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Check net price calculators to get idea of college costs

Alabama high school students headed for college can get an idea of how much it costs to attend a college by using the school's net price calculator. A net price is the amount that a student pays to attend college after factoring in the scholarships and grants that student receives.

Students who check the calculators for the colleges they're interested in can begin preparing a budget for things like tuition, books, the cost of residence, and meal plans.

The U.S. Department of Education requires colleges to have a calculator on their websites. The U.S. Department of Education also provides a search tool on their website, so that students can look for a school's calculator. Find that search tool at <https://collegecost.ed.gov/net-price>.

These calculators will require information about a student's academic standing and about parents' finances. It is important to remember that the result is an estimate and that it may be off by thousands of dollars.



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College Board changes 2020 forum to virtual format

The College Board Forum 2020 will be held virtually this year on Oct. 26–28. The program will include colloquia, concurrent sessions, a college fair and networking opportunities.

The College Board will also hold its national and regional governance meetings, including the annual meeting, during the virtual forum. Members will receive information on how they can participate and vote this fall.

Registration will open in August. For more information, visit forum.collegeboard.org or email forum@collegeboard.org.

Scholarship Spotlight

Associated General Contractors of Alabama: Alabama AGC Foundation Scholarship

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- be a resident of Alabama.
- be enrolling in or attending a community college, technical school, or university in Alabama.
- be enrolled or enrolling in a construction-related curriculum.
- be recommended by an AGC member.

In addition, the applicant must submit:

- an application.
- a copy of the applicant's most recent transcript.
- proof of residency.
- at least 1 letter of recommendation.

Number: 1

Award: \$1,000

Deadline: Nov. 30

Contact: Alabama AGC Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 102066, Irondale AL 35210; elizabethm@alagc.org; www.alagc.org/scholarships/

Program to place Korean STEM teachers in schools



From left, Jim Purcell (ACHE), Dr. Jae-ik Cho (Korean Ministry of Education), Dr. Eric Mackey (ALSDE) and Meesoon Han (A-KEEP) sign the memorandum of understanding.

A memorandum of understanding has been signed for a pilot program that will place science, technology, engineering, and mathematics teachers from South Korea in Alabama public schools.

Recent South Korean teacher education graduates in math and science that are selected will begin a two-year master's program at an Alabama University. The first year of instruction will be taught in South Korea and the second year will be a residential experience at an Alabama university. Graduates would then qualify for opportunities to work in Alabama schools.

The curriculum will expand from the traditional classroom to include life with an Alabama host family, a mentor-mentee program, lessons on American classroom management, and integration to Alabama's daily culture.

Applicants to the program must undergo an English language proficiency exam and a college transcript evaluation process. This first step ensures that South Korean students applying to the program are fluent enough in English to teach U.S. students and that their educator training is comparable to an Alabama teaching license.

The partnership includes the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, the Alabama State Department of Education, the Alabama-Korea Education and Economic Partnership, and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea.

The MOU signing was the culmination of five years of planning between ACHE, ALSDE, A-KEEP, and the ministry of education. The first cohort of South Korean students selected for participation in the master's program will begin this fall.

KHEAA continues hosting social media outreach

KHEAA Outreach will continue to provide live help in August and September via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Some sessions will include Kentucky-specific as well as general information. The schedule is:

- **Aug. 25:** FAFSA Week: Gearing up for the FAFSA, **Facebook**
- **Aug. 26:** FAFSA Week: Getting a Heads up on the FAFSA, **Twitter**
- **Aug. 27:** FAFSA Week: FSA FAQ, **Instagram**
- **Sept. 2:** Exploring Your Options: Joining the Workforce, **Twitter**
- **Sept. 3:** Exploring Your Options: Why College?, **Instagram**
- **Sept. 8:** Getting In: The Highlights, **Facebook**
- **Sept. 9:** Getting In: The Admissions Process, **Twitter**
- **Sept. 10:** Getting In: The Importance of the ACT, **Instagram**
- **Sept. 15:** Campus Culture: Study Abroad Opportunities, **Facebook**
- **Sept. 16:** Campus Culture: Campus Life, **Twitter**
- **Sept. 17:** Campus Culture: SOS, **Instagram**
- **Sept. 22:** It's Money, Baby: Financial Literacy 101, **Facebook**
- **Sept. 23:** It's Money, Baby: Saving as a College Student, **Twitter**
- **Sept. 24:** It's Money, Baby: Budgeting, **Instagram**
- **Sept. 29:** FAFSA Week: FAFSA Trivia, **Facebook**
- **Sept. 30:** FAFSA Week: To Pay Back or Not Pay Back, **Twitter**
- **Oct. 1:** FAFSA Week: The Early Bird Gets the Worm, **Instagram**

All sessions begin at 2 p.m. Central.

The links are:

www.facebook.com/KHEAA/

www.twitter.com/KHEAA

www.instagram.com/kheaaoutreach/?hl=en

Alabama students may get free internet this fall

Alabama K–12 students who need internet service for distance learning this fall may be able to get it from the Alabama Broadband Connectivity for Students program. The program will provide home internet access vouchers for families of students currently eligible for free and reduced-price school meals or other income criteria.

Gov. Kay Ivey has allocated \$100 million in CARES Act funding for the public-private partnership for K–12 students attending school in the fall. The vouchers will help cover equipment and service costs for high-speed internet service through Dec. 31.

Providers will contract with the state through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) to provide the service using existing lines and technologies. Families with children who receive free or reduced school lunch will be notified via a mailed letter in August with the program expected to run August through Dec. 30, 2020, in accordance with CARES Act guidelines. For more information, visit the ADECA [website](#).

The Alabama Broadband Connectivity [website](#) will be updated regularly as new information is available. School representatives can call 205.538.1485 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central time, Monday through Friday.

Ivey has extended the mask order through Aug. 31. As it relates specifically to schools, employees and students in second grade and above should wear facial coverings as much as practicable.

Visitors to school events, such as ballgames, fall under the regular provisions for gathering in indoor or outdoor spaces as well as athletic activities. This order is applicable to all public indoor and outdoor spaces on P–12 campuses including transportation vehicles such as buses.

The facial-covering requirement does not apply to students in grades P–1, any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents him or her from wearing a facial covering, or persons in a classroom who are able to maintain 6 feet distance between seating.

To review the Public Health Order in its entirety and review a list of other possible exceptions, visit the ADPH [website](#).

ACT National Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Scores Available
Oct. 10, 2020	Sept. 17, 2020	TBD
Oct. 17, 2020	Sept. 17, 2020	TBD
Oct. 24, 2020	Sept. 17, 2020	TBD
Dec. 12, 2020	Nov. 6, 2020	TBD
Feb. 6, 2021	Jan. 8, 2021	TBD
April 17, 2021	March 12, 2021	TBD
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	TBD
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021	TBD

SAT National Test Dates

Sept. 26, 2020	Aug. 26, 2020	Oct. 9, 2020
Oct. 3, 2020	Sept. 4, 2020	Oct. 16, 2020
Nov. 7, 2020	Oct. 7, 2020	Nov. 20, 2020
Dec. 5, 2020	Nov. 5, 2020	Dec. 18, 2020
March 13, 2021	Feb. 12, 2021	March 26, 2021
May 8, 2021	April 8, 2021	May 21, 2021
June 5, 2021	May 6, 2021	July 14, 2021