The Indian Way

Fort Defiance

Class of 2020 Planning Guide

This planning guide should be used as your resource of information on how to best navigate your senior year. The information in this guide is also posted on the FDHS Counseling Department website.

https://www.augusta.k12.va.us/domain/282

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“It matters not what someone is born, but what they grow to be.”
- J.K. Rowling
Class of 2020 – Mark your Calendars!

**September**
- Sept 4: Liberty University visits
- Sept 11: Fall Senior Meeting & Parent Night 6pm
- Sept 11: UVA visits 2pm
- Sept 16: Longwood, JMU & Radford visits
- Sept 18: EMU visits
- Sept 19: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Sept 19: Randolph Macon/VCU visits
- Sept 19: College Night at SDHS (6:00pm)
- Sept 26: College Night at JMU (6:30pm)
- Sept 26: Hampden-Sydney visits
- Sept 27: Christopher Newport visits

**October**
- October 1: FAFSA Opens!
- October 2: Bridgewater visits
- October 10: Hollins University visits
- October 11: Two Hour Early Dismissal
- October 14: No School - Plan College tours!
- October 16: ASVAB (8:30am)
- October 18: Report Cards
- October 22: William & Mary visits
- October 31: Mary Baldwin visits

**November**
- November 1: Early Decision Deadline!
- November 5: No School-Plan College tours!
- November 7: ASVAB Interpretation (8:30am)
- November 12-15: College Application Week
- November 27-29: Thanksgiving Break

**December**
- December 20- January 3: Winter Break

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**FDHS CLASS OF 2020 REMIND CODE: 2020fort**

Register today to make sure you get all the latest senior updates and reminders

- FDHS test code or CEEB code 470872
- Register for the SAT at www.collegeboard.org Register for the ACT, at www.act.org

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* SAT II Subject Test: Speak individually with your counselor if this applies to you.
* Fee Waivers: Check with School Counselor to determine if you are eligible.
JOSTENS
Graduation Attire & Senior Memorabilia
On September 23rd, seniors will receive information in regard to ordering their Cap & Gown, Tassel, Diploma Cover and Senior Memorabilia. Packets will be available in the Guidance Office for those who are unable to attend this meeting. Orders take place on September 26th and 27th during lunches. Re-Takes for senior pictures will take place October 4th. Make-up order date is October 10th and November 1st.

The required items for participation in graduation are the Cap & Gown, Tassel and Diploma Cover (Total Cost at Group Rate = $36.00 +tax). Please contact Mrs. Yeager if the purchase of these required items is a financial hardship. If re-using a cap & gown from a sibling, seniors must still purchase a tassel and a diploma cover (cost $19.00).

JOSTENS ORDER DATES. Jostens representatives will be at Fort Defiance High School on several dates in September during lunches to accept orders. The full payment or a minimum payment of $60 is required to place an order. Final payment is due Feb. 1, 2020.

JOSTENS DELIVERY DATE: March 16th during lunch.

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JOSTENS BEFORE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019 TO RECEIVE THE GROUP RATE. After this date students no longer receive the group order discount. The cost of the required Cap & Gown, Tassel, and Diploma Cover will be $50.00.
Questions may be addressed to the Jostens representative at 434-569-5172 or Holly.Sidwell@jostens.com

#SENIORSTATUS

Prearranged Absences: Please refer to the Augusta County Public School Handbook for Parents & Secondary Students for information in regard to an absence due to college visits, job interview, etc. Seniors are permitted 2 prearranged absences to visit/tour colleges. Student must complete prearranged absence form prior to being absent.

GPA & Class Rank: Official Cumulative Grade Point Averages and class ranks are available and are updated at the end of each semester with the exception of yearlong courses.

YOUR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION & CAREER OPTIONS

Community College: These are typically two-year higher learning institutions that offer certificates, diplomas, and associates degrees. Often times, students graduate from a community college and transfer to four-year colleges.

Local Community Colleges
Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC)
Piedmont Community College (PVCCC)
Lord Fairfax Community College (LFCC)
Dabney Lancaster Community College (DLCC)

Four-Year Colleges & Universities: These institutions of higher learning grant academic bachelors, master’s degrees, and doctorate degrees in a variety of subjects.

Technical & Vocational Education: These schools offer degrees or certifications for specific trades. Generally, programs can be completed in just a few weeks to a couple of years.

Military: Recruiters from all branches of the armed services are eager to explain the advantages of receiving either career training or an education through the armed services. Speak with your counselor to coordinate meeting with military recruiter.

Employment: Meet with Career Coach and counselor to seek assistance with job applications, resume, creating LinkedIn Profile.

Top 10 High Demand Industries & Occupations

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FAFSA WORKSHOP
Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Hosted by our GRASP Advisor, Susan Arritt.

Date: TBA

TOPIC: Applying for Financial Aid & Review of the FAFSA

The FAFSA, Free Application for Federal Student Aid is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov on and after Oct. 1, 2019

Submit FAFSA early but not before Oct 1, 2019. It is important to meet the college deadlines (which vary). It is also best to complete this process as early as possible. Certain types of aid are limited and some colleges will start awarding the limited funds until they run out which could be prior to the financial aid deadline.

Ms. Arritt is available to meet with students and parents regarding financial aid planning on Tuesdays from September-May. 2018 Income Tax information is required to complete the FAFSA.

College Application Process/Transcript Request

- Schedule a time to meet with your Counselor to review colleges you plan to apply to, deadlines, recommendations, etc.

- Pick up Transcript Release Form in Guidance. This form must be signed by you and a parent (if under 18) and submitted to the Guidance Office.
  - *SAT and/or ACT Scores – if applicable
  - *SAT Subject Tests – if applicable
  - Fort Defiance High School Profile
  - SVGS School Profile
  - Secondary School Report – if applicable
  - Other information as requested by the college and/or student.

- Request transcript and other additional materials electronically via www.parchment.com
  - Obtain your Parchment access code via student email link
  - Activate your Parchment account using your school email address.
  - Counselor is notified to send transcripts electronically to where you are applying.

- Complete all necessary parts of the application including the essay, if required.

- Determine a school’s requirement for recommendation letter(s) then complete the senior recommendation form and give to the recommender at least three weeks prior to the deadline.

- Send official SAT or ACT scores via the individual testing agencies.

January 2020: BRCC Application Party

April 21st-BRCC Group Advising Registration Sessions at FDHS. This is where seniors who have applied to BRCC will sign up for their fall college classes.

BRCC website: https://www.brcc.edu/

BRCC provides students with many continuing education opportunities including:

- Two-Year Transfer program with guaranteed admission to any Virginia public college or university (per academic expectation met).
- Career Studies certificates leading to workforce placement.
- Two year Associate degrees in 28 professions.

BRCC website: https://www.brcc.edu/
**College Application Tips:**

**Read the Application Instructions**

Accuracy and completeness of the application is critical. Remember that this is their first preview of who you are. Make arrangements to have someone proofread your application.

**Activities:** Activities form available in Guidance to complete and share with teachers/recommenders.

**Senior Year Courses:** When completing a college application, list your senior year courses by the course title as it appears on your class schedule or report card.

**SAT scores**
While your SAT scores are often listed on your transcript, some colleges, however, require that SAT/ACT scores be sent directly from the College Board (JMU, for example, is a popular school that requires scores directly from the College Board). Some colleges are very clear and specific in their application directions. If you are in doubt or it is not clear, the safest course of action is to have them sent directly from the College Board.

**Dual Enrollment (DE) Transcripts**
Your Dual Enrollment courses are listed on your high school transcript, however, in order for a college to award you college credit you must also request that the college (where you earned your credits) send your college transcript to the college you are applying to. Some colleges require your college transcript at the time of admission and some not until you decide to attend. JMU, for example, requires them at application time. If in doubt about when a college needs them: ask the college or just go ahead and have them sent at application time.

*Governor School Students:* If you are applying to JMU and have dual enrollment credits from JMU you must have your JMU transcript sent to JMU at the time of application. This may sound odd but the admissions office does not necessarily know your DE credits are JMU credits and they also do not have access to your JMU transcript in admissions unless you have it sent to them.

**Unofficial Transcripts:** You can request an unofficial transcript for your records or to use for scholarships. Some scholarships may require an official transcript which we can put in a sealed envelope for you. Unofficial transcripts will typically be hand delivered to you.

**Official Transcripts for college:** Are sent electronically and are requested online through a program called Parchment. All seniors will receive an email at their school email address with the link they will need to set up their Parchment account. Make sure you establish an easy-to-remember password and save it since it will be the same process for requesting transcripts even after you graduate. Students should add a personal email address to their account because school email accounts will be terminated after graduation. Transcripts are free while you still enrolled in high school. After you graduate Parchment will charge a small fee for each transcript.

**TRANSCRIPT RELEASE FORM:** We cannot send transcripts without written permission. A one-time permission form must be returned to Guidance authorizing us to send your transcript upon request. (If you are under age 18 this form must be signed by a parent)

- *SAT and/or ACT Scores – if applicable
- *SAT Subject Tests – if applicable
- FDHS School Profile
- Shenandoah Valley Governor’s School Profile
- Secondary School Report – If applicable
- Other information as requested by the college and/or student.

**Secondary School Report:** Many college applications require a “Secondary School Report” which is a form that has to be completed by the school counselor. If your college application requires a secondary school report, please indicate that when requesting a transcript.

All college application transcript requests should be submitted TEN (10) school days prior to the application deadline.
Many schools have opted to use the Common App or Coalition App for the official college application process. It is a huge advantage if you are applying to multiple schools that use the same application. For example, if you are applying to 3 schools that use the Common Application, you only fill out the application once and just add the name of the 3 schools to which you are applying. Be aware, however, that some of the schools may still have a supplementary form that is different for each school.

KNOW YOUR DEADLINES

KNOW YOUR DEADLINES – Some programs within a college have specific deadlines or requirements different from regular admission. Blue Ridge Community College nursing and vet tech programs are common examples. College Financial Aid also has separate deadlines than applications for admission. Some Honors programs and Scholarship programs at colleges may also have different deadlines from admission deadlines or financial aid deadlines.

EARLY ACTION: Offered by some colleges. It is a nonbinding agreement where seniors can apply early to college (deadlines vary from Oct to Dec.). Students find out earlier whether they are accepted.

EARLY DECISION: Offered by some colleges. It is a binding agreement where seniors can apply early to college (deadlines vary from Oct to Dec.). Students find out earlier whether they are accepted. If the student is accepted then they are obligated to attend that college. Although the early decision can give some students the edge in getting acceptance, student who are heavily dependent upon financial aid should use caution with a binding contract.

College Application Deadlines vary but the general recommended deadline to get transcript requests, forms and reference requests to Guidance is TEN (10) school days prior to the application deadline.

NCAA

National Collegiate Athletic Association

www.eligibilitycenter.org

Students planning to play sports at a Division I or Division II college or university in the fall of 2020 must register and qualify with the NCAA Clearinghouse.

Registration Fee: $80

Price may increase within the next few months, do not delay completing this information if you intend to play competitive sports.

Scholarship Announcements: Current information in regard to scholarship announcements is posted in the following locations

-FDHS Counseling Website (see scholarship tab on the left side)

-FDHS Monthly Scholarship Newsletter delivered via email and also posted online.

-Guidance bulletin board outside the guidance office.

**It is the responsibility of students to READ the posted information and to follow up as is appropriate.
The Opportunities booklet is a wonderful resource for you to use to guide you through the college selection, application and financial aid process.

Military Recruitment Contacts

**United States Army:** Staff Sergeant Patrick J. Hassler  
Office Phone: 540-886-2651  
Cell Phone: 304-952-6510  
Patrick.j.hassler.mil@mail.mil

**United States Navy:** Chief George Woodley  
Petty Officer Cyesha Odom  
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Cell: 703-479-0072 (Chief Woodley)  
540-471-0780 (Petty Officer Odom)

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