



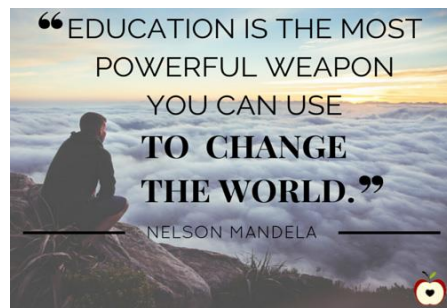
Pine Bluff High School – 2020-21

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"SOPHOMORES, R-U-Ready??"

Tips for Success

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| A. Career Assessments | D. Financial Aid |
| B. Career Plans | E. CTE/Apprenticeships/WBL |
| C. College Admissions | F. Business and Industry |



1. **Keep your grades up!** They qualify you for scholarships as well as admission into college. .
 - Start researching potential careers. Talking to people who work in your areas of interest. Reach out to mentors and professionals in fields that interest you. Take advantage of concurrent credit opportunities, if they are available. ***Establish immediate personal short and long-term goals.***
 - Receive information regarding the ACT and/or ASVAB tests. Participate in free ACT prep workshops and seminars. Also, Participate in college and business/industry visits.
2. **Keep in touch! Talk to your counselors!!** It is critical that you stay in close contact with your guidance counselor. This knowledge is particularly important as you start taking part-time jobs or thinking about entering college.
3. **Hang with the right crowd!** Follow the rules by showing up on time, paying attention, participating in class, and taking notes. You should also tell the truth, own up to your mistakes, and avoid fighting and gossip. Stay busy, and out of trouble, by joining a school team or club or taking an after-school job.
4. **Get involved in extracurricular and volunteer activities you're passionate about.** Document your in-school achievements and activities. (These can be very important when it comes time to complete college and scholarship applications; and also help beef up your resume.
5. **Talk to your parents about the cost of college.** Arkansas residents can log on to scholarships.adhe.edu to obtain additional information about scholarships, grants and federal financial aid.
6. **Other avenues to consider are Career and Technical/Apprenticeship programs.**
 - **The Career Readiness Certificate** - is a portable credential that confirms to employers that you have the basic workplace skills in Reading for Information, Applied Mathematics and Locating Information – that all jobs require. Also, talk to your teacher about other certification opportunities at your school and how you might qualify for them.
 - **Jefferson Area Technical Career Center (JATCC)** Students may receive, not only high school credits for course completion, but college credits, as well. (Ask your counselor)
 - **Apprenticeships** - opportunities to learn from a master the skills, pitfalls, and ins and outs of a skilled trade. Plus, an apprentice is paid for the on-the-job training!
 - **Work-Based Learning** - provides students with the opportunity to learn a variety of skills by expanding the classroom into the community – through connections to industry professionals and opportunities to see options first hand.