

## SENIORS: Important Information

**Website:** Please visit our counseling department website periodically for information and updates at: <https://www.washoeschools.net/domain/1877>

**College Entrance Exams:** If you plan to attend a four-year college or university you may need to take the ACT and/or SAT. Many colleges do not require the ACT or SAT for admission; however, they may use test scores for class placement. Most of you took the ACT last spring, and if you missed it, you'll need to take it, as it is a graduation requirement. If you would like to retake the ACT or try the SAT, you'll need to register on your own.

### 24-25 TEST DATES

**ACT:** October 26, 2024; December 14, 2024; February 8, 2025; April 5, 2025; June 14, 2025; July 12, 2025. **ACT Website:** [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

**SAT:** October 5, 2024; November 2, 2024; December 7, 2024; March 8, 2025; May 3, 2025; June 7, 2025. **SAT Website:** [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

**Spanish Springs High School code: 290-270**

**ACT/SAT test prep:** The best test prep can be found on the ACT/SAT websites: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) and [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). There are multiple other websites for test preparation including [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org), as well as apps to purchase. There are free and independent ACT practice options through Edgenuity. The study prep options include reading, writing, science, and math. Please see your counselor if you are interested.

**“Brag Sheet” and Personal Resume:** Now is the time to create one or both showcasing your academic and athletic activities, employment and volunteer service, club participation and leadership roles both at school and in the community. You will give your brag sheet and/or resume to teachers, counselors, coaches, etc. when you ask them to write you a letter of recommendation. Fillable forms are available in the counseling office waiting room.

**Scholarships:** Applying for scholarships may feel like a complicated process but can be well worth the effort. Scholarships come from a variety of sources including service agencies, local and national businesses, as well as the college or university you may be planning to attend. Two useful scholarship search engines are: [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com) and [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com). Spanish Springs maintains a list of scholarships available in the community as well as across the nation. We continually receive new information, so it is important that you check back on a regular basis. **Be sure to watch submission deadlines – don't wait until the last minute to apply.** Mrs. McRae in the college and career center is also a wonderful resource. Reach out to her for applications, tips, and workshops. <https://www.washoeschools.net/sshscareers>

**NEVADA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP:** Planning to attend a community college in the state of Nevada next fall? **Apply for the Nevada Promise Scholarship by October 31, 2024.** The application is available online at: <https://www.tmcc.edu/nevada-promise-scholarship>

**NCAA:** If you plan to play a collegiate sport, you should already have an account with the NCAA Eligibility center. If you haven't created an account, we encourage you to do so immediately. Please visit <http://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3> for the most current NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student Athlete. **NCAA will want a set of college entrance exam scores sent directly to them from ACT or SAT. NCAA'S code is 9999.**

**College Fair:** The date and time for this year's College Fair is Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 11:00pm to 2:00pm at the Reno Sparks Convention Center. Please visit: <https://app.strivescan.com/registration?tag=wacac> to register for the event.

**Career Exploration:** Career Inventories are tools designed to help individuals understand their interests, skills, and values in relation to potential career paths. Inventories guide people in making informed decisions about their career path choices and planning. Here are two free career inventory resources - <https://nv.headed2.com/> and <https://www.mynextmove.org/>

**Community College Applications:** TMCC ([www.tmcc.edu/admissions](http://www.tmcc.edu/admissions)) and most other community colleges have an open admission policy, which means they accept everyone who enrolls. However, if you would like to be considered for scholarships from the community college, you'll want to make sure to submit your application by the designated deadline (usually February or March 1<sup>st</sup>). The sooner you apply the better.

**UNR Admission Requirements:** UNR (<https://www.unr.edu/admissions>) requires a minimum 3.0 weighted core academic GPA for admission for the class of 2025. The following core courses are required: 4 years of English, 3 years of Social Studies, 3 years of science, and 3 years of Math. Sometimes a student may be admitted under exception if they do not have the required cumulative core weighted GPA but have attained a certain score on the ACT/SAT or graduated with an Advanced Diploma. Email [admissions@unr.edu](mailto:admissions@unr.edu) for additional information. More detailed information can also be found in the Class of 2025 PowerPoint posted on our website.

**College Applications:** Many four-year colleges and universities, including UNR, have early consideration deadlines in the fall. The regular application deadlines are usually February or March 1<sup>st</sup> depending on the institution. University awarded scholarship applications are often part of the admission application. Make sure that, in addition to the application, ACT/SAT scores and an official transcript have been sent to the school. To research the college you are interested in attending, go to [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and utilize their college search engine to find basic information about the school and to access a direct link to the school's website. Another excellent resource for out of state colleges on the west coast is the WUE – Western Undergraduate Exchange program: [www.wiche.edu/wue](http://www.wiche.edu/wue).

**Official Transcript Requests:** Official high school transcripts need to be requested at <https://washoeschoolsnv.scribborder.com>. Ample processing time should be given when requesting transcripts for college admission, NCAA and/or scholarship consideration. Unofficial transcripts may be obtained from your counselor or the counseling secretary, Mrs. Ramilo.

**Financial Aid:** It is important for you to fill out and submit the **2025-2026 (not the 2024-2025)** FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as soon as possible on or after **December 1, 2024**. The FAFSA is completed online at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. 2023 tax information for both student and Parent or Guardian will be requested as part of the application process. Once submitted, you will receive a form called the FSS (FAFSA Submission Summary). If mistakes are found, corrections need to be made and the form resubmitted. It is important that you request the FSS information be sent to all colleges and universities you are considering. Often schools will use this information to make scholarship and aid decisions. It is a good idea to apply even if your parents think they won't qualify for financial aid. Some schools will only award scholarships to those with a financial aid account. \*\*An FSA ID (Federal Student Aid ID) should be created before December 1, 2024 to avoid any delays in submitting the FAFSA on that date. Both student and parent will need an FSA ID.

**To check your potential eligibility for grants and/or loans now, go to:** Federal Student Aid Estimator – <https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/?src=serp>

**It is important to know that you should NOT have to pay someone to look for scholarships or financial aid. Most of those agencies charge you to do what you can easily do on your own or with a little assistance from Mrs. McRae in the college and career center.**

**Millennium Scholarship:** For the most updated information, go to the following website: [https://www.nevadatreasurer.gov/ggms/ggms\\_home/](https://www.nevadatreasurer.gov/ggms/ggms_home/). There is not an application process. All eligible students' names are sent to the state department after graduation.

**Military:** If you are interested in joining one of the branches of the military you should contact a recruiter to schedule a time to take the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery). Recruiter information can be found in the College and Career Center. Go to <https://www.todaymilitary.com> for more information.

**Other Post-Secondary Options:** If you are interested in going to a technical or trade school, you can access information on various programs through the college and career center or your counselor. Our career center technician, Mrs. McRae can be reached at [Francine.McRae@washoeschools.net](mailto:Francine.McRae@washoeschools.net) or find the Class of 2025 2-year Technical Training presentation on our website.

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