

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers for the Class of 2020

What's Next.... College? Employment? Military?

There are so many choices. Let us help you choose the path that is right for you after high school! School Counselors will be scheduling our "Senior Check-In" meetings with each individual senior this Fall. We will e-mail students an appointment notification through your **victorschools.org e-mail** account. We will need to see you as scheduled, to insure we meet with every senior in a timely manner so that all can move forward with the application process.

- Watch your e-mail in September and October for your "Senior Check-In" appointment notification.
- Show the appointment notification on your phone to your teacher as your "pass" to leave class on the day of your meeting.
- If you are absent on the date scheduled, please contact the Counseling Office secretary to reschedule.

What? When? How?

Check out the enclosed **College Planning Calendar**. It will guide you through each step of the College Application process. Hint: Deadlines are important! You can find our **School Code** on that calendar. You will need to enter it on your college applications!

Where do I get the information I need for completing my college applications?

Check out **Your Transcript** in this envelope

What's My GPA?

Your GPA is located on your transcript in the upper right corner. Your GPA is **UN-WEIGHTED**. Colleges will impose their own weighting system based upon the rigor of your coursework in preparation for your college programming.

How many credits do I have?

You need **22 credits** to graduate from high school in New York State. Your counselor has been monitoring your credits for the past 3 years, and will continue to add in your senior year credits.

What is my Class Rank?

Victor High School does not Rank our students. Instead, colleges receive a Victor High School Grade Distribution Chart on our School Profile in order to provide a more accurate depiction of a student's class standing. This School Profile is sent to every college, with every transcript, for every student.

Is the information on my Transcript correct?

Please check your transcript over very carefully and contact your School Counselor **immediately** if there are any errors.

My parents have questions. Can they meet with you, too?

We understand your parents may have questions or concerns. They are welcome to call us directly, e-mail us, or contact our Counseling Office Secretary to schedule a meeting. We are here to help you all throughout this process.

- For an appointment with Mr. Hooper or Mr. Mandile, please call Kristen Stone at 924-3252, ext. 6407
- For an appointment with Mrs. Banaszak, Mrs. Platzer, or Mrs. Nelson, please call Georgia Turner 924-3252, ext. 6408
- For an appointment with our College and Career Center staff, please contact them directly:
 - Heather Zollo, College Center Coordinator, call 924-3252, ext. 6423
 - Cindy Mereness, Career Planning/Internship Coordinator, call 924-3252, ext. 6424

What can I do now to get started?

- Log into your Naviance account and complete your Letter of Recommendation Profile and Resume.
- Check out "What's New" for weekly updates of the College Admissions Representatives who are scheduled to come to Victor High School. Plan to attend the college info sessions in our College and Career Center because these are the people who will be reading your application! They will make note of which students demonstrated an interest by attending! *Click to "Register" on each one, and click on the "Register" link in the upper right corner of the next screen as well to sign up.*

Important Dates to Remember:

09/25/19: Rochester Area Colleges Visit Victor High School

Seniors and juniors will be dismissed from 2nd block classes to participate in this program. College Representatives from Alfred State College, Alfred University, Finger Lakes Community College, Genesee Community College, Keuka College, Monroe Community College, Roberts Wesleyan College, RIT, St. John Fisher, SUNY Brockport and the University of Rochester will be present.

10/30/19: Western Consortium of Colleges Visit Victor High School

Seniors and juniors will be dismissed from 2nd block classes to participate in this program. College Representatives from Alfred State College, Alfred University, Bryant & Stratton College, Buffalo State College, Canisius College, Daemen College, D'Youville College, Erie Community College, Fredonia State College, Genesee Community College, Hilbert College, Medaille College, Niagara University, St. Bonaventure University, Trocaire College, University at Buffalo, and Villa Maria College will be present.

11/07/19: College Night at Victor High School at 7:00 pm

Please plan to attend if you are interested in learning more about Financial Aid and Scholarships, the College Search, the College Application Process, the College Admissions Process.

"Who Does What?"

| Student | Parent | Counselor | Mrs. Turner, Secretary |
|---|---|--|--|
| Ask <u>2</u> teachers and your School Counselor to write a Letter of Recommendation for you and tell them your earliest application deadline. No additional requests are recommended. | Provide support and information for your student to complete these. | Meets each senior for their Senior Check-In Appointment. | Monitors Naviance daily for students who have requested transcript to be sent to the college they are applying to. |
| Request your SAT scores from collegeboard.org and your ACT from ACTstudent.org to be sent to the colleges you are applying to. | Help your student identify two teachers who understood your child's strengths and needs. | Writes and submits a letter of recommendation for each senior. | Monitors Naviance daily for teacher and counselor submission of Letters of Recommendation. |
| Request your Initial Transcript through Naviance for each school you plan to apply to. Allow 2-4 weeks for our office to process and send our part. You can submit and send your part as soon as you are ready! | Submit the payment for each college application to finalize that it was submitted. | Completes the Common App School Report as needed for each student. | After counselor approval, sends School Report which includes the School Profile, Initial Transcript, and Common App School Report as needed and Letters of Recommendation. |
| Complete your College Applications on Common App or on individual college websites. | After October 1 st , complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid "FAFSA" at fafsa.gov. All colleges will want this info. | Helps students manage records and letters of recommendation requests from recruiters and employers. | Guides and support students and parents throughout the process. |
| June 1st: Request your " Final Transcript " through Naviance July 1: Request your Transcript of grades from <ul style="list-style-type: none">• FLCC.edu for Gemini• RIT.edu for PLTW Also request your AP and IB Scores <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collegeboard.com for AP's• Mr. Dubash for IB scores These are needed by your college! | Remind your child we are here to support them! They should stop in to see our Counseling Office secretary to schedule a time to meet with us! | Guides and supports students and parents throughout the process. <hr/> Responds to student and parent questions and concerns as needed. | Monitors your request in Naviance to send your Final Transcript to your college, and sends it in the first week of July. <hr/> Responds to student and parent questions and concerns as needed. |