

College and Career Information Handbook



Pasco High School
2020 - 2021



SAT/ACT EXAMS

College Board is providing weekend SAT administration test dates every month through December.

Please note that as the coronavirus (covid-19) pandemic continues to evolve, College Board will continue to monitor the situation and will let you know if circumstances change closer to the test dates. Local schools and test centers make individual decisions about whether to administer the SAT and must adhere to local public health guidelines.

- Registration materials can be obtained on collegeboard.org or act.org
- Talk to Ms. Morfin to see if your eligible for a fee waiver
- Washington State public institutions will accept either SAT or ACT scores
 - **SAT Exams**
 - Register on-line at www.collegeboard.org
 - Test administered at Richland and Hanford High Schools
 - Test fee is \$52.00, with Essay \$68.00
 - **ACT Exams**
 - Register on-line at www.act.org
 - Test administered at Hanford High School
 - Test fee is \$52.00 (\$68.00 if writing portion is included) (fee waivers available)

| SAT | | ACT | |
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| TEST DATE | REGISTRATION DEADLINE | TEST DATE | REGISTRATION DEADLINE |
| October 3, 2020 | September 4, 2020 | September 12, 13, 19 2020 | August 14, 2020 |
| November 7, 2020 | October 7, 2020 | October 10, 17, 24, 25 2020 | September 17, 2020 |
| December 5, 2020 | November 5, 2020 | December 12, 2020 | November 6, 2020 |
| | | February 6, 2021 | January 8, 2021 |
| March 13, 2021 | February 12, 2021 | April 17, 2021 | March 12, 2021 |
| May 8, 2021 | April 8, 2021 | June 12, 2021 | May 7, 2021 |
| June 5, 2021 | May 6, 2021 | July 17, 2021 | June 18, 2021 |

| SAT | ACT |
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| No Science section | Science reasoning section |
| No Trigonometry section | Math section includes Trigonometry |
| Vocabulary emphasized | Less emphasis on vocabulary |
| Non-multiple choice questions included | Entirely multiple choice |
| Penalty for guessing | No penalty for guessing |
| English grammar is not tested | English grammar is tested |
| Math accounts for 50% of your score | Math accounts for 25% of your score |
| Test lasts approximately 4 hours | Test lasts approximately 4 hours with writing |

Four-Year Colleges and Universities



Why Choose a Four Year College/University?

- Widest variety of class subjects and levels
- Most majors involve core, specialized, and exploratory courses
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree
- Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree
 - For technical fields
- Universities offer master and doctorate degrees

Is a 4-year college or university for you?

If you're looking for the traditional college experience you see in movies, a 4-year school is the place for you. Here are some of the reasons that students choose 4-year colleges and universities:

- **To receive a well-rounded education.** At the undergraduate level, colleges and universities require that students take courses in a number of areas to help them figure out what areas of study are best for them, as well as to provide a broad base of academic knowledge.
- **To be eligible for your dream job.** Look at job listings for entry-level positions, and you'll find that many require a bachelors degree. Completing a degree at a 4-year college or university will give you the academic skills you need to be ready for the demands of your job.
- **To make more money.** Studies have shown that employees who have graduated from 4-year colleges and universities tend to earn more money than students with associates degrees or high school diplomas.
- **To prepare for graduate school.** If you're planning to continue your education with a masters degree, attending a 4-year college or university will help prepare you academically for that degree. Also, attending a school that also offers graduate programs allows you to learn more about those programs before you enroll.

Community Colleges



Types of Degrees/Certificates (WA State)

Academic Transfer Degree (A.A.)

- Often considered equal to completing first two years at a four-year college/university
- Work towards an Associate in Arts & Sciences Degree (90 college level credits)
- Allows “junior year” status at a four-year college/university that accepts a direct transfer from a community college

Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)

- Also known as terminal or occupational degrees
- Professional technical degree
- Does not lead to a four-year institution
- Requires 90 college level credits

Utilize Counselors at the Community College

Meet with a counselor to ensure credits at the community college will be accepted by the school you are planning to transfer to

Career and Technical

Why a Technical School?

- Length of program is shorter
- Career-driven alternative
- Curriculum is focused for each specific program of study
- Aimed toward immediate employment after graduation

Types of Programs

- Variety of Programs
 - Technical Certificates
 - Two-Year Associate Degree Programs

Researching Your Options

- Research the programs and majors offered at all the schools
- Verify entrance requirements
- Determine class size and learning styles

Career/technical schools located in WA

- Research available schools using the website www.checkoutacollege.com

Admissions Process

- Most technical schools have a high rate of acceptance
- Follow the application process for your school of choice



Armed Services

Job Training

- Largest job trainers in the country
- Military jobs often have a civilian counterpart allowing you to build job skills that can be used in your careers once your term with the military is complete

Education Assistance

- The Montgomery GI Bill provides \$37,000 - \$71,000 in educational benefits
- Free tuition assistance while on active duty
- ROTC Scholarships available for high school students interested in attending a four-year college/university

Other Benefits

- Free technical training in over 300 different skill areas
- 30 days of vacation with pay
- Free housing and meals
- Free medical and dental care
- Excellent educational opportunities
- International travel



U.S. AIR FORCE

NAVY

NATIONAL GUARD

Entrance Requirements

- A high school diploma is generally required
- Be at least 17 years of age
- Be physically qualified
- Be of good moral character
- Qualify on the Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)

Recruiters

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| Army | Sgt. Andres Lopezlicea | 509-432-5374 | goarmy.com |
| Army National Guard | SSG. Christopher Garcia | 509-727-3306 | NationalGuard.com |
| Air Force | Sgt. Russell J Sechrest | 509-735-2938 | airforce.com |
| Coast Guard | No recruiter assigned to PHS | 1-877-669-8724 | gocoastguard.com |
| Marine Corps | Sgt. Carlos Garcia | 509-679-7812 | marines.com |
| Navy | GSM1 Evan J Carrick | 509-202-0450 | navy.com |

Apprenticeship



Your Local Apprenticeship Coordinator:

Michael Thurman, Apprenticeship Consultant

4310 West 24th Avenue

Kennewick, WA 99338- 1992

(509) 735-0110 - Office

(509) 735-0120 - Fax

E-mail: michael.thurman@LNI.wa.gov

Web site: www.Apprenticeship.LNI.wa.gov

What is it?

- A combination of classroom experience and on-the-job training
- All classroom instruction and training is supervised by journey-level craft people and trade professionals
- Length of training varies

Why Choose an Apprenticeship?

- Successful application of learned trade
- Higher wages
- Advancement potential within the organization
- Equal opportunity
- Documented training along with state certification
- High potential for job placement

Requirements

- Education: High School Diploma or GED
 - Strong Math, Basic Reading and Writing Skills
- Aptitude test dependent on apprenticeship program

Becoming an Apprentice

- Research your program of interest
 - Contact local coordinator to inquire the availability of program of interest
 - Check program's website for available resources
 - Complete the admission process and submit the application as directed

Check out
www.Apprenticeship.LNI.wa.gov
to research the apprenticeship
programs offered in Washington
State!

Financial Aid

FAFSA Opens October 1st

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- A completed FAFSA application is necessary to be considered for student financial aid
- Financial income information for family and/or yourself is required
- Online information and registration: www.fafsa.ed.gov

(All information is available in English and Spanish)



- Parent and student will be required to have a FSA ID (to sign electronically)
- FSA ID registration at: <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

Necessary Items to Complete the FAFSA

- Student and/or parent income tax return
- W-2 forms
- Child support records
- Records of untaxed Income
- Business or farm records
- Student's drivers license and social security number
- Alien Registration Number (if not a U.S. Citizen)
- Records of investments

Student Aid Report (SAR)

- Arrives to you in about 4 weeks
- Make sure to correct any errors if necessary
- Report will be sent to all requested schools and a financial aid package will be developed based on your student aid information
- Questions about the status of Student Aid Report can be directed to: 1-319-337-5665

WASFA Opens October 1st

Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)

- WA state's free application for state financial aid for non-citizen students who meet residency requirements
- Must have lived in Washington for three consecutive years prior to graduating high school

Necessary Items to Complete the WASFA

- Student and/or parent income tax return
- W-2 forms, bank statements, or pay stub
- Child support records, TANF
- Online information and registration: www.readysetgrad.wa.gov/wasfa
- Business or farm records, investment records
- Student's drivers license
- Social Security card or I-797 form, if DACA student

See your counselor for general questions about Federal Student Aid or call the U.S. Department of Education: 1-800-4-FED-AID.

Federal Aid Programs

Grants - Money that You are Not Required to Pay Back

Federal Pell Grant

- Available to undergraduate students who have not earned a Bachelor's/Professional Degree
- Amount will vary dependent upon:
 - The cost of attendance (determined by institution)
 - Student's expected family contribution (EFC)
 - Student's enrollment status and length of enrollment

Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant

- Available to undergraduate students who have not earned a Bachelor's/Professional Degree
- Amount will vary dependent upon:
 - Level of need
 - Date of application
 - The school's funding level and financial aid office policies

Federal Work Study

- Available to undergraduate, graduate and professional students with financial need
 - Money is earned through part-time employment while you are enrolled in school
 - It's administered by school participating in the Federal Work-Study Program. Check your school's financial aid office to find out if your school participates.

Loans - Money that You Are Required to Pay Back

Federal Perkins Loan

- Low interest loans

Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan

- Based on parent's financial income
- Interest does not accrue while you are attending school

Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan

- NOT based on financial need
- Interest accrues while you are attending school

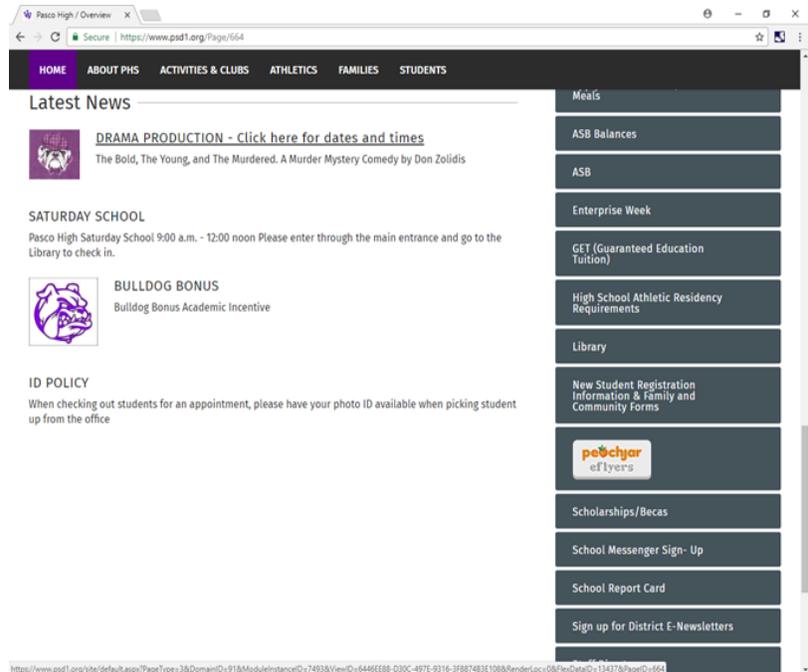
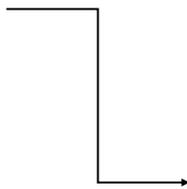
Federal Parent Loan For Undergraduate Students (PLUS)

- Available to parents of dependent undergraduate students
- NOT based on financial need

Check out Scholarships listed on Pasco High's website

Go to WWW.PSD1.ORG—
Select Pasco High in the top left
corner and find Scholarships/
Becas listed under

Quicklinks!



General Information

- Scholarships can be local, state, regional, or national
- You can apply for as many scholarships as you wish
- Scholarships can be public or private
- Some scholarships may be a one-time grant while others may be renewed if requirements specific to that scholarship are met (i.e. maintaining a certain GPA)

Determine Your Strengths

- Scholarships can be based on athletics, academics, ethnicity, career interest, and/or financial need
- Some scholarship opportunities are dependent on your parent's employment and/or membership in a community organization

Scholarships (Continued)

Searching for Scholarships

- Pasco High School Scholarship Website: www.psd1.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=844
- Washington Scholarship Coalition: www.thewashboard.org
- College Board's Scholarship Search: www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search
- Washington Scholarships: www.scholarships.com/main.aspx
- Fastweb: www.fastweb.com
- Chegg: www.chegg.com/scholarships

1079 Search Sites

- Latino College Dollars: www.latinocollegedollars.org
- Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund: www.maldef.org
- Paying or College - HB 1079: www.hb1079.org/payingforcollege.htm

College/University Scholarships

- A vast majority of all scholarship money is disbursed by colleges/universities
 - * Use the institution's financial aid website to complete scholarship applications
 - * Private institutions offer scholarships as well as public institutions

Preparing for a Scholarship

- Request an official copy of your transcript
- Request letters of recommendation
- Prepare a personal statement

Applying for a Scholarship

- Read the description to see if you are eligible to apply
- Answer ALL questions - do not leave blanks
- Proofread your application and have someone else proofread it before you submit it
- Make copies of everything you send
- Send your application early - DO NOT procrastinate

Pasco High School Seniors: Applying for college?

Here is your 12th grade to-do list

Early Fall

- **Create a calendar of important dates and deadlines.** Include college applications, test registrations, scholarship applications, housing, and financial deadlines.
- **Create an activities resume.** List all things in each category that apply from grades 9-12. Suggested headings are Awards and Honors, Leadership, School Activities (including any school sports), Community Activities (including community service), and Work Experience.
- **Write a personal statement.** This will be essential to getting into college and being considered for scholarships! Need some help getting started? Talk to your English teacher or email Ms. Eva Morfin at emorfin@psd1.org.
- **Request 3-4 letters of recommendation.** These can be written by an employer, a pastor, teachers, administrators, school counselors, or anyone else who knows you well and is willing to write a good letter for you. Give a copy of your activities resume and a personal statement of your goals. Include the colleges you're applying to and why you chose them. Beat the crowds and ask early, and give your recommender at least 3 weeks notice before you need the letter sent. It's always a good idea to do a polite follow up to make sure the letter was completed and sent off.
- **Register to take the SAT or ACT.** Most colleges will accept test scores from either, the registration deadline is typically one month prior to the test date. Double check and make sure you've requested the test scores to be sent to the colleges you'll apply to. (It's typically an extra step.)

Fall

Review your college plans and financial aid preparation with your counselor.

- **Check the PHS website to see when your colleges will visit PHS.** Most universities in WA will meet with students at least once between September and November. Due to covid-19, this years college fair will be hosted by Pacific Northwest Association for College Admission Counseling **PNACAC** virtually **starting September 15—December 31, 2020**. That would be a great time to follow up with your college admission counselor!
- **Visit some college campuses.** If you need to schedule an interview with the admissions office, now is the time! Colleges will be hosting virtual tours and events on their websites, make sure to check them out.
- **Make sure your high school transcripts are correct.** If they don't need any corrections, request several copies from Mr. Rodriguez at darodriguez@psd1.org or Ms. Morfin at emorfin@psd1.org. You can either send these in with college and scholarship applications or we can mail them directly to the schools for you.
- **Get your college applications completed and sent in before Winter Break, if possible.** You can apply on-line or on paper, but most schools prefer the online application because it gets information into their system more efficiently. Four-year colleges and universities usually charge an application fee of approximately \$50-\$60. This fee must accompany the application and is paid by credit card if you are applying on-line. If you have a financial hardship and cannot pay the application fee or qualify for free or reduced lunch: **Email Ms. Eva Morfin about application fee waivers.**
- Two weeks after you send in your application and transcripts, give the admissions office a call or send an email and ask if your application is complete. If they're missing any information, they will not process your application.

Note: Deadlines for receiving college applications differ from school to school. Many are due in the winter months, but colleges greatly appreciate receiving applications in the fall when they are not so swamped.

Cont. Fall

- Apply for a FAFSA FSA ID (both student and parents make a FSA ID), even before you file a FAFSA at <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>
- **Complete the financial aid form (FAFSA)** This form will require information from the 2019 tax forms both from your parents and from you, if you have worked and will file taxes. The FAFSA is available on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You can estimate taxes and send in the revised amounts later, but the process is quicker if you can send the correct figures the first time.
- **Be sure to submit the FAFSA before February 15 for the best opportunities for financial aid and to receive the College Bound scholarship if eligible**
- Within a few weeks after sending your FAFSA for processing, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR). Check to make sure all of the information on the SAR is correct. By the time you receive the SAR, the schools to which you have **applied and been accepted** will develop a plan to help you meet your financial needs. They will contact you with a financial aid offer usually through mail or e-mail.
- You can accept or reject any part of a financial aid offer. A financial aid offer may contain any of the following: scholarships, grants, work-study, and loans. Scholarships and grants (grants are scholarships based entirely upon financial need) are the best awards to accept, as there is no money to pay back. If you are interested in work-study (working a part-time job while you attend school), be sure to check that box on your FAFSA form. Loans come in many shapes and forms. Usually those subsidized by the government are the best deal. Other times you may be able to get an equal or better rate for a loan from a bank or credit union. Remember that you do not have to accept any part of a financial aid offer with which you are not comfortable.

Winter

- **Winter is scholarship prime time!** Follow all of the directions and make sure to get all of the required documents turned in a few days before the deadline. We suggest that you concentrate your efforts on local and regional scholarships. There are thousands of dollars available specifically to local students! Check on the **PHS Scholarship page** for the most up to date list of local and national scholarship opportunities.
- You have probably already received some mailings from companies asking you to pay them to help you get scholarships. We strongly advise you to **NOT** pay for these services as you can get more help for free from Student Services at PHS.
- **Please notify Ms. Eva Morfin in Student Services if you receive any scholarships or awards.** We need this information so you can be honored at the Senior Awards Night in May and on the graduation program.

Spring

- **May 1 is the national confirmation deadline for US colleges and universities.** Many schools ask for a tuition deposit to secure your spot, if you are experiencing a financial hardship, often times they will work with you. Contact your admissions counselor for more information.
- **Check housing deadlines for residence halls**
- **Make a reservation for your college orientation and registration session**
- **Request your final transcript be sent to your college**

