

Pinelands Regional High School

STUDENT SERVICES

ACTION PLAN 2011-2012

Fall

- IF YOU ARE ENROLLED IN THE FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM YOU QUALIFY FOR FEE WAIVORS FOR THE SAT AND FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS. TO RECEIVE WAIVORS SEE YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR.

Deadlines

- DIVISION I or II athletes must fill out the NCAA clearinghouse at www.eligibilitycenter.org by summer before their senior year.
- The PSAT should be taken your sophomore and junior year.
- The SAT and/or ACT should be taken in the spring of your junior year and fall of your senior year.
- SAT – To register and for test dates visit www.collegeboard.com
- ACT – To register and for test dates visit www.actstudent.org. The ACT is NOT offered at Pinelands but visit the website for alternate testing sites.
- **SCHOOL CODE: 311507**

Pulling Your Applications Together

- Narrow your list of colleges to 5 and review it with your counselor. Use www.collegeboard.com and <http://connection.naviance.com/Pinelands> to narrow your search. Visit as many as possible.
- Make a master calendar and note:
 - Test dates, fees, and deadlines – *Check to see if any colleges that you are applying to require you to take an SAT subject area test.*
 - College application due dates.
 - Review college essay choices before you begin writing to assess if you can you the same essay for more than one application.
 - Required financial aid applications and their deadlines – *Check to see if your schools require you to fill out CSS/Financial Aid Profile.*
 - Recommendations, transcripts, resume and other necessary materials.
- Only ask TWO teachers for recommendation letters.
- Write application essays and be sure to have someone proofread it before submitting.
- Check to see if the college requires your SAT scores be sent directly from www.collegeboard.com
- It is your responsibility to check the application for supplementary forms. Be sure to print ALL supplementary forms and fill in your personal information on the forms before submitting them to your guidance counselor.
- Your guidance counselor mails ALL necessary items to schools. DO NOT mail ANYTHING yourself.
- If completing your application online it is YOUR responsibility to let your counselor know so that your transcript, recommendation letters and resume can be sent.
- Attend financial aid info events in your area.
- Visit the Pinelands website frequently to get updated available national scholarship applications and information. Go to www.pinelandsregional.org , click on Student Personnel-Guidance, then click on scholarships. If the application is not available online see a representative in guidance for the application.
- Fill out the FAFSA4caster to get a head start on the financial aid process at <http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov/>

Winter

Application Details

- Most regular applications are due between December 1 and February 15. We recommend having all applications in before Christmas break to qualify for all potential scholarships.

Financial Aid

- Submit your FAFSA as soon after January 1 as possible go to www.fafsa.ed.gov . The application can ONLY be completed online. If you will not have your tax information done by February 1fill out the FAFSA using the previous years tax information and when the current year is complete then change the information on the FAFSA.

Spring

- In April, Pinelands will distribute a list of local scholarships being offered. Students can apply for the scholarships which meet their individual qualifications.
- When you get accepted to colleges please inform your guidance counselor.