

**ARAPAHOE HIGH SCHOOL
GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT
CALENDAR FOR COLLEGE BOUND SENIORS
2008-2009**

MEETINGS www.collegefairsdenver.org

October 1, 2008	Out-of-State College Night	Monarch High School 329 Campus Dr., Louisville 6:30 – 8:30 PM
October 2, 2008	Out-of-State College Night	John F. Kennedy High School 2855 S. Lamar St., Denver 6:30 – 8:30 PM
October 4, 2008	College Day Workshop	Cherry Creek High School 9300 E. Union, Greenwood Village 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
October 8, 2008	In-State College Night	Heritage High School 6:00-7:30 PM Littleton, CO

NOTE: In-State College Nights are held at other high schools in the Denver area. Alternative dates are listed in the 2008-09 Colorado Collegiate Handbook, or www.coloradocouncil.org.

TEST INFORMATION - Arapahoe High School Code: **060-928**

Most colleges require entrance tests. All colleges in Colorado will accept the ACT. Some private colleges and scholarship foundations prefer the SAT. Out of state colleges have their own requirements. Each student is responsible for checking catalogues to see which tests are required. Many private colleges require both the SAT Reasoning Test (not required in-state) and SAT Subject Tests. Read college bulletins carefully.

NOTE: Some East Coast colleges are accepting ACT scores in place of SAT Subject scores. Check with the college for updated information.

If you did not take your tests as a junior, register as early as possible in the senior year. Registration information is available in the Guidance Center or on websites. **Observe deadlines!**

Test dates and postmark deadlines for this year are posted in the Guidance Center and throughout AHS. New for 2008-09: Students must set up a personal free on-line account with SAT and ACT before registering to take an exam.

SAT: www.collegeboard.com

ACT: www.actstudent.org

TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES 2008-09

ACT or ACT & Writing

Registration Deadline	Test Date
November 7, 2008	December 13, 2008
January 6, 2009	February 7, 2009
February 27, 2009	April 4, 2009
May 8, 2009	June 13, 2009

www.actstudent.org

SAT Reasoning/Subject Tests

Registration Deadline	Test Date
September 26, 2008	November 1, 2008
November 5, 2008	December 6, 2008
December 26, 2008	January 24, 2009
February 10, 2009	March 14, 2009
March 31, 2009	May 2, 2009
May 5, 2009	June 6, 2009

www.collegeboard.com

COLLEGE HANDBOOK

The Colorado Collegiate Handbook is an excellent source of information on colleges and scholarships. This book is an annually revised, non-profit publication of the Colorado Council on High School/College Relations. Available in the Post Grad Center for \$10.00.

HOW TO APPLY TO A COLLEGE

1. Complete your college folder (available in the Guidance Center). Applications **will not** be processed unless you have a completed college folder on file.
2. Complete an application for admission.
Applying online: Most colleges and universities now accept on-line applications. If you fill out your application on-line, make sure to print all appropriate forms, such as teacher/counselor recommendation(s), secondary school report forms, confirmation, etc. Keep in mind that most colleges require an *application fee* (typically \$15-\$60) that can usually be paid on -line. Bring in any forms printed to the counseling office.
Applying on paper: Print or type all information and sign your application. If you are under 18 years old, make sure your parents have also signed your application. **Bring in completed application to the counseling office with a check for the application fee.**
3. If you are requesting teacher recommendations, you must fill out the **Biography for Letters of Recommendation** in **Naviance** online. Give a copy to each teacher you are asking to write a letter of recommendation. Have them return the recommendation letter to Mrs. Schaff in the Guidance Center. Give teachers and counselors at least **two weeks** notice when a recommendation is needed.
REMEMBER - DO NOT ASK FOR A TEACHER RECOMMENDATION UNLESS REQUIRED. If in doubt, check with your counselor
4. **Request your transcript(s) online through Naviance.** Once submitted, bring a check for the amount shown on Naviance with a **Processing Request form** that can be picked up in the Guidance Office. (\$10 for the initial process and transcript and \$3 for all others after that).
5. Give all materials to Mrs. Schaff for processing.

NOTE: Mrs. Schaff prepares official transcripts for all college-bound students who have a college folder. College applications are processed in the order received. **Please note receipt or postmark deadline dates enforced by the college, and allow at least two weeks for completion and mailing.** If you are a marginal candidate for admission, the college's full admission committee meets to consider your application. This process takes additional time. Submit application early in your senior year.