



College and Career Guidance

Your Work is Your Ministry

12th Grade

Career Readiness: Professional Skills

Essential Questions:

- How will changes in society and the economy affect my future training and employments?
- What skills can I develop to make myself more marketable and employable?
- What is the definition of integrity and my personal understanding of how it relates to work?
- How will I prepare to handle issues such as diversity, conflict resolution and respecting authority in the workplace?
- How will my faith shape the work that I do?

Scripture:

- Love God (Matt. 22:37)
- Love Others (Matt. 22:39)
- Do everything in a manner that honors and glorifies God (Colossians 3:17)
- Use the gifts you've been given to participate in God's work of redemption and restoration in the world (1 Peter 4:10)

Competencies:

- Application Process: Resume, Cover Letters and Interviews
- Networking and collaboration
- Professionalism

Quotes:

"Create something that will make the world awesome." – Kid President

"Integrity is doing the right thing even though no one is watching." – CS Lewis

"The Christian shoemaker does his duty not by putting little crosses on the shoes, but by making good shoes." – Martin Luther

I used to be afraid of failing at something that really mattered to me, but now I'm more afraid of succeeding at things that don't matter." - Bob Goff

"Do you know that nothing you do in life will ever matter unless it is about loving God and loving the people He has made?" -Francis Chan

12th Grade: To Do Checklist

✓ Finalize which college/career path meets your needs

- Visit a college campus: College Visitation Request and Verification Forms; Prepare Interview Questions
- Identify a college major of your interest and view the degree plans and course descriptions
- Explore postsecondary options such as Gap Year or Career Tech

✓ Track your credits for graduation

- Complete SWCS High School Course Worksheet
- Oklahoma Academic Scholar Recognition: Avg. GPA 3.7 and ACT Composite 27

✓ Continue developing your portfolio of achievements

- Include work history, extracurricular activities, community service, and honors/awards
- Document grade level and time
- Free digital portfolio at www.okcareerguide.org, www.okcollegestart.org, or www.raise.me
Earn micro-scholarships by filling out your profile.

✓ Prepare for graduation

• **Applications**

- Apply to at least three different schools for admission – a “dream” school, a “realistic goal” school, and a school for which you can easily meet the admission requirements.

• **Scholarships/Financial Aid**

- OK Regents Academic Scholars Program: Minimum 3.25 GPA and ACT at/above 99.5%; Nation Merit Finalist automatically qualify; School dependent – www.collegestart.org
- Fill out your profile at www.raise.me to earn micro-scholarships
- Explore the many scholarships available at www.ucango2.org, www.okcollegestart.org, www.studentscholarships.org, www.collegeanswer.com, www.college-scholarships.com and www.cappex.com
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid): After **Oct. 1st**, you will use your tax return information to complete this application. Most schools require this to be completed to qualify for scholarships. Federal aid comes in the form of grants, loans, and work-study. You will apply at www.fafsa.gov. See attached flyer.

• **SAT and ACT**

- SAT dates and online prep available at www.collegeboard.org
- ACT Prep in three steps:
 1. ACT Workshops
 2. Practice Test using test strategies; Online prep available academy.act.org;
Recommended books – Kaplan or Princeton Review
 3. One-on-One tutoring as needed
- ACT dates: CEEB code for SWCS: **374-018**; A student may take the ACT up to 12 times. The writing test is optional. National ACT w/o writing - \$60; w/ writing -\$80. SWCS offers ACT twice a year for \$38.

- Residual ACTs: If you know which school you are attending, you can schedule to take the ACT on campus. The score is only accepted at that university.
- Improving Scores: Many schools have cut off dates for when they will accept the latest ACT/SAT score for scholarships. Check with the university.
- Some colleges are test-optional meaning test scores are not mandatory for admissions. However, scholarships and leadership opportunities may be based on test scores.
- **College Credit**
 - Dual Credit Program – SWCS has partnered with Colorado Christian University to offer the opportunity to receive college credit for a limited number of specific courses taken at SWCS; \$200 per course
 - CLEP Tests – College-Level Examination Program offers 33 tests in 5 subject areas. You can earn 3 – 12 college credits. Exams cost \$89. Check specific college requirements. Registration is at <https://clep.collegeboard.org> Be sure to choose a testing center that is listed as OPEN. Tests taken at an OPEN site will be accepted at any college that accepts CLEP tests.

✓ Enjoy!

- JSB – Celebrate all that you have accomplished at SWCS! **Friday, April 8th**
- Boston Trip – Culminate your Christian education with this capstone experience. **May 18th – 24th**
- Graduation – YOU ARE FINISHED! **Thursday, May 26th**

Visit www.southwestcovenant.com/academics/ccguidance.cfm
for more information about college prep at your fingertips!

Senior College Prep Timeline

July - August	College applications open
Monday, August 30 th	College Prep Meeting with Parents/SENIORS, 7pm *Admission Process
Saturday, Sept. 4 th	ACT Workshop with Susie Nix, 8:30 AM – 1:30PM *Sign Up at Info Day
Tuesday, Sept. 14 th	SWCS College Fair, Gym, 2:00 – 3:15 PM
Monday, Sept. 27 th	Financial Aid Information – Parents/Juniors & Seniors, 7PM
Thursday, Sept. 30 th	OKC Christian College Fair, Crossings, 6:30 PM
Friday, October 1 st	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens
Tuesday, October 5 th	ACT School Day, \$38 – All Seniors will take ACT
Nov. 1 st – 15 th	Early application deadlines
Jan. 1 st – Feb. 1 st	Regular decision application deadline
January	Alumni Interview – Hear from graduates about what to expect.
March-April	Application decisions released; Financial aid award letters received
Tuesday, March 8 th	ACT School Day, \$38 – Optional test
April 1 st	Notify school of award acceptance
April	Senior Survey
May 1 st	Make deposits to school you will attend