

Class of 2026 - Senior Info Day



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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 24 specific credits including senior English, senior math and Personal Finance
 - To attend prom, all required credits that were previously failed must be recovered by Friday March 6, 2026.
 - To participate in graduation, **ALL** credit recovery is due by Friday May 8th, 2026.
 - If a senior fails a required class during the 2nd semester of his or her senior year, they will **not** be able to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- Postsecondary Ready
- Completion of required SchoolLinks tasks (facilitated through Charger Connect meetings)
- Pass Civics Exam

******To participate in our graduation activities, students must meet the above requirements, have less than 9 unexcused absences AND have zero behavior violations of the “big three” - drugs, fighting and/or weapons. This includes Prom, Senior Dance, walking the line at graduation, etc.******

Additionally, if a senior meets the requirements AND wants to walk the line at graduation, attendance at our graduation practice is mandatory. Please do not plan anything for the final three days of the school year.

POSTSECONDARY READINESS

- Seniors must become postsecondary ready in order to receive their diploma.
- Postsecondary readiness is measured by meeting ONE of the following options:
 - Meeting or exceeding at least one benchmark on the ACT
 - Current ACT benchmarks: English - 18, Math - 19, Reading - 20
 - Earning a grade of C or higher in one approved dual credit class (3 hours)
 - Scoring a 3 or higher on an AP exam
 - Be a concentrator in a career pathway and pass the EOP or Industry Certification

ACT

- Register online at www.actstudent.org
- For scholarship purposes, seniors should choose the September or October test dates.
- Upcoming test dates:
 - Saturday October 18, 2025
 - Saturday December 13, 2025
 - Saturday February 14, 2026
- ACT will send scores directly to the college or university
- Submit a request through www.actstudent.org account
- Four schools are free when registering to take the exam; a small fee is required if you submit the request after taking the exam.

TRANSITIONING TO POST SECONDARY LIFE

- September 9, 2025 - Senior Info Day
 - All seniors received a “Getting In” book from KHEAA. This is an excellent resource!
- September 9, 2025 - Senior Parent Night
 - 6pm in the BEHS Main Gym
- October 3, 2025 - KYACAC College Fair at BEHS
 - All seniors will attend this event during the school day

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS COUNSELORS ARE COMING TO BEHS

- Throughout the school year, this document will be updated with opportunities for current seniors to meet with admissions counselors from various colleges and universities. Students must sign up through the link provided and are responsible for any class work missed during this time.
 - <https://tinyurl.com/26BEVisits>

TRADE SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CAMPUS VISITS

- Seniors are encouraged to visit trade school, college and university campuses and should register for these visits through the college and university websites.
- Seniors are allowed three excused absences for campus visits.

TRANSCRIPTS

- All transcripts are sent via SchoolLinks
- SchoolLinks tracks data and makes sure your college gets your initial and final transcripts
- Directions to submit a transcript request - <https://tinyurl.com/26Transcripts>

SCHOLARSHIPS

- The biggest scholarships are typically offered by colleges and universities
 - Most deadlines fall between December and February
- All local scholarships will be shared here - <https://tinyurl.com/BEHSScholarships>

KEES MONEY

- Financial aid given by the state of Kentucky to all students based on GPA and ACT scores.
- Students have five years from high school graduation to use eight semesters of KEES money.
- KEES money cannot be used for summer classes.
- More information on page 28 of the Getting In book and at <https://tinyurl.com/KEESMoney>

FINANCIAL AID

- The FAFSA will open by October 1st, 2025 - www.fafsa.gov
- Steven Held is our very helpful KHEAA expert! You can reach him via email at sheld@kheaa.com
- Paying for College Event
 - A representative from KHEAA will be helping families understand options for paying for college, assist with navigating the FAFSA Website and more!
 - Thursday November 13th, 5:30pm-7:30pm, BEHS Library

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

- There are a variety of employers that pay a portion of the student's tuition (some may even pay all!) while also paying the student to work.
 - Amazon - <https://www.amazoncareerchoice.com/home>
 - Home Depot - <https://www.mythdhr.com/Benefits/Pages/TuitionReimbursement.aspx.html>
 - McDonalds - https://www.archwaystoopportunity.com/tuition_assistance.html
 - Starbucks - <https://www.starbucks.com/careers/working-at-starbucks/education>
 - T-Mobile - https://livemagenta.com/assets/pdf/Benefits_Education_Assistance_FAQs.pdf
 - UPS - <https://metro-college.com/>
 - Wal-Mart - https://walmart.guilleducation.com/partner?auth_redirect=true

WORK ETHIC CERTIFICATION

- Work Ethic is a partnership between BCPS and the Bullitt County Chamber of Commerce. Students who qualify are honored at graduation. The requirements are tracked by the school and students who qualify will be notified in May 2026.
- To qualify:
 - Attendance - no more than 2 unexcused absences
 - Behavior - zero behavior incidents
 - Grades - must have grades no lower than a C on every report card
 - Community Involvement - must participate in two of the following
 - School/Community/Team/Individual Sport
 - School/Community Extracurricular Activity
 - Completion of Work Based Learning Experience (co-op, etc.)
 - 10 hours of Community Service
 - Drug Free - must sign up for voluntary drug screening with no positive drug tests

SENIOR SHOUT OUT - WAYS TO BE CELEBRATED!

- We want to celebrate you and your next steps! Here are the three ways shoutouts happen:
 - General Senior Shoutout
 - You complete [THIS FORM](#).
 - We create a personalized shoutout to share.
 - Next STOP 🚦
 - Designed for students entering the workforce or a trade.
 - Data is pulled from the Charger Connect survey (8/29).
 - A counselor or Mrs. Bacon will follow up with you to confirm if you'd like to be featured.
 - "I'm In!" 🎓
 - A celebration of your college acceptance.
 - Data is pulled from SchoolLinks.
 - A counselor or Mrs. Bacon will follow up with you to confirm if you'd like to be featured.
- Every shoutout is shared on the BEHS Counseling Instagram and the school's Facebook page.

CAP & GOWNS, GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

- Ordered through Jostens
- Packages range from \$25.00 to \$100+
- Thursday September 25th at 8:25am
 - Senior Grad Products Ordering Info Meeting with Jostens
- Tuesday October 2nd from 9:30am-12:30pm
 - Jostens at BEHS to collect orders

PROM

- Save the Date - March 21st, 8pm-11pm
- More details to come!

GRADUATION

- The graduation date and venue will be set by the Board of Education at the end of March 2026.

PROJECT GRAD

- Project Grad is an alcohol-free, drug-free, all-night FUN event the night of graduation!
- Completely parent driven - we need your help!
- Volunteer time, resources, prizes, food, etc.
- Join "Parents of BEHS Class of 2026" group on Facebook
- Contact Heather Reynolds - heather.reynolds@bullitt.kyschools.us

SENIOR DUES

- Mandatory fee to help offset the costs associated with senior exclusive activities such as:
 - Class t-shirt (delivered October 2025)
 - Senior Sunrise (May 2026)
 - Senior Dance (May 2026)
 - Senior Picnic (May 2026)
 - Transportation to visit local Elementary and Middle Schools (May 2026)
 - This experience is for students enrolled at BEHS only
 - Certificates and awards
 - Supplies for Baccalaureate service
 - Supplies and lunch for graduation rehearsal days
 - Supplies for graduation ceremony
 - Other senior class spirit supplies
- Two Payment Options (pay on SchoolCashOnline)
 - Option 1 - \$68.00
 - Includes everything listed above
 - Option 2 - \$146.00
 - Includes everything listed above AND a 25-26 yearbook

BEHS VIRTUAL JOB BOARD

- Looking for a part time job for your senior year? Visit -
<https://tinyurl.com/BEHSVirtualJobBoard>

STAY CONNECTED

- BCPS Email Account
 - Please check your school email account regularly. We will communicate important information with you through this account.
- Follow us on Twitter/X
 - @BEHSSeniorClass
- Follow us on Instagram
 - @BEHSCounseling
- Class of 2025 Google Classroom
 - To join, use this class code: ha3ibb4
- Senior Class Tab on Counseling Website
 - <https://tinyurl.com/BESeniorWebsite>