

# **Hillcrest High School Class of 2019**

**Welcome Parents!**

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# Tonight's Agenda

- Graduation Requirements
  - NCAA Eligibility
  - College Application Process
  - SAT & ACT information
  - Paying for College:  
Scholarship and Financial Aid
  - Naviance  
College, Career, and Scholarship Search
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## Join for Senior Updates

Join Remind

**Text : @hhssnr2019**

**To: 81010**

**Join the Senior Google  
Classroom**

**upvl2nb**

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# SENIOR DUES:

Senior dues are \$40.00 through the last day of the first semester and increase to \$50.00 after that point. Senior class dues are collected to cover the costs of graduation and other senior activities. These dues may also be paid online. Dues are collected each Wednesday in Room 227 & 331.

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Quick Links

- o GCS Progress Report 2017
- o School Profile
- o School 2016 Report Card
- o School Improvement Council Report to Parents
- o 9th Grade Course Catalog
- o 10th - 12th Course Catalog
- o Enrollment Forms
- o Bell Schedule
- o Free/Reduce Lunch Information
- o Student Handbook
- o Student Opt Out Form
- o Freshman Academy
- o Follow us on Twitter @HillcrestHSRams
- o "Like" us on Facebook!



Announcements

Search Hillcrest High Search

Character Word

Motivated - Driven  
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the desire to beat o

Daily Announce

Please click on the  
[Announcements](#).

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Students who need  
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[Request Form](#)

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Guidance Inform

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Students who will b  
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June 27, June 28, ..



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Click on Class Dues

# Attendance

- Seniors are responsible for keeping up with their attendance!
  - Cannot exceed 5 absences per semester class
  - Cannot exceed 10 absences for year-long classes
  - Seniors may have 3 college visit days (different schools)
    - ★ Bring a note with the college logo and students name on it to attendance after the visit
  - Seniors with Early Dismissal must be off campus within 10 minutes of their last class
  - Seniors with Late Arrival cannot arrive more than 10 minutes prior to their first class
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# Tentative Senior Dates for 2018-2019

- August 30- Senior Picture Make-Up (see Mrs. Ray 326)
  - September 13- Class Ring Order 4-7pm Commons
  - ***October 1- FAFSA Opens (Financial Aid)***
  - October 6- Next SAT day (registered by September 7)
  - October 18- (Last name A-L) Herff Jones in Commons at lunch for Graduation Supply Orders
  - October 19- (Last name M-Z) Herff Jones in Commons at lunch for Graduation
  - November 1- Many Early Action/Decision Dates for Colleges
  - November 26- Last day to order a senior Ad for the yearbook
  - December 1- Clemson and USC application deadlines
  - ★ If a senior would like to take the ASVAB, see Ms. Wadding in the Counseling Office
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# SAT/ACT Dates

## SAT Dates

**October 6<sup>th</sup>**

Register by September 7<sup>th</sup>

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Register by October 5<sup>th</sup>

**December 1<sup>st</sup>**

Register by November 2<sup>nd</sup>

**March 9<sup>th</sup>**

Register by February 9<sup>th</sup>

**May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Register by April 5<sup>th</sup>

**June 1<sup>st</sup>**

Register by May 3<sup>rd</sup>

***[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)***

## ACT Dates

**October 27<sup>th</sup>**

Register by September 21<sup>st</sup>

**December 8<sup>th</sup>**

Register by November 2<sup>nd</sup>

**February 9<sup>th</sup>**

Register by January 4<sup>th</sup>

**April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Register by March 3<sup>rd</sup>

**June 8<sup>th</sup>**

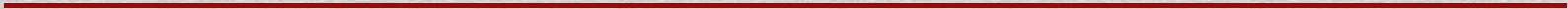
Register by May 3<sup>rd</sup>

**July 13<sup>th</sup>**

Register by June 14<sup>th</sup>

***[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)***

# SAT vs ACT



# The ACT



- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
  - Achievement style test (similar to PASS)
  - Students are not penalized for wrong answers
    - Guessing is ok
  - Based on 36 points
    - Cumulative score includes English, Math, Science and Reading
    - Writing portion optional, does not figure into composite
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# The SAT



SAT<sup>®</sup>

- [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
  - Tests students on reasoning ability
  - Visit Collegeboard for free test prep for NEW test
  - Includes Critical Reading, Math, and Writing sections
    - Writing portion is NOW optional
  - Students are NOT penalized for wrong answers
  - Scores will now be between 400-1600
    - **Some colleges will still accept the old SAT scores, however this is NOT a guarantee**
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# Which Scores Do I Send?

## Score Choice

With Score Choice™, you can choose which scores you send to colleges— but keep in mind that some colleges and scholarship programs require you to send all your scores.

## If I have both old SAT and new SAT scores, should I use Score Choice?

For help deciding between scores on the old SAT — last given in January 2016 — and the new SAT, compare your scores using the [SAT Score Converter](#).

## How can I find out if I need to send a college all of my scores?

When you send scores through your [College Board account](#), you'll see score send policies for any college or scholarship program you choose. [SAT Score-Use Practices by Participating Institution \(.pdf/1.5MB\)](#) also lists policies, but you should check college websites to make sure you have the latest information. You're responsible for knowing current score send policies. **We will not be sending ACT or SAT scores with college applications. Be sure to have scores sent via Collegeboard or ACT.**

## Should I send all my scores?

Since most colleges consider a student's best score, you can send all your scores. If you're unsure which scores to send or if your college has not shared their policy, we recommend you send all scores

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# Fee Waivers

- If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, you are eligible for 2 fee waivers for both the ACT and the SAT
- Fee waivers for college applications are also available from participating colleges if you qualify
  - Available on collegeboard.org once you use an SAT fee waiver
  - If a school does not accept a college board fee waiver, call the admissions office to see if they offer their own application fee waivers.



# **SAT & ACT**

Not needed to attend Greenville Tech  
(even if you are planning to transfer  
after 2 years)

- Will need to take placement test
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# Graduation Requirements

- English 4 Units
  - Mathematics 4 Units
  - Science 3 Units
  - Social Studies 1 Unit
  - US History 1 Unit
  - US Government .5 Unit
  - Economics .5 Unit
  - Foreign Language OR  
Career & Technology 1 Unit
  - PE 1 Unit
  - Computer Technology 1 Unit
  - Electives 7 Units
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## **4-Year College Requirements**

### *High School Diploma Requirements AND*

- At least 2 years of the same Foreign Language
    - Clemson and College of Charleston require 3 years
  - Must have at least 1 Math higher than Alg 2
    - PreCal, Statistics, Alg. 3
  - 3 Lab sciences (does not include Physical Science)
  - 1 Fine art
  - 1 College prep elective
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# NCAA Clearinghouse



- [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
  - Accounts must be created online by prospective student athletes
  - \$70 fee unless student qualifies for free/reduced lunch
  - Requires minimum academic GPA in 14 approved courses
  - SAT/ACT scores are also considered
  - Pick up Transcript Release Forms from your Counselor
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# College Application Day

- Wednesday, October 10th in the Media Center
  - Some colleges are offering fee waivers for students that apply that day
  - College representatives will be available to assist with applications
  - All seniors will have the opportunity to attend this event - More Information to come!
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# College Fair

- **September 18th ~ 10:30-11:30 (HHS Time Slot)**
  - To attend with HHS, Seniors must sign-up using the link that was sent to all seniors' emails today
    - Spaces are limited and based on sign up times
    - Students must ride with HHS on buses for day fair
  - Colleges, Universities, and Specialty Programs from across the country will be in attendance
  - **OPEN TO PUBLIC ~ September 17th ~ 5:30pm-8pm**
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# **College and Scholarship Application Process**

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# Application Process

- Online Applications
  - Check the college website for admission & application requirements
  - Some of the requirements include:
    - Official transcript
    - Counselor recommendation forms (from the applicant)
    - Teacher recommendations
    - Personal statement/essay
    - Student resume
  - Most colleges require you to pay an application fee
    - If you qualify for free/reduced lunch, you may be eligible for 4 college application fee waivers. See your counselor!
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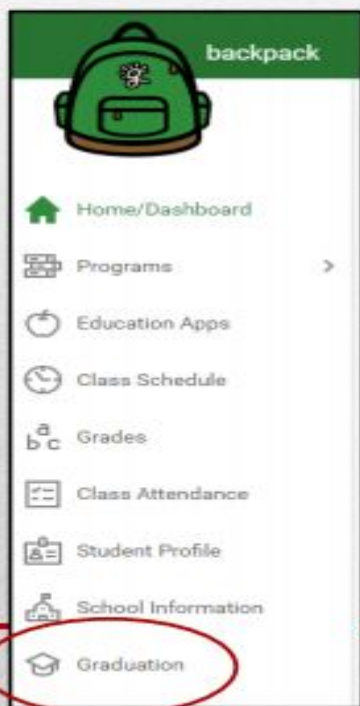
# Transcript Requests

- The college application must first be submitted before requesting a transcript!
  - Students can request transcripts through their Naviance Account
    - Login to your Backpack account through the student portal to access Naviance
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# 1.

	The Parent Portal provides real-time access for parents to their child's grades, attendance, assignments, and more.	Parent Portal
	Formerly - Student Portal - Backpack is a central site for students to access their information, to apply to Greenville County Schools special programs, and to access their apps for education.	Backpack
	Access your employee information, professional development registration and recertification, curriculum, department website and more!	Employee Portal

# 2.



backpack

- Home/Dashboard
- Programs >
- Education Apps
- Class Schedule
- Grades a b c
- Class Attendance
- Student Profile
- School Information
- Graduation

# 3.

## Graduation

### Naviance (Family Connection)

Naviance is a comprehensive college and career readiness solution for middle and high schools that helps align student strengths and interests to post-secondary goals, and improve student outcomes.

[Hillcrest High School Naviance Page >](#)

#### For Parents:

Your parent(s) will need to go to the Naviance Family Connection Sign in page at <https://connection.naviance.com/auth/fclookup>, to sign in / create an account, before using Naviance Family Connection.



# Paying for College

- Need-Based (Determined by FAFSA)
  - Grants (not paid back)
  - Loans (paid back after you leave the college for 6 months)
  - Work study (earn money through a campus job)
- Scholarships
  - Educational Lottery Scholarships
  - Community/National Scholarships
  - College Scholarships
  - Athletic Scholarships
  - ROTC Scholarships
  - Apprenticeship/Internship Programs (BMW, GE, Michelin, Bosch, etc.)



# State Scholarships

- You do not have to sign up or apply for one of these! Eligibility is determined upon meeting requirements
  - Palmetto Fellows Scholarship
  - LIFE Scholarship
  - HOPE Scholarship
  - SC Tuition Grants
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# Palmetto Fellows

- Requirements-- 1200 SAT or 27 ACT, 3.5 GPA, and top 6% of class (end of 10th grade, 11th grade, or 12th grade)
    - Alternate-- 1400 SAT or 32 ACT, 4.0 GPA
  - Notified by email in Feb/June
  - Must enroll in a 4 year institution fall of next year for 8 consecutive terms
  - \$6,700 for freshman year, \$7,500 every year after
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# LIFE

- 2 year institution-- 3.0 GPA
    - 4 terms of eligibility
  - 4 year institution-- 3.0 GPA, 1100 SAT/24 ACT, and/or top 30% (must meet 2 requirements)
    - 8 terms of eligibility
  - Do not have to go directly to school
  - Can earn LIFE while in college
  - \$5,000 per year
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# Enhancements

- You can receive up to \$2,500 extra annually if you are majoring in a math, science, or health-related field, or if you are majoring in education to teach math or science
  - Must already be a LIFE or PF recipient to receive an enhancement
  - Must complete 14 credit hours in math/science each year
  - AP and dual enrollment will count towards that number at 4 year institutions
  - Palmetto Fellows= \$10,000/year
  - LIFE= \$7,500/year
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# Hope

- Requirements-- 3.0 GPA
  - Initial 4-year college enrollment
  - 2 semesters (1 year) of eligibility
  - \$2,800
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# SC Tuition Grants

- Max is \$2,800
  - Need-based
  - Complete the FAFSA
  - 4 year limit
  - Check your college of choice to see if they accept SC Tuition Grants
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# Scholarships

- Scholarships are posted on Naviance and updated weekly
- [www.unigo.com/scholarships](http://www.unigo.com/scholarships)
- [www.zinch.com](http://www.zinch.com)
- [www.gocollege.com](http://www.gocollege.com)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)



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# FAFSA Updates

- You can file your 2019-2020 FAFSA as early as October 1, 2018!
- You will use earlier income tax information- 2016-2017
- You will be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to automatically import your tax information into your FAFSA
- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

The screenshot shows the FAFSA website homepage. At the top, it features the Federal Student Aid logo, the text 'PROUD SPONSOR OF THE AMERICAN MIND™', and the FAFSA logo with the tagline 'Free Application for Federal Student Aid'. Below this is a navigation bar with icons for Home, About Us, FSA ID, Studentaid.gov, and Help, along with a search bar and language options for English and Español. The main heading is 'Get help paying for college' with the subtext 'Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)'. A banner image shows diverse students. Below the banner are two main sections: 'New to the FAFSA?' with a 'Start A New FAFSA' button, and 'Returning User?' with a 'Login' button and a list of actions: 'Make a correction', 'Add a school', and 'View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...'. On the left side, there are links for 'Deadlines', 'School Code Search', and 'FAFSA Filing Options'. On the right side, there are 'Announcements' and 'Thinking About College?' sections. At the bottom, there is a footer with 'Site Last Updated: Sunday, December 27, 2015', a copyright notice for 2015, and links for FOIA, Privacy, Security, Notices, WhiteHouse.gov, USA.gov, and ED.gov.

# What should Srs be doing?

- Work on college applications-- try to have them completed before December 1st
  - Sign up for ACT/SAT in the fall-- most schools want scores by February
  - Use Naviance to:
    - Request transcripts
    - Request teacher recommendations
    - Apply for SCHOLARSHIPS
    - TEST PREP for upcoming ACT/SAT test
    - Build a resume!
    - Attend your IGP meeting
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# Senior IGPs

- Postcards mailed home
  - Postsecondary plans
  - College application process
  - Current grades and graduation progress
  - Naviance Test Prep and college/career resources
  - College readiness
  - ACT/SAT preparation resources
  - Scholarships
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# Questions?

