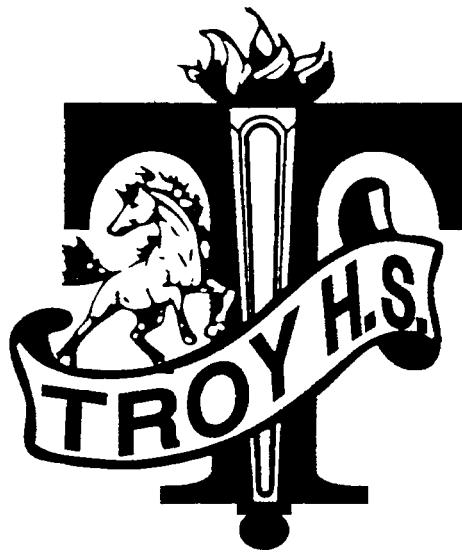


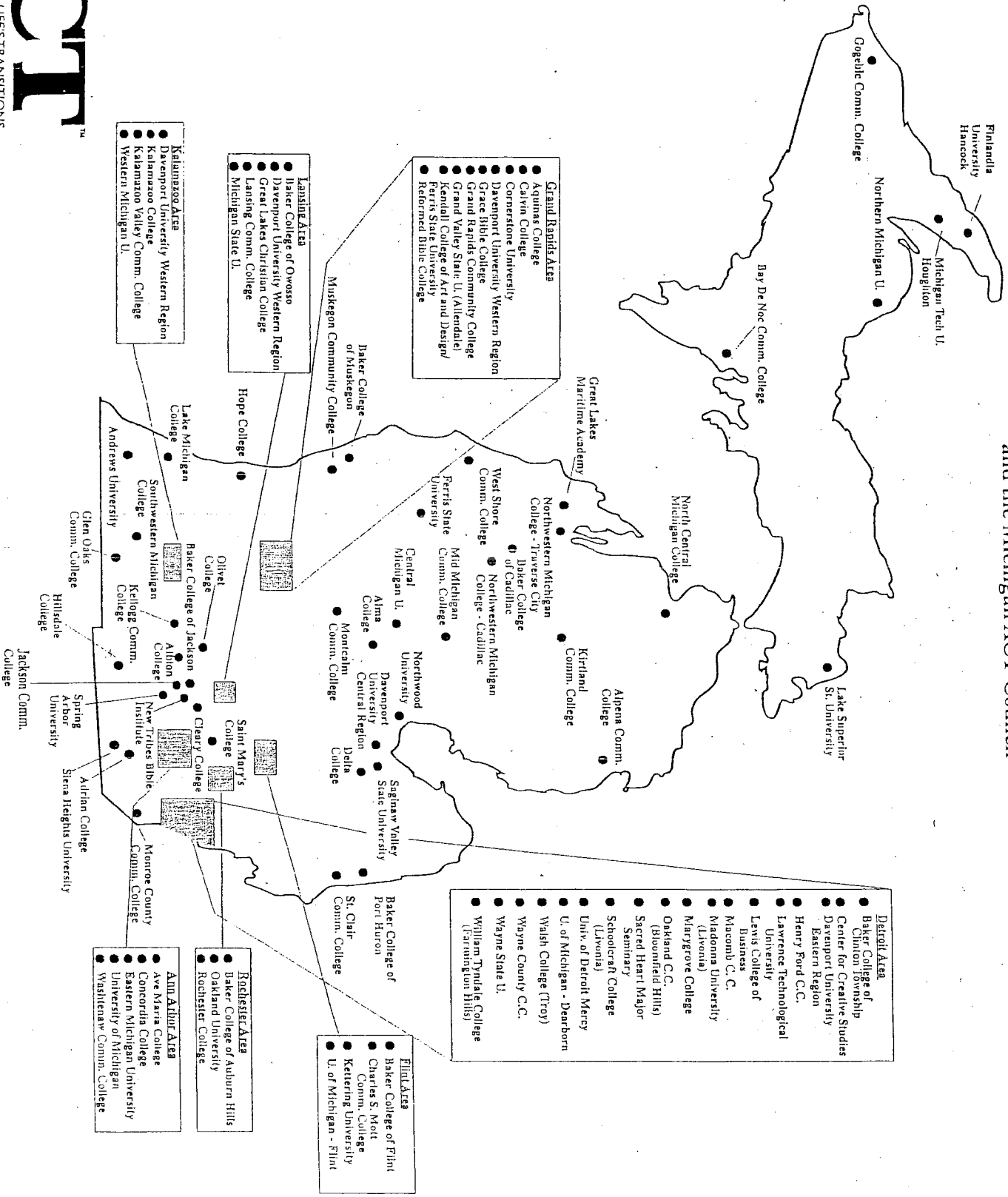
***CAREER
AND
COLLEGE PACKET***



JUNIORS/SENIORS

DIRECTORY OF MICHIGAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Compliments of **ACT**
MEMBER COLLEGE TRANSITION
 and the Michigan ACT Council



- Grand Rapids Area**
- Aquinas College
 - Calvin College
 - Cornerstone University
 - Davenport University - Western Region
 - Grace Bible College
 - Grand Rapids Community College
 - Grand Valley State U. (Allendale)
 - Kendall College of Art and Design
 - Ferris State University
 - Reformed Bible College

- Lansing Area**
- Baker College of Owosso
 - Davenport University - Western Region
 - Great Lakes Christian College
 - Lansing Comm. College
 - Michigan State U.

- Kalamazoo Area**
- Davenport University - Western Region
 - Kalamazoo College
 - Kalamazoo Valley Comm. College
 - Western Michigan U.

- Detroit Area**
- Baker College of Clinton Township
 - Center for Creative Studies
 - Davenport University - Eastern Region
 - Henry Ford C.C.
 - Lawrence Technological University
 - Lewis College of Business
 - Macomb C.C.
 - Madonna University (Livonia)
 - Marygrove College
 - Oakland C.C. (Bloomfield Hills)
 - Sacred Heart Major Seminary
 - Schoolcraft College (Livonia)
 - Univ. of Detroit Mercy
 - U. of Michigan - Dearborn
 - Walsh College (Troy)
 - Wayne County C.C.
 - Wayne State U.
 - William Tyndale College (Farmington Hills)

- Flint Area**
- Baker College of Flint
 - Charles S. Mott Comm. College
 - Kettering University
 - U. of Michigan - Flint

- Rochester Area**
- Baker College of Auburn Hills
 - Oakland University
 - Rochester College

- Ann Arbor Area**
- Ave Maria College
 - Concordia College
 - Eastern Michigan University
 - University of Michigan
 - Western Michigan Comm. College

College Choice As A Process

What qualities and strengths do I bring to a college?

Student's academic record
Activities, interests
Achievements
College admission testing- how do your scores compare to college bound students?

What do I want in a college?

Size
Community
Cost
Geographic Location
Activities, sports
Housing
Programs of study – What are their best or more popular programs? If undecided, look for a good Liberal Arts program.
Admission requirements – Academic difficulty
Special programs – overseas study, co-op, etc (Would I take advantage of these programs?)

Prioritize the qualities you want in a college.

Locating colleges that meet my criteria

Guidebooks

Peterson's Guide to Four-Year Colleges
The College Handbook
The Index of Majors
Comparative Guide to American Colleges
College Admissions Data Handbook
Barron's Profiles of American Colleges

Important Tips About College Admissions

Junior Year

1. A positive trend in grades is very important. Have the best junior year you can!
2. Complete college testing (ACT or SAT) in the spring of your junior year. The fall of your senior year should be used for re-takes of a test. Have 4 free scores sent to colleges of choice.
3. Choose a strong academic schedule for your senior year. Colleges will review your senior schedule and expect to see 4 credits of academics.
4. Visit as many campuses as possible before you return in the fall to begin your senior year.
5. Register for NCAA and talk to your counselor about core curriculum.
6. Consider ROTC as an option and discuss with your counselor.
7. Attend Brown Bag Meetings and after school college representatives presentations.

Senior Year

1. Apply early (target date – October 30th) for the best chance for admission and scholarship consideration.
2. Approach teachers early (allow a 2 week minimum) for letters of recommendation. Consider teachers who are aware of your success both in and out of the classroom. Provide a Senior Questionnaire and an Activities List. Make sure that you keep a copy for yourself.
3. Diversify your college applications. Consider a small and large school, a non-traditional school (i.e. Kettering, Northwood), and unique programs within schools, (i.e. Honors College, Residential College at U of M, Lyman Briggs or James Madison College at MSU).
4. Apply to at least one school to which you are confident you will be admitted.
5. Consider a community college as a good starting point.
6. Take advantage of on-site admissions opportunities.
7. Seek help from a Troy High Counselor and the Troy High Career Resource Center as you make your college selections.

Top Ten Things Colleges Look For in a High School Student

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1. A high school curriculum that challenges the student.
Academically successful students should include several Honors and Advanced Placement classes.
2. Grades that represent strong effort and an upward trend.
Grades should show and upward trend over the years. However, slightly lower grades in a rigorous program are preferred to all A's in less challenging coursework.
3. Solid Scores on standardized tests (SAT, ACT).
These should be consistent with high school performance.
4. Passionate involvement in a few activities, demonstrating leadership and initiative.
Depth, not breadth, of experience is most important.
5. Community service showing evidence of being a "contributor".
Activities should demonstrate concern for other people and a global view.
6. Work or out-of school experiences (including summer activities) that illustrate responsibility, dedication and development of areas of interest.
Work or other meaningful use of free time can demonstrate maturity.
7. A well-written essay that provides insight into the student's unique personality, values and goals.
The application essay should be thoughtful and highly personal. It should demonstrate careful and well-constructed writing.
8. Letters of recommendation from teachers and guidance counselor that give evidence of integrity, special skill, and positive character traits.
Students should request recommendations from teachers who respect their work in an academic discipline.
9. Supplementary recommendations by adults who have had significant direct contact with the student.
Letters from coaches or supervisors in long-term work or volunteer activities are valuable; however, recommendations from casual acquaintances or family friends, even if they are well known, are rarely given much weight.
10. Anything special that makes the student stand out from the rest of the applicants!
Include honors, awards, evidence of unusual talent or experience, or anything else that makes the student unique. Overall, colleges are seeking students who will be active contributing members of the student body.

Independent Educational Consultants Association (IECA)

IECA is a professional association of full-time experience independent educational consultants who work with families on school placement issues.

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Hints for a Campus Visit

- **Meet with an admissions counselor.**
- **Verify admission requirements (test scores and high school preparation).**
- **Discuss your chances for success.**
- **Obtain a school calendar and a catalog, if you don't already have them.**
- **Determine college costs.**
- **Ask about financial aid opportunities, as well as deadlines, forms required, etc.**
- **Meet with faculty in the academic requirements/offerings.**
- **Attend a class to get an idea of typical size, teaching style, academic atmosphere.**
- **Ask about the placement record for graduates in the field you might study.**
- **Identify career-planning services for undergraduates.**
- **Tour the campus (be sure to check out the dorms, dining hall, library, etc.).**
- **Talk to students about the general academic environment and the study commitment necessary for success.**
- **Find out what the students activities (clubs, organizations, intramurals, etc.) are available.**
- **Inquire about campus life and social activities.**
- **Investigate transportation options.**

Seven Topics for Discussion

Admission Policies

What high school courses are required?
Are entrance tests required? Which ones?
What range of scores is accepted?
Does the college require a certain grade or rank in class?
Will my activities and involvement in school be considered?
Is there an essay on the application and is it read?
Is there an early decision or early action plan?
On what basis are applicants accepted?
Are personal interviews or letters of recommendation required?
Are there special requirements for certain majors?
What percent of applicants are accepted?
Can admission denials be appealed?
What are the application filing dates?

About the College

Where is the college located (city, suburb, town, rural)?
What is the surrounding community like?
Is the college public, private, church affiliated?
What is the current student enrollment?
What special or unique programs are offered?
Does the college have general education or course distribution requirements? What are they?
Does the college have special programs for transfer students?
What is the academic calendar (semesters, quarters)?

Student Population

Where do the majority of students come from?
Do most of the students commute or live on campus?
What types of student activities are available?
Are there sororities and fraternities on campus?
What athletic programs are available?
Is housing available/guaranteed for freshmen? Is it available for all four years?

Social Life

What is the average age of the student body?
What is the male-to-female ratio?
What percent of students reside on campus?
Are dorms coed or single-sex?
Is this a “suitcase college” where all the students leave on the weekends?
What are the procedures for selecting a roommate?
What are some of the rules and regulations that govern campus and dormitory life?

Academics

What is the average class size? Largest? Smallest?
How many students in last year's freshman class returned for their sophomore year?
What was the grade point average for the freshman class last year?
What is the college's procedure for student orientation, class placement, and scheduling? Are classes guaranteed?
How is faculty advisor assigned to students?
What services does the school offer for the student who is undecided about a major?
How many students complete a degree?
Do students graduate in four or five years?
What are the most popular majors?
Are students taught by full-time faculty members, graduate assistants, or a combination of the two?
What types of additional services are provided by the school at no additional cost to the student (e.g. tutoring, career and personal counseling, development reading, study skills workshops, or job placement)?

College Costs

What are the costs for tuition? Room and board? Are there other fees?
How much did costs increase from last year to this year?
Is there a difference in cost for in-state and out-state students?
Are accepted students required to place deposits for tuition and housing? Are these refundable?
By what date must an accepted student decide whether he or she will attend?
Are deposits required each year for returning students?
When do the bills have to be paid?

Financial Aid

What percent of students receive financial aid based on financial needs?
What percent of students receive scholarships based on academic ability?
What would be a typical financial aid package for a freshman?
What percent of those who apply for financial aid receive it?
Will financial aid be adjusted if need increases?
What are the financial aid application procedures and deadlines?
What are financial aid applicants notified of their awards? How long do they have to respond?
Is a tuition payment plan offered?
Are there campus jobs available? Are there off-campus jobs as well?

5 Keys For Admission To Highly Selective Schools

1. Take a challenging schedule with A.P. courses.
2. Write an exceptional essay – creativity and uniqueness is important. Avoid “Save the World” essays. Your essay should reveal something about you. Allow others to critique your essay.
3. Have recommendations from teachers, counselors who know you well and can write an informative letter. Get to know your counselor well and create opportunities for your counselor to get to know you.
4. Have something that makes you stand out from the crowd – success in one or two areas is better than a long list with nothing that stands out.
5. Visit and research the schools you are interested in and find ways to communicate that interest.

Applying Early: Early Decision VS. Early Action

What’s the difference between the two?

Early Decision is binding. You must attend the college or university if you are accepted and given a reasonable financial aid package. If accepted, you must withdraw any applications sent to other schools.

Early Action is not binding. It allows you to compare admissions and financial aid offers. You can apply early, but won’t have to make a decision until May 1st.

* Certain schools may have unique interpretations of these options.

Sample Activities List

Senior Year (2008-2009)

National Honor Society – 2 years
 Co-chairperson of Fall Peer Tutoring
 Volunteered at Troy Public Library
Students Against Drunk Driving – 4 years
 Chairperson of 16th birthday cards
 Candy games
 Candle Light Vigil – 4 years
 Chain of Life – 4 years
 Red Ribbon Reach Out
Church Related Activities
 Youth Group – 8 years
 Sunday School Teacher Assistant
 Church Choir – 10 years
Employment at Baby Gap – 2 years

Junior Year (2007-2008)

Church Related Activities
 President of Youth Group
 Organized Annual Church Picnic

Sophomore Year (2007-2006)

Church Related Activities
 Group dance performance at Ecumenical Christmas Show
 Co-Master of Ceremonies of church Christmas program

Freshman Year (2005-2004)

Attended and completed at the Syrian Orthodox Conference in Chicago
French Club
Kudos Club (recognizes people for extracurricular activities)
Environmental Activist (recycle pop cans and paper at school)

Fastest growing occupations

This file represents *Table 2, Fastest growing occupations, 2006-16*, in "Occupational employment projections to 2016," published in the *November 2007 Monthly Labor Review*.

2006 National Employment Matrix code and title	Code	Employment Number		Change		Quartile rank by 2006 median annual earnings ⁽¹⁾	Most significant source of postsecondary education or training ⁽²⁾
		2006	2016	Percent	Numeric		
Network systems and data communications analysts	15-1081	262	402	53.4	140	VH	Bachelor's degree
Personal and home care aides	39-9021	767	1,156	50.6	389	VL	Short-term on-the-job training
Home health aides	31-1011	787	1,171	48.7	384	VL	Short-term on-the-job training
Computer software engineers, applications	15-1031	507	733	44.6	226	VH	Bachelor's degree
Veterinary technologists and technicians	29-2056	71	100	41.0	29	L	Associate degree
Personal financial advisors	13-2052	176	248	41.0	72	VH	Bachelor's degree
Makeup artists, theatrical and performance	39-5091	2	3	39.8	1	H	Postsecondary vocational award
Medical assistants	31-9092	417	565	35.4	148	L	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Veterinarians	29-1131	62	84	35.0	22	VH	First professional degree
Substance abuse and behavioral disorder counselors	21-1011	83	112	34.3	29	H	Bachelor's degree
Skin care specialists	39-5094	38	51	34.3	13	L	Postsecondary vocational award
Financial analysts	13-2051	221	295	33.8	75	VH	Bachelor's degree
Social and human service assistants	21-1093	339	453	33.6	114	L	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Gaming surveillance officers and gaming investigators	33-9031	9	12	33.6	3	L	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Physical therapist assistants	31-2021	60	80	32.4	20	H	Associate degree

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Pharmacy technicians	29-2052	285	376	32.0	91	L	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Forensic science technicians	19-4092	13	17	30.7	4	H	Bachelor's degree
Dental hygienists	29-2021	167	217	30.1	50	VH	Associate degree
Mental health counselors	21-1014	100	130	30.0	30	H	Master's degree
Mental health and substance abuse social workers	21-1023	122	159	29.9	37	H	Master's degree
Marriage and family therapists	21-1013	25	32	29.8	7	H	Master's degree
Dental assistants	31-9091	280	362	29.2	82	L	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Computer systems analysts	15-1051	504	650	29.0	146	VH	Bachelor's degree
Database administrators	15-1061	119	154	28.6	34	VH	Bachelor's degree
Computer software engineers, systems software	15-1032	350	449	28.2	99	VH	Bachelor's degree
Gaming and sports book writers and runners	39-3012	18	24	28.0	5	VL	Short-term on-the-job training
Environmental science and protection technicians, including health	19-4091	36	47	28.0	10	H	Associate degree
Manicurists and pedicurists	39-5092	78	100	27.6	22	VL	Postsecondary vocational award
Physical therapists	29-1123	173	220	27.1	47	VH	Master's degree
Physician assistants	29-1071	66	83	27.0	18	VH	Master's degree

Footnotes: (1) The quartile rankings of Occupational Employment Statistics Survey annual wages data are presented in the following categories: VH = very high (\$46,360 or more), H = high (\$30,630 to \$46,300), L = low (\$21,260 to \$30,560), and VL = very low (up to \$21,220). The rankings were based on quartiles, with one-fourth of total employment defining each quartile.

Wages are for wage and salary workers.

(2) An occupation is placed into 1 of 11 categories that best describes the postsecondary education or training needed by most workers to become fully qualified in that occupation. For more information about the categories, see Occupational Projections and Training Data, 2006-07 edition, Bulletin 2602 (Bureau of Labor Statistics, February 2006) and Occupational Projections and Training Data, 2008-09 edition (Bureau of Labor Statistics, forthcoming)



2008-2009 Quick Reference Guide for High School Students

Here are some important Web sites and dates to help you prepare for your academic year.

Information about Financial Aid

FastWeb's College Gold.....www.collegegold.org
Federal Student Aid for Students.....studentaid.ed.gov
FinAid.....www.finaid.org
Mapping Your Future.....mapping-your-future.org
Project Scholarship Scam....www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams
Taxes for Students..... www.irs.gov/individuals/students

Sources of Aid

Scholarship Search..... www.fastweb.com
* AmeriCorps..... www.americorps.org
* City Year..... www.cityyear.org
CSS/PROFILE..... profileonline.collegeboard.com
Direct Loans..... www.ed.gov/directloan
FAFSA (Free App. for Federal Student Aid)... www.fafsa.ed.gov
FAFSA PIN..... www.pin.ed.gov
Resources by State..... finaid.org/otheraid/state.phtml
** Award upon successful program completion*

General Information

Social Security Administration..... www.ssa.gov
Selective Service..... www.sss.gov
Student Gateway to U.S. Government. www.students.gov
Study Abroad..... www.studyabroad.com
U.S. Department of Education..... www.ed.gov

College Admissions and Testing

ACT..... www.actstudent.org
AP... www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html
SAT..... www.sat.org
PSAT..... www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html
Admissions Information..... www.admissions.com

Choosing a Major and Career

Career Planning..... www.fastweb.com
Monster (Job Search)..... www.monster.com
Monster Trak (Entry-level jobs)..... www.monstertrak.com
America's Career Infonet..... www.acinet.org
Bureau of Labor Statistics..... stats.bls.gov
Occupational Outlook Handbook..... www.bls.gov/oco

Important Phone Numbers

FAFSA (Free App. for Federal Student Aid).....
..... (800-4-FED-AID) 800-433-3243
ACT..... 319-337-1000
SAT..... 866-756-7346

2008-2009 Planning Calendar

September

9/9: SAT registration deadline for 10/4 test
9/13: ACT test day (selected states)
9/19: ACT registration deadline for 10/25 test
9/26: SAT registration deadline for 11/1 test

October

10/4: SAT and Subject Tests test day
10/15: PSAT/NMQST test day
10/18: PSAT/NMQST test day
10/25: ACT test day

November

11/1: SAT and Subject Tests test day
11/7: registration deadline for 12/6 test

December

12/6: SAT and Subject Tests test day
12/13: ACT test day
12/26: SAT registration deadline for 1/26 test

January

1/1: First day to submit FAFSA
(early completion maximizes chances for aid)
1/6: SAT late registration deadline for 1/24 test
1/6: ACT registration deadline for 2/7 test
1/24: SAT and Subject Test test day

February

2/7: ACT test day (Not NY)
2/10: SAT registration deadline for 3/14 test
2/27: ACT registration deadline for 4/4 test

March

3/14: SAT test day (SAT I, only)
3/31: SAT registration deadline for 5/2 test

April

4/4: ACT test day
4/15: Deadline to file your 2008 federal
income tax return

May

5/2: SAT and Subject Tests test day
5/4-5/8: AP Testing Week 1
5/5- SAT registration deadline for 6/6 test
5/8: ACT registration deadline for 6/13 test
5/11-5/15: AP Testing Week 2

June

6/1: SAT and Subject Test test day
6/13: ACT test day
6/30: Last day to submit 2008-2009 FAFSA on the
Web applications

July

7/2: AP scores available by phone

Troy

Career Resource Centers

Career Center Links



American College Test www.act.org



Scholastic Aptitude Test www.collegeboard.com



The U.S. Army www.army.mil



Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Apply for PIN here! fafsa.ed.gov



Links Page to Michigan Colleges and Universities collegelinks.htm

Grand Rapids Community College

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS from GRCC <http://www.grcc.edu/?PageID=9769>

Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth

Lists the projected "Hot Jobs" through the year 2012 State of Michigan website-

Hot Jobs

Health Careers

-great information & videos

Health Careers



This site offers free practice tests for the Work Keys exam.

<http://www.act.org/workkeys/assess/index.html>

Web Sites For:

Colleges

fastweb.com
allaboutcollege.com
petersons.com
collegeboard.com
princetonreview.com
usnews.com
campustours.com
supercollege.com
collegetown.com

College Applications

collegelink.com (forwards to fast.web.com)
macrao.org (Michigan College Mall)
www.connectedu.net/members

Sports

ncaa.org

Government Sites

michigan.gov/mde
ed.gov
fafsa.edu.gov
ed.gov/students
irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p970.pdf

Michigan Department of Education
U.S. Department of Education
Free Application for Federal Student Aid
Student guide and funding your education
Tax benefits for education

Scholarship Searches/Financial Aid

fastweb.com	findaid.com
collegeboard.com	wiredscholars.com/scholarships
supercollege	nasfaa.org
msfaa.org	salliemae.com
michigan.gov/mistudentaid	

Testing

act.org (register for ACT)
collegeboard.com (register for SAT)
Kaplan.com
princetonreview.com
number2.com
testprep.com

Learn A Test (ACT, SAT, AP, TOEFL)

Start at Troy High Web Site, troycolts.org
Click on Media Center
Click on Online Databases
Click on Learn a Test
Click on Learn a Test –
(you must create a user account)

Essays

essayedge.com

Careers

troy.k12.mi.us/careers/index2.htm – Troy School District Website
myroad.com
bridges.com (siteID0028740; password – troy)
mymajors.com
mihott.com (health care careers)
uncwil.edustuaaff/career/Majors/ (college majors and careers)
careercrusing.com (username – troy password – colts)