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| [LEAD Counseling Website](https://www.leadcounselor.com/) | LEAD: <https://www.leadcounselor.com/>LEAD Counselor Appointment Request: PHHS: <http://counselingphhs.weebly.com/>PHS: <https://counselorsphs.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/8/8/108864255/senior_news_fall_2021.pdf> |
| Virtual College Rep Visits  | [PHHS Virtual College Rep Visits](https://phhs.parkhill.k12.mo.us/about_our_school/academics_and_counseling/college_visits)[PHS Virtual College Rep Visits](https://counselorsphs.weebly.com/college-visit-calendar.html) |
| [Naviance](https://portal.parkhill.k12.mo.us/portal/)  | * Each student has an account.  Log in through the Park Hill Portal
* Parents also can obtain an account, but it is a ‘read-only’ account.
* Seniors should be using Naviance Student regularly for **transcript requests, resume building, college and scholarship searches, and ACT preparation.**
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| College Search: Research and Narrow | * Naviance: <https://student.naviance.com/parkhhs>
	+ Click Colleges Button
	+ Click on College Super Match
* [www.bigfuture.org](http://www.bigfuture.org)
* Explore College Websites
* Take College Visits (preferably on days we don’t have school)
* Virtual Tours
* Virtual College Fairs
* NACAC Virtual College Fairs
* <https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/attend-virtual-college-fairs/students/>

Show-Me My Future Virtual College and Career ProgramRegister for sessions at the following link…<http://bit.ly/ShowMeMyFuture> |
| Applying to College | * Complete College Application
	+ Create account on college website, or
	+ Common Application
* High School Transcript (Official and Unofficial)
* Senior Schedule
* Application Fee
	+ Fee waivers available for some schools for those who qualify- see counselor
* ACT and/or SAT Scores
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| Requesting & Sending Transcripts | * Go to [www.portal.parkhill.k12.mo.us](http://www.portal.parkhill.k12.mo.us) and login
* Click on the Naviance App Icon
* Click on Colleges at the top of the page
* Click on Colleges I’m applying to
* Click on **RED +** sign on the right side of page
* Type the name of the college you are applying to
* If you have already applied to the college, please select the box beside "I've submitted my application”
* Select "Add and Request Transcript”.
* On the next page, you will select "Initial" transcript.  You will not select FINAL until the end of the school year.
* Select "Request and Finish”
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| Sending Dual Credit, AP Credits, and ACT Scores to Colleges | * Dual Credit--send directly through MCC or college account
* AP Scores--send directly through Collegeboard account
* ACT Scores--send directly through ACT student account (free if requested at time of registering for test; fee of $16.00 if requested after test is taken)
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| ACT Information |
| [How to Sign Up](https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act.html) | * Sign up online @ [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
* Students will create online account
* PHHS School Code 262545 / PHS School Code 262802
* Cost: $60.00 (No Writing) $85.00 (With Writing)
* Fee waivers are available to those who qualify...see counselor!
* Request to send scores to colleges in the registration process!
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| [ACT Preparation](https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html) | [Prep Courses from ACT](https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation/free-act-test-prep.html), including practice tests[Kaplan](https://www.kaptest.com/)**:**  provides a variety of test preparation options along with free, practice tests. Kaplan also offers affordable, ACT cram sessions; find out more about those by clicking [here](https://phs.parkhill.k12.mo.us/UserFiles/Servers/Server_497877/File/Counseling/Kaplan%20ACT%20Crams.pdf).  |
| Take the ACT more than once! | * Admissions
	+ MU- 24 automatic admission (with 2.0 or greater)
* Program Admission
* SuperScore: Many schools, including MU superscore admissions and scholarship decisions
* MU Scholarships (also GPA requirement)
	+ Excellence: 21-25 ACT
		- $3,000 renewable
	+ Curators: 26-29 ACT
		- $4,500 renewable
	+ Chancellor: 30-36 ACT
		- $6,500 renewable
* Remedial Course Placement

Ex. low math subscore=placement in remedial math that you pay for but doesn’t count |
| FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid | FAFSA Website: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/)* Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID - student and parent
	+ Create a username & password - google ‘fsa id’
	+ Do Not use your Park Hill email address - use a personal email
* October 1st - FAFSA opens for 2022-2023 academic year
* $ awarded based on student need - not academic achievement
* By completing FAFSA, you’re automatically applying for a Pell Grant (free money)
	+ Will need 2020 IRS Tax Information - Data Retrieval Tool
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| A+ Information |
| A+ | * **2 years free** community college or vocational/technical school in MO
* Several 4-year universities in MO offer **A+ Recognition Scholarships**
* Can take **2 summer classes for free** at community college before attending a 4-year university
* Looks great on resumes and college/scholarship applications
* Students have 4 years after graduation to use A+ (back up plan)
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| A+ Coordinators | **LEAD Contact:** **Shari Waters** **PHHS:** [**Ellen Reys**](https://phhs.parkhill.k12.mo.us/about_our_school/a__program/contact) **PHS:** [**Dr Jill Owens**](https://phs.parkhill.k12.mo.us/your_resources/student_resources/a__scholarship_program/contacts) |
| A+ Senior Deadlines | * **October 1**: FAFSA opens up (all A+ students must apply)
* **Selective Service:** All males within 30 days of their 18th birthday must register with selective service
* **April 22:** Attendance Appeals due (students will be contacted)
* **May 1:** All 50 Mentoring & Tutoring hours are due
	+ Aspiring Educators = 50 hours
	+ Aspiring Professionals = 12.5 hours (only 1 semester counts)
	+ NCAPS = 12.5 hours (only 1 semester counts)
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| How to communicate A+ status to colleges | **The official high school transcript will be stamped with a “Completion of A+ Schools Program”**. When the school receives the transcript, they will see the A+ stamp.* Some 4-year schools have applications that must be completed by a certain date. Check that university’s website.

Some 4-year schools require a letter from the A+ Coordinator. |
| Scholarship Information | **LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS** - [PHHS Scholarship Resources](http://counselingphhs.weebly.com/scholarships.html) [PHS Scholarship Resources](https://counselorsphs.weebly.com/scholarship-resources.html)**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS** - Each college and university has their own scholarships to award to students.  Please check with your institution to see what scholarships are available.  This information can be found on the school's financial aid website. **NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS** - There are thousands of national scholarships available to students.  Many of these scholarships go unclaimed every year because no one applies for them. In addition to the scholarships found on [Naviance/Family Connection](https://counselorsphs.weebly.com/naviance.html), check out these resources to search for national scholarships:* [Fastweb](http://www.fastweb.com/)
* [Scholarships.com](https://www.scholarships.com/)​
* [Scholarships for Students](http://www.scholarships4students.com/)
* [College Scholarships, Colleges and Online Degrees](http://www.college-scholarships.com/missouri.htm)
* [Scholarship Search by Sallie Mae](https://www.salliemae.com/plan-for-college/scholarships/scholarship-search/)
* [Open Education Database](http://oedb.org/scholarships/) (scholarships for particular groups, including students of color)
* [College Board Scholarship Search](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search)​
* [Finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org/)​
* [Financialaidinformation.org](http://www.financialaidinfo.org/)
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| Letters of Recommendation | * Ask for letters of recommendation from teachers/counselors 2-3 weeks in advance, if possible!
* When asking a teacher/counselor for a letter of recommendation, have your resume prepared and ready to give them.
* If letter is for a scholarship, be sure to provide the teacher/counselor with details about the scholarship so they can be specific to any necessary details in their letter.
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| Creating a Resume | * Create using the Resume Builder Feature in Naviance Student
* Benefit is that it formats the resume for you!
* Students can add activities as they go through high school and it will save them so when they want to print resumes as a senior, there isn’t as much work to do!
* Create using Microsoft Word
* When creating a new document, type “Resume” in the “search for online templates” box.  Many resume options will appear.  Select one to open and edit it.
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| [Common App](https://www.commonapp.org/) | If you are using the common app to support your college application process, please use the email addresses below when you assign your counselor as a recommender.Mrs. Shanks: PHSS Students--ShanksA@parkhill.k12.mo.us  PHS Students--ShanksA.PS@parkhill.k12.mo.usMrs. Colvin: PHHS Students--ColvinR@parkhill.k12.mo.us  PHS Students--ColvinR.PS@parkhill.k12.mo.us |
| [Military](https://counselorsphs.weebly.com/military-academies.html) | [ASVAB](https://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/asvab) Test Date @ LEAD: TBA |
| Career Planning | [Career Training Opportunities](https://counselorsphs.weebly.com/career-planning.html) |
| NCAA/NAIA Eligibility | * NCAA Eligibility Center
	+ Must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center if playing Division I or II NCAA Athletics
	+ <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
	+ $90 to register (fee waivers available for qualifying students)
* NAIA
	+ <http://www.playnaia.org/eligibility-center>
	+ $70 to register (fee waivers available for qualifying students)
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| Senior Year Timeline | Fall 2021* + Narrow College Search
	+ Visit college campuses and meet virtually with college reps
	+ Complete college applications (pay close attention to automatic scholarship deadlines)
	+ Retake ACT to improve score
	+ File FAFSA starting October 1st.
	+ Complete A+ hours
	+ Research and start applying for scholarships
	+ Prepare any necessary essays
	+ Ask for recommendations (utilizing resume/student questionnaire)

Spring 2022* + Compare Financial Aid awards
	+ Decide on college that is right for you
	+ Be sure to meet your college’s admissions, financial aid, housing, deposit and other deadlines.
	+ Continue researching and applying for scholarships
	+ Continue working hard in school, last semester of high school matters!
	+ Request final transcript to be sent to college of choice!

Complete Senior Exit Survey (more info to come) |
| Graduation Information | More information to come! Will be updated in April 2022 |
| Senior Survey | This survey is required as part of graduation--more information to come! |
| Decision Day | This occurs at the end of April-more information to come! |
| Yearbook | This year we have available the option to order your yearbook directly from the publisher. Here's the[**link**](https://yearbookforever.com/schools/park_hill_lead_innovation_studio_buy_yearbook_389323/R5Rug6Dy03E2f5JyQEdxei08)to order your yearbook. At this website you will be able to order optional add-ons such as a current events page, signing pages, etc. **Please use**[**THIS LINK**](https://yearbookforever.com/schools/park_hill_lead_innovation_studio_buy_yearbook_389323/R5Rug6Dy03E2f5JyQEdxei08)**to order and create your senior salute.** |
| Senior Salutes | As high school comes to an end for our seniors here at LEAD, you can commemorate the years they have spent by securing a special spot in the LEAD yearbook for your senior, featuring a message from you and photos you choose--anything from senior portraits to baby photos. Due Friday, Dec. 21 |