



Pine Bluff High School - 2020-21

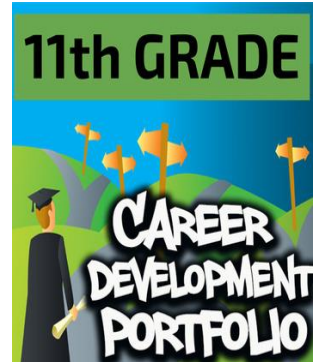
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"JUNIORS, R-U-Ready??"

No Pain, No Gain!

Tips for Success

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| A. Career Assessments | D. Financial Aid |
| B. Career Plans | E. CTE/Apprenticeships/WBL |
| C. College Admissions | F. Business and Industry |



- **Keep your grades up!** This is the most important - and last - year they'll make an impact on admissions boards and scholarship committees!! Take advantage of concurrent credit opportunities, if they are available.
- **Take the ACT and/or SAT.** Check with your prospective schools to see which test they prefer. Find test dates and practice opportunities.
- **Participate in campus and industry tours.** Continue to visit colleges and/or other postsecondary opportunities. Talk to admissions representatives as well as real students. Learn how to make your visits count. Go ahead and start applying! If considering the military, learn about the ASVAB test and meet with recruiter(s).
- **Update educational, career and personal goals.** Update personal plan for life after high school. Participate in and research CTE/Apprenticeships, business and industry internships, certification programs, and work-based learning opportunities, etc.
- **Update resume, and portfolio.** Find or continue a volunteer position, apprenticeship, internship, part-time job or job-shadowing opportunity in your field of interest.
- **Financial Aid. Talk to your parents about the cost of college.** Arkansas residents can log on to scholarships.adhe.edu to complete the FAFSA and obtain additional information about scholarships, grants and federal financial aid.
- **Go After Scholarships!! Complete the YOUiversal application and conduct scholarship searches.** (visit, scholarships.adhe.edu). Check with your school counselor, and keep lists of Arkansas scholarships. Write your scholarship essays and get them critiqued and proofread by a teacher. Continue to compile your resume and learn how to ace those scholarship and internship interviews. . Consider taking the Military ASVAB test, as an option. Good benefits are available for those who qualify.
- **Narrow down your school choices.** You've been applying all year! Narrow a list of possible colleges, universities, technical schools, or other postsecondary institutions to three and apply to them. You may wish to apply for some private scholarships. Private scholarships are offered through many different businesses and organizations. You may be surprised to learn that many of your favorite brands offer scholarships for students.