How High School Students Can Prepare for a Successful Future

Preparing for a successful future involves more than just getting good grades in high school. Let's explore the strategies for success by grade level.

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Freshman Year: Building a Solid Foundation

1 Discover Passions

Explore different subjects and extracurricular activities to find areas of interest. 2 Set Goals

Begin setting academic and personal goals to stay motivated throughout high school. Build Relationships

Connect with teachers, classmates, and mentors to create a support network.



Sophomore Year: Exploring Interests and Setting Goals

Course Selection

Choose classes that align with career interests and develop key skills.

Extracurricul ar Activities

Join clubs, sports teams, or volunteer organizations to explore passions.

Adjust Goals

Assess progress in core and career classes to refine goals.

Explore life after Tivy

Begin to see yourself in future scenarios.



Junior Year: Planning for College and Career

1 College Research

Start researching colleges and universities to find the best fit academically and socially.

2 ACT/SAT Prep

Begin preparing for standardized tests by taking practice exams and seeking guidance. Khan academy has partnered with college board to provide a free resource available to all. It is also valuable to search released tests to access full length tests to practice.

3 — College Visits

Visit college campuses to get a firsthand look at the environment and programs offered.

Students have two days during this year for college visits. Contact the department you are interested in to schedule a personal tour or arrange to sit in a class.

4 Internships

Seek out internships or job shadowing opportunities to gain real-world experience.

Senior Year: Applying for Colleges and Scholarships

College Applications

Complete thorough and timely college applications, including required essays.

Career Preparation

Apply to and visit Trade and technical programs. Work in the field or participate in a Career Practicum through Tivy CTE courses.

Scholarship Search

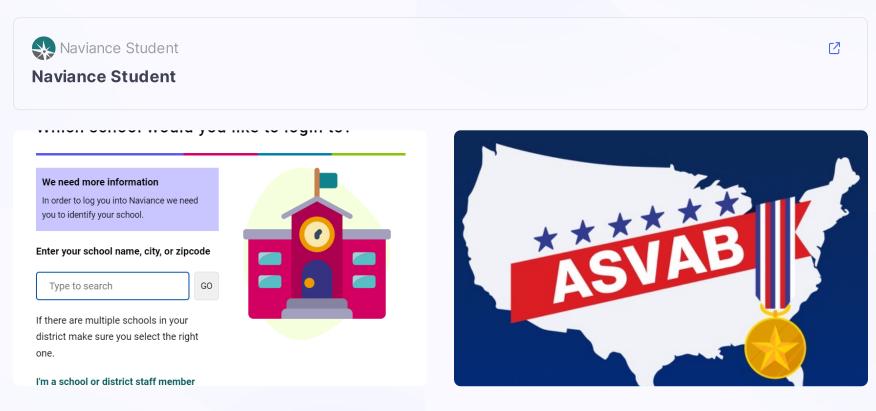
Research and apply for scholarships to help offset expenses. All local scholarships and many national scholarship applications are available on Naviance.

Financial Aid

Explore financial aid options and submit the FAFSA for potential grants and loans.



College and Career Options: Exploring Different Pathways



ASVAB Strength Explorer/Interest Profiler available twice per year for 10th - 12th graders.



Developing Essential Skills: Communication, Critical Thinking, and Problem-Solving

Public Speaking

Hone communication
skills through
presentations and public
speaking opportunities.

2 Critical Thinking

Engage in projects or debates that challenge critical thinking abilities.

3 Problem-Solving

Participate in activities or clubs that foster problem-solving skills.

Taking Advantage of Resources: Mentors, Internships, and Extracurricular Activities

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Internship Opportunities

Apply for internships to gain handson experience in desired fields.

Tivy offers internship courses in CTE and Core subjects as a fourth level course. Current offerings include Mooney Aircraft, Habitat for Humanity, Food Service, District Elementary schools as well as Career Prep individual findings.

Mentorship Programs

Seek guidance from mentors who can provide valuable career advice and support.

Extracurricular Involvement

Participate in clubs and organizations to develop leadership skills and expand networks. Tivy offers NHS, Interact, Spanish Honor Society, Athletics, FFA......