

# WEISER HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING ACT DATES

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Reg. Deadline</u>	<u>Late Deadline</u>
April 10	March 5	March 19
June 12	May 7	May 21

## UPCOMING SAT DATES

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Reg. Deadline</u>	<u>Late Deadline</u>
March 13	February 4	February 18
May 1	March 25	April 8

## COMPASS TESTING AT TVCC

(Four River Cultural Center)

M, TH	1:30-6:45 p.m.
TU, F	9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## ONLINE INFORMATION

### NEWSLETTER AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Weiser Guidance Office completes a newsletter three times a year. A paper version is given to seniors, and it can be accessed at [weiserschools.org](http://weiserschools.org). From that point, click on the Weiser High School link followed by the Guidance Information link.

For scholarship information, go to the same site, [weiserschools.org](http://weiserschools.org). From that point, click on the Weiser High School link followed by the Scholarship Information Link. The list will be of scholarships available in the Counselor's Office, as well as information on how to get other scholarships.

## NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE

If you plan to play athletics at an NCAA college, you need to see the counselor about applying for eligibility through the NCAA Clearinghouse.

Also, when you take the ACT or SAT, make sure you mark the NCAA Clearinghouse as one of the institutions you wish to send your results.



## SUBMIT YOUR FAFSA NOW

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. It is how you can get Federal Grants, Federal Student Loans, and Work-Study. The website is [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

You may now submit your FAFSA application. The FAFSA is based on a first-come, first-serve basis, so you want to submit your application as soon as possible.

Here are some things you can do to prepare:

1. Get a PIN (Personal ID Number). You can do this by applying at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). The PIN will allow you to complete FAFSA information online.
2. Gather information. You will need social security numbers for you and your parents, driver's license, number or Alien registration number if you are not a U.S. citizen, federal tax information on you and your parents (W-2, tax returns), and records of untaxed income (Social Security benefits, etc.)
3. Be aware of deadlines (Colleges may require you to apply by a certain date—check ones in which you are planning to apply).
4. Use the FAFSA On the Web worksheet. You can obtain one at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). It will help you collect information to fill out your FAFSA online.

## KEEPING UP ON CREDITS

As students progress through high school, they must average 6 credits per semester. Each class is worth 1 credit, and students can normally take 7 classes in a semester. At the rate of 6 credits per semester, a student will graduate as a senior with the required 48 credits.

If a student falls behind that average of 6 credits for semester, we advise that student to take the Weiser Summer School to gain those credits back. A student can get 1, 2, or 3 credits during the six-week long summer school.

Brochures for the summer school will be available around May 1. Check with Miss Bradley or Mr. Shirts at that time.

**LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

Most of our local scholarships will be coming out in March. Our community has been very generous in helping our students with scholarship money for college.



**IDAHO COLLEGE TOUR**

The Idaho College Tour will come to Weiser High School on the afternoon of February 22 to visit with our juniors.

Representatives of most of Idaho’s colleges will be here to inform students about their institutions and to give the students information about getting ready for college. Students will attend an opening session and then have a chance to visit two sessions, each with a college of their choice.

**Attending CSI, NIC or CWI?**

If so, Washington County will provide some money for you to attend these junior colleges. Call the county clerk’s office for details, 414-2092.



**APPLYING FOR COLLEGE AND TAKING ENTRANCE TESTS**

Check each college website to see when you need to submit your application for admission. It is not too early to get this done now. Many of the Professional-Technical programs are filling up fast, so you may need to get your application in early to claim a spot.

You also will need to take an entrance test to get into college. Which test should you take? The ACT and SAT will be accepted for most colleges. but many community colleges and professional-technical schools will also accept the COMPASS.

Cost: ACT \$32 (no writing), 48 (with writing)  
SAT \$45 (includes writing)

\*note—College of Idaho is the only Idaho college requiring writing)

COMPASS (No cost at TVCC—they may charge a small amount to transfer scores to another college)

**WHICH ENTRANCE TEST DO I TAKE?**

**COMPASS**

- TVCC
- CSI
- LCSC Prof. Technical
- NIC
- College of W. Idaho
- East. Id. Tech College
- ISU Prof. Technical

**ACT or SAT**

- College of Idaho
- Boise Bible College
- LCSC
- BSU
- BYU-Idaho
- Northwest Nazarene
- U of I

\*Note—the colleges that accept the COMPASS will also accept the ACT or SAT

**USEFUL WEBSITES**

- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) Scholarship and College Search
  - [www.idahocis.org](http://www.idahocis.org) Scholarship Search and Career Info. User Name: weiserhigh Password: wolverine1
  - [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov) To register for Selective Service for males 18 & over (must be done to receive federal aid)
  - [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) To register for the ACT
  - [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) To register for the SAT
  - <http://www.wiche.edu/SEP/WUE/index.asp> For info in Western Undergraduate Exchange (for lowered out-of-state tuition)
  - [www.idahoe-campus.state.id.us](http://www.idahoe-campus.state.id.us) Lists college courses available in Idaho by various technology (internet, interactive video, video tape, television, radio, satellite, audiotapes, etc.)
- ACT AND SAT PREP SITES
- [www.4Tests.com](http://www.4Tests.com) [www.Number2.com](http://www.Number2.com) <http://www.testpreview.com> [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) <http://www.collegeboard.com>
- COMPASS TEST PREP SITES
- <http://www.act.org/compass/tests/index.html> <http://www.testpreview.com>