



# Elder High School

## Guidance Department

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[www.elderhs.org/guidanceweb](http://www.elderhs.org/guidanceweb)

Senior Newsletter

## Welcome Back!

Please check the guidance web page and PrepHQ frequently to review information intended to help you with your plans after graduation. Every student has a PrepHQ account – use it. If you have questions see your guidance counselor. PrepHQ provides secure up-to-date GPA & Class Rank, test scores, and college/scholarship updates & announcements.

### FALL COLLEGE FAIRS

The National College Fair will be held at the Duke Energy Center on Sunday, October 11, from 1-4 PM. Go to [www.gotomyncf.com](http://www.gotomyncf.com) for more information. Also, Miami University Hamilton Campus will host a college fair on Tuesday, October 13, from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Miami University Hamilton Gym. A Financial Aid Workshop will be conducted prior to the fair from 6:00-6:30 PM in Parrish Auditorium. Go to [www.ham.muohio.edu/collegefair](http://www.ham.muohio.edu/collegefair) for more information.

### SENIOR/PARENT COLLEGE APPLICATION NIGHT

The Guidance Department will be hosting an information session on Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 PM in the Schaeper Center. It will focus on the college application process. Senior parents and students are encouraged to attend.

### COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTS

Most 4-year colleges require that you take either the SAT or ACT for admission. Most colleges accept the results of either test although some may prefer one over the other. Students are encouraged to take both tests. Cincinnati State Technical and Community College administers its own test. Students are encouraged to take these tests as soon as possible and registration information and practice tests are available in the Guidance Resource Center.

### SAT TEST DATES

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE (POSTMARKED)
October 10	September 9
November 7*	October 1
December 5	October 30
January 23	December 15
March 13	February 4
May 1*	March 25
June 5	April 29

\* = Test at Elder

The SAT fee is \$45.00.

Instant online SAT registration is available at : [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

Get immediate confirmation. Credit card required. MUST MEET DEADLINE.

### ACT TEST DATES

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE (POSTMARKED)
October 24	September 18
December 12	November 6
February 6	January 5
April 10	March 5
June 12	May 7

The ACT fee is \$47.00 with writing.

Instant online ACT registration is available at: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

Get immediate confirmation. Credit card required. MUST MEET DEADLINE.

**ELDER HIGH SCHOOL**  
**SAT AND ACT CODE # :**  
**360990.**

## SAT AND ACT UPDATE

We HIGHLY recommend that ALL students take the writing section of the ACT, even though it is optional. Some colleges require this section for admission, and if you do not have this section complete, you will have to retake the entire ACT test. Better safe than sorry!

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## VISITATIONS TO COLLEGES

We encourage and prefer that seniors and parents make college visits on non-school days. This year students will have several opportunities to make college visits. All students are off school on **Thursday, Oct. 8 & Friday, Oct. 9** because the faculty will be attending the OCEA conference downtown. The "Senior College/Career Visitation Day" is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 14** when freshmen will be participating in a retreat day, sophomores will be taking the PLAN test, and juniors will be taking the PSAT. There are also **Monday and Tuesday, November 30 & December 1** when students will be free for parent-teacher conferences. That makes five days where students can visit colleges and not miss any school from now through early December. Take advantage of this opportunity. Some colleges have special programs on Saturdays and Sundays. If you must visit a college on a school day, the following rules are to be followed:

1. Parents should make an appointment with the admissions office (and coaches if athletics is a factor).
  2. Student should pick up the appropriate form in the Guidance Resource Center for teachers, parents, and counselor to sign. **This should be done at least five days before the visit.**
  3. College visitations are to be made during the first three quarters of the school year; however, if due to extenuating circumstances, it is absolutely necessary to visit during the fourth quarter, permission of the Principal is required.
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## OCIS (Ohio Career Info. System)

We still have OCIS to explore careers and jobs. To get there go to the Guidance Web Site and click OCIS

**Username : ElderHS**

**Password: ohiocis03**

## NCAA ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible for an athletic grant at a Division I or Division II college a student must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. This is done during the senior year. To register, a

prospective student-athlete should access the registration materials by visiting the clearinghouse Web site at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net). From the home page, the prospect should click on "Prospective Student-Athlete," which will link the student-athlete to the necessary information. The NCAA will review a student's SAT and ACT test scores and grades earned in 16 core courses taken in grades 9-12. The core courses are in the areas of English, math, science, social studies, and foreign language. Please contact your counselor if you have any questions.

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## COLLEGE VISITATIONS TO ELDER

Throughout the fall, many colleges will send their representatives to Elder to talk with the Juniors and Seniors. The schedule of visits will be posted on PrepHQ and in the Guidance Resource Center. If interested, please sign up at least one day in advance by going to the Guidance Web Site and click College Planning and then College Rep. Visits. No excuse slips will be written the day of the presentation.

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## STEPS IN APPLYING TO COLLEGE

- Complete the college application online or via paper.
  - Complete a transcript request on PrepHQ. You need to pay the \$10.00 transcript fee to the main office and complete a Senior Transcript Release Form. The form is available at [www.elderhs.org/guidanceweb](http://www.elderhs.org/guidanceweb). The completed form should be turned into Mrs. Sprengard in room 5.
  - Make sure to list any materials (i.e. resumes, letters of recommendation, essays, etc.) in the "Notes to Staff" area of the Transcript Request.
  - Turn in materials that need to be sent with the transcript in the **College Application Box** in room 5.
  - Your SAT/ACT results should be sent from the testing agency to the college(s) of your choice (the first four are free any after that are \$9.50). Elder will not send scores unless asked to do so. Many colleges and the NCAA will not accept SAT/ACT scores from high school transcripts.
  - Request letters of recommendation at least two weeks in advance.
  - Finally, submit things early in order to meet any admission or scholarship deadlines!
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