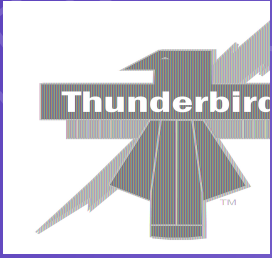


Senior Year 24-25

What do I do Next?





Stay up to Date!



Ways to stay up to date on important reminders or information throughout the year:

- **School Newsletter each month**
- **Emails from West.Counseling@bpsne.net or kathie.britten@bpsne.net**
- **Follow us on X**
 - **@BWCounseling**
 - **@TbirdEMPIRE**
- **Instagram: [west.counseling](https://www.instagram.com/west.counseling)**
- **Bellevue West
webpage—<https://www.bellevuepublicschools.org/Domain/27#calendar642/20220822/month>**



Selective Service Information

- Males who turn 18 years of age are required by law to register with the Selective Service System.
- Registering keeps them eligible for Federal Student Loan Programs, Grants, and Jobs.
- Males can register online, at a post office, by mail, when applying for Financial Aid, or in Bellevue West's Career Center. Here is the link: [Register | Selective Service System](#)

Senior Pictures/Yearbook



- ❖ Senior pictures are due for the Yearbook by Friday, December 20th no later than 1:00pm
- ❖ Specifications:
 - Vertical, front-facing, digital or print
 - No watermarks on photo, background not distracting
- ❖ Dedication Pages are due by Friday, December 20th no later than 1:00pm
- ❖ Picture Day at Bellevue West: Thursday, September 5th
FREE-Can be used for senior photo in yearbook;
- ❖ Yearbook Advisor: Mr. Stueve
 - aaron.stueve@bpsne.net



Graduation Cap & Gown

○ School Traditions: Packets will be given out in English classes end of August

- Cap & Gown (Cost: Responsibility of student—about \$60. Order online at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) beginning September 3rd. Fall deadline to order at current pricing October 21st)
- Graduation Announcements available at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) (for parents/students who wish to purchase)
- Class Rings/Jackets available at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) (for students who wish to purchase)

Senior Events

- Senior Panoramic Photo
 - October 2nd @ 9am
- Seniors Last Day/Graduation Practice
 - May 15th (morning)
- Senior Picnic and Checkout
 - May 15th (morning)
- Senior Honors Night
 - May 20th, 7:00 p.m. in the South Gym
- Baccalaureate (Bellevue West & Bellevue East)
 - May 22nd, 7:00 p.m. Bellevue Christian Center
- Graduation
 - May 24th, 9:30 a.m. in the South Gym





Tips for a Successful Senior Year

- ◎ Monitor Grades/Attendance using the Parent Portal
 - Students need to attend school to be successful
 - Students who do not complete all graduation requirements are not allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- ◎ Read the School Newsletter (monthly) & email updates (weekly)
- ◎ Encourage students to complete applications early & meet deadlines in a timely manner
- ◎ Communicate with the School Counselor

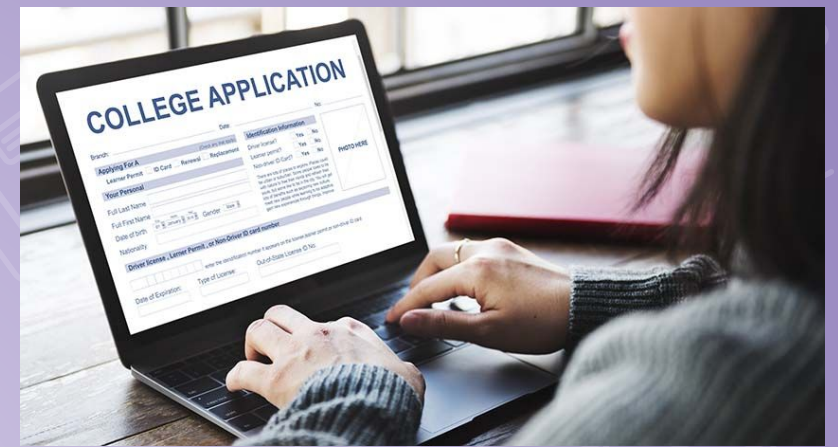
Metro CollegeNOW!

- Free tuition for high school students wanting to take college classes through the 24-25 school year.
- Contact Alyssa Wiese via email: awiese@mccneb.edu or phone at 531-622-2343. You can also call 531-622-2400 to speak with a Metro Advisor or set up an appointment.
- For more information, go to <https://www.mccneb.edu/Prospective-Students/Start-Here/Enrollment-FAQ/Secondary-Partnerships/College-Now>



Applying for College

- Apply on the college's website.
 - Usually under their Admissions' link
 - Transcripts, application fee, test scores and supplemental materials may be required.
 - Application fee may be waived for students on Free/Reduced lunch. Students should contact their counselor.
- Apply early to make sure all documents are received by the school's application deadline.





**UNL/UNO/UNK Fee Waiver:
Enter “HUSKER” for free application
from August 1st–November 1st.**

**Free applications:
University of Nebraska–Omaha
Metro Community College
Creighton University**



ADMISSIONS

Join a community that believes in academic excellence through a curriculum that is relevant to the real world. All of UNO's colleges offer unique opportunities in research and hands-on experiences that are critical to gaining an edge in a competitive global marketplace.

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Bellevue West Apply2College Days

- Seniors can come to Career Center for assistance completing college applications:
 - October 1st—University of Nebraska Schools
 - October 2nd—State Colleges
 - October 3rd—Community Colleges
 - Seniors will sign up using a Google Form link (the link will be available in Schoology)





Sending Transcripts/ACT Scores to a College

- A transcript release must be submitted by parent/guardian (or student if 18 years of age)
 - Students can request transcripts be sent out to colleges/scholarships.
 - Students/parents can request a copy of transcript for college, scholarships, insurance.
 - Electronic release form will be made available on the school's website, and sent in an email to parents in August.
- *Note: Some schools do not require an initial transcript but instead require students to self-report: e.g. UNL, UNO, UNK*

Google form

Transcript Release

Paper form



Transcript Release Form for the 2024-25 School Year

I, hereby, as the student, parent/guardian of a student under 18 years of age or an eligible student (a student, or former student, 18 years of age or older or enrolled in a post-secondary education institution), freely give my consent to Bellevue West High School, 1501 Thurston Ave, Bellevue, NE 68123 for release of the information below that is identified by a mark in the appropriate box.

kathie.britten@bpsne.net [Switch account](#)



* Indicates required question

Email *

Your email

First Name of Student *

Your answer

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Student records information will be released only when the request for such information is accompanied by a written consent of the parents/guardians of students under 18 years of age or eligible students.

Individuals, agencies or institutions are reminded that they cannot subsequently release any of the student records information without a written consent from the parent/guardian of a student under 18 years of age or an eligible student (18 years of age or older or enrolled in a post-secondary educational institution).

I, hereby, as the student, parent/guardian of a student under 18 years of age or an eligible student (a student, or former student, 18 years of age or older or enrolled in a post-secondary educational institution), freely give my consent to:

Bellevue West High School

(name and address of forwarding individual, agency, or institution)

for release of the information below that is identified by an "X" in the appropriate box. Signify denial of consent in the same manner.

Type of Information to be Released

CONSENT GRANTED CONSENT DENIED

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Official permanent record (Parent's Name & Address, Student's Name, Birthdate, Grade Level, Academic and/or Vocational work completed, Transcript of courses taken and Grades received, Attendance Data)

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Test Scores - Standardized Achievement, Aptitude, Ability, and other such tests.

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Personality and Interest inventories.

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Observations, ratings, information and records gathered by certified staff.

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Health Data (includes hearing/vision reports).

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Psychological evaluations.

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I.Q. Test results.

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Special Education Information (Includes IEP's, MDT's, Progress Reports, etc.)

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Email

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Other data (specify): **AP Scores**

on

(student's full name)

Maiden name (if applicable)

to

ANY REQUESTING COLLEGE OR SCHOLARSHIP AGENCY

(name and address of receiving individual, agency, or institution)

Please specify the reason for the release of the records specified above.

I (do/do not) wish to be provided a copy of the records specified above. I understand that if I do wish to be provided a copy of the records specified above, it will be at my expense.

Date

Signature of Student, Parent/Guardian or Eligible Student

Phone

Address

Year graduated or last year attended

School graduated from or attended

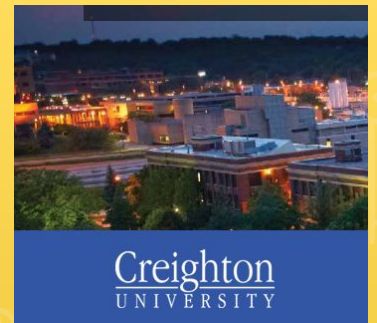
Requesting a Transcript

- Students will request their transcripts online via Nebraska Career Connections. Step by step instructions for requesting a transcript will be emailed to all senior students and will be discussed during the Senior Presentation later this month.



Transcript
Request

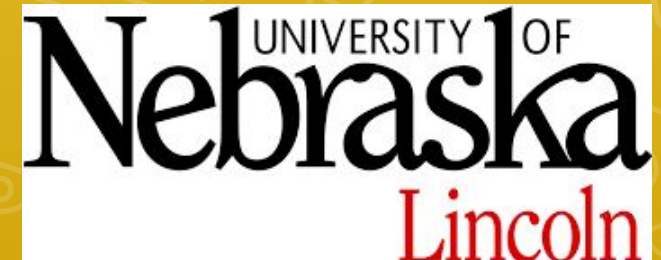
Upcoming College Visits



- College visits will be advertised via the monthly school newsletter, social media, Bellevue West website and daily announcements.
- Students will sign up to visit with a college admissions representative on the Bellevue West website or Schoology.
- September 17th: No school for seniors
 - Great day for college visits



METROPOLITAN
Community College





College Admissions Tests

- **2-Year/Community College (Metro)**

- Accuplacer Test—Placement Test, Free, (Test is taken at Metro Testing Center—testing is available daily)
- IWCC—No placement test required

- **4-Year Colleges**

- ACT Test: Offered in Sept., Oct., Dec., Feb., April, June, & July. \$69 for Basic--\$94 Basic + Writing (register at actstudent.org)
- SAT Test: Offered in Aug., Oct., Nov., Dec., Mar., May, & June. \$68 for Basic (register at www.collegeboard.org)
- **Fee waivers are available for the ACT and SAT for students who are on free/reduced lunch. Students should see a counselor for a form if they qualify.

Note:

- Most colleges will not accept ACT scores sent from Bellevue West. (UNL, UNO, UNK & the NCAA—scores must be sent directly from ACT)
 - When students sign up for the ACT test, they can list 4 colleges that receive the scores for free.
 - Students can go on to www.actstudent.org to request scores be sent (if ACT was already taken--\$19 per report).

www.act.org



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ACT: Our Only Measure of Success is
Yours

Equity in Action →



www.collegeboard.org



 CollegeBoard

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College Starts Here

Sign in for personalized recommendations and access to your PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, and AP scores and more.

Sign In

Create Account

ASVAB

- ASVAB Test: November 6th. For students planning to go into the military.
- Can also be used to identify strengths and narrow down career options.
- Free
- Sign up in the College and Career Center.

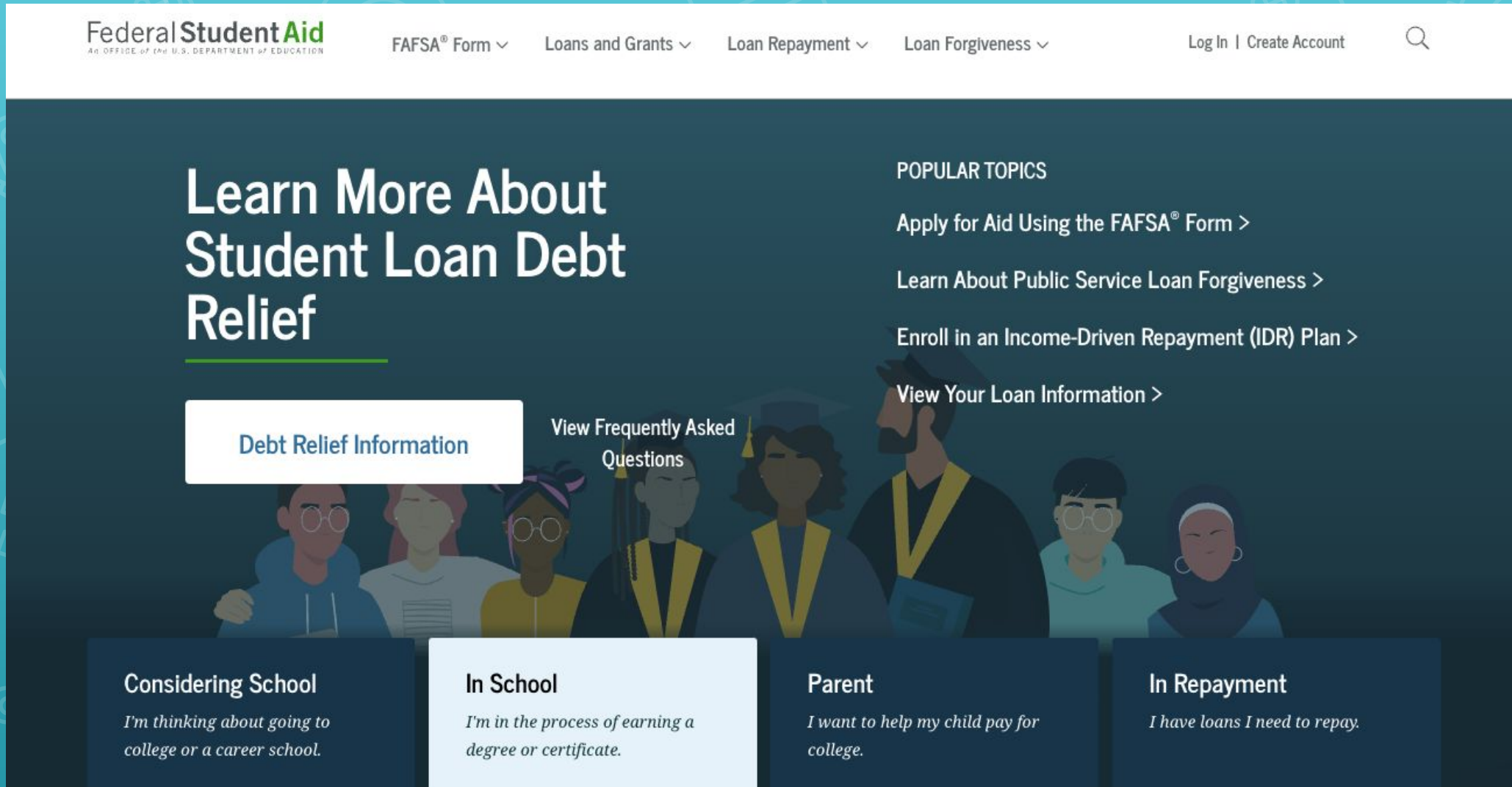


Completing the FAFSA

- **New Graduation requirement starting with the Class of 2025!!**
 - **Opt out option and process**
- Families can apply for financial aid using the FAFSA form beginning likely December 1st.
(2023 tax information will be used for this year's senior class)
- Parents and students need to apply for a FSA ID that will be used as their electronic signature for when they file their FAFSA form. We suggest you obtain an FSA ID before beginning the FAFSA form due to 3 day wait period.
- Go to <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing> to create your FSA ID account.
- Financial Aid Presentation by EducationQuest Foundation: TBD

FAFSA Website

Note: Please make sure you are going to studentaid.gov



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Learn More About Student Loan Debt Relief

Debt Relief Information

View Frequently Asked Questions

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- [View Your Loan Information >](#)

Considering School

I'm thinking about going to college or a career school.

In School

I'm in the process of earning a degree or certificate.

Parent

I want to help my child pay for college.

In Repayment

I have loans I need to repay.

Applying for Scholarships

- Bellevue West Scholarship Coordinator
- Kathie Britten
 - Kathie.britten@bpsne.net
- Scholarships are available based on academics, need, activities, volunteering, leadership, company affiliations
- Sources: Colleges, Businesses, Community
- Reminders & new scholarships emailed to seniors each month
- View a monthly scholarship list and multiple scholarship search websites on our website under Scholarships



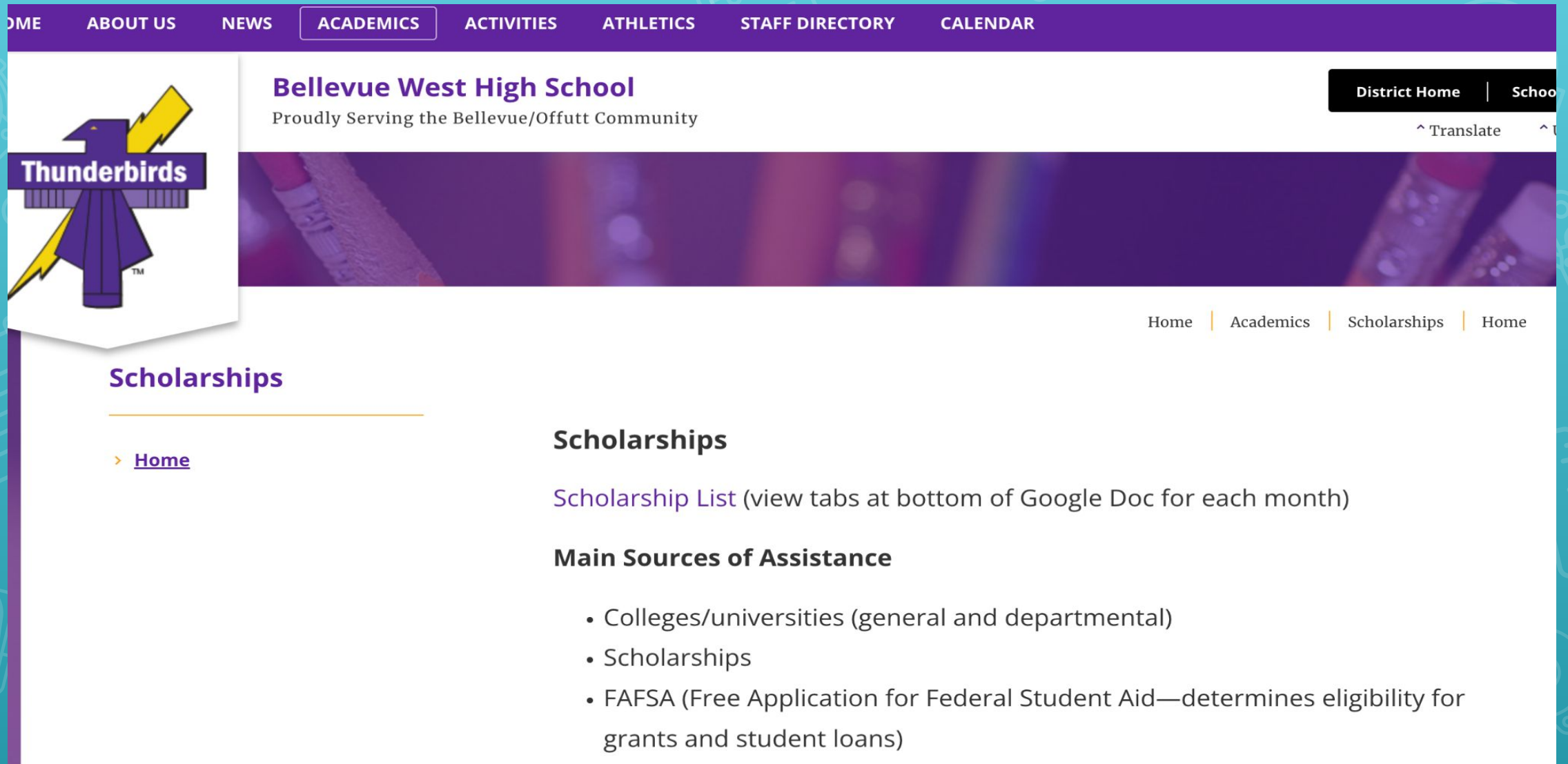
Welcome to School Year 2017-2018

Scholarships (continued):



- ACE Scholarship—for students who are Free/Reduced applying for dual enrollment
- Bellevue Comprehensive Scholarships—local scholarships for Bellevue West students only—available in October and due in December
- Requesting transcripts and supplemental material for scholarships
 - Students complete a request via Google Form. Link will be emailed to Seniors in late August
 - The link will also be available in Schoology

Bellevue West>Academics>Scholarships



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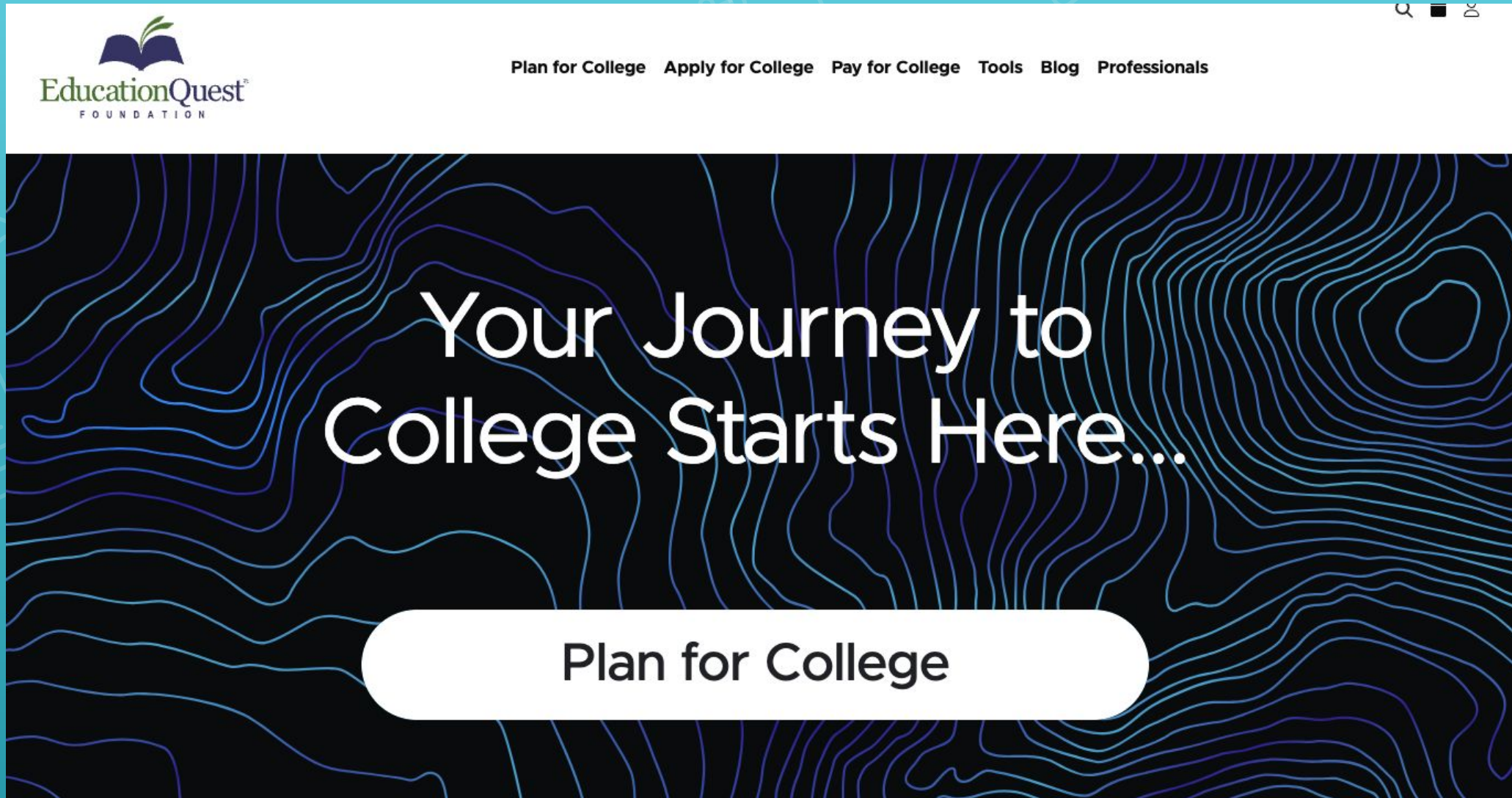
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Assistance with the College Process


- ◎ School Counselor
- ◎ EducationQuest Foundation
 - Rockbrook Village, Omaha
 - All services are FREE
 - Assistance filling out Financial Aid forms
 - www.educationquest.org




Assistance with the College Process




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Senior Parent Presentation

Click below for the Senior Year "What do I do next" presentation.

[Senior Year "What do I do next"](#)

Transcript Release Link

Please click the link below to complete the release form to allow Bellevue West to send transcripts to colleges, scholarships, for financial aid or insurance. One required per senior.

Counseling Office

Contact Information

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