



Planning for your future

Junior Guidance Lesson- Nov. 2011

Thinking about the future...

- Does the idea of planning for your future make you feel...



EXCITED?



SCARED?

OVERWHELMED?



NERVOUS?



STRESSED?

ALL OF THE ABOVE?

It's okay!!!

- These are all normal feelings, BUT the more you plan and research NOW, the less stressed and better prepared you will be for your future.
- The first step is to KNOW YOURSELF-You want to choose a career and a post-secondary program that fits YOU and YOUR goals!
 - What are you passionate about? What do you enjoy doing? What type of people do you like to be around? Do you like to be around people at all?
 - What are your strengths? What are you good at?
 - What do you value? What's important to you?
 - Spend time thinking about the answers to these questions- MO Connections can help with Self-Assessment tools as well! 😊

Think ahead and work backwards...

- 1. Close your eyes and envision your future. What do you see yourself doing 10-15 years from now? How are you spending your days? What is your ideal career? What environment are you in? Are you working with people or by yourself? What type of people?
- Individual Writing Assignment....discuss in small groups and share out.

USING MO Connections for Self-Assessment and Research

- Once you determine what kind of career you want to have, you can back up and look at what you need to do to get from here to there...College? Tech school? A training program? Military?
- www.missouriconnections.org
- You should all have an account- if you can't remember your username and password, you can select "forgot my username and password" and it will be emailed to you

MissouriConnections.org
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Education after high school helps you reach higher!

Explore your options ...

Coming soon: application deadlines

Financial Aid
Where do I begin?

Items with are available in both Spanish and English.
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Password:

Sign in

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MO Connections Home Screen

MO Connections Cont...

- Left side of the home screen is where you will find useful links for assessments and research options



- Assessments can help you narrow down career and college choices based on their Interests, skills, and values

You can research different careers based on assessment results

- Occupations & Employment and Education & Training sections allow you to research careers and colleges that you're interested in

Researching Occupations...

- To research specific occupations, click on the occupations link



- You will get a list of job titles by alphabet



Researching Occupations...

- Find the occupation you're interested in researching and click on the link



The screenshot shows a website interface for researching occupations. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the following tabs: **Occupations**, [FAQs](#), [Career Clusters](#), [Titles Index](#), [Compare](#), [Search](#), and [Filter](#). Below the navigation bar is a horizontal menu of letters from [A](#) to [Z](#). The letter [A](#) is highlighted with a blue background. Underneath the letter 'A', there is a list of occupations, each preceded by a bullet point and followed by a speech bubble icon and a small document icon. The list includes: Abuse Counselors (see: [Social Workers](#)), Academic Deans (see: [College and University Administrators](#)), Account Executives (see: [Advertising Managers](#)), **Accountants and Auditors**, Accounting Clerks (see: [Bookkeeping and Accounting Clerks](#)), Actors, Actresses (see: [Actors](#)), and Actuaries. The link for 'Accountants and Auditors' is circled in orange, and an orange arrow points from the text 'click on the link' in the bullet point above to this link.

Occupations [FAQs](#) [Career Clusters](#) [Titles Index](#) [Compare](#) [Search](#) [Filter](#)

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A

- Abuse Counselors (see: [Social Workers](#))
- Academic Deans (see: [College and University Administrators](#))
- Account Executives (see: [Advertising Managers](#))
- **Accountants and Auditors**
- Accounting Clerks (see: [Bookkeeping and Accounting Clerks](#))
- Actors
- Actresses (see: [Actors](#))
- Actuaries

- Once you click on the link, you'll see an overview screen of the occupation. From this screen you can research different aspects of the career (conditions, wages, preparation, etc.)

Occupations

[FAQs](#) | [Career Clusters](#) | [Titles Index](#) | [Compare](#) | [Search](#) | [Filter](#)

Accountants and Auditors
[[★ Save](#)]

Overview

- [Task list](#)
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Overview

Accountants and auditors assemble, analyze, and check the accuracy of financial information.

In the context of history, accounting may seem like a newer profession. After all, didn't people just barter or make their own goods? Wrong! Currency and taxes have been around for centuries. In fact, the system of "double entry" bookkeeping was invented between 1200 and 1350 A.D. in Italy. This method of accounting allows you to record both debits and credits and keeps your records accurate.

There are four major fields in accounting—public, management, government, and internal auditing. Accountants share some tasks across these four fields. However, they work for different clients and have some unique tasks. Within each of the four fields, accountants often specialize in one area.

Public accountants have their own businesses or work for accounting firms. Their clients are individuals or businesses. Public accountants provide accounting, auditing, tax, and consulting services. For example, they examine business operations such as revenues and costs. They go over financial records to make sure the information is correct. They also may develop accounting systems for clients. In order to do that, they first must learn each client's accounting needs.



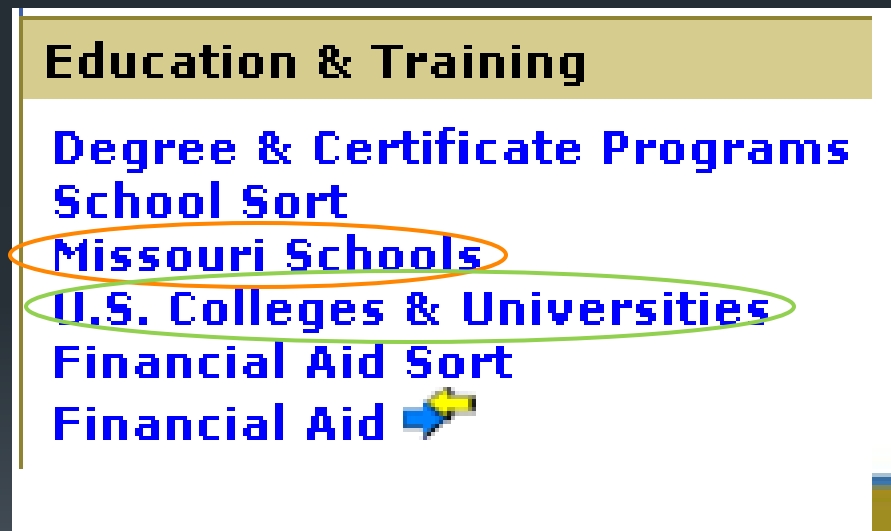
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At a glance

- Have a bachelor's degree
- Have good analytical and math skills
- May work long hours between January and April
- Need a license to use the term CPA (certified public accountant)
- Earn \$52,860 per year (Missouri median)

Researching Colleges...

- Similar to researching occupations
- Click on Missouri Schools (if you're looking in state) or U.S. Colleges & Universities if you want to look at schools anywhere in the U.S.



For Missouri Schools...

- You can search by type of school

Missouri Schools [FAQs](#) [Clusters Index](#) [Titles Index](#) [Compare](#) [Search](#)

Clusters

- 📁 [Career Centers](#)
- 📁 [Four-Year Colleges, Universities, and Graduate Schools](#)
- 📁 [Two-Year Colleges](#)
- 📁 [Vocational/Technical Schools](#)

School Sort
Create a personalized list of schools that offer associate, bachelor's, or degrees.

What are the different types of college degrees you can earn?

📁 Four-Year Colleges, Universities, and Graduate Schools

- [A.T. Still University of Health Sciences](#)
- [Aquinas Institute of Theology](#)
- [Assemblies of God Theological Seminary](#)
- [Avila University](#)
- [Baptist Bible College](#)
- [Barnes-Jewish College, Goldfarb School of Nursing](#)
- [Brown Mackie College](#)
- [Calvary Bible College and Theological Seminary](#)
- [Central Bible College](#)
- [Central Christian College of the Bible](#)
- [Central Methodist University](#)
- [Chamberlain College of Nursing](#)
- [City Vision College](#)
- [Cleveland Chiropractic College](#)
- [College of the Ozarks](#)
- [Colorado Technical University](#)
- [Columbia College](#)
- [Conception Seminary College](#)
- [Concordia Seminary](#)
- [Covenant Theological Seminary](#)
- [Cox College of Nursing and Health Sciences](#)
- [Culver-Stockton College](#)

■ Select the school you want to research

Four-Year Colleges, Universities, and Graduate Schools

- A.T. Still University of Health Sciences
- Aquinas Institute of Theology
- Assemblies of God Theological Seminary
- Avila University
- Baptist Bible College
- Barnes-Jewish College, Goldfarb School of Nursing
- Brown Mackie College
- Calvary Bible College and Theological Seminary
- Central Bible College
- Central Christian College of the Bible
- **Central Methodist University**

and you'll get an overview of the school and can research using the links on the left

Central Methodist University

Save | E-mail | Letter | Print

School name and address

- ▶ General information
- ▶ Student body
- ▶ Costs
- ▶ Financial aid
- ▶ Admissions
- ▶ Academics
- ▶ Sports
- ▶ Student life
- ▶ Housing
- ▶ Student services
- ▶ Career services
- ▶ Graduate study

Programs of Study

- ▶ Arts
- ▶ Biological Sciences
- ▶ Business, Management, and Administrative Services

School name and address

Contact for more information

Central Methodist University
411 Central Methodist Square
Fayette, MO 65248-1198

Main telephone: 660.248.3391

Website: <http://www.centralmethodist.edu/>

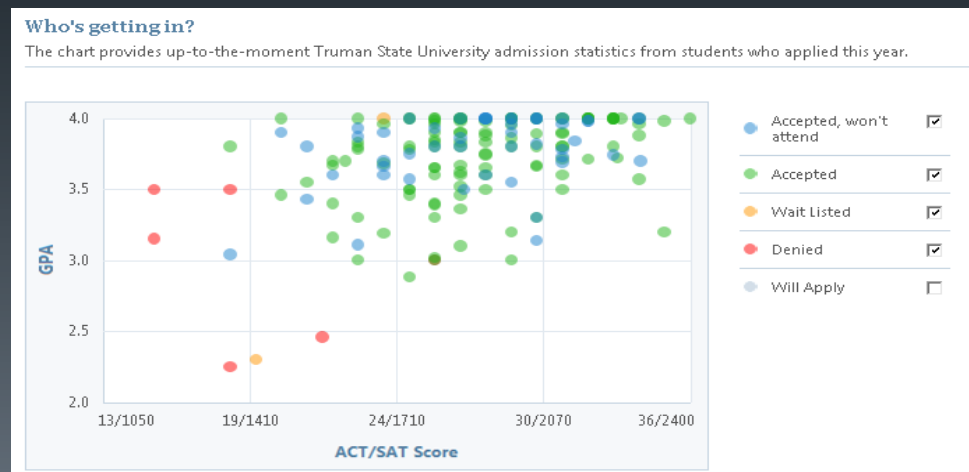
At a Glance

- Fayette, MO
- Small town-rural area (not within commuting distance of a large city)
- 1,031 undergraduate students
- 134 graduate students
- Admissions: Moderately difficult (about 85% of all applicants accepted)
- In-state tuition: \$18,660
- Out-of-state tuition: \$18,660
- Private
- Religious affiliation: Methodist
- Applications due: Continuous

*It's the same for U.S. schools, but you'll choose which state first...

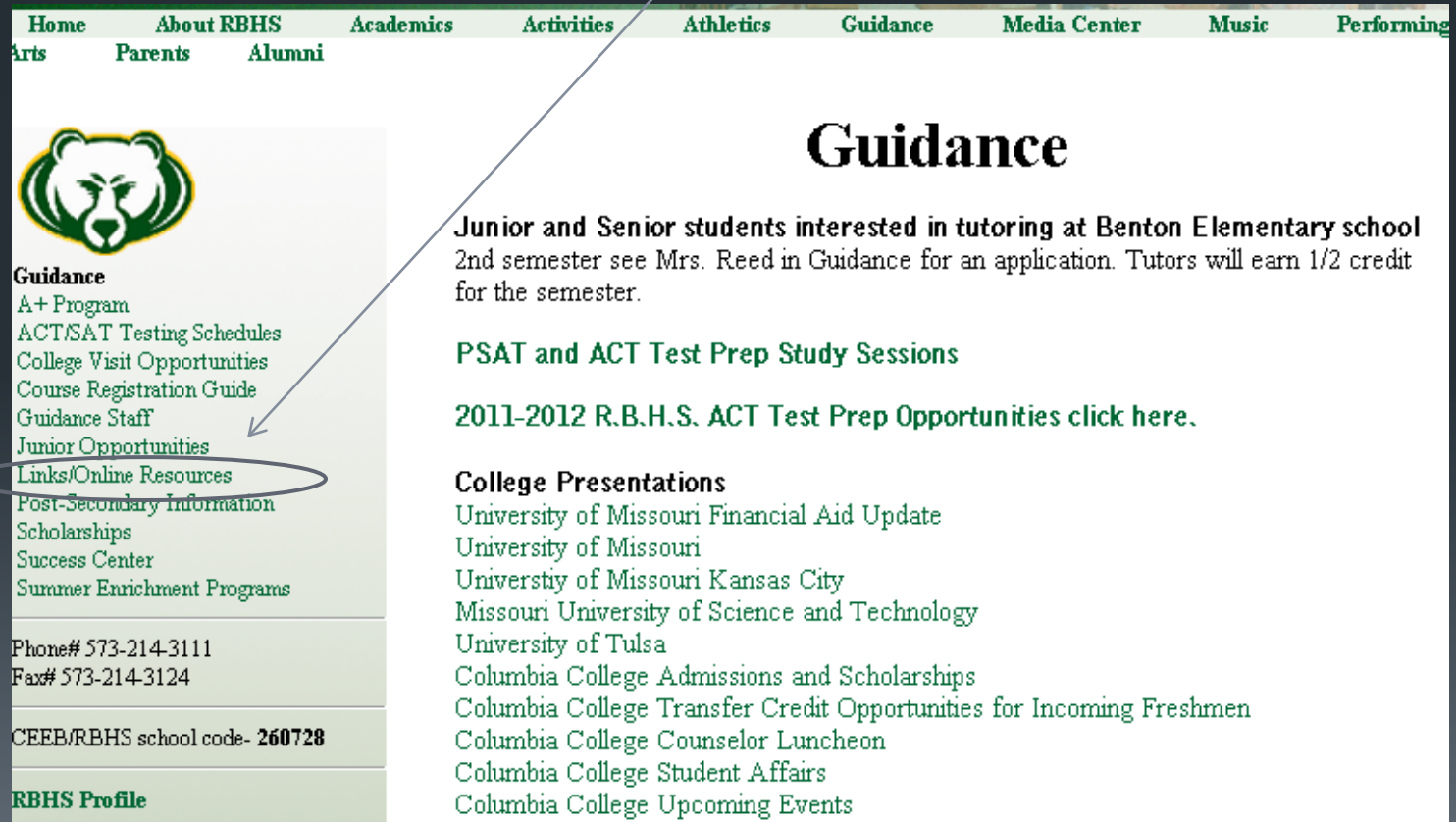
More research opportunities

- Check out these other great online resources for more college, career, and scholarship research
 - www.collegeboard.com
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.cappex.com
 - www.collegeweeklive.com
 - www.dhe.mo.gov (Missouri Dept of Higher Ed)
 - BOOKS! Great books/resources in Guidance
- Cool feature on Cappex.com- graph showing your odds of getting in based on test scores and GPA




Great info also available on our website! 😊

- You can find a link to a list of online resources on our RBHS Guidance website



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Phone# 573-214-3111
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CEEB/RBHS school code- **260728**

RBHS Profile

Guidance

Junior and Senior students interested in tutoring at Benton Elementary school
2nd semester see Mrs. Reed in Guidance for an application. Tutors will earn 1/2 credit for the semester.

PSAT and ACT Test Prep Study Sessions

2011-2012 R.B.H.S. ACT Test Prep Opportunities [click here.](#)

College Presentations
University of Missouri Financial Aid Update
University of Missouri
University of Missouri Kansas City
Missouri University of Science and Technology
University of Tulsa
Columbia College Admissions and Scholarships
Columbia College Transfer Credit Opportunities for Incoming Freshmen
Columbia College Counselor Luncheon
Columbia College Student Affairs
Columbia College Upcoming Events

Things to think about when researching schools...

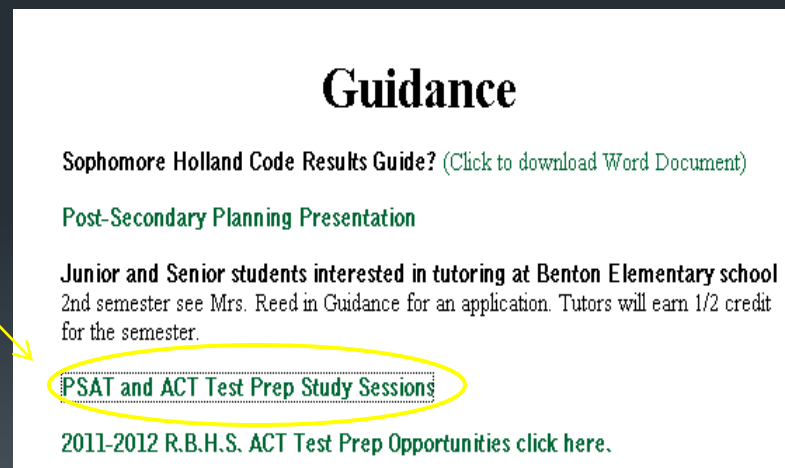
- Size (of campus, of student population, of classes)
- Admissions requirements
- Majors/Programs of Study Offered
- Type (public/private)
- Location (urban, suburban, rural)
- Athletics and Activities
- Cost (Sticker Price vs. Net Price)
- Financial Aid availability/ Scholarships Available
- Research, Study abroad, Internship opportunities
- Etc.
- COLLEGE COMPARISSION SHEETS CAN HELP WHEN YOU'RE RESEARCHING SCHOOLS

What you should know about taking the ACT:

- The ACT test is a standardized exam that measures knowledge & skills in English, mathematics, reading, and science. (Some colleges require the writing portion, also. Must check with admissions for the schools you are interested in applying).
- You should plan on taking it in the spring of your junior year. (The classes you are in now will help boost your score).
- You can take the test multiple times and colleges look at your highest score.

How can you prepare for the ACT?

- Because the exam is designed to measure general academic development, your best preparation is a solid high school curriculum.
- ACT Prep offered through Guidance- Spring Session in January/February and a Super Saturday in April- see Guidance Website for more info



Guidance

Sophomore Holland Code Results Guide? ([Click to download Word Document](#))

Post-Secondary Planning Presentation

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- You can also find practice tests in Guidance or on the ACT website www.actstudent.org

So, what should you do this year?

- Junior year is SO important- it's the last year that you have to improve your GPA before sending off transcripts next year (most college deadlines are before the end of 1st sem. Senior year).
- **WORK HARD IN YOUR CLASSES-** take challenging courses, get good grades, look at taking career related courses next semester or next year if possible.
- Job Shadow, Informational Interview, or Intern in a career area
- Research schools and do campus visits during breaks
- **GET INVOLVED!** If you're not involved in school or community activities, get involved! School and employers look at your activities and leadership experience

A+ Program-the best scholarship program in MO!

- Looks great on your resume even if you're not planning on going to a 2 year school or Tech School
- Some 4 year colleges offer A+ incentive scholarships
- Training sessions in December if you want to do your tutoring next semester!

Tuesday, December 6th- 3:15pm

Wed, December 7th- 7:15am

Thursday, December 8th- 3:15pm

All trainings are in room 332.