



Calendar of Events for Seniors



Now is the time to turn in college applications

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| Step 1 | Decide where to apply |
| Step 2 | Apply on-line or by paper by Nov. 1 |
| Step 3 | Start search for scholarships |
| Step 4 | Decide where to attend by spring |

FIRST DECISION is where to apply, then APPLY. AFTER you have been accepted at several colleges weigh all the factors – financial, location, major, etc then decide where you will attend.

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Many seniors believe that the first step to planning for college is to search for scholarships. ~~Wrong!~~ FIRST you need to be admitted to a college! Many scholarships ask for the names of colleges where you have been accepted....so the **first step is to get those applications in to the colleges!**

- Seniors can access scholarship information on-line at <http://bradford.kusd.edu> – (Scholarships – Available Scholarships). The individual scholarship will be activated as the year progresses and information is received.
- Check with your chosen college
- Check place of employment, newspaper
- fastweb.com
- uwhelp.Wisconsin.edu

Senior Recognition Night

Students can be recognized for their awards/accomplishments in this ceremony. Listen to the announcements for details starting early spring.



Scholarship Workshop

On October 15th during your lunch hour, Mrs. Mars will be available to discuss tips to help you be a competitive scholarship candidate and show you the latest resources available when searching for scholarships. Sign up in room 218 by October 12.

Planning list for college

It's already here...now is the season to take care of college applications. This can be a very stressful time for seniors, but you don't have to do EVERYTHING at once. I encourage you to use the checklist below to help keep you organized:

- _____ **Take or retake the ACT test** (actstudent.org; code:501-005) or SAT (collegeboard.com) if scores were low.
- _____ Complete resume or list of activities
- _____ Asked teachers for recommendations
- _____ Determine which colleges to apply to based on needs such as interest, distance, sports, cost etc
- _____ **RE- check college requirements: Classes/GPA/ACT/rank/ letters of recommendation. How do you measure up? Are letters of recommendation needed or required? Rank _____/697**
- _____ Completed application
- _____ Give completed applications to my counselor
- _____ Begin search for scholarships
- _____ Attend scholarship/financial aid meeting in December
- _____ Fill out FAFSA form starting Jan 1 (fafsa.ed.gov)
- _____ **DECIDE on which college to attend.**

~~College Application Process~~

High School ACT CODE: 501-005

APPLICATIONS may be completed on-line or students may submit the traditional paper copies. Admission counselors would prefer on-line applications.

If applying by paper:

Student completes the application and submits the following to their counselor:

- ✓ The completed application
- ✓ A check or money order made payable to the college of which they are applying
- ✓ And a Transcript Request Form (Available in counselors office and Life and Learning Office)

If applying On-Line:

Student completes the application on-line and submits the following to their counselor:

- ✓ Counselor's Form (print off at end on-line application)
- ✓ A check or money order IF you didn't pay on-line
- ✓ A transcript request form.

- apply.wisconsin.edu (4yr - Wis public)
- www.witechcolleges.org (2yr -Wis public)
- collegeboard.com (Wisconsin private)
- For out of state schools visit **WISCareers** or search school name on-line

Additional information that MAY be submitted as well:

- ➔ **RECOMMENDATIONS** (sometimes required otherwise submit when rank and/or ACT score is lower than typical college admission)
- ➔ **A PERSONAL STATEMENT/ESSAY**

Common Questions:

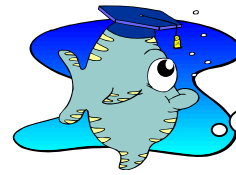
When will the application go out?

It takes reasonably **TWO WEEKS**. Knowing this, plan accordingly.

How do I request a transcript for scholarships?

Fill out the transcript request form; forms are available in my office or on Bradford website- link to Counseling-Fastfinds. Turn it into room 151 and write "pick up" on the form. List number of copies you would like.

I turned in my application/transcript request form to my counselor, but I received a letter from the college stating that they still need my transcripts/ACT scores. Colleges receive thousands of applications. They may not process incoming mail for a minimum of two to three weeks. Also, if you apply on-line, many campuses instantly send out a verification letter and indicate what they have not yet received. Give it time. If it's been over 6 weeks call the admission office.



Help! I'm lost in a sea of decisions!!

Don't know how you are going to pay for college? What is the FAFSA? Don't know where to start? We have information for you----



Bradford High School Counseling Website

This website has information on colleges/ career searching, upcoming events and much more!

Log on to:

<http://bradford.kusd.edu> - and link to Counseling icon

Financial Aid Meeting – In December at Bradford. Listen to announcements. Can't apply for FAFSA until Jan 1. www.collegegoalsunday.org (free program to help fill out FAFSA)

.....And Finally

Counselors are eager to assist you in this process. Make an appointment today. Mrs. Mars is in room 218 or can be reached at rmars@kusd.edu and/or sign up on the appointment sheet located outside her door

Did you know?.....

- **College Admissions Are Tentative. Students are expected to maintain the academic record that was submitted at the time of admission. Do not alter your senior schedule without checking with your chosen college.**
- **Fee waivers for the ACT and COLLEGE ADMISSION are often available for student with financial needs or if you visit the campus –let me know when applying**
- **“MORE IS BETTER” according to UW-Admission Counselors. There is a difference between admission and survival within the program**

