RISING SENIORS-CLASS 2024

Preparing for the College Application Process

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RISING SENIORS: PREPARING FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

1. Create College List
   - Using Naviance for College Planning & Applications
2. College Entrance Exams: ACT vs. SAT
3. Visiting Colleges
4. College Application Timeline
5. Prepare for College Applications

1. CREATE COLLEGE LIST

✔ Naviance

- College & Career Exploration
- Managing College Applications
- Sending Transcripts Electronically to Colleges
- Interfaces with Common App

Self-Discovery	Career Exploration	Success Planning	Post-Secondary Preparation
Who am I?	What do I want to be?	How will I get there?	Will I be successful?

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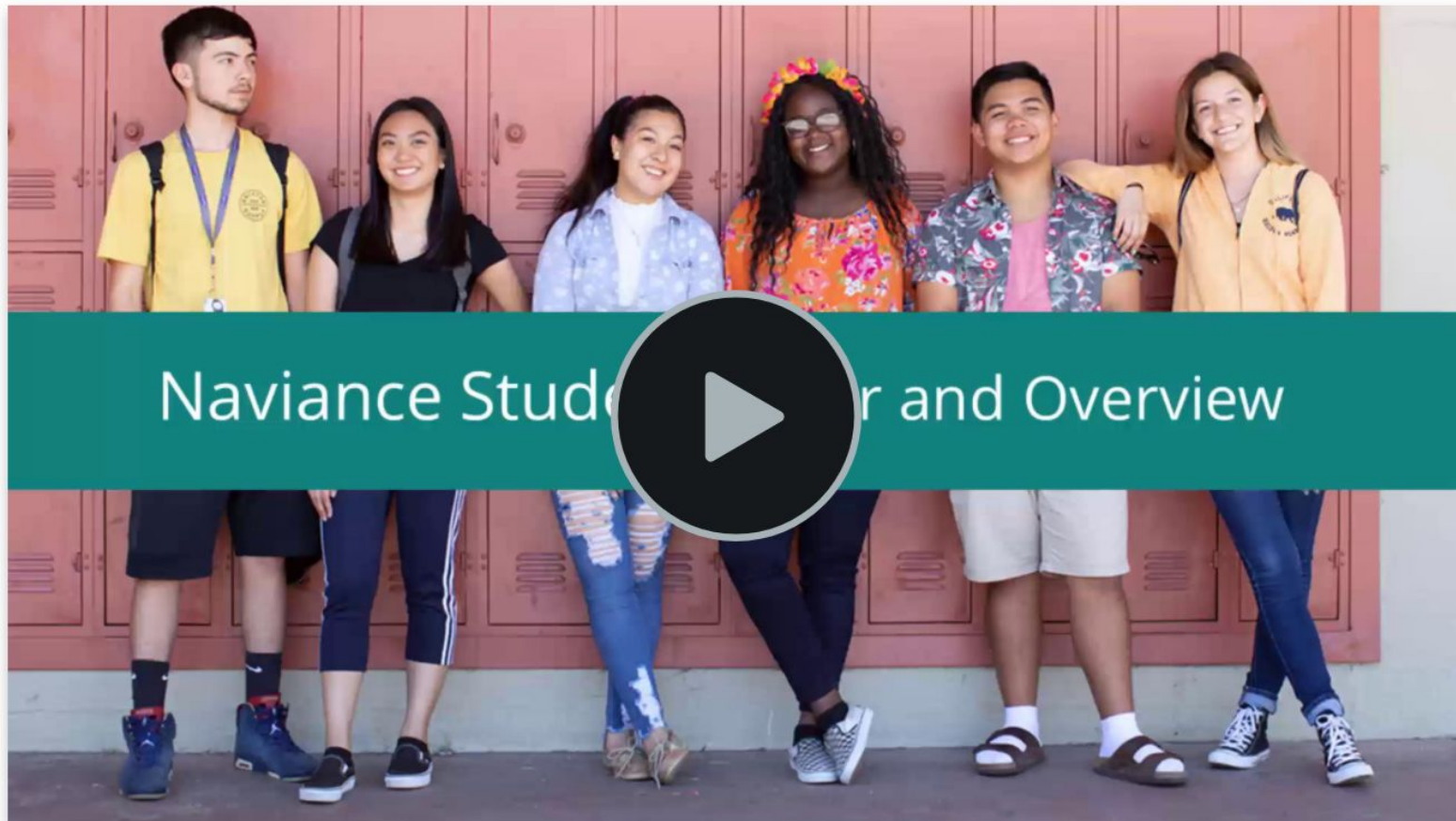
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Can you answer: **"What I want to be?"** IF NOT – USE NAVIANCE TO:

Step 1: Self Discovery

Self-Discovery and Career Research Tools

Naviance Student Assessments

StrengthsExplorer® (Only once)
Strengths assessment that assesses 10 talent themes and identifies students' three strongest emerging talents with

Career Interest Profiler (HS Only)
Career interest assessment for students based on Holland's Interest Codes. Students will gain access to their top Holland Code matches.

Career Cluster Finder
Online questionnaire that helps students discover career clusters that are most interesting to them. Can retake at any time.

Learning Style Inventory *
Assessment to help determine a student's ideal learning and productivity conditions.

Step 2: Career Exploration
Save Careers to your Naviance list that you are thinking about

NAVIANCE

Explore Careers and Interests

CAREERS AND CLUSTERS
I'm thinking about

Explore Careers

Explore Career Clusters

1. CREATE COLLEGE LIST

Use Naviance SuperMatch to find and save Colleges to your
"COLLEGES I'M THINKING ABOUT" LIST

SuperMatch™ is an interactive, visually-friendly college search experience added to Naviance Student. Students can select from many criteria, indicate their level of importance and quickly get a response based on those criteria, including an explanation of the results.

1. CREATE COLLEGE LIST

When returning to school next fall
MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR TOP SCHOOLS SAVED IN NAVIANCE!

- BHS Guidance will have a meeting with College Bound Seniors in the first few weeks of school to go over next steps for moving schools to your "Application List"
- This feature will be turned off until our meeting.

1. CREATE COLLEGE LIST

Things to Consider:

- ✔ School Cost
- ✔ Financial Aid
- ✔ Academics
- ✔ Accreditation
- ✔ Admission Requirements
- ✔ Location, Size, Campus Life
- ✔ Work Flexibility/Co-ops/Placement
- ✔ Graduation Rate
- ✔ Distance/Online Learning
- ✔ Reputation

2. COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS-ACT/SAT

www.act.org
www.sat.org/register

✔ Can take multiple times

✔ October tests may not meet scholarship deadlines (check deadlines)

✔ Some colleges superscore

✔ Some schools are test optional

✔ Use your 4 free schools to send scores when registering

2. COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS-ACT/SAT

- ❑ ACT STATE TEST – March ALL Juniors – FREE

  - Link with National online account with ACT ID number provided on score report sheet if needed

- ❑ ACT NATIONAL TEST – on Saturdays – student pays

  - Fee waivers available for financial disadvantaged – see your Counselor

  - Register online at www.actstudent.org and www.collegeboard.org/register

2. COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS-ACT/SAT

- ACT/SAT "Unofficial" Scores on HS Transcript.

- Some colleges want "Official" Scores sent directly from ACT/SAT, always check.

- Use Free Score reports to colleges when registering!

- FREE Test Prep
  - ✔ www.SATpractice.org (SAT)
  - ✔ www.act.org/academy (ACT)

2. COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS-ACT/SAT

BGSU

Merit Based College Scholarships

Based on ACT and SAT Scores!

ACT Scores	GPA	Scholarships
21	3.0	$2500
26	3.5	$4000
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Miami University

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3. VISITING COLLEGES

- Virtual vs. Live
  - Go when in session

- Schedule on college's website

- Consider NO SCHOOL DAYS

- College Visitation Forms
  - 3 visits, turn in before you go

4. COLLEGE APPLICATION TIMELINE

The College Application Timetable
Class of 2024

Did you know? Students who visit a highly selective college campus are up to 40% more likely to be accepted to that school.	Spring of Junior Year	Summer before Senior Year	Fall of Senior Year	Winter & Spring of Senior Year & Beyond
Visit College Campuses and Attend College Fairs		ongoing		
Register & Study for SAT	2023 SAT test dates-	6/3/23	8/26/23 – 10/7/23 – 11/4/23 – 12/2/23	
Register & Study for ACT	2023 ACT test dates-	6/10/23 - 7/15/23	9/9/23 - 10/28/23 - 12/9/23	
Finalize College List 3 reach, 3 target, 3 likely	Use Naviance college research tools to identify colleges that are the best match & fit.			
Apply to College	Start applying **in the fall** **Check college application deadlines**			
Request Recommendations and Transcripts	After our fall meeting, use Naviance to request transcripts and teacher letters of recommendation. **Talk to teacher recommenders _in person_ before submitting your request in Naviance** Do not invite recommenders in Common App until after you match your Common App and Naviance accounts.			
Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)	Submit FAFSA starting on **October 1st** **check college websites for more info. on financial aid deadlines**			
Apply for Scholarships	Scholarship applications can be due as early as **September**, local scholarships will be released in **January** **Check scholarship websites and your college for specific deadlines**			
Commit to a College	Students should commit to a college by the spring of their senior year.			

The College Application Checklist

Did you know? Naviance College, Career, and Life Readiness lessons (purple box at the bottom of your Naviance homepage) can help you navigate the major milestones of your senior year.	**Student Checklist**	**Parent or Guardian Checklist**
Spring - Summer **Visit College Campuses and Attend College Fairs**	❏ Engage with admissions reps in-person, over the phone, and through email.	❏ Work with your student to plan spring & summer visits to the colleges they are most interested in.
Register & Study for the ACT and/or SAT	❏ Review your ACT score from this Spring ❏ If you would like to retake your ACT or take the SAT make a plan for when you want to take it and get registered directly on their website. ❏ Come up with a study plan and stick to it!	❏ Talk to your student about paying for the ACT ($52-68). Register early to avoid paying an extra $30 late fee. ❏ Talk to your student about paying for the SAT ($50-65). Register early to avoid paying an extra $30 late fee. **fee waivers are available make sure to talk to your counselor if you think you might qualify or qualify or free and reduced lunch**
Finalize College List 3 reach, 3 target, 3 likely	❏ Carefully consider the criteria you are looking for in a college and the admissions requirements for each school to finalize your college list and which deadlines you want to shoot for. **Use Naviance & college websites to help you make informed decisions about where to apply.**	❏ Talk to your student about where they are planning to apply and what criteria matters to them most.

5. PREPARE FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Between Now and September

- Create "Colleges I am interested in" list in Naviance
- Explore college websites
- Start a list of awards and activities/resume
- Start writing essays
- Think about who can write recommendations if needed
- Review your transcript (when we return to school)

5. PREPARE FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

What Do Colleges Look For…

- Grades
- Rigor of Coursework
- Test Scores
- Applications
- Essays
- Recommendations
- Activities
- Interviews
- Demonstrated Interest
- Strong Senior Years

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College Applications –

- Done electronically through:
  1. Institutional App
  2. Common App

COMMON APPLICATION

- Opens August 1st
- Will need to be matched with Naviance to send transcripts and letters of recommendations
- Wait until our SENIOR COLLEGE APPLICATION MEETING TO START. If you cannot wait, DO NOT REQUEST ANY TRANSCRIPTS OR LETTERS OF REC until our meeting
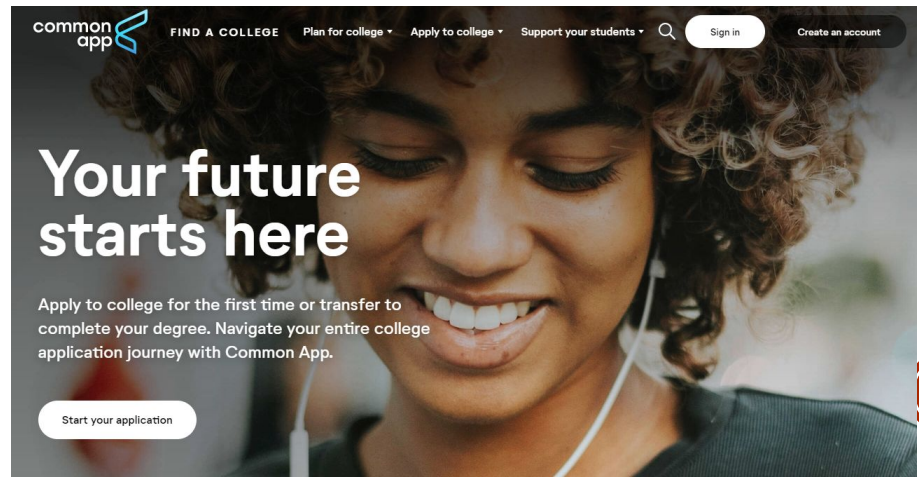
HOW WE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU…

1. BHS Student Email- Naviance emails

2. School Website – post scholarships, college information, etc.