

# 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.

3

## 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.

## Extracurricular 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.

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## 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



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Which school would you like to register to?

## We need more information

In order to log you into Naviance we need you to identify your school.

Enter your school name, city, or zipcode

GO

If there are multiple schools in your district make sure you select the right one.

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



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

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## 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

