

Graduation Requirements

- 4 years of English
- 2 years of U.S. History
- 1 year of World History
- 3 years of Math
- 3 years of Science
- 1 year of World Language
 - Most colleges require 2 years
- 1 year of Health & Physical Education for each year of attendance
- 2 years of Art
 - Practical, Visual, & performing Arts
- 1 year Career Education, Consumer, Family, and Life Skills
- Earn a total of 120 credits
- Pass both sections of the HSPA

Graduation Requirements II

- Academics (TCB)
- HSPA
- Attendance
- Obligations
- Discipline



Five Characteristics for Success

- ⊕ Serious
- ⊕ Focused
- ⊕ Diligent
- ⊕ Disciplined
- ⊕ Resilient



Muhammad Ali vs. Sonny Liston

25th May 1965 ♦

First Minute, First Round

“Champions are made from something; they have deep inside them a desire, a dream, a vision. They have to have last-minute stamina, they have to be a little faster, they have to have the skill and the will but the will must be stronger than the skill.” Muhammad Ali



Important Documents

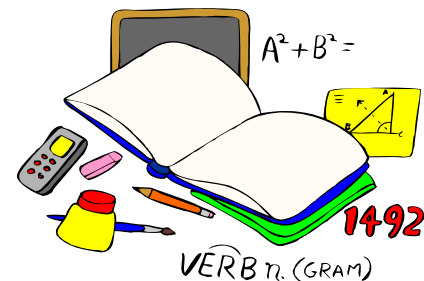
- Diploma Form
 - ◆ Official birth name
 - ◆ No nicknames
 - ◆ Please print clearly
 - ◆ Check for spelling
- Release of Record Form

A parent signature is required if under 18 years of age. Gives permission to release academic records.



College / Scholarship Application Process

- Secure applications from colleges; online / traditional
- Organize deadlines
- Gather application fees
- Request letters of recommendation – NOW!
- Create resume – NOW!
- Compose essays
- Schedule appointment with counselor
- Official transcript must be included with all applications



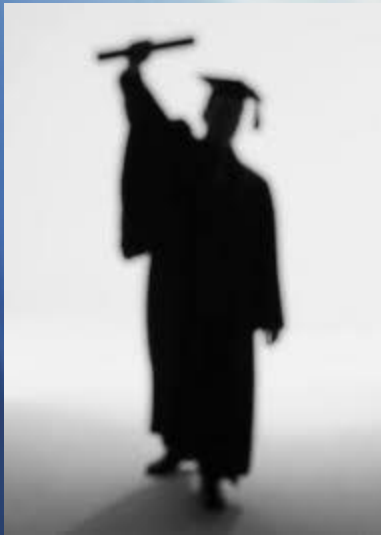
Letters of Recommendations

- Request letters of recommendations from your teachers, coaches, counselors, and/or employers
- Submit student profile
- Double check application instructions
- Request two weeks in advance
- Follow up with a reminder
- Make sure letters are signed



Resume

- This document will give your prospective admission office or employer an idea of who you are.
- Sample subjects include:
 - ☐ Education
 - ☐ Activities
 - ☐ Sports
 - ☐ Clubs
 - ☐ Employment
 - ☐ Community Service
 - ☐ Awards & Achievements





Athletes

- You should be aware of the NCAA Clearinghouse requirements.
- Refer to page 13 in the Course Description book for more information.
- www.ncaaclearinghouse.net



Test Reminders

- SAT Reasoning Test
 - www.collegeboard.com
- SAT Subject Test
 - www.collegeboard.com
- ACT
 - www.actstudent.org
- ASVAB
 - Consult with your guidance counselor

ACCC Jump Start Program

- ACCC College admissions officers will come to PHS on several occasions to meet with potential students.
- Applications are due in January.



Complete at least
one college
application by
Thanksgiving.

Scholarship Opportunities

- Monthly opportunities
 - October through May (Please speak with your guidance counselor)
- Finding money for college
 - Visit the school's website for scholarship opportunities
- Do not let FREE money pass you by.

Need Extra Help??

- PHS After-School tutoring will be available
- NHS Tutoring
- Online SAT Test Prep
 - www.number2.com
 - www.4tests.com
- Khan Academy (FREE Computerized tutorial program)

Attendance

- Credit Status
 - ◆ Up to 8 unexcused absences
 - ◆ Excuses: Medical, Funeral, Court, School-sponsored trips, Driver's Test, Testing, and College Visits
- No Credit Status
 - ◆ 9 or more unexcused absences
- Late to school
 - ◆ Sign in before 9:30 AM in the Parent's Liaison's Office



No Credit Status

- **Must repeat the year**
- **Attendance Appeals**
 - Letter to the Attendance Appeal Committee
 - Include documentation
 - Due to Assistant Principal in April

Credit Completion

- Appeal not submitted
- Appeal not granted
- Will start day after the last day of school and run through June 30
- More information will be forthcoming

Sign Out Procedures

- Full day 12:30 PM
- Parent / Guardian authorization
 - Phone call to the office and written note
 - Parent or designee must come into the office and sign the book
 - Consequences for not signing out properly

PHS Code of Conduct

- *Adhere to all rules and regulations*
 - *Read your Student Handbook*
 - *The Student Handbook will be on the school's website.*
- *Do not do anything that would jeopardize your participation in upcoming activities.*

Dress Code

- **No hats, coats, scarves, headbands, wave caps, doo rags, bandanna, and/or jackets**
- **Slacks, skirts, shorts – color black only**
- **Tops / shirts – color maroon only**
- **Sweater – maroon only – cardigans or pullovers**
- **Footwear – color – BLACK ONLY: soles must not mark the floors**
- **Note: Failure to comply with the dress code will result in disciplinary action as per the PHS discipline code.**

Electronic Equipment

Make sure you read and adhere
to the revised AUP Policy
dealing with Personal Electronic
Devices (PEDs)

ID Badges

Required for the following items:

- Library
- Lunch
- Bus
- Late sign in/early sign out
- Main Office



SCHOOL WEBSITE

<http://www.pps-nj.us>

- School News/Calendar of Events
- Teacher/Course information
- Communication
- Scholarship Information
- Testing Information
- Student Handbook
- Can view this Power Point on school website



Pleasantville High School



Teach, challenge, support, and prepare every student...!

Questions?

