

Guidance Roadmap

Grade 9: Counselors work with students in 3 Areas

Academic: Review report cards/transcripts/test scores to determine strengths and weaknesses, set academic goals; stay engaged. Monitor grades on the Student Portal. Attend classes...be on time! In order to obtain Sophomore standing, you must complete 25 credits. Get involved! Join clubs and activities to build your college resume!

Personal/Social: Self-knowledge...what are your abilities, interests and values? Are you making healthy choices in friends, sleep, and communication with family, friends and teachers? Have you discovered a way to cope with personal issues in your life? You might want to talk with teacher, nurse, counselor, or parent about any problems. Whenever needed, please email your counselor!

Career/Post High School Planning: Focus on strong study habits, obtaining good grades, and participating in extracurricular activities. Identify areas that are interesting to you and explore potential career fields. If you are planning to attend a 2 year school, 4 year school, or technical school, start off on the right foot! Maintain good grades and strong study habits!

*REMEMBER: All of your grades are now part of your permanent record. Colleges will see every final average grade on your transcript!!!

Grade 10: Counselors work with students in 3 Areas

Academic: Review SWMHS and New Jersey School Graduation Requirements, such as courses needed for your remaining years and credits. High School Transcript and Grade Point Average (GPA), get an understanding of where you stand and how your grade 10 classes look on your transcript. Review school involvement, community service, and academic assistance opportunities!

Personal/Social: Review school involvement, community service, and academic assistance opportunities! Start to join clubs that spark your interest and your abilities. If you aren't sure about specific clubs or extracurricular activities, attend the activities fair or speak with your counselor.

Career/Post High School Planning: Start to refine your post-secondary goals through career interest inventories and profilers. Explore post-secondary goals through Naviance tools and the College Board Suite of Assessments and ACT.

Grade 11: Counselors work with students in 3 Areas

Academic: Continue to review SWMHS and New Jersey School Graduation Requirements, such as courses needed for your remaining years and credits. Work with your counselor to create a course plan for the remaining years at SWMHS. Start to review your post-secondary plans with a more in-depth mindset (attend college fairs, Junior meetings with your counselor, complete a career interest profiler). Review school involvement, community service, and academic assistance opportunities!

Personal/Social: Need help trying to figure out what's next after high school? Join in counselor groups or hold an individual meeting with your counselor to set short and long term goals to help guide you through upcoming milestones.

Career/Post High School Planning: Discuss post-secondary plans whether it be college, the workforce or military service with your family and school counselor. Review your post-secondary goals through Naviance tools. Reflect on surveys you completed in the past to determine your abilities and interests to gauge the path you need to take (trade school, associate's degree, certificate programs, etc.)

Grade 12: Counselors work with students in 3 Areas

Academic: Explore post-secondary goals through Naviance. Maintain a strong course selection and academic standing - continue to work with the school counselor for monitoring and assurance the student is on track. If you need to complete a standardized test such as SAT or ACT for college admission, please sign up for them (*note, due to COVID-19 most schools are becoming SAT/ACT Optional). Continue to work hard in your classes but explore various electives to expand your interests/abilities.

Personal/Social: Need help trying to figure out what's next after high school? Join in counselor groups or hold an individual meeting with your counselor to set short and long term goals to help guide you through upcoming milestones.

Career/Post High School Planning: Start to finalize post-secondary plans whether it be college, the workforce or military service with your family and school counselor. Review applications and checklists with your counselor. The guidance department hosts college representative visits daily - check Naviance for schools and dates. These will be conducted virtually for the time being. Review virtual tours of programs through the institution's website, sign up for college fairs, and attend campus visits where possible. Discuss scholarship opportunities with your counselor.