

Senior Update

Important information for the Class of 2012

Welcome Back - At last, you're a Senior!!

Upcoming College Fairs

College Fairs are a great way to shop for colleges.



The **College Fair** will be held on September 20th during school at Northglenn High School

More Important Dates to Remember:



GRADUATION – May 14th 2:00pm



ACT Test Date – October 22nd – must register by September 16th

First College Representatives Visit

Representatives from different colleges come to Northglenn throughout the year. This is a great way to learn more about different universities from the people who know them best. Sign up in the counseling office to meet with any of these college reps! Watch your *Senior Update* and Naviance for times and dates of college rep visits – a great way to learn about a college! Sign up for **College Visits will be through Naviance!**

College Applications

Colleges and universities are now requesting students to **apply on-line** (visit a particular school's website for more information). Make sure to request your official transcript be sent from the Counseling Office.

Senior Update is published by the Counseling Office at Northglenn High School in an effort to keep seniors informed of school and community events which may assist them in planning for their future.

For further information on any articles in the Senior Update, contact your counselor:

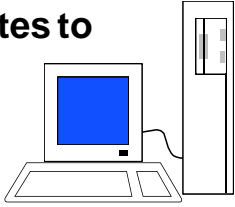
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Websites to Help You



Here's a short list of websites that you might find helpful in your career and college search. If you do not have Internet access, there is a computer in Counseling that you may use. Your Counselor will be glad to assist you with exploring these sites.

www.act.org

ACT's website includes on-line registration, sample tests, and test-taking hints

www.collegeboard.org

SAT's website – includes a college search, financial aid info, practice items for the SAT, and of course on-line registration for the SAT

www.finaid.com

everything you need to know about financial aid including the FASTWEB scholarship search and a financial aid estimator to see if you qualify for need-based aid

www.college-scholarships.com

let this scholarship search service sort through 200,000 possible scholarships for you for free

www.collegenet.com

a great college search site

www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

this website is where you need to register for initial eligibility for college athletics.

FAQ - Frequently asked questions....about the ACT

◆Who should take the ACT?

Students who plan to attend two or four year colleges should take the ACT. It can be helpful if you are planning to attend community college, but it is not required. Community colleges do their own testing prior to enrollment.

◆When should you take the ACT?

All juniors took the ACT in the Spring. If you would like to re-take it to improve your scores, you can sign up for the following tests this Fall:

October 22

(register by September 16)

◆How do you sign up for the ACT?

To register for the ACT, go to www.act.org and register online. The counseling office also has a very limited number of paper registration packets.

◆Can I register on-line?

Yes, and they actually prefer for you to register on-line by contacting www.act.org. The website also has strategies to help you with each of the sections of the ACT.

◆Where do you take the ACT?

Northglenn will be a test center for the Oct test date ONLY. Be sure to register early because Northglenn is a popular test site - if it is full, you will be sent to your second choice.



◆How can you prepare for the ACT?

You can prepare by taking the sample test that you get with the registration materials for you know what to expect on the day of the test.

The ACT website also has sample questions and test-taking hints as well as a software program that you may purchase for \$25.

◆Do I need to take both the ACT and the SAT?

Most colleges accept either the ACT or the SAT. If you are considering a very competitive school, be sure you check out whether the SAT II achievement tests are required. See your counselor about testing requirements for specific colleges.

◆Should you take the ACT more than once?

If you do not feel that you have done your best or you believe you could do better a second or even third time, re-take the ACT. Colleges will evaluate you based on your best score.