

# SETTING YOUR COURSE FOR LIFE AFTER BHS

A guide to college and career planning for high school juniors and parents



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# SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

- **College/University (4 year or 2 year)**
  - **College Admissions Difficulty-** ranges from **Open** (everyone w/a HS diploma can attend) to **Highly Selective**.
- **Technical School**
- **Military**
- **Employment**
- **You should ALL have a plan for what you will do after you leave BHS**

# 1. DO YOUR RESEARCH

- ▶ Use **MO Connections** to complete self-assessments and college/career research
  - ▶ Self-assessments are a great place to start if you have no idea what you want to do
  - ▶ You can also use MO Connections to find out more about careers and schools/programs of interest
- ▶ You should all have a MO Connections account:
  - ▶ Your MO Connections username should be your first initial, last name and graduation year. Example: jdoe19
  - ▶ Password: Pirates1
  - ▶ If you do not have a MO Connections account, you can sign in using the Clever button or as a guest.
  - ▶ See your counselors if you need help logging in!



# THINGS TO THINK ABOUT WHEN RESEARCHING SCHOOLS

- **Admissions requirements: GPA, Test Scores, Class Choices**
- **Size (of campus, of student populations, of classes)**
- **Majors/Programs of Study Offered**
- **Type (public/private)**
- **Location (urban, suburban, rural)**
- **Cost (Sticker Price vs Net Price)**
- **Financial Aid availability/Scholarships Available**
- **Research, Study Abroad, Internship opportunities**
- **College Comparison Worksheets can help when researching (available on BHS Counseling website)**
- **We have college reps coming to BHS throughout the year. TALK TO THEM!**

# Mo CONNECTIONS SCHOOL SORT

- **From the MO Connections home screen, choose “School Sort” from the top menu**
- **Choose Undergraduate Schools since this is where you will start after high school**
- **Select the criteria you would like in a school (degree type, location, admissions difficulty, degree programs, cost, extra-curricular activities, etc)**

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Mo Connections website. The menu items are: PLAN, ASSESSMENTS, OCCUPATIONS, EDUCATION (highlighted), EMPLOYMENT, and MY PORTFOLIO. A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar. Below the navigation bar, the 'Education' section is displayed. It includes a sub-section 'What can I study?' with links for 'Choosing a Degree or Certificate Program' and 'Degree & Certificate Programs'. A sub-section 'Where can I study?' includes links for 'Choosing a School', 'Missouri Schools', and 'US Colleges and Universities'. A sub-section 'Which schools match my preferences?' includes a link for 'School Sort' (highlighted in yellow). A sub-section 'How do I compare schools?' includes a link for 'Compare Schools'. A sub-section 'How do I track my school applications?' includes a link for 'Application Tracker'. A sub-section 'Where can I get help paying for school?' includes links for 'Paying for School', 'Financial Aid Sort', 'Financial Aid', and 'Missouri Scholarships'. A 'Learn more' link is also present at the bottom of the Education section.

# Mo CONNECTIONS SCHOOL SORT RESULTS

- ▶ You will get a list of all the schools that match your criteria
- ▶ Check boxes next to schools to compare schools
- ▶ Hover the mouse over the “I” to get an “at a glance” of the school.

0 checked schools:

	School Name	State ▼	Type	Admissions	Size
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arizona State University - Tempe <b>I</b>	Arizona	Public	Moderately difficult	70,440
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Canyon University <b>I</b>	Arizona	Baptist	Moderately difficult	37,440
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Arizona, The <b>I</b>	Arizona	Public	Moderately difficult	39,086
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Arkansas - Fayetteville <b>I</b>	Arkansas	Public	Moderately difficult	20,663
<input type="checkbox"/>	Iowa State University of Science and Technology <b>I</b>	Iowa	Public	Moderately difficult	27,398
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Kansas <b>I</b>	Kansas	Public	Moderately difficult	28,178
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Michigan University <b>I</b>	Michigan	Public	Moderately difficult	23,239
<input type="checkbox"/>	Michigan State University <b>I</b>	Michigan	Public	Moderately difficult	45,530
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wayne State University <b>I</b>	Michigan	Public	Moderately difficult	32,932
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Michigan University <b>I</b>	Michigan	Public	Moderately difficult	24,576
<input type="checkbox"/>	Missouri State University - Springfield <b>I</b>	Missouri	Public	Moderately difficult	20,024
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Missouri - Columbia <b>I</b>	Missouri	Public	Moderately difficult	32,346
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Nebraska-Lincoln <b>I</b>	Nebraska	Public	Moderately difficult	23,667
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of New Mexico - Albuquerque <b>I</b>	New Mexico	Public	Moderately difficult	28,154
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Oklahoma - Norman <b>I</b>	Oklahoma	Public	Moderately difficult	26,425
<input type="checkbox"/>	Texas A&M University - College Station <b>I</b>	Texas	Public	Moderately difficult	49,041
<input type="checkbox"/>	Texas State University <b>I</b>	Texas	Public	Moderately difficult	31,644
<input type="checkbox"/>	Texas Tech University <b>I</b>	Texas	Public	Moderately difficult	31,275

## MORE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

➤ **Check out these other great online resources for more college, career, and scholarship research:**

➤ <http://dhe.mo.gov/>

➤ **Department of Higher Education**

➤ **Gives A+ and FASFA Frenzy info!**

➤ **App: Scholly**

➤ [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

➤ [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)

➤ **Cool feature on Cappex.com- graph showing your odds of being accepted based on your test scores and GPA**

## 2. KNOW THE APPROPRIATE ENTRANCE EXAMS FOR YOU

- **ACT**(for most 4 year schools)
- **Accuplacer** (for most 2 year schools)
  - **Can take Accuplacer at SFCC**
  - **Will be giving Accuplacer to ALL Juniors on 1/28**
- **ASVAB** (military)
  
- **Schools will take the highest score.**

# HOW CAN YOU PREPARE FOR THE ACT/ACCUPLACER/ASVAB

## ► ACT

- **ACT Prep (semester class) @ BHS**
- **ACT Prep Workshop (ZAPS)**
  - **Spring Workshop (3/20)**
  - Register online at [doorwaytocollege.com](http://doorwaytocollege.com)  
[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- [www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com)
- **Counselor Website**
  - **Guidance Web Links**

## ► Accuplacer

- <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/accuplacer-tests>
- <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/prepare-for-accuplacer>

## ► ASVAB

- <http://todaysmilitary.com/joining/asvab-test>
- <http://www.asvabpracticetests.com/>

# SENIOR DUAL CREDIT

**BHS offers dual credit through Central Methodist University (CMU) and State Fair Community College (SFCC)**

- ▶ **Cost: CMU: \$80 per credit, SFCC: \$79 per credit**
- ▶ **Requirements (must be met by the end of August)**
  - ▶ **All classes require a 3.0 GPA**
  - ▶ **Test scores**
    - ▶ **College Prep English- 18 English ACT**
    - ▶ **College Algebra & Stats- 22 Math ACT**
    - ▶ **Calculus- 27 Math ACT**
  - \*\* **If scores are not met through ACT, student can meet test score requirements through the Accuplacer.**
- ▶ **If you do not have the required test score by the end of the school year, sign up for the June ACT or schedule an appointment with SFCC to take the appropriate Accuplacer test.**

## HOW DO I KNOW IF MY DUAL CREDIT WILL TRANSFER?

- ▶ Each college/university may vary when accepting a transfer credit.
- ▶ It is **CRUCIAL** you research how your school of interest will accept your credit (“**Clean**” vs **Elective** credit)
  - ▶ Go to college website
  - ▶ Search engine box: “Course Equivalency”
  - ▶ Step-by-step guide to verify how your courses will transfer
- ▶ It is equally important to understand **what courses** your major/degree plan requires
  - ▶ Go to college website
  - ▶ Find “Majors/Degrees”
  - ▶ Each department should have a 4 year plan of the specific classes students are required to take in order to earn their degree.
  - ▶ Most of the dual credit classes we offer are general undergraduate courses that most majors require.
    - ▶ **Though it is not guaranteed by BHS, this is why it is strongly recommended to research!**

### 3. DEVELOP A PLAN TO PAY FOR YOUR EDUCATION

- ▶ **Most financial aid opportunities aren't available until your senior year; however, you should begin exploring what scholarships are out there now!**
- ▶ **Research:** individual school websites, counseling website, websites mentioned earlier in this presentations: [cappex.com](http://cappex.com)
- ▶ **FAFSA4Caster:** you can use this to get an *estimate* of how much financial aid you can expect to receive:  
<https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm?execution=e2s1>
- ▶ **Net Price Calculator:** You can use the Net Price Calculator available on a college's financial aid website to get a more accurate estimate of how much it will cost for you to attend that school.
- ▶ **Have your parent/guardian's most recent tax info available as you complete the FAFSA4Caster or Net Price Calculator for the most accurate results.**

## **A+ PROGRAM**

- ▶ **Pays for two years of tuition at any 2 year college or tech school in Missouri**
- ▶ **Looks great on your resume even if you're not planning on going to a 2 year school or Tech School**
- ▶ **Several 4 year colleges offer A+ incentive scholarships**
- ▶ **It's not too late to sign up. Contracts are available online or at the Counseling Center. See Mrs. Pruitt for more info.**

## WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO TO PREPARE FOR LIFE AFTER BHS?

- ▶ **WORK HARD IN YOUR CLASSES!** Take challenging classes, earn your best grades, look at career related courses next year
- ▶ **Job shadow or intern** with someone who works in the career area you are interested in
- ▶ **Research schools/programs** and visit campus
- ▶ **Get involved in school and community activities-** schools and employers look at your activities and leadership experience
- ▶ **BE CAREFUL OF YOUR ONLINE REPUTATION-** colleges and employers check facebook, twitter, etc. Make sure you're not posting things that you don't want them to see.