



BISHOP DWENGER
HIGH SCHOOL

Junior Parent Night

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Graduation Pathways

1. **Earn a Diploma**: Core 40, Academic Honors, and Technical Honors
2. **Learn and Demonstrate Employability Skills**: Gained through extracurricular involvement or employment
3. **Postsecondary-Ready Competencies**: Academic Honors Diploma, SAT Scores, ACT Scores, ASVAB Scores, and/or Career-Technical Education



Testing

SAT

- ❖ ***All juniors will take the SAT on Wednesday, April 13 @ BD***
- ❖ Subjects: Evidence-Based Reading & Writing and Math
- ❖ Maximum Score: 1600 BD Average: 1135
- ❖ Cost: \$55 (fee waivers are available for students who are **enrolled** in the free/reduced lunch program and/or 21st Century Scholars)
- ❖ Web address: www.collegeboard.org (students should have accounts)
- ❖ Saturday Test Dates: May 7 and June 4
- ❖ Registration Deadlines: April 8 and May 5
- ❖ **School Code: 151082**



Testing

ACT

- ❖ Subjects: English, Reading, Math, and Science Reasoning; optional Writing Assessment
- ❖ Maximum Score: 36 BD Average: 24
- ❖ Cost: \$60 (fee waivers are available for students who are **enrolled** in the free/reduced lunch program and/or 21st Century Scholars)
- ❖ Web address: www.actstudent.org (students should have accounts)
- ❖ Saturday Test Dates: June 11 and July 16
- ❖ Registration Deadlines: May 6 and June 17
- ❖ **School Code: 151082**



Test Preparation

- ❖ Take academically challenging classes
- ❖ PSAT Score Report – online and paper
- ❖ Khan Academy for SAT; ACT Academy
- ❖ Online Prep: www.collegeboard.org,
www.actstudent.org, www.number2.com
- ❖ Private tutoring
- ❖ Books: The Real ACT Prep Guide, The Official SAT Study Guide



Test-Optional

Due to the pandemic, many colleges have adopted a Test-Optional policy. Students can apply to these schools without submitting SAT or ACT test scores. However, this is not to be considered a pass to avoid testing. Students should take at least one SAT and one ACT then determine if the scores they earned enhance or diminish their candidacy for admission. This decision should be made on a school-by-school basis.



Summer 2022

Resume Building and Life Experiences

- ❖ College summer programs – in-person and virtual
- ❖ Employment
- ❖ Community Service (first 10 service hours are due in November)
- ❖ Athletics
- ❖ Travel
- ❖ College campus visits
- ❖ BD College-Bound Senior Boot Camp –
Early-August



College Search

Things to consider:

- ❖ Private vs. public
- ❖ Cost: tuition, fees, room & board, books, and travel
- ❖ Programs of study: majors and minors
- ❖ Opportunities: sports, clubs, organizations, travel abroad, internships, co-ops, job placement etc.
- ❖ Size: student enrollment and size of campus
- ❖ Location: proximity to home and the setting (large city, college town, rural)
- ❖ **Meet with the representatives when they visit BD**
- ❖ Utilize Super Match through Naviance



Campus Visit Check List

- ❖ Be specific regarding requests
- ❖ Meet with the admission counselor responsible for BD students
- ❖ Meet with a financial aid representative; merit scholarship opportunities and typical financial aid packages
- ❖ Take a walking tour
- ❖ Talk with current students on campus
- ❖ See a dorm room and eat in the cafeteria
- ❖ Do research before visit and prepare questions
- ❖ Talk with an instructor/advisor of intended major
- ❖ Do an overnight visit as a follow-up



College Application Process

Types of Applications

1) **Directly to the Institution Application:** This is an application that is created by the college and is customized to extract the specific information they want to evaluate applicants.

2) **Common Application:** This is a comprehensive application that can be used to apply to multiple colleges and universities. Colleges may add supplemental pieces or questions, such as specific essay topics or personal statements. There are 29 Indiana colleges that currently use the Common App.



College Application Process

Applications are available online and go live August 1.

- 1) Access application through the college's official website under the Admission webpage. If the school uses the Common Application, there will be a direct link to www.commonapp.org.
- 2) Students will need their social security number and a credit card to pay the application fee.
- 3) Request an electronic transcript for each college through Naviance – be sure to indicate the deadline for the application.
- 4) If letters of recommendation are required, request them through Naviance **after** asking permission of the teacher in person.



Tips and Notes for Students When Applying to Colleges

- 1) Review applications over the summer – start rough drafts of essays.
- 2) Apply early and pay attention to deadlines.
- 3) Create a resume through Naviance.
- 4) Most students apply to 3-5 colleges.
- 5) Keep track of passwords and usernames.



Scholarships and Financial Aid

Individual Scholarship Searches – Places to look

- ❖ Colleges: academic merit, departmental, athletic, talent
- ❖ Parents' places of employment
- ❖ Student's place of employment
- ❖ Clubs/organizations to which parents/student belong
- ❖ Internet – never pay to apply for a scholarship nor for a scholarship search



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BDHS Guidance Office Scholarships

- ❖ Monthly Senior Bulletins – distributed in theology classes and/or sent through Canvas
- ❖ BD Website: www.bishopdwenger.com,
Senior Corner – Reminder on Halo



Scholarships and Financial Aid

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

- ❖ Filing Window in Indiana: October 1, 2022 – April 15, 2023
- ❖ Available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- ❖ Based on parents' and student's completed income tax returns for 2021
- ❖ Types of Need-Based Aid: grants, loans, and work-study



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FAFSA Notes and Tips

- ❖ FSA IDs for parents and students are required and are available at <https://fsaid.ed.gov>. Must be created prior to filing.
- ❖ Some colleges require FAFSA **and** the supplemental CSS Profile, which is available at www.collegeboard.org. There is a fee to submit the CSS Profile.
- ❖ Some colleges have earlier deadlines than April 15 for filing FAFSA.
- ❖ Financial Aid Night for parents in Fall 2022.



NCAA Division I & II Eligibility

- ❖ Students may register anytime during the junior year at www.eligibilitycenter.org; cost is \$90.
- ❖ Transcript request may be communicated to Miss McGuire after the completion of the 6th semester.
- ❖ The NCAA has not yet announced their requirements for standardized testing for the fall of 2023. SAT and ACT test scores may be sent directly from the testing agencies; NCAA code is 9999.
- ❖ Students must have 16 core academic courses for NCAA Division I and II completed by graduation; ten of the required core courses must be completed by the start of the senior year. For reference, the Academic Honors Diploma requires 17 core courses.
- ❖ Read through the eligibility requirements very carefully.



NAIA Eligibility

- ❖ Students may register anytime during the junior year at www.playnaia.org; cost is \$90.
- ❖ Transcript request may be made to Miss McGuire after the completion of the 6th semester.
- ❖ Students must earn at least a 2.3 GPA to be eligible.



Helpful Websites

- www.collegeboard.org – SAT, AP, test prep, college search, financial aid
- www.actstudent.org – ACT test prep and registration
- www.fafsa.ed.gov – FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- www.fastweb.com – college and scholarship search
- www.gocollege.com – college search, test prep, scholarships, financial aid
- www.finaid.org – financial aid
- www.learnmoreindiana.org – college search, financial aid for Indiana
- www.icindiana.org – private colleges of Indiana
- <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/> - college information
- <https://collegecost.ed.gov/net-price> - college cost estimator
- www.finaid.org/calculators - student loan repayment and EFC calculators
- <http://studentnpc.collegeboard.org/> - Net Price Calculator; gives an accurate cost of attendance for participating colleges
- <https://student.naviance.com/dwenger> - **Naviance – transcript requests, college search, scholarship search, resume builder, and career exploration**



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