



WELCOME TO JUNIOR PARENT NIGHT

OCTOBER 2022

TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- Graduation Requirements
- College and Service Admissions Testing
- Post High School Options
- Finding a Good Fit
- College Fairs & Visits
- How We Assist
- Criteria Schools Consider
- Timeline for Juniors
- Course Selection for Senior Year
- How to be ready for Senior Year

Graduation Requirements: 25 credits

Humanities: 9 Credits

English	4 Credits
Social Studies	3 Credits: including .5 Civics and 1.0 US History
Fine Arts	1.0 Credit
Humanities Elective	1.0 Credit
World Language	1 Credit
Physical Education and Wellness	1 Credit
Health & Safety Education	1 Credit

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics: 9 Credits

Mathematics	3 Credits
Science	3 Credits
Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Business Electives	3 Credits
Electives	3 Credits
Diploma Mastery Assessment: Skills for Success	1 Credit

Proficiency on NGSS Science
SAT with scores

EBRW: 480 & Math 530

All can be satisfied with **grades of 70+** in
English, Math and Science classes.

MANY TYPES OF TESTING

- ASVAB - Oct. 5th & March 8th
- PSAT - October 12th ...Practice
- CT School Day SAT - March 29th 2023

Digital on Chromebook

- SAT - Saturday testing (Handout listing dates)
- ACT -Saturday testing
- NGSS -Next Generation Science Standard

April 26th 2023

SAT PREPARATION

- PSAT results- link to Khan Academy
- School-based prep workshops in Feb
- Classroom teachers infused work
- Free online test prep / practice tests at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10?navid=gh-pn>
- Professional Prep Courses or Tutoring: listed on our website
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.actstudent.org

ACT

- Serves same purpose as SAT
- Math, English, Reading, Science and optional writing
- Score up to 36
- www.actstudent.org

POST HIGH SCHOOL OPTIONS

- Post HS Degrees – Bachelors, Associates
 - Liberal Arts / Special Interest Schools,
 - Technical and Vocational Schools
- Military Service, ROTC
- Training Programs: CNA
- Gap Year
- Employment

FINDING A GOOD FIT REQUIRES RESEARCH

- College and Career Searches on Naviance
- Research data for schools, employment & Military branch options
- Compare yourself / competitiveness
- Maintain a list of Reach/ Match/ Likely options

SEARCH CONSIDERATIONS

- Distance from home or States
- Size
- Type of College or branch of Military
- Competitiveness level
- Majors or career direction
- Cost
- Internships and study abroad
- Other special considerations-
ROTC...individualized

OTHER SOURCES FOR RESEARCH

College Websites

collegeboard.org

www.finaid.org,

Recruiter and Armed Service Websites

College Fairs: Virtual or in-person

Campus Visits / interviews: Virtual or in-person

Publications: Including Fiske

COLLEGE FAIRS: IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL

Can be Local and/or National

Talk to College Admissions Reps

- Get Information
- Show an Interest
- Inquire about visiting and Open House
- Contact- Get a business card

See Handout for dates and information

THE COLLEGE VISIT ON CAMPUS OR VIRTUAL

- Informative- inside view of life on the campus.
 - Schools invested in their Virtual Presentations as well.
- Best when school is in session.
- Research the college prior to your visit.
- Sign up on college website ahead to schedule a tour, info. session, interview
- Shows an interest in the school—this is tracked!

HOW WE ASSIST IN THIS PROCESS

- Classroom presentations in Fall & Spring
- Naviance Training for Junior Parents in January
- Family Meeting with School Counselor in Feb/March
- Naviance and College Websites
- LOLHS Newsletters and Website
- Follow-up meetings with School Counselor during Junior and Senior Year
- Writing and Communication Class –Senior Year

ROLES IN THIS PROCESS: TEAM EFFORT

Student

- Primary Responsibility
- Research, Compare, Prioritize, Communicate
- Meet deadlines and work hard

Parent/ Guardian

- Coach, Prompter, Practical Limit Setter
- Chauffer to college fairs, college visits
- Possible Secretarial Help if Needed

Counselor

- Provide Information
- Assist in exploration and process
- Support student through the process

CRITERIA SCHOOLS CONSIDER

- Transcript: courses, levels and grades
- Overall GPA, or recalculated (weighted)
- Admissions Test Results –requirements vary. Can send either SAT or ACT, (fairtest.org)
 - *Covid flexibility w/ optional testing but check
- Counselor and Teacher recommendations
- Application – Essay and Question answers
- Resume – activities outside of the classroom

SCHOOLS MAY ALSO CONSIDER...

- Special talents, skills and interests
- Majors
- Possible interviews
- Auditions and Portfolios as relevant to Majors

JUNIOR TIMELINE

- PSATs in October: link results to Khan Academy in December
- Naviance Training for Junior Parents: January
- Family and Counselor meeting: Feb/March
- Research and Organize info on colleges- ongoing
- College Fairs and College Visits: ongoing
- Senior Year Course Selection: March/April
- Admissions Testing: March 29th and possibly another administration in Spring
 - *Deadlines to sign up for tests a month out*
- Update Resume: ongoing
- Consider teacher recs: Spring

SENIOR YEAR COURSE SELECTION

- Challenge selves appropriately; strong efforts senior year.
- Continue in all academic areas -*okay to trade off courses to pursue areas of interest*
- Certain majors require HS courses for admission
 - Vary by school, state and program, i.e., Nursing, Engineering
 - Some states require 4th Math
- Pursue a passion
- Take advantage of opportunities, i.e. School To Career (Mrs. Fuller)

HOW TO BE READY FOR SENIOR YEAR

- Study for Junior Year exams and finish with a solid year.
- Over the summer, compile a list of interested schools based on your research and those you have visited.
- Know the SAT/ACT requirements of colleges you are interested in.....are they test optional? Will you send your scores?
- Think about your Jr year teachers....who knew you best?
- Update your resume
- In August, create a Common App account: save your Username and Password in your phone.
- Jot down ideas for your college essay based on the Common

App prompts

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ROAD TO GRADUATION AND BEYOND

PATIENCE, PERSISTENCE

KEEP PERSPECTIVE AND BALANCE

REQUIRES ORGANIZATION

LOOK TO THE FUTURE

DON'T MISS THE IMPORTANT MOMENTS!