

Laurel Highlands School District

Tips and Tricks in Preparing for your Future



- ❖ If you don't like your score the SAT or ACT score, retake it.
- ❖ Schools in West Virginia mainly want students to take the ACT.
- ❖ Employers, postsecondary schools, military like employees who are involved. Typically students do have a lot of work experience or on the job training. Becoming a school leader, participating in a community group, becoming a volunteer, or joining a club is a start.
- ❖ If you don't get accepted into a school of your choice based on a specific major, reapply as undecided as there may be more openings in admission.
- ❖ It is never too early to practice sound financial planning (avoid major debt, high interest credit cards) Consider opening an account in the schools credit union.
- ❖ Don't let things from the past define who you are; focus on the present and decide to make positive changes.
- ❖ Life can get busy---make a To-Do-List. Put the most important items at the top. By crossing them off upon completion will help you better process your accomplishments.
- ❖ Take a variety of different classes. Don't pigeonhole yourself into one area of study. Branch out and take a good look around to see what interests you.
- ❖ Job Shadowing is one of the best ways to truly gain a little insight into a career. It may tell you that you really like it or may not be interested at all.
- ❖ When planning for future careers, find out what jobs are in demand meaning there are expected openings. Earning a four year degree does not guarantee success.
- ❖ Remember your actions in and out of school can affect your future (i.e.: like not getting into National Honor Society for cheating or not being hired for a specific job)
- ❖ Does your social media site(s) represent who you are or who you want to be? (i.e. your social media pictures can be searched by future schools and/or employers)
- ❖ Don't forget to incorporate relaxation into your daily routing in order to avoid burnout
- ❖ Build your transcript by volunteering, completing service hours, and giving back to community