

Senior Year: What do I do Next?



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Standardized Test Dates

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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, Jobs, and Citizenship.
- 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 December 21st.
- ❖ Specifications:
 - Vertical, front-facing, head & shoulder shot
 - Eyes looking at the camera
- ❖ Dedication Pages are due by December 21st.
- ❖ Senior Panoramic Photo will be Monday October 3rd @ 9am
- ❖ Picture Day at Bellevue West is September 9th. FREE—Can be used for senior photo in yearbook
- ❖ Yearbook Advisor: Mr. Stueve
 - Bw.yearbook@gmail.com or aaron.stueve@bpsne.net



Graduation Cap & Gown

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

■ **Cap & Gown can be ordered at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com)**

Cost: approx. \$50. Required to participate in ceremony)

■ **Graduation Announcements available at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com)**

(Optional. For parents/students who wish to purchase. Can order from different company or make own)

■ **Class Rings available at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) (for students who wish to purchase one)**

Senior Events



- Senior Assembly/Graduation Practice
 - May 17th
- Senior Picnic and Checkout
 - May 17th
- Senior Honors Night
 - May 23rd, 7:00 p.m. in the South Gym
- Baccalaureate (Bellevue West & Bellevue East)
 - May 25th, 7:00 p.m. Bellevue Christian Center
- Graduation
 - May 27th, 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 for 22-23 to 24-25 school years .
- 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>

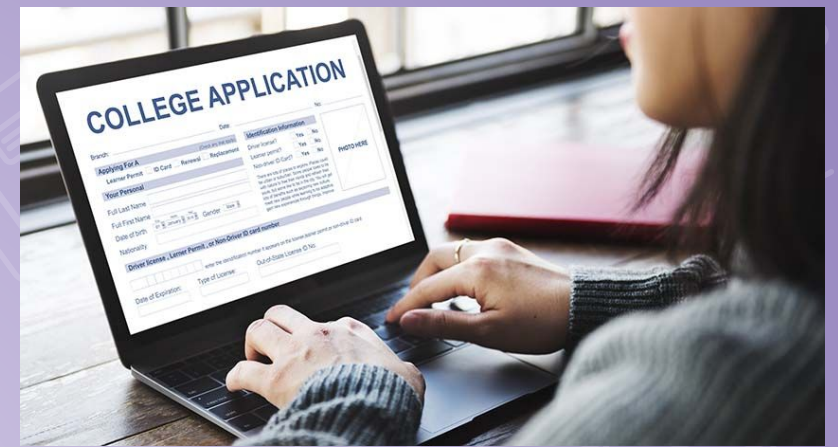


Dual Enrollment

- Advantages of Dual Enrollment
 - College credit while in High School.
 - Cheaper
- What if my student isn't doing well in the Dual Enrollment class?
 - Option to withdraw from the college side of the course.
 - Metro Withdraw dates: Dec. 1 for 1st sem. courses
May 1st for 2nd sem. or year courses.
 - UNO Withdraw dates: Nov. 1st for 1st sem. courses
March 31 for 2nd sem courses
March 3rd for year long courses

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.**





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Bellevue West Apply2College Days

- Seniors can come to Career Center for assistance completing college applications.
- September 27th—University of Nebraska Schools
- September 28th—State Colleges
- September 29th—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 to colleges/scholarships.
 - Students/parents can request a copy of transcript for college, scholarships, insurance.
 - Release form is available in Counseling, on the school's website, and 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 2022-23 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](#)

* Required

Email *

Your email



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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)

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

Personality and Interest inventories.

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

Health Data (includes hearing/vision reports).

Psychological evaluations.

I.Q. Test results.

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

Email

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 Xello. Step by step instructions for requesting a transcript has been emailed to all senior students and will be discussed in English class later this month. The instructions can also be found in schoology.

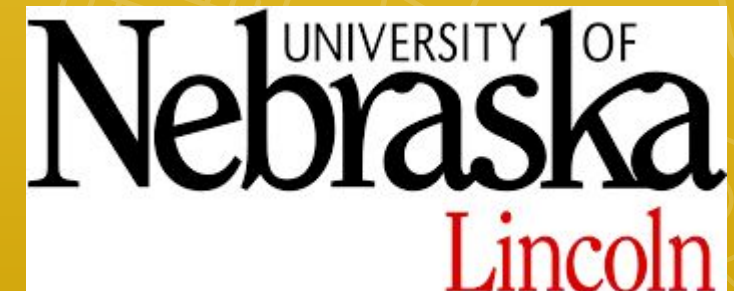


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Upcoming College Visits



- College visits will be advertised via the monthly school newsletter, twitter, Bellevue West website and daily announcements.
- Students will sign up to visit with a college admissions' counselor on the Bellevue West website or Schoology.
- October 12: No school for seniors
 - Great day for college visits





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. \$63 for Basic--\$88 Basic + Writing (register at actstudent.org)
- SAT Test: Offered in Aug., Oct., Nov., Dec., Mar., May, & June. \$60 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:

- Not all colleges will 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--\$16 per report).

www.act.org



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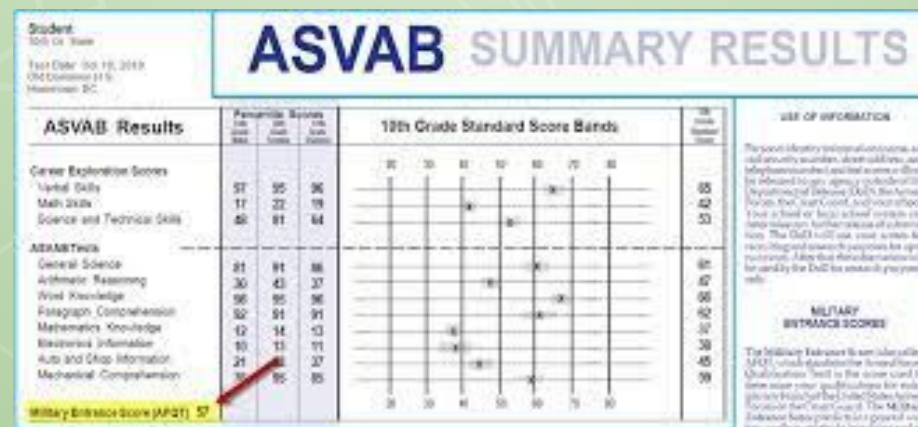
Sign in for personalized recommendations and access to your PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, and AP scores and more.

Sign In

[Create Account](#)

ASVAB

- ASVAB Test: November 9. 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.



Applying for Financial Aid

- Families can apply for financial aid using the FAFSA form after October 1st of their senior year (2021 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.
- Links for FSAID and FAFSA on Bellevue West website under Academics.
 - Complete the College Funding Estimator through EducationQuest to estimate Financial Aid using prior year tax information.
- Financial Aid Presentation by EducationQuest Foundation: TBD

Create an Account (FSA ID)



Parents



Students



Borrowers

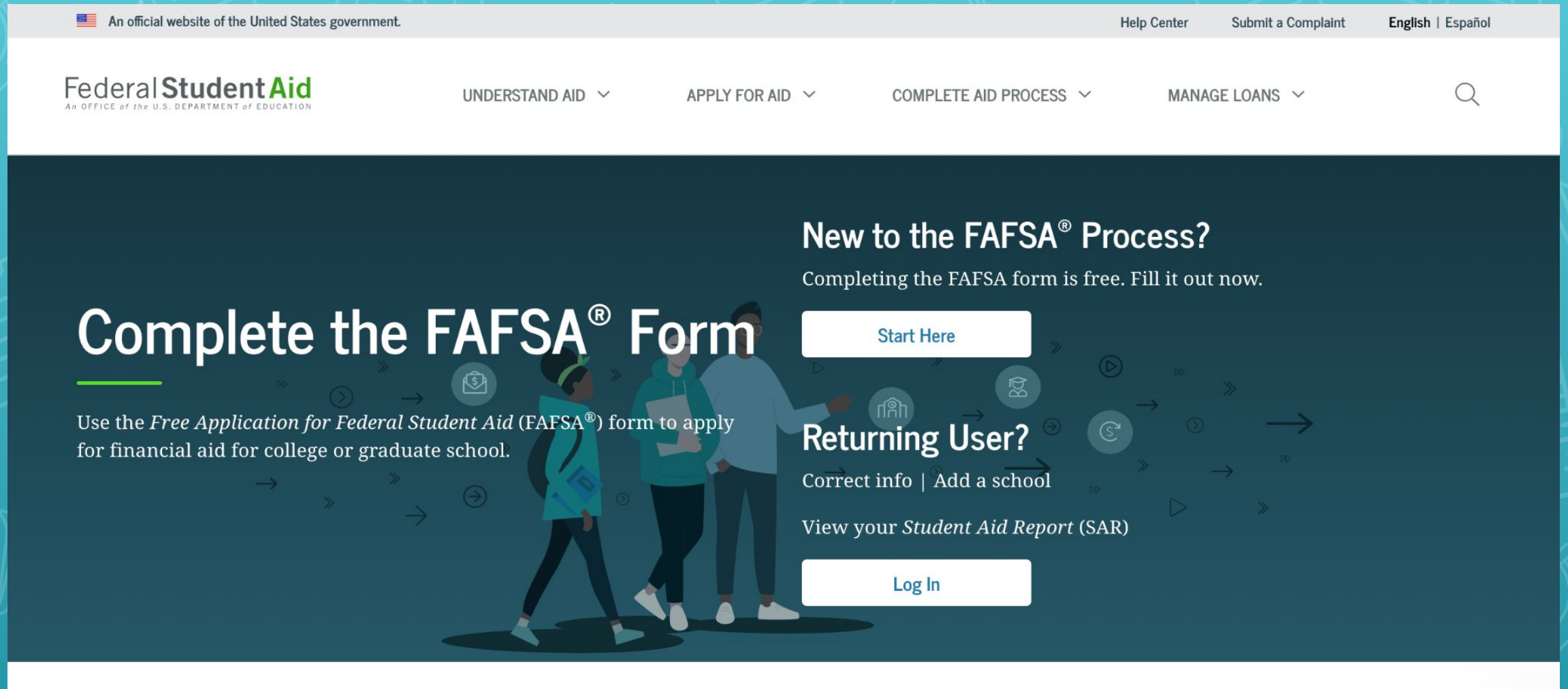
Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to complete federal student aid tasks.

What You Can Use Your Account For

- Filling out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form

FAFSA Website

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



The screenshot shows the FAFSA website homepage. At the top, a grey bar contains the text "An official website of the United States government." on the left, and "Help Center", "Submit a Complaint", and "English | Español" on the right. Below this is a white navigation bar with the "Federal Student Aid" logo on the left, followed by four menu items: "UNDERSTAND AID", "APPLY FOR AID", "COMPLETE AID PROCESS", and "MANAGE LOANS", each with a dropdown arrow. A search icon is on the far right. The main content area has a dark teal background. On the left, the text "Complete the FAFSA® Form" is displayed in large white font, with a green underline under "Complete". Below it, a paragraph states: "Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school." To the right of this text is an illustration of three diverse students walking. On the right side of the main area, the text "New to the FAFSA® Process?" is shown in white, followed by "Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now." and a white button labeled "Start Here". Below this, the text "Returning User?" is shown, followed by "Correct info | Add a school" and "View your *Student Aid Report* (SAR)", and a white button labeled "Log In".

An official website of the United States government.

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Applying for Scholarships

- Bellevue West Scholarship Coordinator
- Kathie Britten
 - Kathie.britten@bpsne.net
- Scholarships based on academics, need, activities, volunteering, leadership
- Sources: Colleges, Businesses, Community
- Reminders/new scholarships emailed to seniors each month
- View a monthly scholarship list on our website
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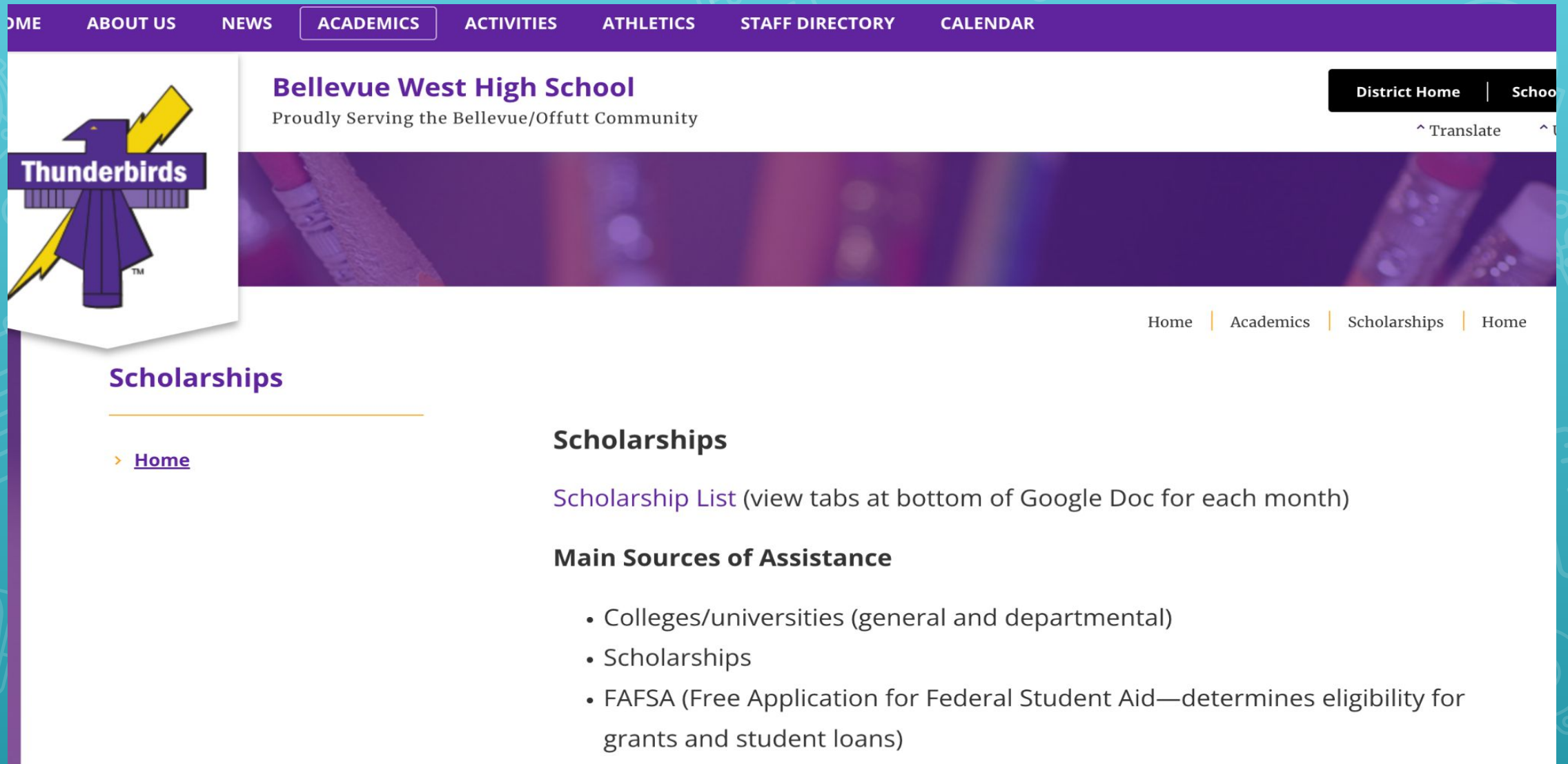


Scholarships (continued):

- Requesting transcripts and supplemental material for scholarships
 - Students complete a request via Google Form. The link can be found in Schoology/Instructional Roster
 - Link emailed to Seniors in early August



Bellevue West>Academics>Scholarships



The screenshot shows the website for Bellevue West High School. The top navigation bar is purple with white text for 'HOME', 'ABOUT US', 'NEWS', 'ACADEMICS' (highlighted), 'ACTIVITIES', 'ATHLETICS', 'STAFF DIRECTORY', and 'CALENDAR'. Below this, the school's name 'Bellevue West High School' is displayed in purple, with the tagline 'Proudly Serving the Bellevue/Offutt Community' underneath. To the left is the Thunderbirds logo, featuring a stylized purple and yellow bird with the word 'Thunderbirds' in white on a purple banner. On the right, there are links for 'District Home' and 'School Home', and a 'Translate' button. A secondary navigation bar below the header contains links for 'Home', 'Academics', 'Scholarships', and 'Home' again. The main content area has a purple header with the word 'Scholarships' in white. Below this, there is a link '> Home'. The section is titled 'Scholarships' in bold black text. Underneath, a link 'Scholarship List' is followed by the text '(view tabs at bottom of Google Doc for each month)'. A section titled 'Main Sources of Assistance' in bold black text contains a bulleted list: 'Colleges/universities (general and departmental)', 'Scholarships', and 'FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid—determines eligibility for grants and student loans)'.

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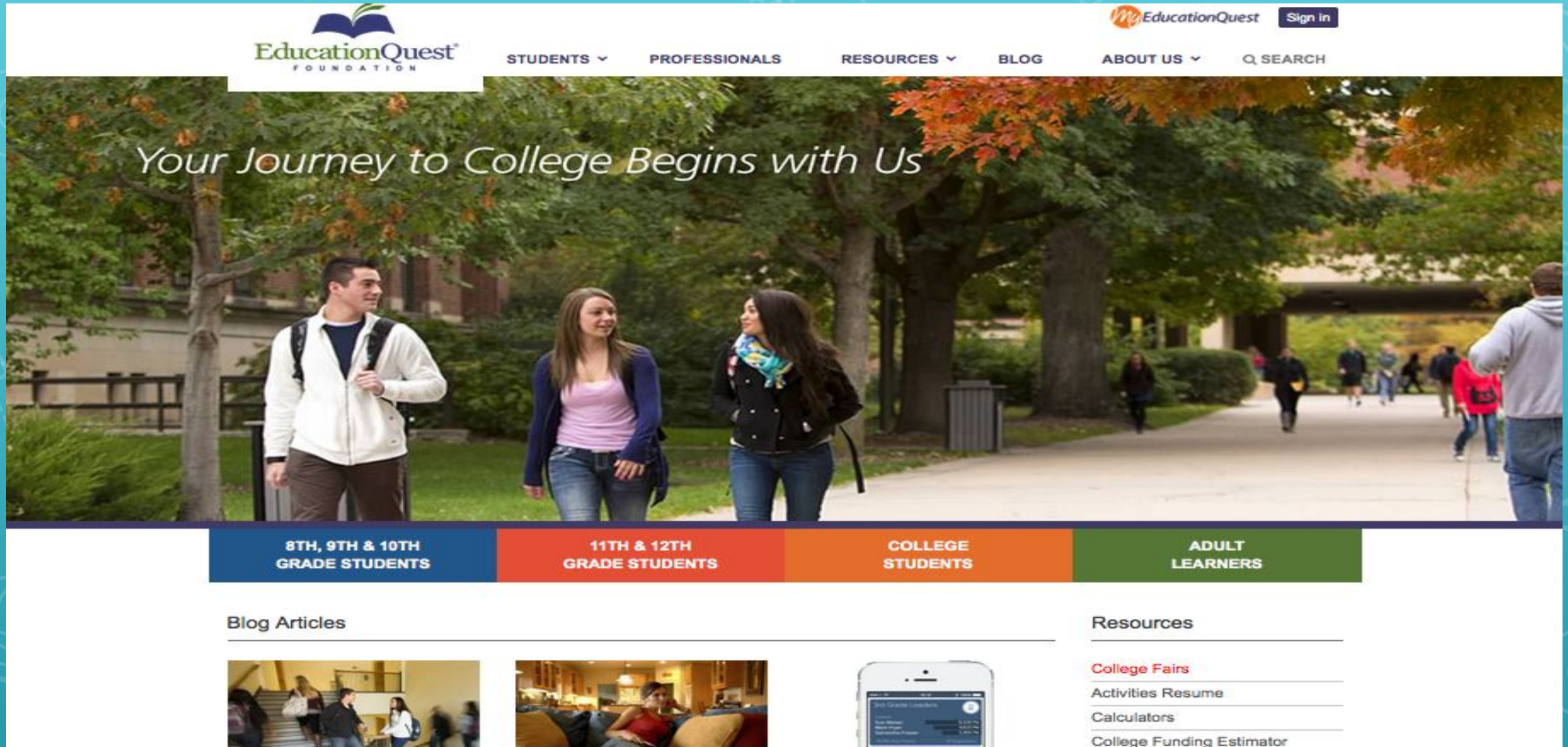
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Assistance with the College Process

- ◎ 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



The screenshot shows the EducationQuest Foundation website. The header includes the logo, navigation links for Students, Professionals, Resources, Blog, About Us, and a Search bar, along with a 'Sign In' button. The main banner features a photo of three students walking on a campus path with the text 'Your Journey to College Begins with Us'. Below the banner is a navigation bar with four categories: 8th, 9th & 10th Grade Students, 11th & 12th Grade Students, College Students, and Adult Learners. The page is divided into two columns: 'Blog Articles' on the left and 'Resources' on the right. The Blog Articles section shows three article thumbnails, and the Resources section lists several tools and guides.

EducationQuest
FOUNDATION

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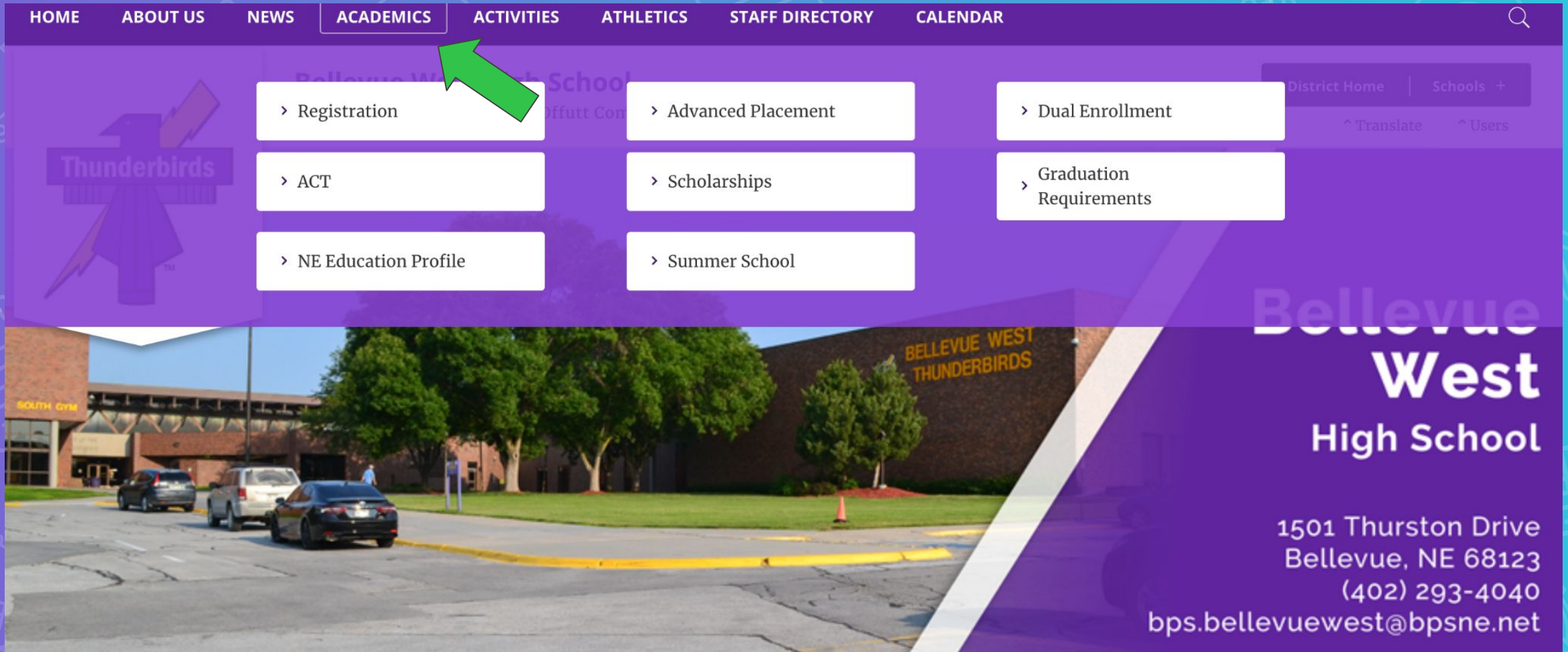
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Blog Articles

Resources


- College Fairs
- Activities Resume
- Calculators
- College Funding Estimator

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NCAA Eligibility Center/NAIA

- NCAA: For students planning to play sports at a Division I or Division II school.
 - Students must register with the NCAA
 - Cost is \$90 (fee waivers available for students who used fee waivers on SAT/ACT tests)
 - Website: www.eligibilitycenter.org
- NAIA: For students planning to play sports at a NAIA school
 - Students must register with the NAIA
 - www.playnaia.org
 - Cost is \$90 (Fee waivers are available)

NCAA Eligibility Center

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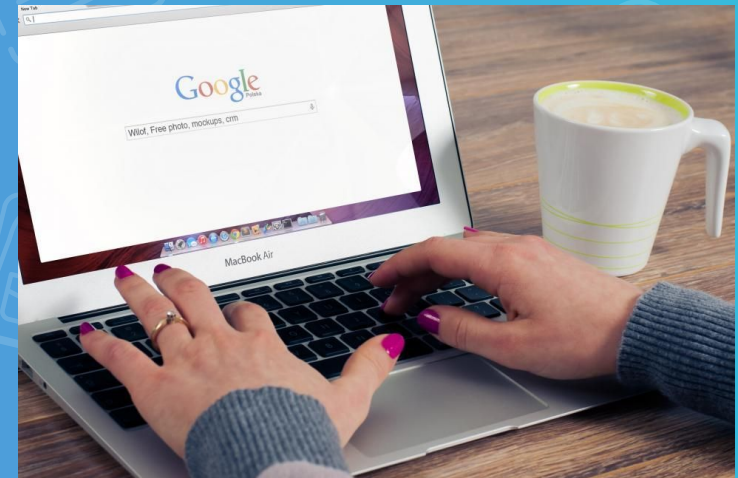
WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?

Creating an account is the first step to becoming an NCAA student-athlete

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REGISTER

Bellevue West Website

- www.bellevuepublicschools.org
- >Schools>scroll down to Bellevue West
- Information will be under the Academics tab at the top.
- Click on College Preparation for links to important sites(work in progress).



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