freshmen, visit

<https://www.indstate.edu/scholarships/freshman/gongaware>.

Scholarship Name: Coca-Cola Scholarship

Criteria: 3.0 GPA and extensive community and extracurricular activity involvement

Amount: \$4,000 - \$20,000 over four year

Deadline: apply online at www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org by October 31

Scholarship Name: Indiana University Merit Scholarships – these scholarships are awarded to high-achieving students who apply for admission to Indiana University by the priority deadline of **November 1, 2018**. All required documents and forms must be submitted by this deadline. Students may submit **additional** SAT and ACT scores for further scholarship consideration through **January 15, 2019**. Be sure to have your test scores sent directly to IU from the testing agencies. Students who meet initial eligibility criteria will be invited to complete the online Selective Scholarship Application (SSA). Notification of a student's eligibility to apply for Selective Scholarships will be offered via email and in the admission packet.

Scholarship Name: Purdue University Merit Scholarships

All students who complete the Purdue admission application by **November 1, 2018** and who are admitted, will be considered for scholarships. These awards are limited in number and the award process is competitive. All information associated with the admission application is reviewed for scholarship consideration. The following factors are considered in the awarding of scholarships:

- Grades in **core academic coursework** and strength of the high school curriculum
- Grades in coursework that are critical to success in intended major
- SAT or ACT scores
- Evidence of commitment to the academic program to which the student has applied
- Application essay
- Evidence of leadership, service, and other accomplishments, activities, and awards
- Personal background and experiences
- Letters of recommendation

Scholarship Name: Elks National Most Valuable Student Scholarship

Criteria: Plan to pursue a post-secondary education

Amount: \$4,000 – 60,000 over four years

Deadline: application is available at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm and is due by November 15.

ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES

Do not limit your scholarship search to those publicized in the Senior Bulletins. There are countless websites to help you search for scholarships. The scholarship search process is yearlong and ongoing. The sooner you start the better.

1. Check the website of any college to which to apply for scholarship opportunities for incoming freshmen.
2. Naviance has a National Scholarship Search link under the Scholarships and Money heading under the Colleges tab.
3. A few recommended websites for general scholarship searches are: www.fastweb.com, www.collegeboard.org, www.weeklyscholarshipalert.com, www.collegeprowler.com, www.college-scholarships.com, www.cappex.com, www.studentscholarships.org, www.scholarshipexperts.com, and www.findtuition.com.
Never pay for a scholarship search nor to apply for a scholarship.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

The Financial Aid Night workshop is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 17 at 6:30 in the BDHS cafeteria**. All parents of college-bound seniors are encouraged to attend. A representative from the financial aid office at the University of St. Francis will be here to discuss the financial aid process, including an overview of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The window for filing a FAFSA in the State of Indiana is October 1, 2018 to April 15, 2019. Please check with colleges individually for school-specific deadlines. The FAFSA may be submitted online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. **(Do not use www.fafsa.com.)**

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES VISITING BISHOP DWENGER

College representatives from the schools listed below will be here according to the schedule below. If you are interested in attending any of the meetings, please get a pass signed by the teacher of the class you are going to miss. Passes are available in the guidance office and must be returned to Mrs. Dillon at least one day prior to the visit.

COLLEGE	DATE	TIME
WABASH COLLEGE	MONDAY, OCTOBER 1	9 AM/2ND PERIOD
UNIV. OF INDY	MONDAY, OCTOBER 1	10 AM/3RD PERIOD
UNIV OF DAYTON	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2	8 AM/1ST PERIOD
CONCORDIA UNIV/ANN ARBOR	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2	9 AM/ 2ND PERIOD
HOPE COLLEGE	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3	10:AM/ 2ND PERIOD
UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3	10:30 AM/3RD PERIOD
INDIANA UNIV/BLOOMINGTON	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4	8 AM/1ST PERIOD
DEFIANCE COLLEGE	MONDAY, OCTOBER 8TH	9 AM/ 2ND PERIOD
ALBION COLLEGE	MONDAY, OCTOBER 8TH	10 AM/3RD PERIOD
INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9	8 AM/1ST PERIOD
DEPAUW UNIVERSITY	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9	10 AM/3RD PERIOD
VALPARAISO UNIV	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11	8AM/1ST PERIOD
MIAMI UNIVERSITY OHIO	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11	9 AM/ 2ND PERIOD
MICHIGAN TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11	1:15 PM/6TH PERIOD
UNIV OF NOTRE DAME	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11	7:00PM BD LIBRARY
XAVIER UNIVERSITY	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12	8AM/1ST PERIOD
BALL STATE UNIVERSITY	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12	9 AM/ 2ND PERIOD
UNIV OF NOTRE DAME	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12	12:20 PM/5TH PERIOD
UNIV OF CHICAGO	MONDAY, OCTOBER 15	12:20/ 5TH PERIOD
UNIV OF CINCINNATI	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17	9 AM/ 1st period
INDIANA WESLEYAN	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17	1:15 PM/6TH PERIOD
USC	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18	12:20/5TH PERIOD
UNIV. OF ST FRANCIS #2	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18	10 AM/3RD PERIOD
ST. MARYS COLLEGE/#2	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24	1:15 PM/6TH PERIOD
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA	THURSDAY NOVEMBER 15	12:20 PM/5TH PERIOD

SENIOR INFORMATION SHEET

If you have not yet completed your Senior Information Sheet, please do so as soon as possible. The Senior Information Sheet can be found in Canvas under the Guidance Department module in BDHS Seniors. Your school counselor needs this information to complete sections of the Common App. Transcript requests to Common App schools will not be submitted until you complete this sheet.

TEST-OPTIONAL

Two popular colleges to which many BD students apply, Ball State University and St. Mary's College have implemented a test-optional policy for admission. For test-optional schools, we recommend that you read each school's explanation of the policy on their admissions webpage. Pay special attention to the statistics posted regarding the average SAT and ACT scores of admitted freshman students. This will help you know how your test scores compare. If you indicate that you do not want your test scores used in the admission process, the academic focus will be on the level of rigor of the courses you have taken and the grades you have earned. If you need help deciding whether to use your test scores or not, please talk to your school counselor.