

Important Stuff!!



To: Seniors and Parents, Class of 2011
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Your Future Plans

Please complete the attached form indicating your plans following graduation. This information will enable me to offer you assistance in planning for your future. I am happy to work with each senior but please bear in mind that there are times when my attention will fall on those students who have deadlines to meet for college applications.

College Admission Tests

- ❖ **SAT 1**—College admission tests published by College Board. The tests are divided into Writing, Critical Reading, and Math sections. The average score for Math and Critical Reading is 950 to 1020. The Writing component is generally used for placement in freshman English classes.
- ❖ **SAT 11**—Achievement tests published by College Board. These tests are usually NOT used for admission purposes, only for placement. There are 20 different subject tests available. Not all tests are available on all dates. Three tests can be completed during one Saturday testing session. Testing should be completed by December; some colleges, however, will accept January test scores. Not all schools require the SAT II.
- ❖ **ACT**—College admission tests published by American College Testing. The tests are divided into 4 sections—English, mathematics, reading, and science.

Most 4-year colleges require you to take tests for admission purposes. Please check college catalogs or homepages for specific requirements of individual schools. Most colleges want testing completed by December of your senior year.

**Floyd HS Code :
470850**

Many applications will ask for this #. It might be called the school code, CEEB code, SAT code, College Board code, or ETS code.

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Mailing address for FCHS is:
**Floyd County High School
721 Baker Street
Floyd, VA 24091
540-745-9450
FAX 745-9481**

Many applications will ask for above information.

College Applications

Start a folder or filing system NOW for all of your college paperwork. Include the following:

- ❖ SAT results and passwords for college applications, SATs, PIN for FAFSA
- ❖ Rank-in-class
- ❖ Activity sheet; updated frequently
- ❖ Copies of all submitted applications and essays

BE NEAT when completing applications. Many schools prefer online applications and sometimes the application fee is waived. Typing applications is required only if stated on application; sometimes, printing by hand can make applications more eye appealing. If letters of reference are needed, provide the writer with a “brag sheet”. This will enable the writer to convey desirable information to the admissions office. Also, copy the application’s request of information so that the person writing the recommendation letter will know what to include. Do not wait until the deadline to ask the person(s) to complete recommendation letters.

Fair Test

Fair test finds that over 850 schools do not use SATs or ACTs to admit a substantial number of bachelor degree applicants. To see a list of those schools, go to <http://www.fairtest.org/university/optional>.

Essays

Plan, write, and revise your essays. They are important! Ask a teacher or counselor to proof them before sending off.

Your Transcript

Please complete a transcript request. When the application and supporting materials are complete, return those to the guidance office. Transcripts will then be mailed along with the application and supporting materials (most colleges prefer to receive all information at the same time). Because of the expense, guidance will cover the cost of mailing two application/transcript packages to colleges. If you apply to a college online, please let the guidance office know so we can send your transcript.

DEADLINES

Be aware of deadlines. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING APPLICATIONS TO GUIDANCE AT THE LAST MINUTE**—Next day mailing cannot be guaranteed!

Testing Schedule: SAT's and ACT

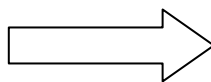
SAT I And SAT II Dates

<u>Testing date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Test Location</u>	<u>Scores by Internet</u>	<u>Scores Mailed</u>
Oct. 9	September 10	Va. Tech, Pulaski HS	Oct. 28	~Nov. 6
Nov. 6	Oct. 8	RU	Nov. 25	~Dec. 4
Dec. 4	Nov. 5	Va. Tech, Pulaski HS	Dec. 23	~Jan. 4
Jan. 22	Dec. 23	Va. Tech, Radford Univ.	Feb. 10	~Feb. 19
March 12	Feb. 11	Pulaski Co HS	March 31	~April 9
May 7	April 8	Pulaski Co HS, Hidden Valley HS	May 26	~May 28
June 4	May 6	Va. Tech, Radford Univ.	June 23	~July 2

ACT Dates

<u>Testing date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Test Location</u>
Oct. 23	Sept. 17	Cave Spring HS,
Dec. 11	Nov. 5	Hidden Valley HS, North Cross, Franklin Co HS
Feb. 12	Jan. 7	Franklin Co HS
April 9	March 4	Hidden Valley HS
June 11	May 6	North Cross School

You will need this code when registering



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GPA and Rank-in-Class

Availability of students' junior year GPA's and class ranks will be announced when ready. Please recall that your GPA is computed using the final letter grade of each class taken. (Classes taken prior to the 9th grade are not included unless they earned HS credit). Weighted courses receive extra credit when the calculation is done. Final rank is computed upon completion of 2nd semester of your senior year.

VACRAO College Fair

Friday, September 17—College Fair at NRCC

College Day is designed for students interested in attending two and four-year colleges. College recruiters will be available to share information about their particular schools. View books and other materials will also be on hand. College recruiters will also visit Floyd County High School during the school year to speak to students about their school's programs.

Military Recruiters

Military recruiters will make periodic visits to the school. Generally, they will be scheduled in the lobby during lunch. Individual contact with students will not be allowed during class.

\$\$ Financial Aid

FAFSA (free application for federal student aid) forms may be mailed after January 1. Both student and parent must have a PIN to complete the form online. PIN #s are available at www.pin.ed.gov. The FAFSA basically tells how much money a family can afford for a college education and based on that amount (EFC), students may be eligible for scholarships, grants, and loans. You will receive a SAR (student aid report) within three weeks of submitting your FAFSA online. Contact the financial aid office at your college of choice to check on available grants, scholarships, work-study programs, etc. A workshop will be held for parents and students. There are also financial aid resources in the guidance office. Come check them out if you are interested!

Scholarships

Information about regional, state, and national scholarships will be available throughout the year. Scholarship information will be posted on the bulletin board outside of guidance and on the FCHS website. Local scholarships will be advertised in the spring. Students can visit www.fastweb.com for an array of scholarship opportunities. **Never** pay for scholarship information!!

NCAA Clearinghouse

Students interested in playing college sports should register with the clearinghouse at www.ncaaclearinghouse.com. The cost is \$60.00.

Application Onsite Reviews

Radford University and Virginia Tech will come to FCHS to complete on-site reviews of college applications. **Radford University will be here Thursday, November 4; Virginia Tech will be here Tuesday, November 16.** This is a great opportunity for FCHS students because they find out their acceptance status that day. Radford University will also visit FCHS on September 9 to talk to interested students. Please sign up in guidance if you would like to speak to a representative.

Parent Night

There will be a Jr./Sr. parent night Tuesday, September 21, at 6:30 in the library to share information and answer questions about the college process.