

SAMPLE Estimated Senior Year College and Other Costs

Senior Expense	Cost	Details	Ways to Cut Down on the Costs	low	high
Visit colleges	\$25-\$2,000		Visit local colleges if only to get a feel for your preferences. Some private schools will fly-out first generation/low income/under-represented students. Consider OT's annual HBC tour (approx. \$1,300).	\$ 25	\$ 2,500
Meet with college admission representatives	\$0		Approximately 45 college admission representatives visit Tech each year.	\$ -	\$ -
College guides	\$0		Visit Tech's Counseling office. Take out from the Public Library. Shop used books stores. Borrow from older friends.	\$ -	\$ -
SAT	\$52.50	Students should plan on taking the SAT or ACT 2-3 times	Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch are eligible for two fee waivers.	105	105
ACT (with writing)	\$54.50	Students should plan on taking the SAT or ACT 2-3 times	Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch are eligible for two fee waivers.	109	109
SAT Subject Tests	\$26 for first test	\$16 for additional tests except language is \$26	Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch are eligible for two fee waivers.	51	51
AP test	\$91 per test		Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch or meet income guidelines pay \$5/test.	178	356
College application fee (per school)	avg \$70 per application	Most students apply to 5-8 schools	Some admission reps will waive the application fee if students attend info session at school. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch are eligible for fee waivers from many colleges.	350	560
CSS Profile	\$25 for first school; \$16 per additional school	Used by about 400 colleges and scholarships to award financial aid from outside the federal government.		89	111
SUBTOTAL COLLEGE APPLICATION COSTS				\$ 907	\$ 3,792
Grad Nite	\$519		This is an optional activity not affiliated with the school.	\$ -	\$ 519
Prom tickets	\$100		Attend Cash for College - could win free tickets	100	100
Other prom costs	\$0-\$200		Princess Project offers free dresses. Pay a FADA student to make your dress. Make your own corsage. Wear a suit, instead of renting a tux. Borrow a suit.	100	200
Senior Photos	\$25-\$400	\$25 for sitting fee to appear in yearbook. Photo packages vary.	Make your own grad announcements. Have a student or family member who is good at photography take your senior portraits to give out (you need to use school photographer for your yearbook photo).	25	400
Graduation Photos	\$100-\$300		Have one of your guests, who has a good camera, take your graduation pictures.	-	300
Yearbook	\$75			75	75
Thank you cards	\$5 for a pack of 5 Oakland Tech cards (available in treasurer's office)	Good for thanking teachers and counselors for recommendations and for graduation gifts.	Make your own.	-	5
Cap & Gown	\$70		These are only worn once so consider borrowing one or wearing one that was worn at a previous graduation. Tech will ask previous graduates to donate caps & gowns so that students can borrow them.	70	70
Class Ring	\$59-\$500		Achievers offers a package with the cap and gown and basic class ring for \$99. The least expensive customized ring is \$239.	239	500
SUBTOTAL OTHER SENIOR YEAR COSTS				\$ 609	\$ 2,169
GRAND TOTAL - Estimated range of Common Senior Year Costs				\$ 1,146	\$ 4,292