



HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL

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HHS COUNSELING WEBSITE

You can find information about scholarships, help with the FAFSA, NCAA requirements, college planning information, and college presentation dates. Visit www.hhscounseling.com for all of this and more!

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FAFSA & FAFSA VERIFICATION

Seniors must complete the 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by 11:59 PM on 01/26/2018 to remain TN Promise eligible. The FAFSA is required for receiving federal loans, grants and scholarships, as well as state financial aid such as TN Promise and the Hope Scholarship. Visit www.fafsa.gov to complete it. The FAFSA will still be available after 01/26/2018, but you will miss out on free money after this date.

You may be selected for **FAFSA Verification**, especially if you have a 0 EFC (qualify for fee waiver). This means you need submit additional documentation to your college financial aid office in order to complete the financial aid process. Complete as soon as possible!

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SCHOLARSHIPS

There are MANY scholarship coming up in Spring semester. There is an updated Google doc of upcoming scholarships on the "College & Career Counseling" tab of the HHS School Counseling website.

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TN PROMISE CHECKLIST

- By January 26, 2018:** Deadline to complete your 2018-2019 FAFSA
- March 29, 2018 at 5:30pm:** Mandatory meeting in the HHS Gym. ****MUST be on time.**
- Spring 2018:** Apply for a community college (ex. Nashville State) or a TCAT
- July 1, 2018:** Submit your 8 hours of community service & finish FAFSA Verification with your university (if required): <https://tnachieves.org/community-service2>
- TN Promise Student Handbook: <https://tnachieves.org/student-handbook>

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CREDIT RECOVERY

- Deadline: May 1st
- See Ms. Roberts (room 216) for after-school credit recovery on Tues/Weds/Thurs from 2:15-4:15pm.
- Seniors that have not completed credit recovery will not participate in Senior Week activities.

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SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

- COMMUNITY SERVICE:
 - HANDS ON NASHVILLE - www.hon.org
- Summer Academies/Institutes:
 - University of Memphis Summer Institute: www.memphis.edu/ssp/summerbridge/index.php
 - MTSU Scholars Academy: <http://www.mtsu.edu/studentsuccess/scholars-academy.php>
- Summer Bridge Programs:
 - TN Achieves Summer Bridge Program: www.tnachieves.org/lib/file/manager/Summer_Bridge_Handout.pdf
 - TSU Summer Bridge Program: <http://webserver.tnstate.edu/aeao/summercompletionacademy.aspx>
 - UT Knoxville Summer Bridge Program: <http://tlsamp.utk.edu/incoming.html>
- Summer Internships:
 - Opportunity Now through the Mayor's Youth Council: on.nashville.gov
 - TN Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition: www.tnimmigrant.org/jobs/

APPRENTICESHIPS

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- Interested in learning a trade and going straight to work? Going to TCAT for free through TN Promise is a good option but you may also want to look at apprenticeships. Talk to your counselor about this option.
 - Electrician Apprenticeship: <http://nejatc.org/>
 - Elevators Construction Readiness Partnership: www.neiep.org/bst-Default.aspx
 - Nashville Construction Readiness Program: <http://www.nashville.gov/Nashville-Career-Advancement-Center/Construction-Readiness-Partnership.aspx>

REMINDERS

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- Counselor Check-In Thursdays at Lunch are a great way to get your quick questions answered.
- Transcripts with updated Fall grades will be ready on Parchment by Tuesday, Jan. 30th by 4pm.
- Please give teachers and counselors at least 2 weeks' notice if you need recommendation letters.
- College remedial coursework is often required if you don't earn 18 ACT English, 19 ACT Reading, 19 ACT Math. Check into placement testing options to bypass these (e.g. Accuplacer at many public TN universities).
- Hope/Hope Access eligibility is based on final unweighted GPA in June or June ACT composite score. Take the ACT again! See dates below.
- It's not too late for some of you to earn eligibility for the Diploma with Honors or Distinction – look into this!
- MNPS does not rank outside of val/sal. Deciles are provided to colleges/scholarships if absolutely necessary.
- Look at summer college programs and internships (Opportunity NOW, MTSU pre-college program, etc)
- Seniors get 2 college visit days – don't forget to use yours!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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FAFSA Deadline	January 26, 2018	www.fafsa.gov
NCAA Symposium	February 21, 2018, 7-9pm	HHS
Opportunity NOW Deadline	March 16, 2018	on.nashville.gov
TN Promise Mandatory Meeting	March 29, 2018, 5:30pm	HHS Gym
ACT National Test Date	April 14, 2018 (**Register by March 9 th)	
Credit Recovery Deadline	May 1, 2018	See credit recovery teachers
Graduation Date	May 23, 2018	Lipscomb Arena
ACT National Test Date	June 9, 2018 (**Register by May 4 th)	

OTHER RESOURCES AND LINKS

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NCAA Eligibility	www.eligibilitycenter.org
TN Transfer Pathways	www.tntransferpathway.org
Accuplacer placement test prep	https://www.nscce.edu/current-students/on-campus-resources/testing-center/accuplacer-testing
ACT	www.actstudent.org
Class of 2018 Website	wearehillsboro.com/seniors