

Quick Links and Information

★ ACT Test Information

How Do I Register for the ACT?

- Sign in or create an account at www.myact.org
- Select the test date/location where you want to test.
- You will list the schools where you want to send your scores. You are allowed four (4) choices for free. Any additional will require you to submit a payment.
- If you are an athlete planning to play in college, you will need to add NCAA (9999).

★ ACT Fee Waiver

If you are a junior or senior and receive free or reduced lunch, you qualify for an ACT Fee Waiver. You are able to have four (4) ACT waivers throughout high school. Stop by Mrs. Lawson's office to pick one up!

★ FAFSA (Financial Aid)

FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The FAFSA application opens October 1st. You and your parent/guardian must create an FSA ID before you apply. Apply at: <https://studentaid.gov/sa/fafsa>

The FAFSA is a graduation requirement

★ College Applications/Admissions Websites

When applying to college, make sure to pay attention to deadlines. Pay attention to criteria for admission. Make sure you include everything needed. IF your application requires an essay, make sure you write the essay. Have someone to proofread for you. Sometimes, you simply do not see your mistakes.

Visit the [Cordova Counselor Website](#) to view a link for Alabama Colleges Admissions and Scholarship links. There is a PDF form and an Excel form.

★ Seniors 2023: Scholarships

There are various scholarships available for students. These are institution scholarships, local and state scholarships, and national scholarships.

Institution Scholarships: These are scholarships that can be found on the college's scholarship webpage. Some colleges automatically consider students for scholarships when they apply. Some colleges require a separate application. Be organized to keep up with the deadlines. If you miss it, YOU MISS IT!

You can also:

- Check to see if the department/program of study (i.e. engineering, education, criminal justice, nursing) offers specific scholarships.
- Ask your college recruiter because they may know of additional scholarships.
- Make sure to apply for the FAFSA early-many colleges require the FAFSA to award scholarships.

Local/State Scholarships: These scholarships may be specific to Walker County, Central Alabama, or open to students residing in the state of Alabama. Any local/state scholarships are posted (click for link):

On the [Cordova Counselor Facebook Page](#)

On the [Cordova Counselor Webpage](#)

Sent to the Counselor's Senior Remind (@bigblue23)

National Scholarships: There are thousands available. You have to take the time to search through them. Click [HERE](#) to see a list of websites.

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Letters of Recommendation

If you need a letter of recommendation for your college application or for a scholarship, Mrs. Lawson will gladly write one for you! You will need to complete this [form](#). Please know that you should always give the person two weeks notice before your deadline (this is etiquette). Remember, there are many students needing letters of recommendation and they do require time.



Transcripts

When you apply to college, they will require a transcript. This transcript will go to admissions. Sometimes, you may need to send an additional transcript for a scholarship. You also have to send a final transcript after graduation to where you will attend college. You will need to request this from Parchment.com. This service is free while you are a student at Cordova High School. If you are seeing a charge, please see Mrs. Lawson. She can help you.



Graduation Requirements

Students must earn at least 24 credits in order to graduate. Specific course requirements can be found by clicking [HERE](#).



College and Career Ready (CCRI)

Our goal is for every student to earn a College and Career Readiness Indicator (CCRI) before they graduate. Click [HERE](#) to learn how you can become college and career ready.



Skilled Trades

What if a four year college just isn't right for me?

Do you like working with your hands? Interested in earning money right out of high school while building toward a gainful, high demand career? Learn a trade and build a career! If you don't think a 4 year college is right for you and interests, look at the following links for more information about skilled trades! You can build a career by apprenticeship, programs of study at local community colleges, Alabama's Ready to Work Program, and Workforce Training Programs. Many two year colleges have scholarships that will help pay tuition! Reach out to any two year college of your choice for more information. Also, if you are taking classes at WCCT, they will help you prepare for the next step after high school as well. Reach out to those teachers and your WCCT counselor, Mrs. Freeman, for more information and assistance!

[People Ready Skilled Trades](#)

[EXPLORING.org](#)

[Skilled Trades of West Alabama](#)

[Go Build Alabama](#)

[Vocational/Trade Schools in Alabama](#)

