



JUNIOR PARENT NIGHT

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GRCHS CounSeling Department

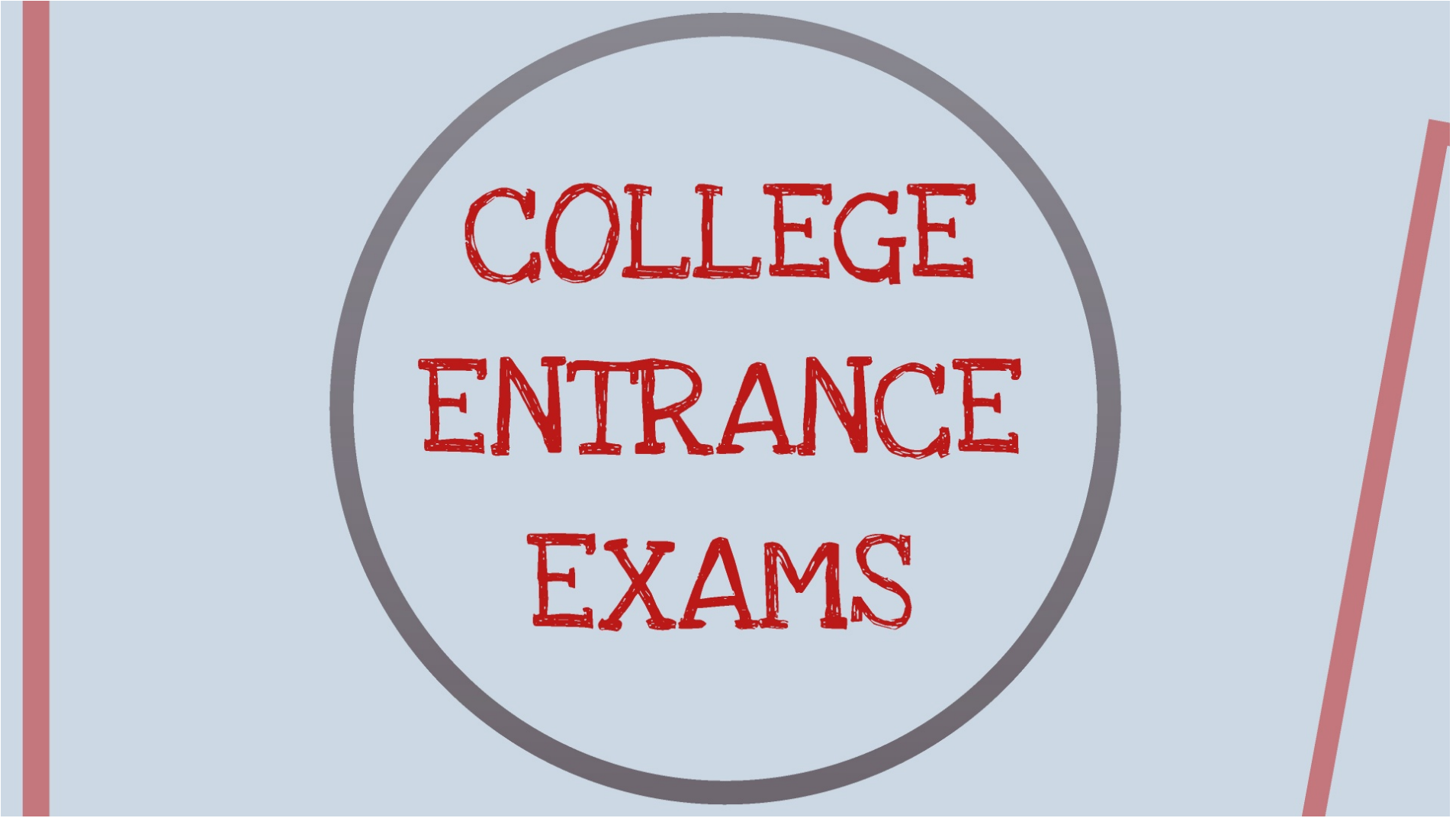
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Counselors at GRCHS provide a comprehensive program to prepare all students to be effective servants of Christ in contemporary society.

THE AGENDA

- College Entrance Exams & Test Prep
- Post Graduate Planning
- Financial Aid
- Timelines
- Parent's Role

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COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

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The ACT or the SAT?



- The ACT and the SAT are both national tests for college admissions
- **All colleges recognize and accept BOTH tests;** students should take the test that gives them the best chance for admissions and scholarships
- NOTE: The SAT is the **ONLY** test used for eligibility for Michigan Competitive Scholarships and State Grants



**ACT & SAT needs
based fee waivers
available in
counseling office**

SCHOOL DAY Testing:

- March 8- Official SAT test
- Accommodations offered to qualifying students
- Registration will be completed by school
- Free for your student

YOU send scores to colleges

- Most colleges require that your test scores be sent directly from the testing company (i.e. ACT or College Board)
- Students can send their scores to 4 colleges every time they register
- Students may send additional scores DIRECTLY from the testing agency (i.e. ACT or College Board)
 - www.collegeboard.org
 - www.actstudent.org

what's Up with test Optional?

TEST OPTIONAL COLLEGES





TEST PREPARATION

TEST PREP

Test Prep options can be found:

- Tonight's Handout
- counselors.grcs.org - Testing - Test Prep

Test Prep Continued

*Counselors Recommend:

- Sign up for test prep if available. Current test prep is already in session but there are opportunities the week before Saturday tests.
- Taking the preferred test at least twice
- Using test prep resources - Khan Academy, practice tests
- Summer Session Workshops for ACT Prep in June
Registration opens first week of March

Data from class of 2014

7. Did you do any test prep for your ACT or SAT?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	137	100%
No	0	0%

8. What type of TEST PREP did you do?

Response	Count	Percentage
Nothing at a College prep school	0	0%
Nothing at all (0/0/0/0)	0	0%
Course that includes ACT test prep	137	100%
Private tutor (private school)	0	0%
Grouping (private school)	0	0%

9. How many ACT or SAT prep classes did you take?

Response	Count	Percentage
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POST SECONDARY OPTIONS

- Career Training Schools
- Military
- Military Academies
- Apprenticeships
- Gap Year
- Work
- College: 2 year & 4 year



WEBSITES

ACT

www.actstudent.org

This is the student site for ACT. This contains useful college information and search features.

College Board

<http://www.collegeboard.com>

SAT, PSAT, AP Testing Information; Search for Colleges by Location, Major and by Name; Compare Two College Side by Side, Store College Info. In Your Own Personal File; Get Quick College Information/Profiles that Include: Addresses, Website Info., Phone Numbers, Admissions Info., Application Fee, Test Requirements, Housing, Student Enrollment, Student Body, Academic Support Services, Campus & Student Life, Activities and Sports, Majors and Academics, Most Popular Majors, AP Information, Costs and Financial Aid, International Student Information.

College Opportunity On-Line Locator

<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

Links to over 9,000 colleges, universities and tech/trade schools. You can search for a college based on location, program, degree offerings either alone or in combination.

College Program

<http://www.campusprogram.com>

This site not only searches for college programs by state, but also allows you to find colleges by specific career fields, majors, and occupations.

College View

<http://www.collegeview.com>

College search/directories, virtual advisor, request info, search by major/location etc. campus tours, college apps,

Campus Tours

<http://www.ecampustours.com>

Offers virtual college tours of over 1200 college campuses.

Fast Web

<http://www.fastweb.com>

Go College

<http://www.gocollege.com>

This site links to colleges, distance learning, financial aid and more.



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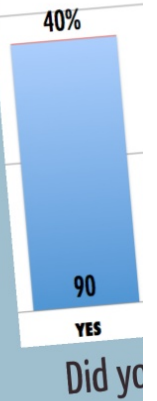
- Complete Career Searches, Aptitude Tests, YouScience, etc.
- Research Careers, specific occupations, & college majors
- Upload Documents, Career Assignments and Surveys
- Research Colleges and Build a College List
- Sign up to Meet with visiting College Reps
- Track College Applications
- Request & Send Transcripts and Teacher Recommendations

SCOIR: Parent Account -HOW IS IT ACCESSED?

QUESTIONS ABOUT SCOIR? EMAIL
JANDERSON@GRCS.ORG
WE WILL ALSO EMAIL PRESENTATIONS
FROM TONIGHT

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

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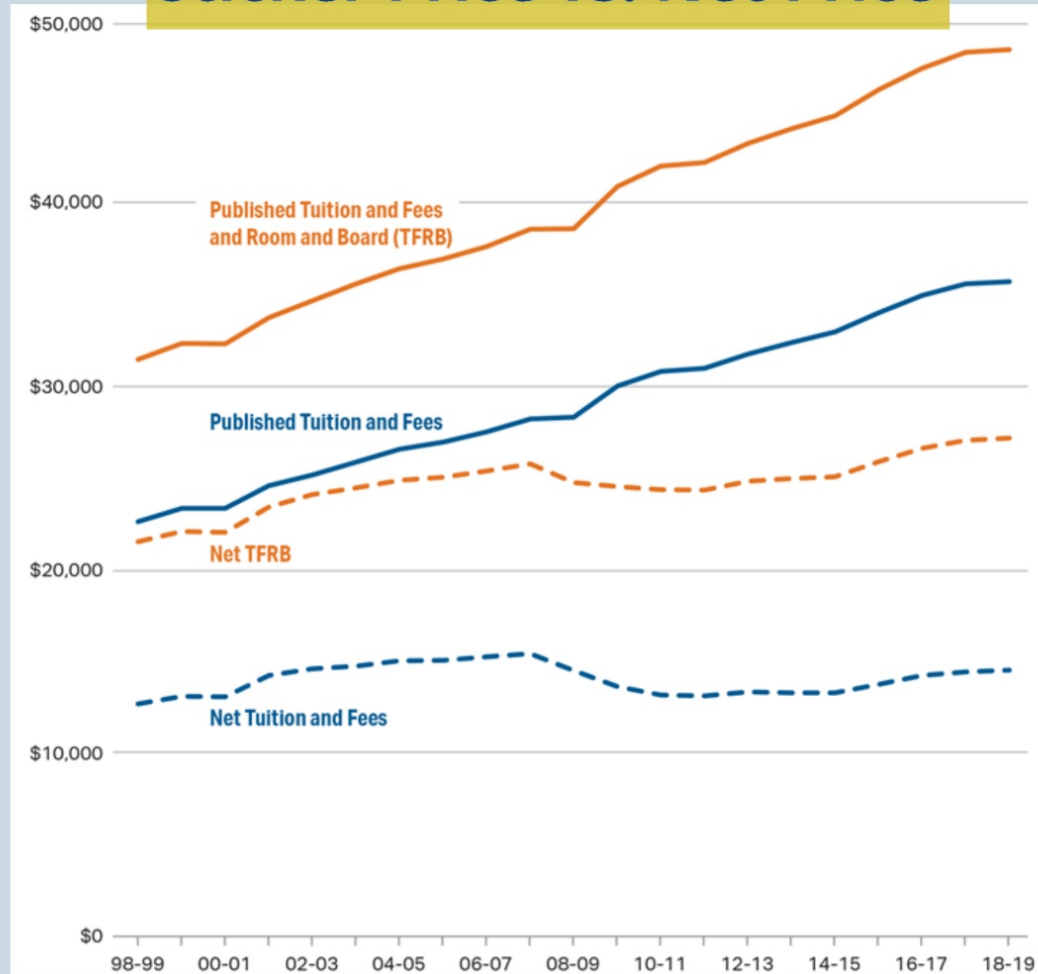
Paying for College

- Scholarships
- Grants
- <https://studentaid.gov/>
 - Core document to apply for financial aid
- CSS Profile (required for certain colleges)

(FREE APPLICATION for FEDERAL STUDENT AID)

Complete in October of your student's senior year

Sticker Price vs. Net Price



Grand Rapids Promise

Am I eligible for this scholarship?

1. Have I been enrolled at an eligible Grand Rapids high school since the beginning of 11th grade?
2. Do I live inside the City of Grand Rapids?

What does this scholarship cover?

This scholarship covers tuition, books, required course materials, and any mandatory fees associated with attending Grand Rapids Community College for up to 60 credit hours total. This scholarship can be used for the Fall, Winter, or Summer Semesters beginning in the Fall of 2020.

How do I apply for the scholarship?

- Apply to GRCC & Fill out FAFSA

TIMELINES

JUNIOR YEAR Timeline

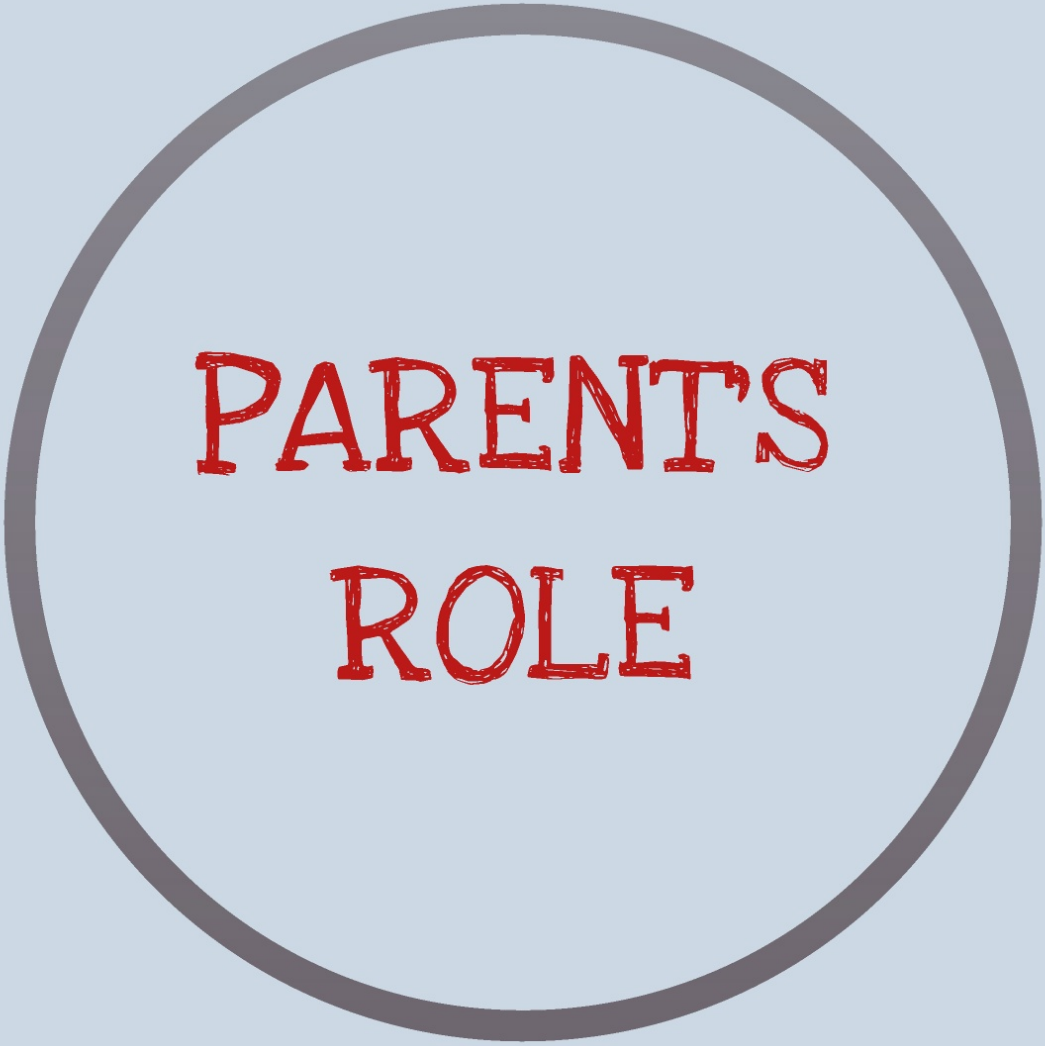
- Research and begin the college search
- Attend College Fairs in Grand Rapids
- **National Christian College Fair - Tuesday, March 16, 2023,
6:30-8:30pm @ GRCHS**
- Continue college visits
- Register for additional tests as desired
- Register for College Essay Writing Workshop (Summer Session)
- Register for ACT Prep Workshop (Summer Session)



Senior Year Timeline

- Re-take ACT or SAT (August-October for early deadlines and October-December for regular deadlines or scholarships)
- Attend Senior Parent Night in August
- Individual counselor/student meetings
- Begin/submit college applications (August-December)
- Send ACT or SAT scores to colleges
- Attend college representative meetings during lunch
- Visit colleges
- Complete the FAFSA (October) and CSS profile if needed
- Search for scholarships and send in applications
- May 1 - College Decision Day (enroll deadline and deposit due)





PARENTS ROLE

TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Parents should GUIDE not STEER
- Talk openly and honestly about finances
- Discuss the impact that social media could have on getting in to college
 - in a recent NACAC report, 26% of colleges reported that they used search engines and social media to research prospective students

In Summary

- Students are the drivers in this process
- This a partnership: student, parent & counselor
- We help market and advocate for our students
- The end result is all about the FIT!

GOD'S BLESSINGS AS YOU NAVIGATE THE COLLEGE PATH!

*"For it is God who works in you to will and to act in
order to fulfill his good purpose."*

Philippians 2:13

-GRCHS Counselors

Breakouts

Break Out Options:

Trade School or 2 Year College - room 220

Highly Selective College Process - Garage

Gap Year - room 221

NCAA and Eligibility - room 232