



Black Horse Pike Regional High School's Commitment





Toolkit

Our High Schools are committed to ensuring that all of our students, regardless of the economic conditions in our geographic area, are provided with all necessary resources to succeed. We are also committed to ensuring that each student is able to fully participate in our schools' extracurricular activities regardless of economic status. Black Horse Pike Regional School District encourages all families that are eligible to apply for participation in the federal free and reduced lunch program. Participation in this program not only provides

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Accordingly, we have prepared this toolkit of resources that are available to our students and families:

Free and Reduced Lunch

Black Horse Pike Regional High School participates in the federal free and reduced lunch program. Families may apply for participation in this program <u>at any time</u> during the year if their economic status has changed. Program eligibility is based upon the current month's family income including unemployment benefits and severance. A family's income in the months prior to the date of unemployment is not considered. Below is a link to Black Horse Pike Regional High School's free and reduced lunch program application.

Free and Reduced Lunch Application

For a confidential appointment with a member of Black Horse Pike Regional High School's staff to discuss eligibility for free and reduced lunch, please contact Ms. Janet Glover at (856) 227-4106 x8006 or at iglover@bhprsd.org. You do not need an appointment in order to apply to this program. If you do not apply now and your circumstances change, please do not hesitate to apply at a later date.

Completed applications should be sent to the attention of your child's High School Vice-Principal. You may also send a signed and scanned copy of the application to Mrs. Janet Glover at jglover@bhprsd.org or drop-off a signed and completed application at the High School's Main Office.

Please be assured that there is no stigma to receiving free and reduced lunch. Once a student is approved, s/he will simply let the cashier know his/her student number when purchasing food or swipe their school identification card. Because we permit all students to pre-fund school lunch accounts, many students regardless of their payment status, purchase meals by this method.

College Testing

The SAT, ACT and other aptitude or achievement testing is often a prerequisite to applying for colleges and universities. The College Board (the sponsor of the SAT and SAT II tests) and the ACT have fee waivers available for those that meet certain guidelines, including receipt of free and reduced lunch. Below are links to information and applications for both SAT and ACT fee waivers.

SAT Fee

Waiver

http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-fee-

waivers **ACT Fee Waiver**

http://www.actstudent.org/faq/feewaiver.html

In addition, the College Board permits students who have received testing fee waivers, to send their SAT scores to up to four colleges/universities free of charge. This process is also explained via the link provided above for the SAT Fee Waiver.

College Applications

Almost every college and university permits students that meet certain eligibility requirements the ability to apply without payment of an application fee. These requirements are unique to each college and university. Information regarding college application fee waivers is also explained via the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) link below.

FAQ College Application Fee Waiver

https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/applying-101/college-application-fee-waivers

Apply to College for Free (*The College Board***)**

If you apply to more than one or two colleges – and you should! – the application fees can really add up. For eligible students, the College Board is providing four college application fee waivers. Many four-year and two-year colleges accept application waivers – <u>view a list of schools</u> that participate in the college application fee waiver process, or use our <u>online search tool</u>.

If you registered for the SAT with a fee waiver, then you're automatically eligible to receive the college application fee waivers. To learn more about college application fee waivers – details about eligibility requirements, how to use fee waivers with the Common App, and more – check out our <u>college application fee waiver FAQs</u>.

Save money with college application fee waivers, then register with <u>CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE®</u> to apply for financial aid.

The Common Application is a not-for-profit membership organization that is committed to providing reliable services that promote equity, access, and integrity in the college application process. The Common Application serves students, member institutions, and secondary schools by providing applications that students and school officials may submit to any of over 500 member institutions. Membership is open to colleges and universities that promote access by evaluating students using a holistic selection process. A link to The Common Application is provided below.

Common Application

https://www.commonapp.org/Login

Financial Aid resources and links provided by **The Common Application**:

FAFSA: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid: a required form for any student seeking need-based financial aid. http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/

Office of Federal Student Aid: A resource of the US Department of Education. Learn about different types of financial aid and how to apply for them. http://studentaid.ed.gov/

NASFAA: The National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. More than 18,000 student financial assistance professionals at approximately 3,000 institutions of higher education, serving over 16 million students. Offering extensive resources for students and parents. http://www.nasfaa.org/students/About Financial Aid.aspx

As in prior years, Black Horse Pike Regional School District High Schools are hosting a Decision Day in which students who have been admitted to colleges and universities will be recognized. Information on participating students as well as our developing schedule is available through the Naviance Family Connection portal or through the counseling office.

Scholarships

All of our students and their families are affected by the high cost of post-secondary education. Students may be eligible for various scholarships to help defray some or all of these costs. Many, but not all scholarships, are need based. Students may be eligible based upon their overall grades or grades in a particular subject, community involvement, athletic ability, extracurricular interests, etc. It is imperative that students apply early and often for various scholarship opportunities. Black Horse Pike Regional High Schools utilize the Naviance Family Connection portal to assist students and their families in planning and preparing for college. Below is the link to the Naviance Family Connection portal. Once logged in to Naviance, click or select the College tab and scroll down to review local and national scholarship opportunities. In addition to the scholarships offered through Naviance, students should check other on-line resources and the scholarships available from their desired colleges and universities.

Naviance Login

Timber Creek Regional High School: http://www.bhprsd.org/Page/286
Triton Regional High School: http://www.bhprsd.org/domain/208
Highland Regional High School: http://www.bhprsd.org/Domain/128

Advanced Placement (AP) Testing

The Black Horse Pike Regional School District pays for Advanced Placement (AP) exams automatically, as long as we offer instruction in the course.

Transcripts

Black Horse Pike Regional High School will provide the first two high school transcripts free of charge to colleges and universities for all of our current students and former students who graduated within the last two years. If a former student graduated more than two years ago, the Black Horse Pike Regional High Schools will provide them for a **fee of** \$5.00 per transcript. Please contact the respective School Counseling Office for request forms or visit your school's website for transcript request forms under the School Counseling tab.

Academic Tutoring

Black Horse Pike Regional High School students that are concerned about their academic performance or are struggling in a class or classes can sign-up for free National Honor Society tutoring in the high school's library. NHS tutoring is provided by members of our National Honor Society. In addition, students that are concerned about their academic performance should contact and seek assistance from their teachers.

**If you would like additional information on various testing programs, the best time for students to take these aptitude and achievement tests, and/or to discuss completion of the fee waiver forms, please make an appointment with your student's school counselor.

Special Assistance for Events & Activities

Black Horse Pike Regional High School is committed to ensuring that all of our students are able to participate in our High Schools' experiences. Students and their families may request special assistance due to financial hardship for attendance at our sporting events, participation in field trips, or any other programs or Black Horse Pike Regional School District events. We are working with other organizations to subsidize or pay for the costs of other High School items and events.

Social Services

Black Horse Pike Regional High School's Counselors, Social Workers, School Psychologists, and Student Assistance Counselors (SAC) are available to assist all of our students, including those who may be experiencing anxiety as a result of transitions due to changes in their parents/guardians employment status.

On this website you will find links to useful contacts and resources:

Crisis Hotlines and Helplines

Clinics & Hospitals

Family Success Centers

Career Exploration, Education, & Employment Resources

Legal Resources

Services for Youth & Families

Sexually Transmitted Diseases/Infections

Substance Abuse Information, Counseling, & Treatment