



# Counseling Center Newsletter



## Testing

From the Counseling Office—Rich Lambert

November is a magical time of year. With fall colors on the trees and colder weather quickly approaching, that can only mean one thing: ACT test time!

There are many aspects that a college will consider when determining if they will admit a student into their school. Grades, extracurricular activities, leadership roles, and family circumstance can all contribute to how interested a college can be in a student. Here in Utah, colleges also want to know what a student's ACT score was when making an entrance decision. But how can you study for the ACT? Where can you find practice tests and vocabulary help? And where can you find it for free?

Luckily, there is one place that has all of this and more. Shmoop is an online resource that has a lot of helpful content for high school students, and it also has a fantastic online ACT preparation section that is worth a look. The ACT portion is usually only accessible for those who pay for it, but the

State Office of Education has funded another year of free access to all students in Utah. This means that anyone can log on and have full access to practice tests, diagnostic exams to see what areas might need a little work, skill mastery, and score estimation.

Whether you are a Junior taking the ACT for the first time, a Senior who would like to get a better score, or a Sophomore looking for some practice tests to try, Shmoop is a great place to start for ACT practice and preparation.

Follow these steps to get to the Shmoop website and create an account, and see what help you've been missing!

### ACT Test Prep Login Information

1. Go to [schools.shmoop.com](http://schools.shmoop.com).
2. Enter teacher Magic Word: **MOUNTAINS** or student Magic Word: **HIKING**
3. You'll be directed to Shmoop's Utah page.
4. From there, select your school from the alphabetized list.
5. From there, you can either log in or create an account.
6. That's it! You will be led to Shmoop's ACT Test Prep. You can then create a classroom and invite students to track progress and much more.

Need help? Email us at [support@shmoop.com](mailto:support@shmoop.com).

## Utah Scholars

All students can sign up for recognition of working toward college preparation.

[UtahScholars.org](http://UtahScholars.org)

Register now to receive information and updates, grade checklists, a monthly newsletter, as well as scholarship highlights from StepUpUtah.

Seniors may apply for the medallion and certificate from November 1st – March 1st.

## College & Career Readiness

Counselors are ready to visit with parents and juniors to help prepare for college and careers. Be sure to set up an appointment with your student's counselor by contacting the Counseling Center at 801-256-5320.

Daytime and evening appointments are available.

## Homeroom

Homeroom takes place on Monday mornings. Take a minute every week to ask your student about what they did in Homeroom.

Here is what we learned about in October:

- Homeroom disclosures were due
- Students did a grade check



- Anti-bully presentation
- Video announcements from the Award-winning CHTV News team

Ask your student about how they are doing in his/her classes and take a minute to help guide him/her in any difficulties he/she is facing this year.

## Senior Accomplishments

HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR SHEET?

All seniors were given an accomplishment sheet during Homeroom in September. Many of those have been turned in, but additional information is requested by the Scholarship Specialist.

Accomplishment Sheets are used to:

- Service recognition awards
- Notify students of scholarship opportunities specific to majors and colleges
- Identify overcomer students for scholarships, awards and opportunities

Update your [Senior Accomplishment Sheet](#)

## Honor Cords

Access Honor Cord Information @ <http://copperhillshigh.org/academics/honor-cords/>

### Senior Only Important Dates:

- November 28, 2018—Project Proposals due (only for those that require projects)
- March 29, 2018—Final applications due directly to Honor Cord Leads by 3:00 pm

## What is on the Counseling Center Website?

- ♦ *Scholarship Database*
- ♦ *Upcoming College Visits*
- ♦ *Honor Cord Requirements*
- ♦ *Concurrent Enrollment Options and SLCC Graduation Requirements*
- ♦ *Plan for CCR: Graduation Requirements, JATC, CE*
- ♦ *Credit Alternatives—make-up credit info*
- ♦ *Go online and see more!*

Click the Icon



## Regents Scholarship

This year the Regents' Scholarship looks different. Please read the new requirements and information below.

### ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Take the required classes in grades 9-12 (see website—these classes haven't changed)
- ◆ Earn at least a 3.3 cumulative high school GPA
- ◆ Earn at least a composite score of 22 on the ACT
- ◆ Meet college enrollment or deferment requirements

### NON-ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) \**Qualifying for FAFSA is not required, but may offer more funds received*
- ◆ Meet all deadlines
- ◆ Graduate from a Utah high school
- ◆ Be a US citizen or a non-citizen eligible for federal financial aid

### DEADLINES

- ⇒ Application opens Thursday, November 15, 2018
- ⇒ Priority deadline Friday, December 7, 2018
- ⇒ Final deadline Friday, February 1, 2019

## Seniors: Participate in Utah College Application Week & Prepare for College

### ATTEND AN OPEN HOUSE:

**USU Salt Lake Open House**  
Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> 5-7PM  
The Falls Event Center at Trolley Square

Or

Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 5-7 PM  
The Barn @ Thanksgiving Point  
[OpenHouses.usu.edu](http://OpenHouses.usu.edu)

***Don't forget your transcripts and ACT scores because USU will be awarding academic scholarships on the spot to those who qualify!***

**UVU Salt Lake Open House**  
Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM at Noah's of South Jordan.

This event will be a one-stop-shop with all the answers for all your students' questions. They will be able to talk with advisors about financial aid, scholarships, programs, and degrees. Students will be able to apply that evening and be admitted on the spot! Students need to bring

Seniors will be meeting in the Media Center during a scheduled time with their English class to participate in UCAW activities.

(including foreign language, debate, creative writing, Humanities, or other 12th grade English-credit course)

***Students should have Social Security & Driver's license numbers available. Credit Card info is also recommended.***

\*If any senior does not have any form of English class 1st semester please contact Alicia Summers to be sure he/she is included.

their driver's license, social security number, and high school transcripts. *This is also the only opportunity students can receive a \$25.00 off their admission waiver for their UVU application.*

Pre-register at:

[uvu.edu/admissions/visit](http://uvu.edu/admissions/visit)

### VISIT THE CAMPUS:

Already attended an open house, or missed your school's open house? Visit the campus! Ask questions and get a feel for the college in which you are interested.

**SUU Red Riot—The Ultimate Student-life Experience**

Dates available starting in January—spots fill up quickly! Sign up here:  
[www.suu.edu/redriot](http://www.suu.edu/redriot)

## Copper Hills High School

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Hours:  
11:30 am—3:00 pm M-F



### November Calendar Items:

November 1-19—Utah College Application ~~Week~~ Month  
(Seniors only)

November 7—USU Open House [openhouses.usu.edu](http://openhouses.usu.edu)

November 9—USU Eastern Diversity Day (overnight)

November 14—UVU Open House  
[uvu.edu/admissions/openhouse/](http://uvu.edu/admissions/openhouse/)

November 15—Regents Scholarship Opens

November 16—USU Logan Diversity Day

November 28—Seniors only, Honor Cord proposals due



## Prepare for Scholarships



### Sophomores and Juniors:

While most scholarships are available to seniors only, students in lower grades should prepare early by doing activities that help him/her stand out. Taking the time to look at scholarship requirements will give you an idea of where you can focus your energy. Bookmark those you wish to return to when you are a senior.

Read up on articles and websites which provide insight and tips to succeed.

### **Tips to Get Started**

- Obtain & Track Service Hours
- List Awards and Accomplishments
- Obtain 2 Letters of Recommendation (one from a teacher)
- Look up advice on writing essays
- Maintain Good GPA
- Stay Organized and Don't Miss Deadlines
- Don't Procrastinate!

### **Applying for scholarships at your college:**

When you apply for college admission the school will consider your GPA, ACT/SAT test scores, FAFSA results and evaluate your application and award merit-based (academic), Diversity, and financial need scholarships. Students should visit the college website to search and apply for additional scholarships. These opportunities may include private scholarships only available to students attending the particular college and department scholarships for particular intended majors.