# North Decatur High School Senior Parent Night 2022

### Where do I find important information?

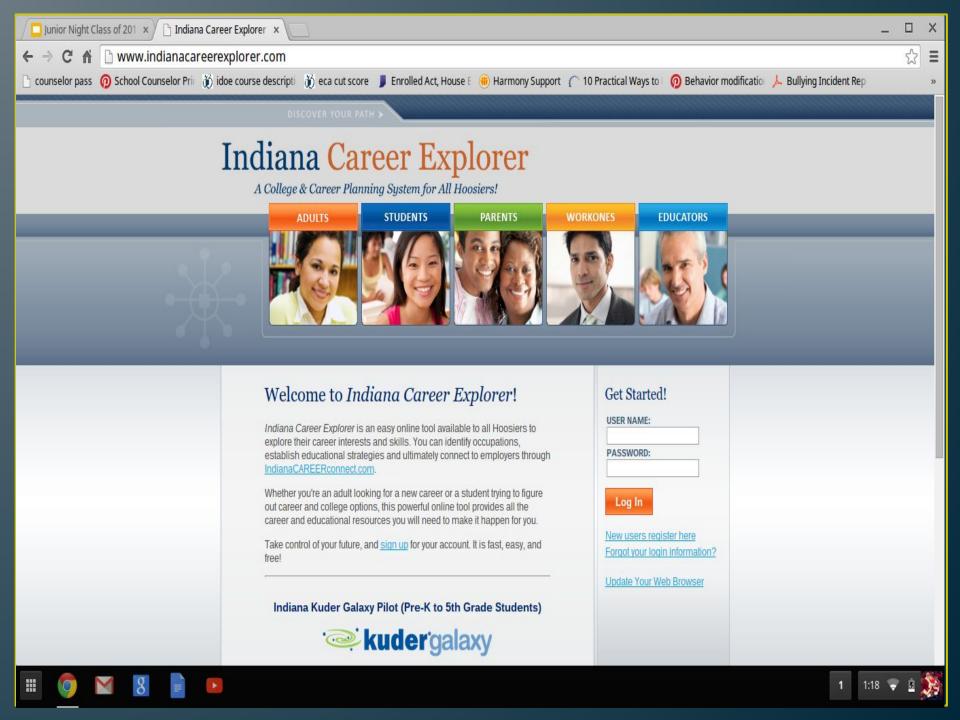
- Announcements
- Guidance section of school website
  - http://ndhs.decaturco.k12.in.us/index.php/guidance
- Bulletin board outside of the Guidance Office
- Inside the Guidance Office Resource Room
- Facebook
  - NDHS Guidance
- Twitter (used much more than Facebook)
  - @ND\_Guidance

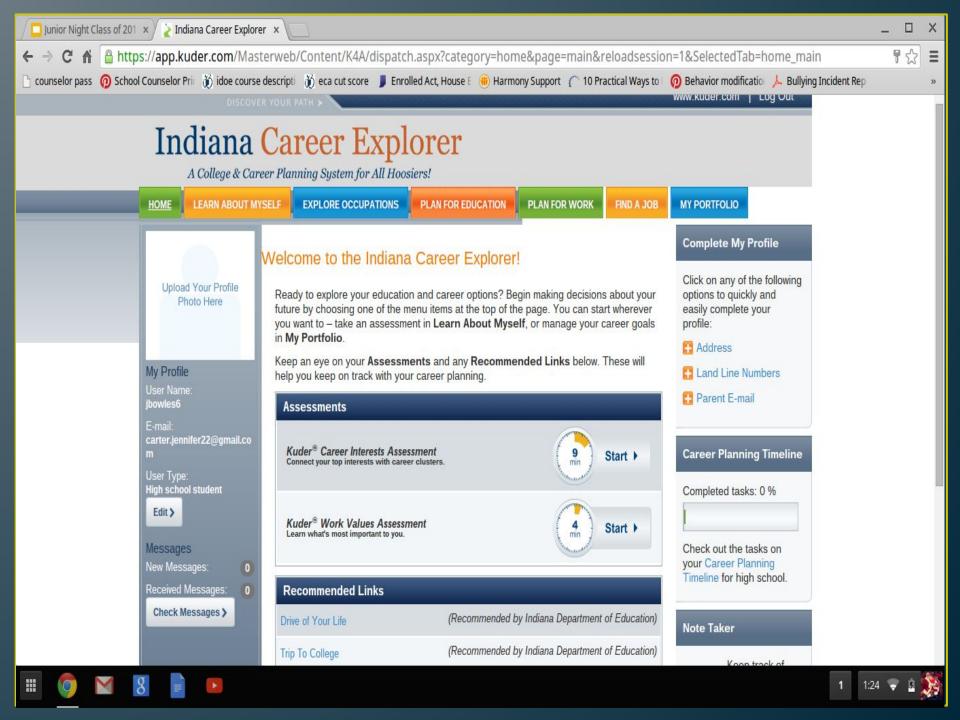


# College and Career

#### **Undecided?**

- Undecided about your future occupation?
  - Indiana Career Explorer is a great FREE resource.
    - Go to <u>www.indianacareerexplorer.com</u>
    - Take the assessments
    - Talk to your counselor
- Unsure what college is right for you or what college meets your criteria?
  - Go to Learn More Indiana- K-12 Students- Explore colleges and careers
    - Then click on "College Navigator"
    - This allows you to sort through colleges based on select criteria



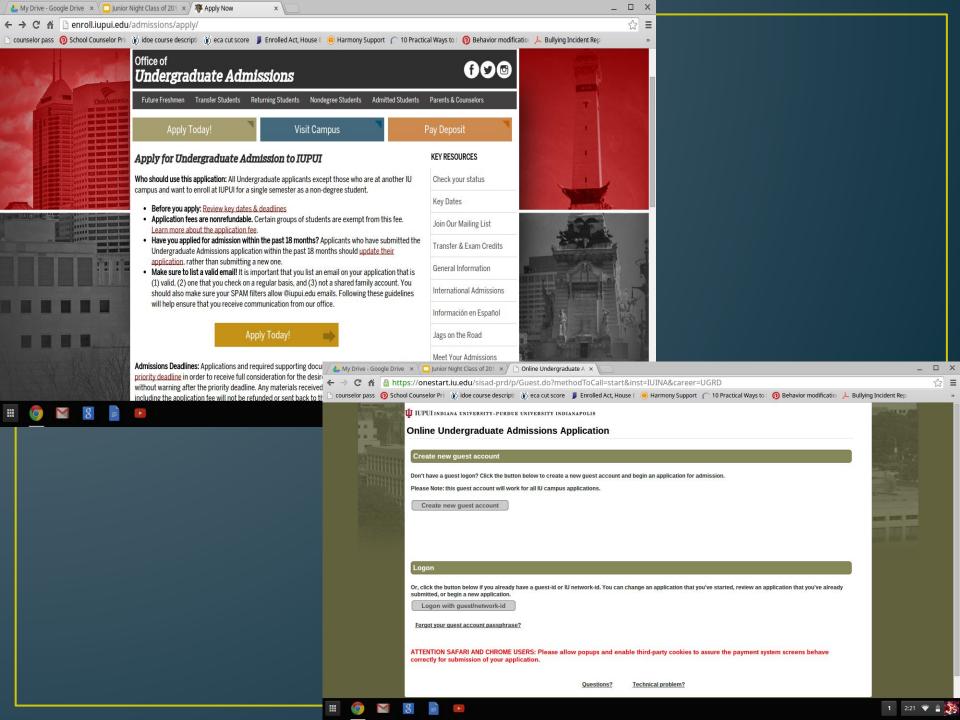


### College Applications

- Decatur County College Fair will be held in, September
  2021 at Greensburg High School gym from 5:00 -7:00 p.m.
- Apply early to at least 3 post-secondary schools!
- You may submit an application to college before you have taken the ACT or SAT.
- You should send as many scores directly to colleges as you can.
  - Many schools such as IU, Purdue, and University of Indianapolis will only take scores directly from SAT or ACT.

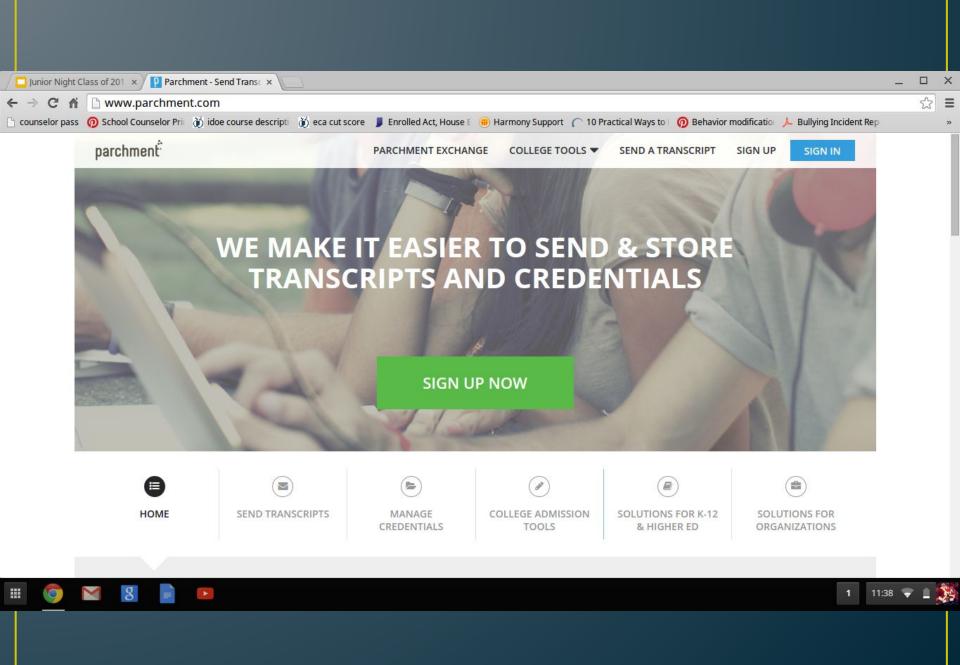
#### College Applications Continued...

- If you need a letter of recommendation from any faculty or staff, DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!
- Apply on-line
- Once application has been submitted, request a transcript from Parchment. (See following slide)
- Many schools have a counselor form that needs submitted as well- bring it to us.



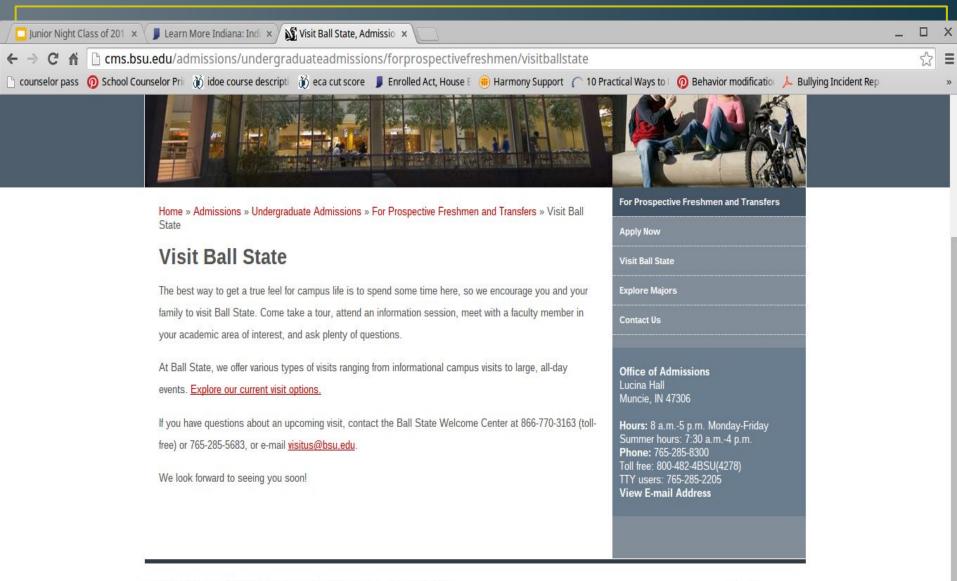
#### Parchment-Indiana's eTranscripts

- Indiana now requires that student transcripts be sent electronically to all colleges.
- Parchment is the service that we will be sending transcripts through.
- Your student has created their account.
- When they need to request a transcript, they will go to the guidance office website and follow the link to Parchment.



## Choosing the Right College

- Things to do and consider:
  - Take a college visit
    - Include admissions
    - Financial aid
    - Housing
    - Representatives from chosen major
  - Talk Financial Aid
    - Don't be afraid of private school tuition
    - Make sure to talk to financial aid
  - Weigh the Pros and Cons
    - Take a notebook to record initial impressions of each college visit



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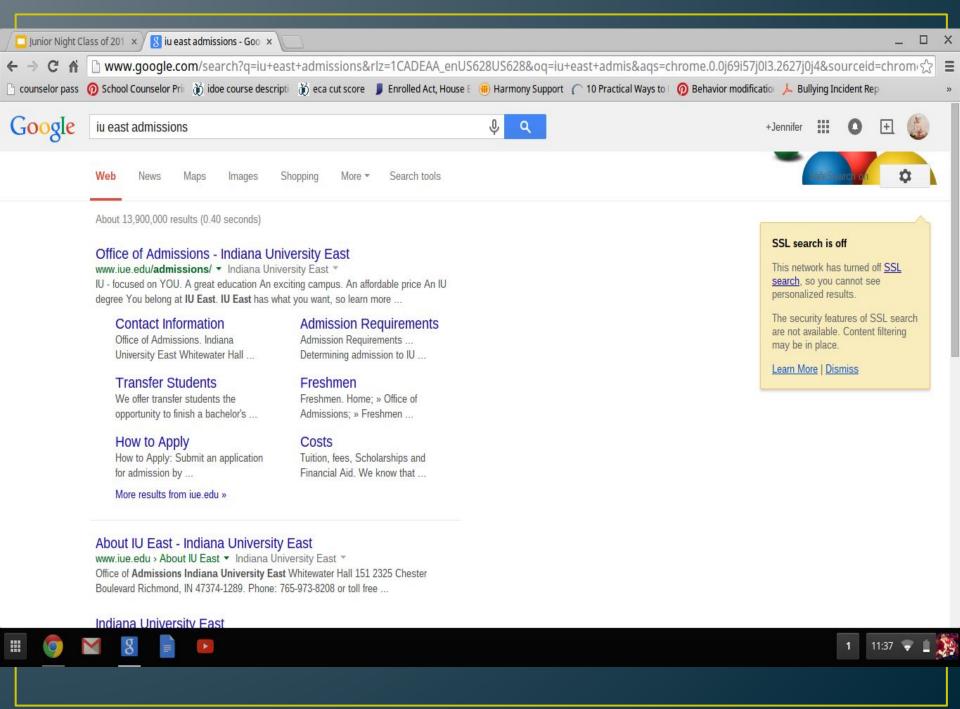












#### College Rep Visits

- These are another great way to help choose the right college.
- Sign up sheets will be available in the Guidance Office
- All visits will be scheduled during PRIDE



## Financial Aid

FAFSA and Scholarships

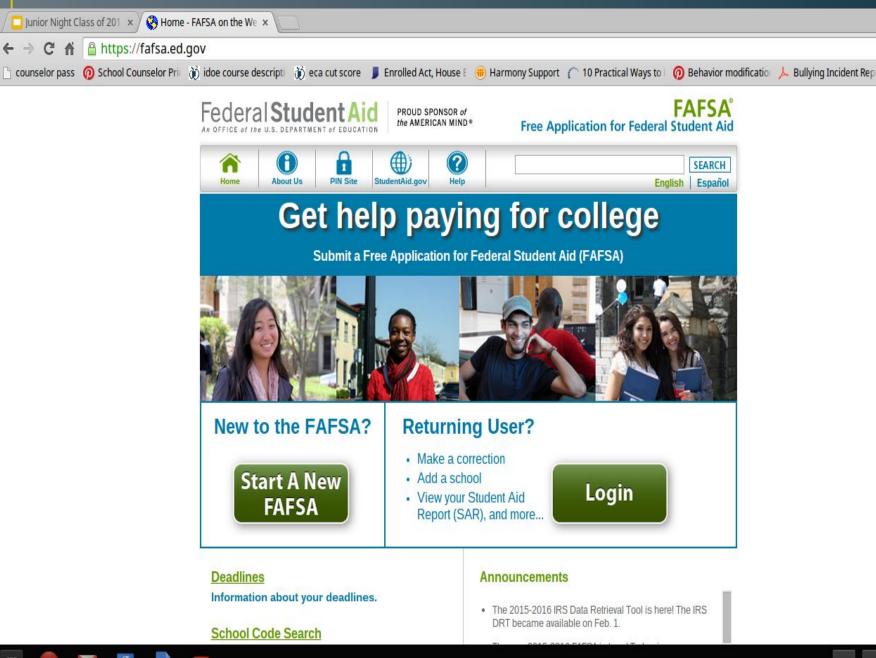
## College Financial Aid

- North will be hosting a Financial Aid Night in August 2021
  - Mark your calendars for detailed financial aid information and Q&A session
- Information and resources available on the guidance office website

NDHS – Guidance – Seniors – Financial Aid

#### Financial Aid-the FAFSA

- All students who plan on attending a post-secondary school (2 or 4-year college, Tech or Business College, Proprietary school) must complete a FAFSA
  - FAFSA stands for <u>Free Application for Federal Student Aid</u>
- FAFSA deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - Recommend completion by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022
  - Application is available October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021
- North will be hosting a FAFSA Completion Day
  - This will be the same people who host the Financial Aid Night



















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### Financial Aid-Scholarships

- Pay attention to the due dates on the Guidance Website, and on announcements
- List represents mostly local scholarships. Use online searches for national scholarships.
  - Free resources available. See scholarship and Resource section of Guidance website.
- Almost all scholarships are posted to the guidance website as a pdf that can be typed on. List on the website is updated as we receive scholarships.
- All applications MUST be typed.
- Ask for recommendations early.

### Important Local Scholarships

- Lilly
  - Due in August 2021...best of luck to our applicants
- DCCSF
  - Application packet should be available from the Guidance Office in January
  - Numerous scholarships on one application
  - Completed applications due to the guidance office
- DCCF
  - Online application available in January at www.dccfound.org
  - Online application will be announced
  - Numerous scholarships on one application

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars

- There will be an affirmation meeting- typically in January
- Your affirmation must be signed and your FAFSA must be completed by April 15<sup>th</sup>
- If you are unsure of your 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar status, please see your counselor.



# Testing

#### ACT & SAT

#### ACT

- Cost is \$55.00
- Register online
- Register for ACT Plus Writing!
- Fee waivers are available! See Guidance
- 6 sub-scores and an overall composite
  - Each out of 36

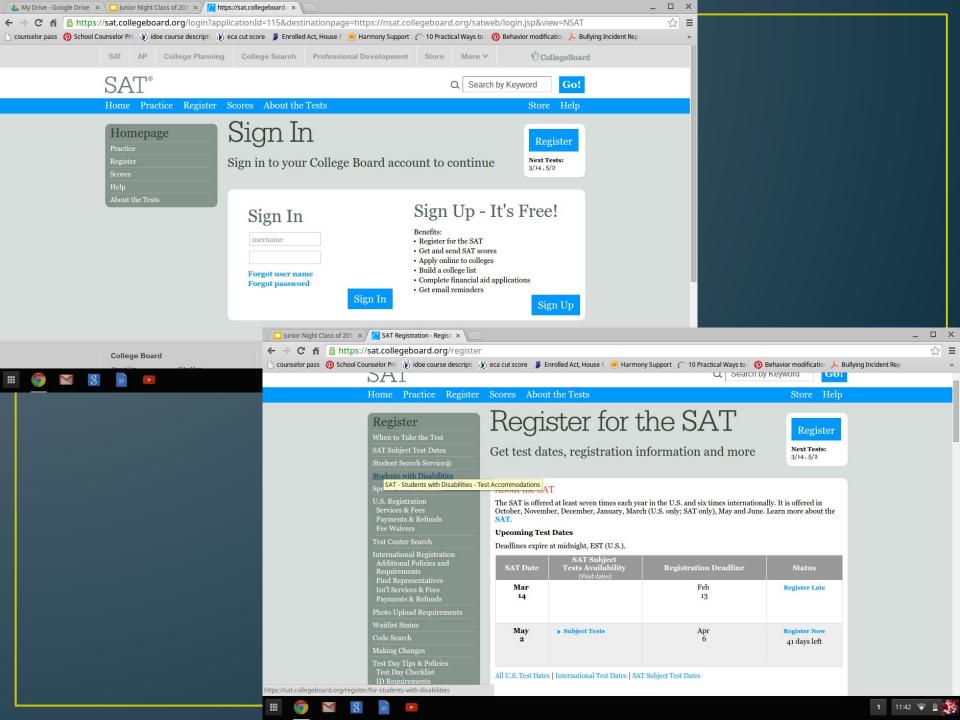
#### SAT®

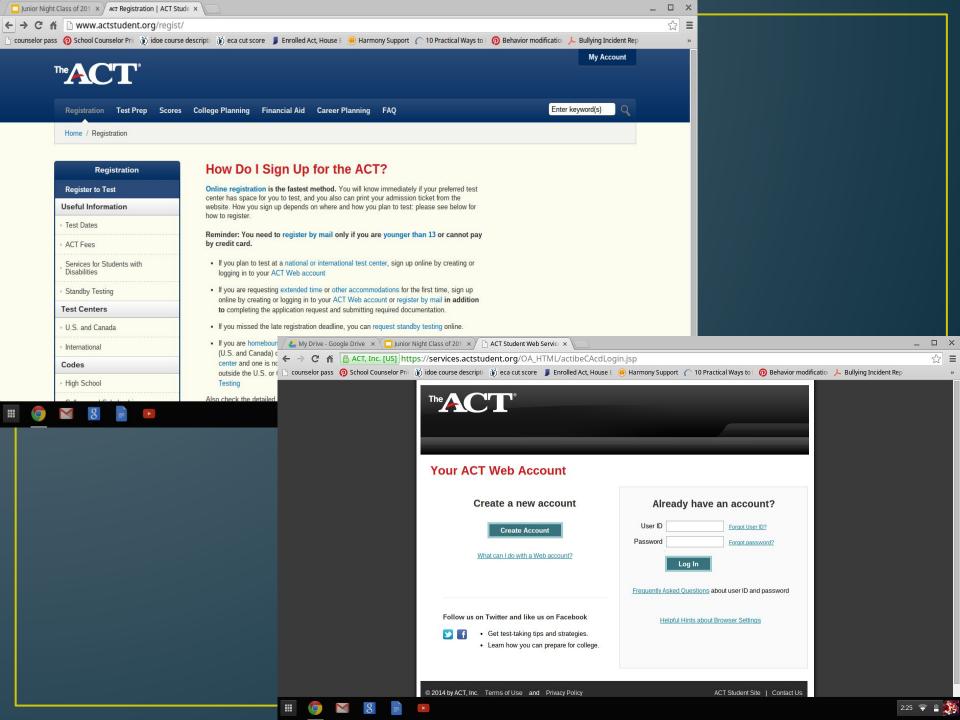
- Cost is \$52.00
- Register online
- Fee waivers are available! See Guidance
- Receive two sub-scores from 0-800 (1600 max total)

CEEB Code for NDHS is 151 368. This is for both tests.

# Super-Scored SAT/ACT

- Some colleges and universities super-score the ACT/SAT
- Super Scoring involves taking the highest section scores from multiple SAT/ACT test sittings and creating a composite.
- This allows for the best possible composite score for the student and also encourages the student to take the exam more than once







# Other Information

### NCAA Eligibility Center

- If you plan on playing Division I or II athletics, you must apply for eligibility through the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Send your test scores directly to the NCAA by selecting 9999
- Talk to your coach for more information

#### Senior Interviews

- We will be talking to all seniors about post-secondary plans.
- If you and your student have additional questions, please schedule a time to speak with your counselor.
- Mrs. Lecher Counselor for A L
- Mrs. Bowles Counselor M Z

#### Senior Year Timeline

#### Fall/Winter:

- Take SAT or ACT (if you haven't already done so)
- Attend Decatur County College Fair in Sept from 5:00 to 7:00pm
- Apply to colleges
- Visit post-secondary schools
- Pay for cap and gown
- Apply for scholarships
- Apply for FAFSA ID# for both parent and student www.fsaid.ed.gov
- \*Register w/ Selective Service (males only)

#### Spring:

- Submit FAFSA form by March 1, 2022 (Final deadline is April 15th)
- Complete Senior Affirmation if you are a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar
- Compare preliminary financial aid packages
- Make final decision about college choice
- Request Ivy Tech and Vincennes transcripts for Dual Credit Courses
- Graduate-

Tip: When creating accounts, use a personal email & not the student's school email



