



SENIOR YEAR

2014-2015

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INCLUDING SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER
OPPORTUNITIES**

**<http://ashland.k12.mo.us> → Schools,
Southern Boone High School → Guidance**

Important Events/Dates

Mid-Missouri College Fair, Columbia	September 24
Senior Meeting with Jostens.....	October 13
Jostens Order Deadline.....	October 21
National College Fair, St. Louis	October 19
Senior Picture Day for Yearbook	October 28
Mizzou Application/Scholarships	December 1
FAFSA.....	available January 1
Financial Aid Night, Senior Parent Info.....	January 21 (tentative)
FAFSA Frenzy, CACC 2-4 p.m.	February 22
Local Scholarship Deadline.....	February 27
Mizzou FAFSA Priority	March 1
Senior Ad Deadline for Yearbook	March 13
Missouri FAFSA Deadline.....	April 1
College Award Confirmation to Guidance	April 3
Student Recognition Night	April 29 (tentative)
Prom	May 2
Baccalaureate	May 10
All Fines Paid	Sr Last Day
Commencement Practice	Sr Last Day
Commencement	May 17

*All dates subject to change

Graduation Ceremony

Seniors are expected to be present at the following:

Wednesday, April 29Student Recognition Night (date is tentative)

Sunday, May 10.....Baccalaureate will be held in the gym. Baccalaureate is handled exclusively by the local churches. Baccalaureate is not a school function but a community event.

Seniors' Last DayPractice for Commencement in the *gym at 9:30 a.m.* (*ATTENDANCE **REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMENCEMENT**)

Sunday, May 17Commencement in the gym – time TBD Seniors are to report to the *Commons 1 hr before.* Pictures for group must be taken before lineup.

Graduation Ceremony Guidelines

1. CONDUCT GUIDELINES

Graduation is the highlight of thirteen years of school and should be a happy and joyful occasion for all. By implementing guidelines, it is our hope the commencement program will be a successful and satisfying experience for ALL students on this most important day. Participation in the commencement ceremony is a privilege not a right. Hopefully no graduate will have to be ejected because of his or her behavior. It is unnecessary to itemize the kind of negative behavior unacceptable at the commencement ceremony. Any behavior which draws attention to you as an individual or detracts from the dignity of the ceremony will result in your exclusion from the ceremony. We want our commencement to be special, we want it to have "class." Please do your part to make ours the best commencement possible at Southern Boone County R-I High School. Should it be necessary for seniors to return to school after dismissal times, they are to report to the principal's office to secure permission before going to any other part of the building.

2. DRESS GUIDELINES

Commencement marks the beginning of life after high school. This ceremony to commemorate the successful completion of the elementary and secondary experiences should be taken seriously. To help ensure that graduation from Southern Boone High School is treated with the respect it's due, the following guidelines are presented. Students must adhere to the following established dress code to be permitted to participate. Not permitted are shorts, jeans, T-shirts, flip-flops, extremely informal attire inappropriate for the occasion, or any decorations or deviation from the traditional cap and gown which would draw undue attention to you. Your cooperation is essential. Don't embarrass yourself, your family and your school. The administrators in charge will have the final decision in denying a graduate's participation due to inappropriate attire.

Student Recognition Night

- April 29, time and location TBA (date is tentative)
- Local Scholarship winners are recognized
- College specific awards are not recognized here but will be listed in the graduation brochure if students provide Guidance with confirmation of college awards by April 3.

College Applications/Recommendations

- Most college applications are to be completed online. A debit or credit card may be needed to pay the application fee.
- Give the Guidance Office at least one week, preferably two weeks notice, if a counselor recommendation or high school information is required on the application.
- Provide a resume or list of activities, honors and awards so that Guidance can personalize the recommendation.
- Transcript Requests—students need to see the Guidance secretary to request transcripts be sent. In most cases transcripts are mailed on the day of the request.
- ACT score—if the student had the score sent to Southern Boone High School, it is listed on the transcript. Some colleges require ACT scores be sent directly from ACT. Check with the college of interest to verify.
- Know the deadlines for applications, financial aid, housing, etc.

College Athletics

If a student is planning to attend college on an athletic scholarship, or is being recruited as a college athlete, he/she may need to register with the NCAA eligibility center or NAIA and follow specific procedures to ensure his/her eligibility. See the athletic director or counselor for more information.

<http://eligibilitycenter.org/>

<http://www.playNAIA.org/>

Financial Aid

Comprehensive financial aid information will be addressed at Financial Aid Night in January for parents and students.

Local Scholarships:

The local scholarship directions will be given at Financial Aid Night in January. The information will be available on the Guidance webpage shortly thereafter.

Scholarship Searches:

The Guidance Office posts on our website when scholarships are available in our office. These scholarships are sent to us for sharing with students. Our list is not a comprehensive list and we encourage students to do their own research. www.fastweb.com is one of several free scholarship search services.

Be aware of scholarship scams, you should never pay for scholarship information. For information about preventing financial aid scams, visit www.studentaid.ed.gov/types/scams or the Federal Trade Commission website.

Federal Financial Aid

One of the best sources of financial aid is the U.S. Department of Education. The first step in applying for federal financial aid is to complete the FAFSA form at www.fafsa.gov as soon after January 1 as possible. Publications are available to download and/or order at www.edpubs.gov.

State Financial Aid

The Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE) provides free information to help students and parents prepare for college. Find more information about the grants and scholarships at www.dhe.mo.gov or call the MDHE Information Center at 1-800-473-6757.

Institution/College

Most individual scholarships will come from the colleges to which you apply. Contact the school to find out about the financial aid assistance available at that specific school. Use the school's webpage to familiarize yourself with possible scholarships, grants, loans and work study. Don't forget to ask about specific department's or program's scholarships.

Visit a College...

In Person:

- Senior students are allowed **two** college visit absences. The absences will not count against attendance. Students must **complete a college visit form prior to the absence.**

College Admission Representatives at SoBoCo:

- Check the high school bulletin on the website for dates and times of college representatives on campus.

Internet:

- For an Institution, Program and Degree search of post-secondary institutions in Missouri visit <http://collegesearch.mo.gov>

FACTORS TO CONSIDER When Choosing a College

Admission Requirements

- What high school courses are required? Are entrance tests required? Which ones?
- What scores are acceptable?
- Is a certain grade point average or class rank required?
- Will my activities and school involvement be considered?
- Is there an essay on the application? Is it read?
- Is there an early decision or early action plan?
- On what basis are applicants accepted?
- Are personal interviews or letters of recommendation required?
- Do certain majors have special requirements?
- What percent of applicants are accepted?
- Can admission denials be appealed?
- What are the application filing dates?

Financial Aid

- What percent of students receive financial aid based on financial need?
- What percent of students receive scholarships based on academic ability?
- What would be a typical financial aid package for a freshman?
- What percent of those who apply for financial aid receive it?
- Will my financial aid be adjusted if my need increases?
- What are the financial aid application procedures and deadlines?
- When are financial aid applicants notified of their awards?
- How long do they have to respond?
- Is there a tuition payment plan?
- Are there campus jobs available? Are there off-campus jobs as well?

Academics

- What is the average class size? Largest? Smallest?
- How many students in last year's class returned for their sophomore year?
- What was the grade point average of the freshmen class last year?
- What is the college's procedure for student orientation, class placement, and scheduling? Are classes guaranteed?
- How is a faculty advisor assigned to students?
- What services does the school offer for the students who are undecided about a major?
- How many students complete a degree?
- What are the most popular majors?
- Are students taught by full-time faculty members, graduate assistants, or a combination of both?
- What types of additional services are provided by the school at no additional cost to the student (e.g. tutoring, career and personal counseling, developmental reading and study-skills workshops, job placement)?
- Is there an honors program? What are the qualifications for entry?

Cost

- What are the costs for tuition?
- Room and board? Are there other fees?
- How much did costs increase from last year to this year?
- Is there a difference in the costs for in-state and out-of-state students?
- Are accepted students required to place deposits for tuition and housing? Are these refundable?
- By when must accepted students decide whether they will attend?
- Are deposits required each year for returning students?
- When do the bills have to be paid?

College Characteristics

- Where is the college located (city, suburb, small town, or rural setting)?
- What is the surrounding community like?
- Is the college public, private, or church affiliated?
- What is the current student enrollment?
- What special or unique programs are offered? Does the college have general education or course distribution requirements? What are they? Does the college have special programs for transfer students? What is the academic calendar (semesters or quarters)?

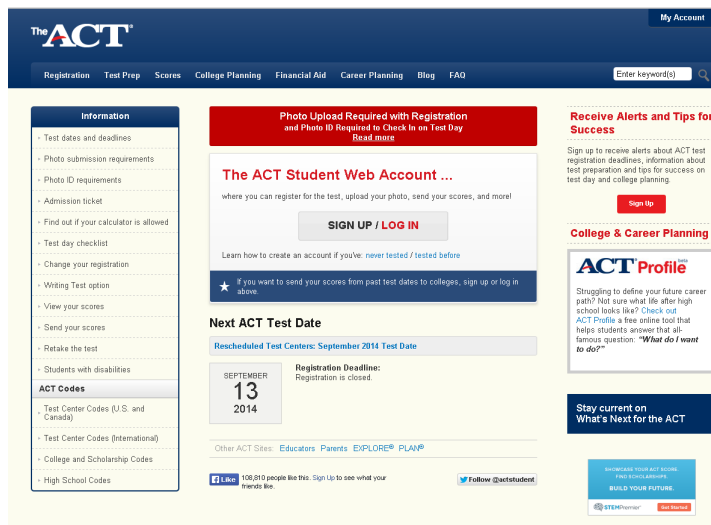
Helpful Websites

www.dhe.mo.gov



www.actstudent.org

SoBoCo's High School Code (CEEB): **260-095**



Career Planning Resources

Mapping Your Future—www.mappingyourfuture.org

Missouri Connections—www.missouriconnections.org

User name: boonehs

Password: 2viewmoc

Click on Create "My Portfolio" to begin your personal account

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is a nationally-normed, multi-aptitude test battery. If interested in the armed forces, military recruiters frequently visit SBC during lunch or visit any of the branch's websites.

Employment

- Networking—let your friends and acquaintances know you are looking for a job
- Resume—Have a resume prepared that reflects your skills and experience
- Practice Interviewing—You are selling yourself so maximize your success with professional attire and a confident attitude
- Be Prepared—Always have pertinent information with you.....phone numbers, previous employers names and addresses, reference information, etc.
- References—Make personal contact with your references before releasing that information
- Resources—Use the resources that are available and ask questions and seek advise
- Jobs.mo.gov —is the official Workforce Resource website for Missouri