<u>Senior Guidelines</u>

(Hyperlinks are available on www.hammontonps.org>HHS>Guidance>Guidelines)

A. Planning for post high school

1. Research careers, majors, colleges or technical schools
   www.collegeboard.com   www.njcan.org (Career Cluster Inventory)
   www.Petersons.com   https://www.trade-schools.net/
2. Spend time with people in your potential career. Ask questions, shadow at a job, and consider part time work or volunteering.
3. Attend College Fairs www.nacacnet.org   (See Attached List of College Fairs)
4. Visit schools.
5. **Review your online profile!!** Please be aware that all online activity (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, SnapChat, tumblr, etc.) may be viewed by colleges, military branches, and potential employers.

B. Testing   HHS code: 310495

1. SAT: Register at www.collegeboard.org
   - List any potential colleges when you register so they receive your scores.
   - Admission ticket must have an uploaded photo on it. You will also need to bring a separate photo ID to your testing location.
   - Standby, walk-ins and test center changes are no longer permitted.
   - FREE SAT Prep and Practice Tests https://www.khanacademy.org/sat
2. ACT: Register at http://www.actstudent.org/ List potential colleges when you register to ensure scores are sent.
3. SAT 2 may be required by some colleges. Register at www.collegeboard.org.
4. *You must list your college choices **every** time you register for an SAT or ACT test so they receive your scores.*
5. If you are enrolled in the free or reduced lunch program, you qualify for fee waivers for the SAT, ACT and for college applications. To receive fee waivers see your counselor.

C. Financial Aid

1. Plan to attend the Annual Financial Aid Night at HHS in October. Scheduled for October 16, 2019.
2. Start by entering StudentAid.gov/fsaid into your web browser and click on the green tab "Create Your FSA ID Now".
3. Complete the **Free** Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on or after October 1st of your senior year. Submit your FAFSA by the earliest financial aid deadline of the schools to which you are applying at www.fafsa.ed.gov
4. Visit https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/ for helpful financial aid information.
5. Some colleges also require a CSS Profile available at www.collegeboard.com
6. Stay in close contact with each college's financial aid office.
7. All forms are available in Spanish.
8. Educational Opportunity Funding (EOF) - The New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund provides financial assistance and support services (e.g. counseling, tutoring, and developmental course work) to students from educationally and economically disadvantaged backgrounds who attend institutions of higher education in the State of New Jersey. Undergraduate grants range from $200 annually to $2,500 annually depending on the type of institution and financial need. More Info: http://www.nj.gov/highereducation/EOF/EOF_Eligibility.shtml

D. **Applying to colleges, schools, academies:**
1. Determine all deadlines and apply as early as possible.
   Some colleges receive over 17,000 applications and can only accept 1,500 students. Some colleges also stop reviewing applications before their official deadline. **
   - Students are responsible for adhering to all deadlines.
2. **Update your resume or activities list.** Your Counselor will need this for colleges, letter of rec requests, etc.
3. Letters of Recommendation (LOR)
   - Request LORs *as early as possible.* Provide your resume to the person writing your LOR.
   - Follow up by writing them a thank you note and personally giving it to them.
4. Safe School: Be sure to apply to **at least one safe school** in terms of acceptance, finances, major.
5. Apply online through the college website, The Common Application, or SendEdu.
6. The Common Application: www.commonapp.org
   a. When selecting recommenders provide correct teacher and counselor email addresses.
   b. Be sure to "Invite" AND "Assign" recommenders as required by Common App.
7. Submit "College Information Form" and resume to counselor to have transcript and LORs sent.
   a. This should be done *at least 2 weeks before the application deadline*.
   b. "Records Release Form" must be signed by parent and student and be on file with the Guidance Office to have transcripts released to schools or for scholarships.
8. You must notify your counselor if any supplemental forms need to be completed by Guidance. Counselors are not notified when additional documentation is required for an application. **It is your responsibility** to check your online applications for supplementary forms.
9. GPA and class rank is reconfigured at the end of 2nd marking period. Please note GPA and Class Rank are based on a **weighted, 4.0 scale**. (You will need this information for CommonApp & SendEdu)
10. Potential Division I or II College Student-Athletes must register with NCAA: www.eligibilitycenter.org
    It is important to review NCAA Eligibility Requirements regarding courses, GPA, and test scores:
    http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility_center/Quick_Reference_Sheet.pdf
11. Military candidates: https://www.todaysmilitary.com/about-military/service-branches
    www.goarmy.com   www.airforce.com   www.navy.com   www.nationalguard.com
    www.marines.com   www.goang.com   www.usmma.edu   www.gocoastguard.com
12. ACCC Jumpstart Program – Sign up with your counselor by December of senior year.
    - Complete application and provide to counselor. You may have the opportunity to visit ACCC for a tour. You will meet with ACCC advisors here at HHS to take Placement Tests and complete ACCC course scheduling.

E. **Scholarships**
1. START HERE: www.hammontonps.org Click on the Guidance tab, scroll down to click on Scholarships.
2. Complete the Local Scholarship Form available in April in the Guidance Office.
3. Check specific scholarships offered at your college. See college websites.
4. New Jersey Stars Program *(subject to change)* www.HESAA.org 1-800-792-8670
   - A rigorous course of study and graduate in the top 15% required to be eligible.
   - College Placement test scores required.
   - Students must be citizens and legal NJ residents for at least 12 consecutive months prior to graduation from high school.
   - Students must take at least 12 college-level credits each semester, maintain full-time status and a GPA of 3.0.
   - Apply for admission to your home county college and file a FAFSA by the state deadline.

2019 Fall College Fairs

Philadelphia National College Fair

Sunday, October 20th   11:00 am – 3:00 pm at Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA

https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/national-college-fairs/philadelphia-national-college-fair/

Career Council College Fairs

Southern NJ - Thursday, October 24th 9:30 am-12:30 pm at Riverwinds Community Center, W Deptford, NJ

Cape Atlantic - Friday, October 25th 9:30 am – 12:30 pm at Absegami High School, Galloway, NJ

www.collegefair.info – utilizing www.Strivescan.com for registration

Atlantic City National College Fair

Monday, October 28th   6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Atlantic City Convention Center

Tuesday, October 29th   9:00 am – 12:00 pm at Atlantic City Convention Center

https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/national-college-fairs/atlantic-city-national-college-fair/

National Hispanic College Fair

Thursday, November 14th 9:30am – 12:30pm at Bordentown Regional High School, 318 Ward Avenue, Bordentown, NJ 08505

www.collegefair.info – utilizing www.Strivescan.com for registration

SAT Registration

www.sat.org/register or www.collegeboard.com

2019-2020 SAT Administration Dates and Deadlines			
SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Online Score Release
August 24, 2019	July 26, 2019	August 13, 2019	September 9-11, 2019
October 5, 2019	September 6, 2019	September 24, 2019	October 21-23, 2019
November 2, 2019	October 3, 2019	October 22, 2019	November 18-20, 2019
December 7, 2019	November 8, 2019	November 26, 2019	December 23-25, 2019
March 14, 2020	February 14, 2020	March 3, 2020	March 30-April 1, 2020
May 2, 2020	April 3, 2020	April 21, 2020	May 18-20, 2020
June 6, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 27, 2020	July 15-17, 2020

October and **May** Tests will be offered at Hammonton High School.

SAT with Essay Fee: $64.50   SAT (no essay): $49.50   Late Fee: $30   Change Fee: $30

SAT Fee Waiver is available from your Counselor if you are a free or reduced program participant.

ACT Registration

www.act.org

2019-2020 ACT Administration Dates and Deadlines		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 14, 2019	August 16, 2019	August 17-30, 2019
October 26, 2019	September 20, 2019	September 21-October 4, 2019
December 14, 2019	November 8, 2019	November 9-22, 2019
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020	January 11-17, 2020
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020	February 29 - March 13, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 9-22, 2020
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020	June 20-26, 2020

ACT Fee (no writing): $52.00   ACT Fee (with writing): $68.00   Late Fee: $30.00   Change Fee: $32.00

ACT Fee Waiver is available from your Counselor if you are a free or reduced program participant.