



Lenape Tech Guidance News!

December 2023



Upcoming Events at Lenape Tech

- Keystone Literature Exam: December 12th and 13th
- FAFSA Completion Workshop: January 4th at 5:30 PM
 - Please [click this link](#) or scan the QR code to register for this event!



Important Reminders

- Don't forget to set up job shadowing!
- Occupational Objective forms are overdue. Please have a parent/guardian sign this form and return to the guidance office ASAP! If you've lost your form and need another one, see Ms. Reilly in guidance.

Scholarships

- Please check out [Lenape Tech's scholarship page](#) for information on local scholarships we've been made aware of to date! (Visit Lenape Tech's website → Student and Parent → Scholarship and Financial Aid)
- Recently added scholarships include:
 - **Armstrong County Community Foundation Scholarships:** Over 35 different local scholarships are available for high school seniors on this website, including the Armstrong County Technical School Scholarship. Students must fill out and submit the main application and then will be presented with the scholarships they're eligible for. Deadline: February 15, 2024
 - **Students Thriving with Epilepsy or Seizure Disorder Scholarship 2024:** Deadline: April 1, 2024

High School Timeline by Grade Level (December – February): Ever wonder if you're doing what you should be doing at this point in your high school career? Check out the information below to see if you're on track!

All Grade Levels:

- **Focus on doing as well as you can in your classes!** Your final grades determine your GPA which future employers and college admission representatives will want to see.
 - **Attendance and tardiness matters!** It's important to be in school as much as possible and to arrive on time. The more you miss, the more it affects your grades. Also, too many absences and tardies can result in disciplinary measures.
 - **Be well-rounded and get involved!** Participate in clubs, activities, sports, community service, a part-time job, etc. Not only are these things that can be added to your resume, but it shows you have other interests and passions. Additionally, it demonstrates dedication to something, time management skills, responsibility, etc.
 - **Work hard and be respectful both in and out of school.** You'll need references in the future and respect and kindness still matters...these things always will!
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10th Grade:

- Take self-assessments and interest inventories to help determine your future interests and abilities.
 - www.careercruising.com – self assessments, explore interests, learn about careers, explore educational options, and find jobs
 - www.pacareerzone.org – self assessment to know yourself better and to explore career clusters/pathways
 - www.educationplanner.org – self assessment, career planning, preparing for school, paying for school
- Evaluate your course load and find out how much you know about college and/or career planning.

11th Grade:

- If you plan on attending college in the future, start to research and explore schools. Take a deeper look at schools based on location, size, academic specialties, etc. Start to create a list that you may be interested in applying to in the future.
- If you plan on attending a college that requires the SAT, ACT, or any other standardized testing for admission, start to create a test prep plan now. Look at dates that these tests are offered in the future. It's a good idea to have at least one test score by the end of your junior year.
- As a junior, grades are extremely important as they're the last final grades some will see before applying to college, for co-op, internships, unions, etc.

12th Grade:

- If you plan on continuing your education after high school:
 - Have you applied to your list of schools yet? If not, you should apply ASAP! Spots will start to fill up in programs. Pay attention to application deadlines!
 - Plan to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as it is required in order to determine eligibility for financial aid for post-secondary education. There have been changes made to this year's FAFSA so although it is not available to complete yet, it should be available by December 31, 2023. [Click this link](#) to learn more and to apply. **Please note Lenape Tech will be hosting a FAFSA Completion Workshop for seniors and their parents/guardians on Thursday, January 4th at 5:30 PM in the Lenape Tech library. During this time, you will be able to use the school computers or your own personal laptops to complete the FAFSA and ask questions answered by Wendy Dunlap, representative from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency. [Please click here to register for this workshop.](#)
 - Do any of the schools you applied to require midyear grades? If so, make sure you stop in to guidance to request these are sent.
 - Start/continue to look for and to apply for scholarships. Please look at [Lenape Tech's scholarship page](#) for information on local scholarships we've been made aware of to date!
- If you plan on going right into the workforce:
 - Think about your list of strengths, experiences, and accomplishments. Do any of these things need to be included or updated on your resume? It's important to highlight skills that employers will find beneficial at their place of business.
 - Will you need a letter of recommendation in the future? Are you doing exceptionally well in a specific class or have a good relationship with one of your teachers? You may want to consider asking a teacher for a letter of recommendation before you graduate that you can use in the future. If you plan on obtaining a job in the area of your technical program, your technical teacher would be a great person to ask. You can also ask a counselor, coach, current boss, etc.

