

WELCOME TO SENIOR SEMINAR!

Meet the Counselors:

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❖ Senior Seminar Documents:

❖ Senior Interview Form—Return to Counselor

- Keep ACT ID Sheet

❖ Powerpoint slides: online

- elkhornweb.org...Buildings...EHS...Academics...Counseling Center.....Current Presentations...12th grade

❖ Naviance Scavenger Hunt

❖ Senior Interview Documents:

❖ Copy of Senior Interview/Transcript—mailed home

❖ College Planning Checklist

❖ ACT Information/Practice Test Booklet

❖ Educationquest College Planning Guide

❖ Additional Information as Needed

What will you do after **HIGH SCHOOL?**

- **4-year college:** Undergraduate Degrees & Graduate Work
- **2-year college:** Associate Degrees or Transfer Credits
- **Apprenticeship /Trade Schools:** Electricians, Masons, Plumbing, HVAC, Dental Hygienist, Vet Technician, etc.
- **Military:** Sign up on Naviance to see recruiters
 - ASVAB – October 10—sign up in Counseling Center by Oct. 3
 - Military Fair – November 8th
- **Work**

Career Awareness Program

Why is career exploration so important?

The goal of early career exploration is to encourage you to explore a variety of careers to find out what you like, or what you don't like. Seeing what careers are out there, connecting with employers, talking to human resource departments to learn what they look for in their applicants, spending time immersed in those careers! "Having an initial road map, and changing course after thoughtful consideration, far outweighs getting on the road with no clear direction!" -Thalia Thompson

Think about it this...what is your favorite food? How did you decide that was your favorite food? YOU TRIED IT! The same holds true for careers, how do you know that career is your favorite career if you've never tried it? Try a variety because you never know, until you try!

How can I explore careers?

- Career Camps, Fairs, & Tours
- Career Exploring Program
- Job Shadow
- Career Internship
- Teacher Cadet
- Part-Time Jobs

Sign-up for Remind notifications to know when new opportunities

Text @capbuurman to 81010.

	AM	PM
Monday	EHS	ESHS
Tuesday	EHS	ESHS
Wednesday	EHS	ESHS
Thursday	ESHS	EHS
Friday	ESHS	EHS

Phone 402.289.0616 Ext 16112

Who do I contact to explore careers?

Ms. Buurman, dbuurman@epsne.org

EHS-CAP Office (formerly AD Assistant's Office)



Elkhorn Public Schools

Career Awareness Program



Through partnerships with local businesses, students can link their core curriculum with the world of work and develop skills, habits, and attitudes that will prepare them for future employment success. Students engaging in Career Awareness Program activities with these business partners can enhance their personal growth and gain assistance with making wise career choices. The Career Awareness Program is a natural partnership between the classroom and the workplace.

Where do I go to see what opportunities are available?

- Go to the school's homepage
- Academics
- Career Awareness

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Senior Interview



«Last_Name», «First_Name»
 GPA: «GPA»
 Credits: «Credits»
 Rank: «Rank»/308
 Credits Left:

Credits needed for graduation

Specific credits needed for graduation and college admissions

Please fill in both columns:
 --Post high school plans
 --Major/Branch/Sport

Sign form

Graduation Requirements	Credits Required for graduation	Classes needed for graduation	Credits Recommended for most Colleges	Classes needed for most colleges
English	8		8	
Social Studies	6		6	
Math	6		6	
Science	6		6	
PE	2			
Financial Literacy	1			
Electives	13			
Foreign Language	0		4	

Potential Colleges	Major/Branch/Sport
4-yr college/university	
2-yr college/technical school	
Military	
Work	
NCAA/NAIA Athletics	

Student Signature _____

ACT ID

What should you be doing **NOW?**

- Make or Narrow down your list of colleges (3 or 4)
- Sign up for college admissions testing
 - **ACT** www.actstudent.org
December is usually last score used for many scholarships.
 - **SAT** www.collegeboard.org
- Start Online College Applications, send transcript/ACT
- Apply for Scholarships

To Finalize your college choice: Make Plans to Visit Colleges

- Before you go on a college campus visit students must stop in Counseling Center to pick up form for parents to sign and return before the day of the visit if you will miss school.
- (2 free visits)

Pre-Release College Day Absence Form
Ebkorn High School Date _____

I am requesting that my SON/DAUGHTER _____
Be excused from school on the following date: _____
For the following reason: _____
College Day Visit

It is understood that my child will be given an activity absence. The student must follow guidelines established for activity absences in the Parent/Student Handbook. Forms must be returned to Mrs. Schmidt before College Day visit is scheduled as a **DOSENT COUNT** as a College Day.

Home and/or Business Phone: _____ Parent's Signature: _____



Mrs. Frevert will get it for you

Attend **SPECIAL** College **EVENTS**

- **GREATER OMAHA COLLEGE FAIR** (200 SCHOOLS)

- UNO (SAPP Fieldhouse)
- SUNDAY, September 29th
- 1:00 – 4:00 PM

- CHECK OUT **SENIOR VISIT DAYS** AT COLLEGES

- SEE COLLEGE WEBSITES FOR DETAILS

EHS SENIOR PARENT PLANNING NIGHT!

The following colleges are coming to EHS on

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

FOUR YEAR COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

University of Nebraska Lincoln

Wayne State College

University of Nebraska Omaha

Northwest Missouri State

University of South Dakota

Midland University

South Dakota State Univ

Doane University

Creighton University

Nebraska Wesleyan

University of Nebraska Kearney

TWO YEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Iowa Western

Metropolitan Community College

Sign up to meet with COLLEGE REPS AT ELKHORN HIGH SCHOOL!

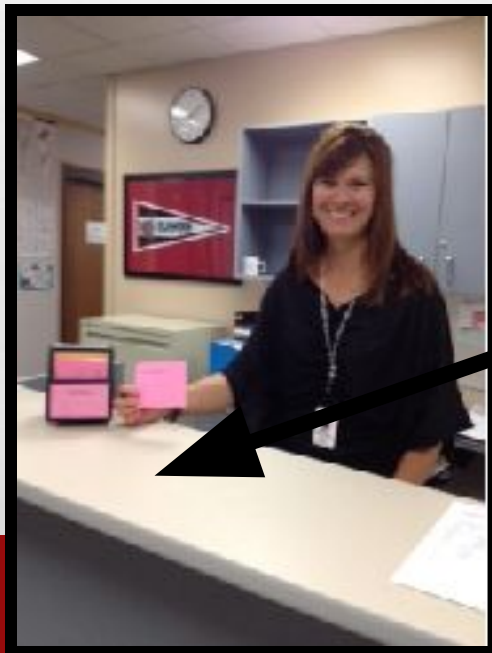
- Sign up on your NAVIANCE account at least 1 day in advance
- You can also sign up to meet with branches from the military

Start **APPLYING TO COLLEGE!**

- Don't **WAIT** on an ACT score. It can be sent later.
- Use your legal name and write down all usernames & passwords when creating application accounts—it is okay to use the same one for all colleges.
- Use a valid email that you will check often—colleges want to email you not your parents. Try to have a professional sounding email. 😊
- Proofread and read directions **CLOSELY!**
- If you are planning on applying to a **Common Application** school, visit with your counselor as soon as possible

Once you've applied **SEND YOUR TRANSCRIPT**

**Fill out a transcript request form and give to Mrs. Frevert
in the Counseling Center**



Elkhorn High School
Send Transcripts To

Name _____

College _____

City & State _____

A photograph of a red transcript request form. The form has a green border and contains the text "Elkhorn High School" and "Send Transcripts To" at the top. Below this, there are three lines for "Name", "College", and "City & State", each followed by a horizontal line for writing. A black arrow points from the form towards the woman in the adjacent image.

MAKE SURE ACT SCORES HAVE BEEN SENT

- When registering for the ACT, you will be asked to indicate which four colleges you would like to send your scores for free.
 - **Take advantage of this feature**
 - **Colleges always use the highest score**
- If you have NOT created an electronic ACT account, you can add your **April 2019** score by using the code on your April ACT score report when setting up your electronic ACT account.
- **IF YOU DID NOT** get your scores sent to the correct college, go to your ACT account and (**at your expense**) request to have your scores sent to the appropriate college.
- If you are looking at **ATHLETICS** for college, it is a good idea to have the scores automatically sent to NCAA or NAIA as part of your four free choices. Otherwise, you will have to go to your account **LATER** and have the scores sent **at your expense**.

Once you have applied..will you be admitted?

UNK/UNL/UNO has Assured Admission

- **20 on ACT OR**
 - **Top 1/2 of class**
- AND**
- **All core course requirements**

Admission by Review

- **Missing one or more criteria**
- **Review academic record, recommendations, academic promise**

Deferred Admission—Denied

- **Work with your counselor to find a school where you do meet the admissions requirements**
- **Transfer once eligible**

Always have Plan B

After you apply...KEEP WORKING!

- **Work hard and continue to develop skills; don't let academics fall off. Colleges do look at senior classes and grades for admission decisions.**
- **Think about what you want to study in college, lots of resources at college website and online.**
- **Discuss money and its impact on options.**
- **See you counselor with any questions.**
- **Don't wait until the last minute.**

Think about how you will **PAY FOR COLLEGE**

Different types of “money”

- Loans
- Grants
- Scholarships

**Educationquest Financial Aid
Planning Night: September 18 at
6 pm Elkhorn SOUTH High School**

What is the FAFSA?

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Application for federal, state, and college-based financial aid. The colleges you list on the application will use that information to award financial aid.

FAFSA is available to fill out October 1st.

How can you get a **SCHOLARSHIP?**

THINGS THAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED

- Test Scores and Grades
- Active Participation/Activities Resume
- Leadership
- Need

◆ SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

- NAVIANCE
- www.educationquest.org
- www.elkhornfoundation.org
 - Foundation scholarships usually come out before winter break.

ACHIEVE Scholarship Minimum Requirements

ACHIEVE Level	AP Classes Taken	AP Tests Taken	Years in Extracurricular Activities	Hours of Community Service	Scholarship Amount
Gold	7	4	4	100	\$1,350
Silver	5	3	3	75	\$900
Bronze	4	2	2	50	\$500

Visit <http://www.elkhornfoundation.org/> for more details



AP testing NEW!!!

There has been a change to AP testing sign up

You will register for the exam in your AP class

You will need to pay by November 1st in the counseling center

If you dual enroll in the class and take the exam in May EHS will reimburse you the \$54

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- WRITING A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION IS A TIME-CONSUMING PROCESS, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE CONSIDERATE OF YOUR TEACHER'S TIME AND THANK THEM FOR HELPING YOU!
- **ALWAYS** ASK TEACHER IF THEY WILL WRITE A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION **BEFORE SENDING A LINK.**
- IF A TEACHER AGREES TO WRITE YOU A LETTER OR RECOMMENDATION, PROVIDE THEM WITH AN ACTIVITIES RESUME.
- THESE LETTERS ARE IMPORTANT WHEN IT COMES TO APPLYING FOR COLLEGE AND GETTING SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS, PUTTING YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD WHEN ASKING A TEACHER FOR A RECOMMENDATION WILL ONLY BENEFIT YOU IN THE LONG RUN.

What if I'm an **ATHLETE?**

- Find out all information necessary by visiting the specific site for the athletic division(s) you are interested in
 - NCAA Clearinghouse - www.Eligibilitycenter.Org
 - NAIA – www.Playnaia.Org
- Have ACT scores sent to the athletic organization. This is in ADDITION to sending to the college or university
- Fill out a “transcript request form” in the counseling center after registering.

Important things to **REMEMBER...**

- Remember to sign up on Naviance to visit with college representatives coming to EHS **1 day in advance.**
- **If you are going on a college visit, turn in the form prior to going on a the visit for it to be excused.**
- Come to the Counseling Center to complete a transcript request form after they have completed the application.
- **If you are applying to a college that uses the **common application**, see your counselor as soon as possible.**

REMEMBER TO COME TO SENIOR PLANNING NIGHT

- **Monday, September 16th at 6pm**
- **Meet with college reps for public, private, in-state, out-of-state, two year, and four year colleges**



PLEASE TURN IN SENIOR INTERVIEW FORMS LOG ON TO NAVIANCE

- www.elkhornweb.org
- Schools
- Elkhorn High School
- Academics
- Counseling Center
- “Click Here to Link to Naviance”

Username: EHS Computer Login Username

Password: EHS Computer Login Password

Use worksheet to explore Naviance for the remainder of class.

THANK YOU!

**HAVE A GREAT
SENIOR YEAR!!!**

★ Class of 2020