



**RISING SENIOR**

**PARENT NIGHT**

**Class of 2026**

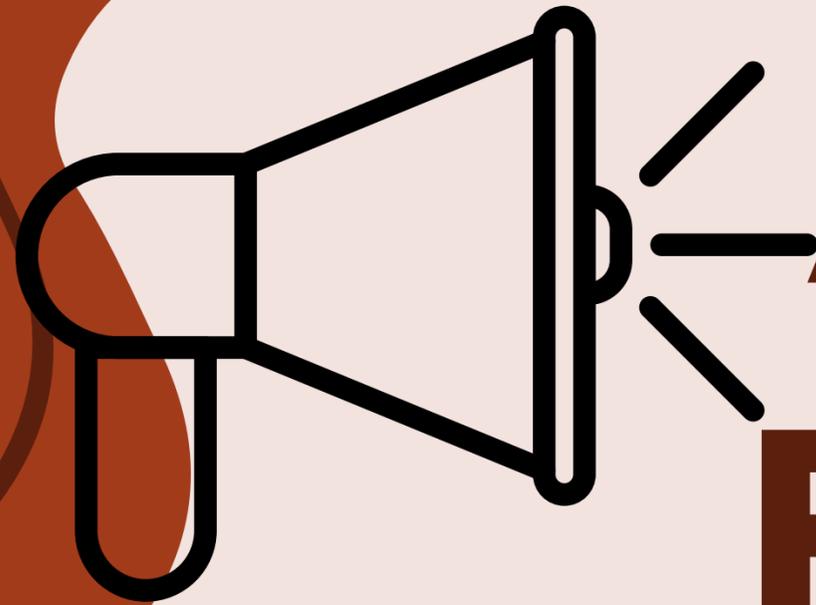
# STUDENT INDEPENDENCE



As we go into our senior year, East would like to empower students to manage their college-going journey. Taking ownership of their school and college processes will help them develop valuable skills and confidence as they transition into adulthood. Parents should support and guide students but don't do the work for them! Keep in mind that they will be on their own in just over a year and college professors will not communicate to parents. It is important for the students to learn to advocate for themselves. Please ensure students are requesting information from their teachers and counselor.



# STUDENT



# ADVOCACY FLOWCHART



**TEACHER- SUBJECT AREA EXPERT**



**GUIDANCE- MRS. HUMPHRIES**



**GRADE LEVEL ADMINISTRATOR- DR. SUMMERVILLE**



**PRINCIPAL- DR. MCKINLEY**

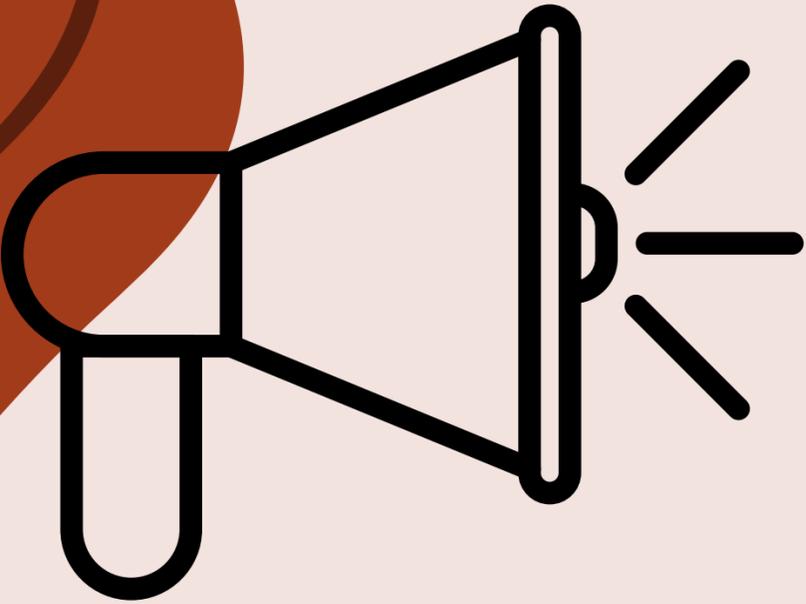
# STUDENT SCHEDULE REQUESTS

**COURSE REQUESTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING IN POWERSCHOOL HOWEVER THESE ARE REQUESTS ONLY. SCHEDULES WILL NOT BE FINALIZED UNTIL THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.**

**ANY STUDENT THAT REQUESTED A DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSE BUT DID NOT HAVE ACT SCORES AT THE TIME OF COURSE REQUESTS BUT NOW HAVE QUALIFYING SCORES MUST INFORM MRS. HUMPHRIES ASAP IF THEY WANT TO BE ENROLLED IN THE COURSE**

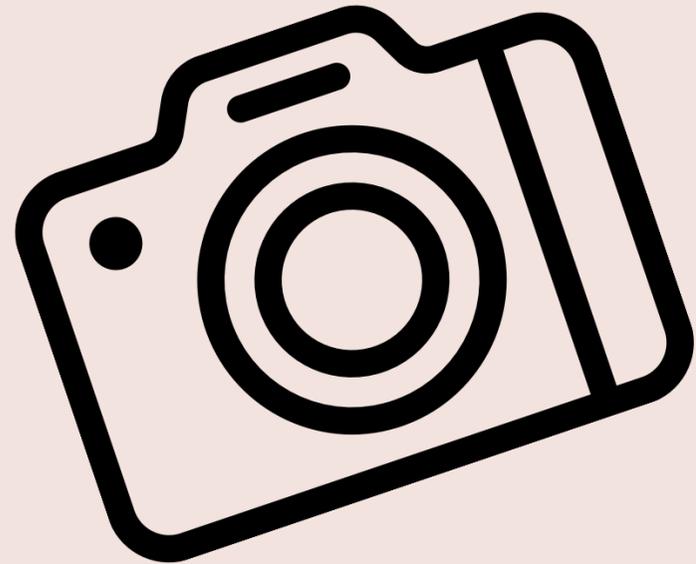


# SENIOR PORTRAITS



**HOLLANDSTUDIO.NET**

# SENIOR PORTRAITS



Interested in  
senior or  
graduation  
photos?

Reach out to  
East High Graduate  
Cadence at  
[@everystoryphotography](https://www.instagram.com/everystoryphotography)



Book a 35  
minute session  
for \$50

(901) 832-8127  
or follow along  
on insta!

# SENIOR WEBSITE

<https://schools.scsk12.org/Page/23807>





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### SENIOR STUFF

### Upload your scholarships HERE

#### Important Dates and Reminders:

-Senior Trip- April 6-10.

[SENIOR TRIP ITINERARY](#) ↓

-Senior's **last day** will be May 1st! Some seniors will still need to return for AP exams. <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/exam-administration-ordering-scores/exam-dates>

-**Signing/Pinning Day** will be May 1st, time TBA. Pinning will be in the auditorium and Signing will be immediately after in the gym.

This is a fun celebration of you where you will reveal to your friends, parents, and family the school, college, or career you are planning to attend or go into after you graduate! *(This is not a binding contract; it's okay if you change your mind later.)* You will need to create a Presentation Slide that will be shown during our event. **Your slide is due by Friday, April 18th. Everyone must submit a slide.** If you have any questions, reach out to Mrs. Foster: [marshall@scsk12.org](mailto:marshall@scsk12.org)

[Signing Day Instructions](#) ↓

-**Senior Banquet/Senior Sunset** will be May 2nd. Location and time for banquet TBA. Senior Sunset will be at 7pm, more details to come.

-**Graduation practice**- Mandatory practice at East in the auditorium on Wednesday, May 7 at 10am, mandatory practice at Renasant on Monday, May 12 9am, except those that are AP testing

-**GRADUATION**- Monday, May 12 7pm at the Renasant. Dress attire- black pants or dress (any color), black dress shoes no heels over 3 inches. Caps cannot be decorated. Bring heels to practice at Renasant for approval. We do not know how many tickets each student will receive, info to come out as soon as we receive it. Top 10 ranked



# FLAGSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

**BILL ROBINSON**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TN KNOXVILLE**

**MEMPHIS EAST IS A FLAGSHIP SCHOOL! THIS MEANS THAT THE FLAGSHIP SCHOLARSHIP IN COMBINATION WITH THE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP, COVERS TUITION AT UT KNOXVILLE!**



SUBJECT AREA	GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
English:	4 credits
Mathematics:	4 credits
Science:	3 credits
Social Studies:	3 credits
Fine Arts:	1 credit
Foreign Language:	2 credits
Personal Finance:	.5 credits
Physical Education:	1.5 credits
Focus Elective:	3 credits
ACT/SAT & Civics Exam:	Must take by the end of senior year

◆ **English: 4 credits**

- English 9: Regular or Honors
- English 10: Regular, Honors, or Pre-AP
- English 11: Regular, Honors, or AP Language
- English 12: Regular, Honors, Dual, or AP Literature

◆ **Mathematics: 4 credits**

Students are required by state guidelines to enroll in a math course during all four years of high school.

- Algebra I: Regular or Honors
- Geometry: Regular or Honors
- Algebra II: Regular or Honors
- a fourth higher level math course

◆ **Science: 3 credits**

- Biology I: Regular or Honors
- Chemistry **OR** Physics: Regular or Honors
- A third lab science

◆ **Social Studies: 3.5 credits**

- World History & Geography: Regular or Honors **OR** AP Human Geography
- U.S. History & Geography: Regular, Honors, or AP
- Economics & U.S Government (.5 credit each): Regular, Honors or AP
- ◆ **Personal Finance: .5 credits**

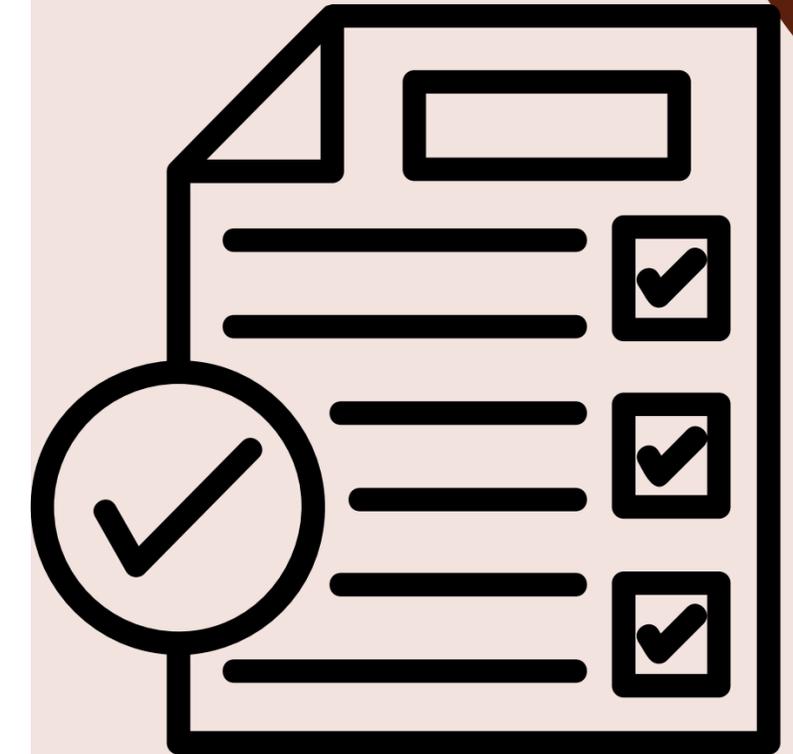
◆ **Fine Arts: Music, Theatre Arts, **OR** Visual Arts**

◆ **Foreign Languages: 2 credits in the same foreign language**

◆ **Physical Education: 1.5 credits**

- Lifetime Wellness (1 credit)
- Physical Education (.5 credits)

◆ **Focus Electives: 3 credits in the same focus area**



# COLLEGE JOURNEY

## AT A GLANCE

We will be working with you on EVERYTHING you need including TN Promise, FAFSA, college applications, scholarships, Common App, letters of recommendation, transcripts, etc. in English classes next year.

# WHAT TO DO NOW

- Student resume
- Get involved
- Visit colleges, in person or virtually
- Begin Common App (optional)

# COMMON APP

THE COMMON APPLICATION, WHICH IS ACCEPTED BY MORE THAN 900 SCHOOLS, INCLUDING SOME COLLEGES LOCATED OUTSIDE THE U.S., ALLOWS STUDENTS TO APPLY TO MULTIPLE COLLEGES AT ONCE.

STUDENTS ONLY HAVE TO FILL OUT DETAILS THAT MOST SCHOOLS REQUIRE, INCLUDING NAME, ADDRESS, PARENTAL EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, ONE TIME.

YOU STILL HAVE TO PAY THE APPLICATION FEES TO EVERY SCHOOL UNLESS YOU REQUEST A FEE WAIVER

THE COMMON  
APPLICATION

APPLY AT [COMMONAPP.ORG](https://COMMONAPP.ORG)

# COLLEGE APPS

- MAKE A LIST OF THE COLLEGES THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN. BE SURE TO SEARCH FOR COLLEGES THAT OFFER YOUR INTENDED MAJOR!
- RESEARCH YOUR SCHOOLS, AND THE PROGRAMS THEY OFFER.
- REVIEW EACH SCHOOL'S ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND NOTE THEIR DEADLINES.
- VISIT CAMPUSES – IF YOU CANNOT VISIT IN PERSON, LOOK FOR A VIRTUAL TOUR ON THE COLLEGE'S WEBSITE OR SCHOOLINKS.



# PAYING FOR COLLEGE

**TN PROMISE FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE/‘LAST DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP’**  
**FAFSA FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID/PELL GRANT**  
**GRANTS FREE MONEY**  
**SCHOLARSHIPS FREE MONEY/MERIT/HOPE**  
**LOANS NOT FREE! MUST PAY BACK WITH INTEREST**

# PAYING FOR COLLEGE

## FINANCIAL AID SOURCES:

### *FEDERAL*

GRANTS OR LOANS OFFERED TO YOU AS A RESULT OF YOUR FAFSA APPLICATION.

### *STATE*

HOPE (3.0 UNWEIGHTED GPA OR 21 ACT), TN PROMISE, GAM (MERIT-BASED SUPPLEMENT TO THE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP)

### *INSTITUTIONAL*

SCHOLARSHIP MONEY OFFERED TO YOUR STUDENT FROM THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AFTER ACCEPTANCE

### *OUTSIDE/LOCAL/COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS*

MANY LISTED ON THE SENIOR WEBSITE

VISIT COLLEGE FOR TN WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.COLLEGEFORTN.ORG/](https://www.collegefortn.org/)

# COLLEGE APPLICATION TIMELINE- FALL

**JULY**- NATIONAL ACT TEST DATE

**AUGUST**- TN PROMISE APPLICATION OPENS

**SEPTEMBER**- START APPLYING TO COLLEGES  
COLLEGE APP WEEK  
COMPLETE TN PROMISE IN ENG CLASS

**OCTOBER**- SENIOR ACT AT SCHOOL  
1<sup>ST</sup> TN PROMISE MEETING  
COMPLETE FAFSA WHEN IT OPENS

**NOVEMBER**- MAJOR DEADLINE  
FOR MANY COLLEGES  
TN PROMISE APPLICATION  
DEADLINE

**DECEMBER**- NATIONAL ACT TEST DATE  
FINISH COLLEGE APPS WITH JANUARY DEADLINES  
REQUEST MID-YEAR TRANSCRIPTS/REPORTS FOR COLLEGES  
THAT REQUIRE THEM

# COLLEGE APPLICATION TIMELINE- FALL

**JANUARY**- FINAL RANKING FOR CLASS OF 2026 SET  
MID-YEAR TRANSCRIPTS/REPORTS SENT

**FEBRUARY**- ACT NATIONAL TEST DATE  
CONTINUE TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

**MARCH** TN PROMISE MEETING #2

**APRIL**- ACT NATIONAL TEST DATE  
REPORT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

**MAY**- GRADUATION  
REQUEST FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

**JUNE**- REQUEST DUAL ENROLLMENT TRANSCRIPTS TO BE  
SENT TO YOUR COLLEGE