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**Senior Year @ Delta High School**

Senior year is finally here, and it's full of things to do to get ready for college. Use this senior year planning list to keep track of your progress and upcoming deadlines for testing, admissions and financial aid.

* Sign up for the ACT or SAT (if you didn't take it as a junior, or if you aren't satisfied with your score, or if you've learned a lot since you first took it.)

**Delta High School Test Dates:**

**ACT**

October 25, 2014 Registration Deadline: September 19, 2014

February 7, 2015 Registration Deadline: January 9, 2015

April 18, 2015 Registration Deadline: March 13, 2015

**SAT**

November 8, 2014 Registration Deadline October 9, 2014

December 6, 2014 Registration Deadline: Nov 6, 2014

May 2, 2015 Registration Deadline: April 6, 2015

\*Fee Waivers are available for both the ACT & SAT. Also covers college admission application costs.

**ACCUPLACER- Free**

**By appointment at CAC building Call Stacey at 895-4605**

Given at the Career Advancement Center and used for students going into Certificate or Associate degree programs.

 **ASVAB- Free**

**Tuesday November 18, 2014**

Sign up outside of Mrs. Pinkelman’s office.

I can order the test any time a student wants to take it. The student can retake multiple times (some rules do apply). For students interested in Military Enlistment or Reserves.

 **WorkKeys- $18 per retake test**

 **November 10-23rd. Retakes only**

Only needed if using for attendance in a certificate program for Alaska Performance Scholarship or going into Construction Trades Apprenticeships.

 **ALEKSMath**

**Anytime, Anywhere**

After registration and acceptance into UAF. See additional handout. Cannot register for classes until students have taken this assessment.

**WHAT’S AHEAD SENIOR YEAR**

**UAF Inside Out Day**

 **Friday October 10, 2014**

A onsite tour of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, opportunity to attend a college class, eat on campus, and hear a question and answer panel from professors and students. Students who attend have the opportunity to have the application fee ($50) waived! ONLY THOSE IN ATTENDANCE.

**Financial Aid Night**

 **January- Date to be determined**

Get help filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid); A required document for all students seeking government financial money. You can use last years tax info to get started!

**FAFSA completion date/ Scholarships/Free School Money Deadline**

**February 15, 2015**

Schools that have private or academic scholarships require applications to be completed and turned in by this date. Must apply to the school before a student can access the scholarship application.

**Ft. Greely Senior Career Day- Sponsored by the DHS Booster Club**

 **February or March- Date to be determined**

 Event includes a hands on budget demonstration workshop, job searching skills and an

 opportunity to network with employers about potential job opportunities.

**SENIOR YEAR GUIDE**

**August – December**

* Visit with your school counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate and fulfill college admission requirements
* Consider taking courses at a local university or community college (UAF-CTC Career Advancement Center Campus)
* Keep [working hard all year](http://www.actstudent.org/college/srslump.html); second semester grades can affect scholarship eligibility
* Ask for personal references from teachers, school counselors, or employers early in the year or at least two weeks before application deadlines. Need completed resume before asking for a letter of recommendation. Visit with admissions counselors and/or military representatives who come to your high school
* Retake ASVAB/ WorkKeys if needed for your career plan
* Attend a college fair (Carlson Center)
* Begin your college essay(s)
* [Apply for admission at the colleges you've chosen](http://www.actstudent.org/college/applychoice.html)
* Avoid common [college application mistakes](http://www.actstudent.org/college/mistakes.html)
* Find out if you qualify for scholarships at each college you have applied to
* Start the [financial aid application process](http://www.actstudent.org/finaid/apply.html)
* See your school counselor for help finding financial aid and scholarships

**January – May**

* If you need it, get [help completing the FAFSA](http://www.actstudent.org/finaid/fafsahelp.html)
* Ask School Counselor in January to send first semester transcripts to schools where you applied. In May, they will need to send final transcripts to the college you will attend.
* Decide which college to attend, and notify the school of your decision
* Keep track of and observe deadlines for sending in all required fees and paperwork
* Notify schools you will not attend of your decision
* Continue to look for scholarship opportunities
* Keep track of important financial aid and scholarship deadlines
* Watch the mail for your [Student Aid Report (SAR)](http://www.actstudent.org/finaid/afterfafsa.html)—it should arrive four weeks after the FAFSA is filed
* Compare financial aid packages from different schools
* Sign and send in a promissory note if you are borrowing money
* Notify your college about any outside scholarships you received
* Register for classes
* Fill out housing application with deposit EARLY

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