

OHS PLANNING SEMINAR



Presenting to you the **EASIEST** ways to start planning for life after OHS

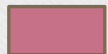
ALRIGHT BLAZERS, WHAT ARE WE THINKING FOR LIFE AFTER OHS AND WHY?

- Academic Degrees- College or University?
- Industry Certificates- Vocational or Technical School?
- Service- Military or Missions?
- Travel or Community Service- A “Gap” Year?
- Apprenticeship, Internships, Work?
- Living With Your Parents?!

HAVE YOU DONE YOUR NAVIANCE “MY STRENGTHS” & “CAREER INTEREST PROFILER” YET? HOW ABOUT UPDATING YOUR 4-YEAR PLAN?



Yes: Then the above question is close to being answered-
Good job!



No: Then let's start- now is the time!

Access any materials you need or missed on the Counseling Website!

FIRST, MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR JOB IS

The 3 biggest ideas you need to plan for by/through Junior year are:

#1- Get your G.P.A. as high as it can go! Take care of “unfinished business” on your transcript *a.s.a.p!*


#2-Understand your dreams: ****Lets take a closer look!****


#3-Refine your skills by using your tools:

- Start preparing now for the SAT- Check the “Student” tab on the OHS Website (B.O.S.S.) → “College & Career Prep” → “Methodize”
- Check Powerschool at least once a week to monitor your standing & progress
- Check Schoology to access your courses
- **Continue with your MyCap & use Naviance to explore Colleges, look ahead for scholarships and find career interests**

YOU SHOULD BE AN EXPERT BY NOW IN #1 and #3

SECOND, PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO “#2- UNDERSTAND YOUR DREAMS”

- Do the research & start finding your Colleges & Programs that you WANT to apply to!
 - The more you do now, the less you will have to do next year
 - From the MyCap work you did EXPLORING your interests and options, remember to start with the end in mind- what type of career/subject of studying is interesting to you & which schools/programs offer those courses and degrees/certifications
 - In Naviance, you should have done the “Strengths Explorer” & the “Career Interest Profiler”. If not, do them now 😊
- Do the research  NAVIANCE that you’re considering future job outlooks. Check out:

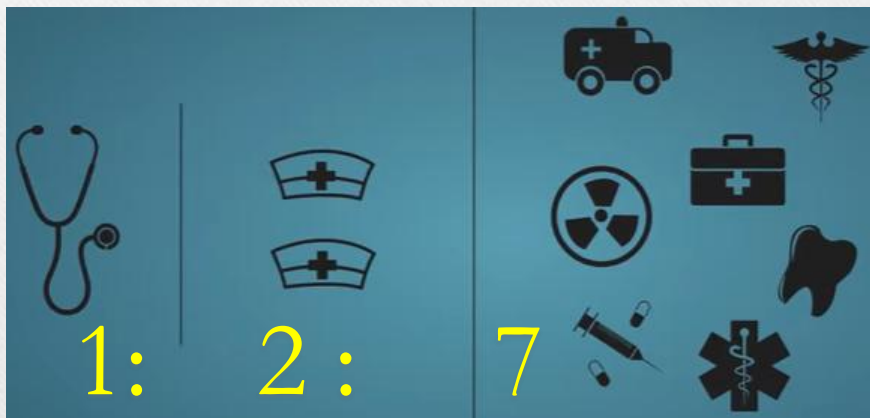
- Naviance
- My Colorado Journey
- Colorado Future] 
- US Labor Stats



Where are you
Applying to and
WHY?



REMEMBER, CAREER TRAINING & COLLEGE OPTIONS WORK TOGETHER



The future of
the **workforce**
depends on education.

72% OF ALL
JOBS

will require postsecondary
education or training by 2031.

EDUCATION IS LIFE LONG

Most jobs/careers you will get require some form of formal or continued training. This could be after high school, or to even advance you in the field as you are an adult. Job market trends show roughly:

- **35%** of jobs/careers require a 4-year (Bachelors) degree **or +**higher
- **55%** of jobs/careers require skilled training (this can include jobs that require a degree or just specific job training, approx.)
- **10%** of jobs do not require any specific job skills training



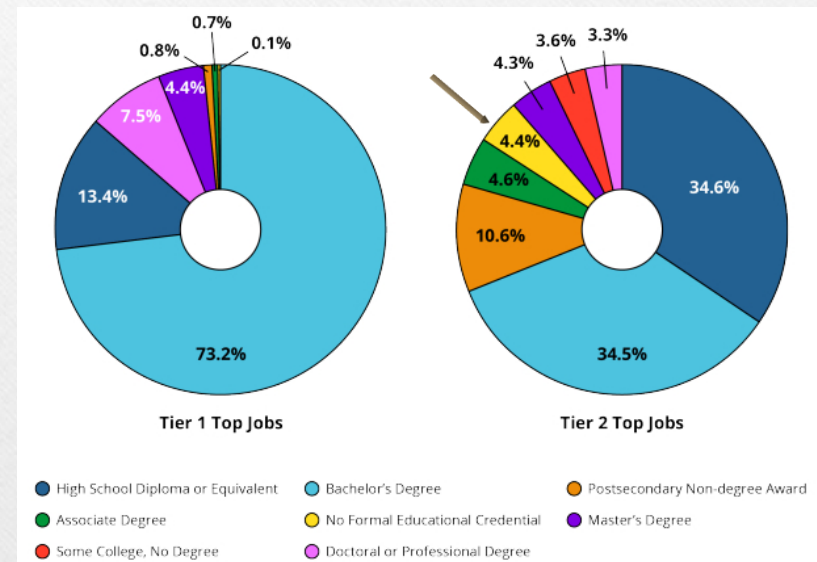
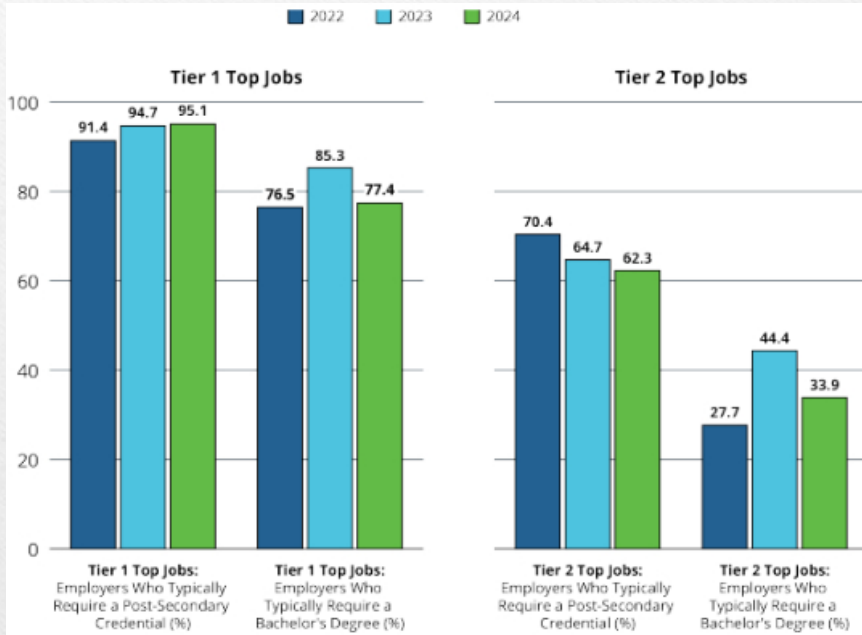
Research shows that having the proper education and skill training lead to higher wages and a higher likelihood of being employed

LET'S TAKE A QUICK LOOK AT COLORADO!

2024 Colorado Job Data- Training Needed

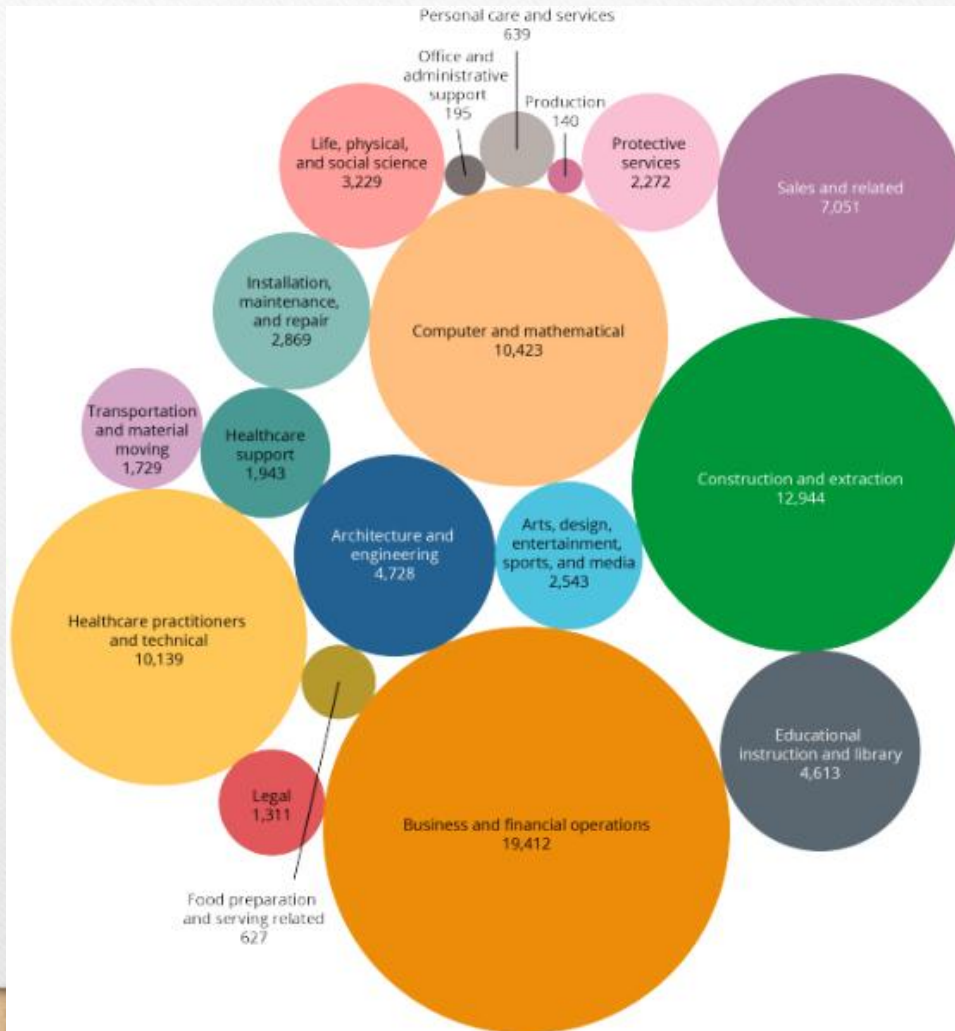
Tier 1 Jobs are benchmarked by an income that can support a family of three in Colorado, with two adults—one working—and one child. This year, MIT defines this amount at just more than **\$84,489.60** per year.

Tier 2 Jobs are benchmarked by an income that can support one adult in Colorado. This year, MIT defines this amount at more than **\$51,646.40** per year.



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2024 Colorado Job Data- Employment Trends



THERE IS LOTS TO CONSIDER WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR GOALS

- Work Experience
 - Some employers will pay for education, trainings and certificates as you go forward if needed (some won't)
 - Some jobs you will max out in, without furthering education, despite years of experience or knowledge
- Trade Experience (Most are trade or certificate need based and won't have accredited programs that can transfer to other institutions)
 - Can offer certificates needed for industry jobs
 - Can be helpful in placing for work experiences
 - Some are “for-profit” (as are some colleges and universities)- know what this means
- Community Colleges (2-year associate's degree, trade and certificate diploma programs)
 - 70% of CC's have Skilled Labor Job certificates and degrees- offering applied technical skills and industry driven credentials
 - Specific preparation for careers and colleges
 - Academic base for degrees, most credits will transfer, but only a certain amount of credit will be granted
 - Work in the field faster, and have to the choice to further education
 - Smaller environment, less fees
- Universities/Colleges- (Most offer 4-year baccalaureate degrees, many have Master's degrees and Doctoral programs)
 - Academic based
 - First year has space for explorations with plenty of room to go and “colleges” with in the college offering a lot of variety
 - Provides other opportunities- study abroad, internship placement in careers, etc.
 - Immersive experience

Education for All!

UNDERSTANDING YOUR OPTIONS, KEEP SUPPORTING YOUR GOALS

#2-Understanding your dreams continued:

- Know your transcript & credit standing
- “ACE” your years to make them count:
 - “A”cademics- Do your best academically by attending & achieving in challenging courses
 - “C”ommunity- Participate in meaningful activities that highlight who you are as a person
 - “E”xtra-Cirricular’s- Build your resume & be/get involved to show your interests
- Set real world goals- know what budgets look like, start investigating financial aid & know what pieces of the of your planning timeline you need help on, or have questions about



High School
GPA



Test Scores



Academic
Course Mix
and Rigor



Extracurriculars
and other
considerations

So, WHAT Do You Do Now?

This is not a race, or a final destination

In your EXLPORING MyCap work, you should now be in between steps #2 & #3

#1-Interest Inventory

WHERE ARE YOU IN YOUR JOURNEY?

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I LIKE!
Let's start with some personality quizzes! These can help narrow down fields you may shine in!

***16 Personalities:** 

***Emergenetics:** Ask your counselor!

***Naviance tab:** Go to the "Self Discovery" tab & start the "Career" Surveys, you can do all of the surveys if you'd like!



#2- Explore Careers

FOUND SOME INTERESTING THINGS?

Now that you've found some "Career Concentrations" (fields), let's explore

***US Labor Stats:**  

***OHS Career Concentrations:** Ask your counselor about classes~ look at the Career Concentrations poster

***Naviance tab:** Go to the "Careers" tab & check out what your results say about what the job entails & related occupations/majors (in the career clusters)




WHAT TYPE OF EDUCATION DO I NEED?

Found some interesting careers? Now see what degree's you need

***US Labor Stats:** 

***Naviance tab:** In the "Careers" tab see the average pay & type of education needed

#3- Discover Needs

WHAT DO I WANT OUT OF MY EXPERIENCE?

#4- Plan Ahead

HOW DO I FIND SCHOOLS?

So where are the schools that offer what I want?

***Naviance tab:** On the "Colleges" tab start a "Super College Match". Input your above list (location, career focus) & start to compare your matches. Save them in the "My Colleges I'm Thinking About" list

BACK TO NAVIANCE!

In your PLANNING MyCap work you are going to complete your “Skills” Survey

The image shows a sequence of four screenshots illustrating the steps to access the Skills survey:

- 1**: MyCherryCreek login page with a 'Go' button.
- 2**: Naviance student login tile with a 'New' badge and the text 'Naviance by Hobsons is a college and career ...'.
- 3**: Naviance Self-Discovery menu with 'Skills' highlighted. A yellow arrow points to the 'Skills' option.
- 4**: AchieveWorks Skills assessment page with a 'Start Assessment' button.

1. Log into your MyCherryCreek
2. Get on Naviance through the tile
3. Go to the Self Discovery Tab, and select “Skills”
4. **Take the assessment & explore your results!**

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YOU ARE NOW READY TO START LOOKING AT STAGE 4!

KEEP YOUR MYCAP CURRENT IN NAVIANCE

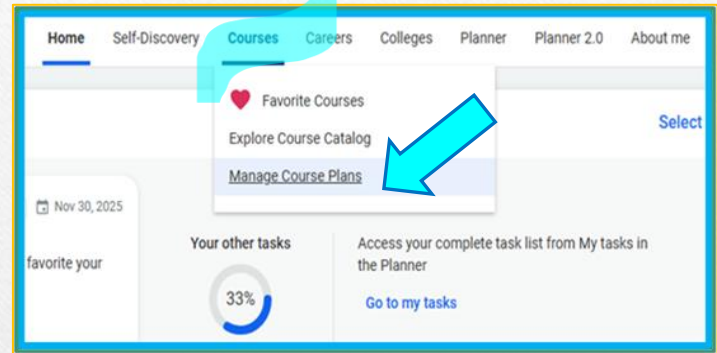
Keep your 4 Year Plan & Portfolio updated!

5. Update your 4-year plan to include all your classes/years so far while considering next years choices

Courses Tab → “Manage Course Plans” →
Select & add your updated courses

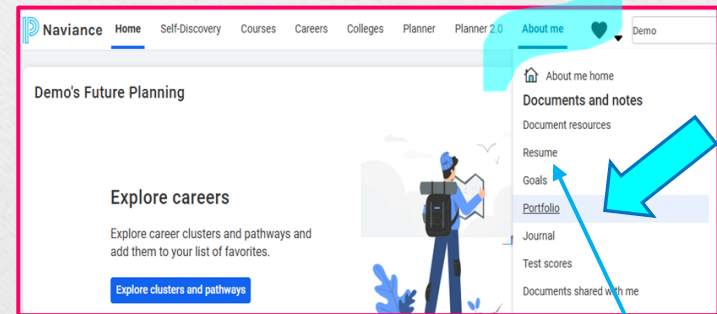
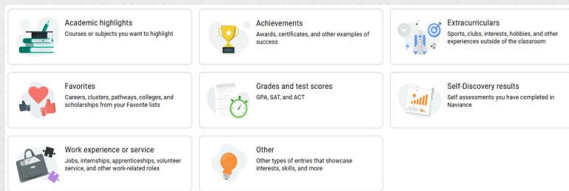




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6. Update your Portfolio & Resume
About Me Tab → “Portfolio” →
Select + Add entry & add any updates in the categories

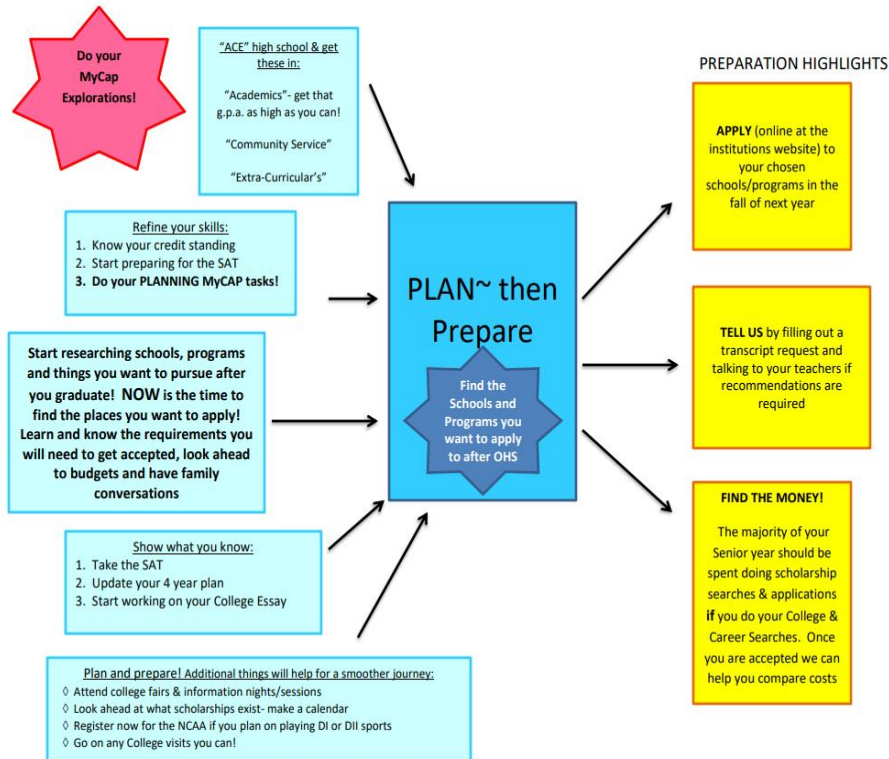
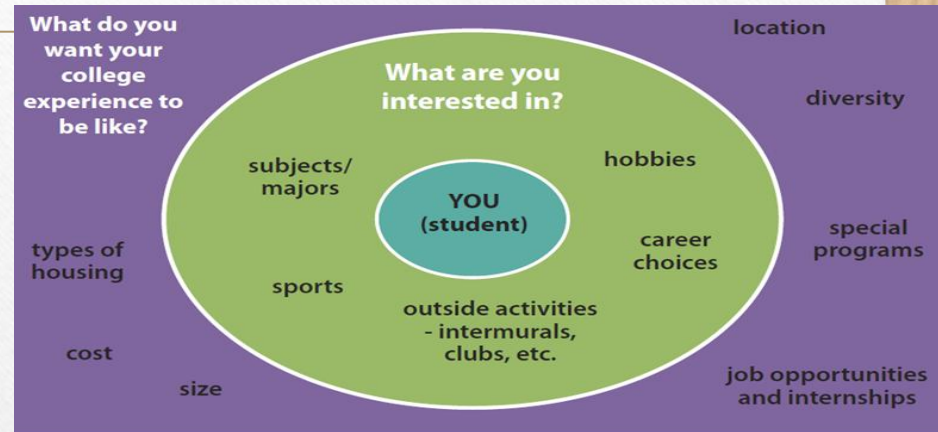
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7. After updating your portfolio categories, refresh your Resume
About Me Tab → “Resume” → Add/Manage your experiences → Hit  to save & download 

OKAY, NOW FOR THE VISUAL LEARNERS

Need a roadmap of what this whole process looks like?
This is what goes into
Student Planning



What ideas go into a College Search? OTHER CONSIDERATIONS IN YOUR SEARCH:

- You could go to an out of state school and pay in-state tuition- check out the WUE program
- You could attend a Historically Black College or University, a Hispanic Serving Institution or a Tribal College or University
- Look for scholarships that will give you money based on your academic interests & what you want to study
- Don't forget schools have financial aid calculators on their sites to help estimate costs
- Once you are accepted you will receive an "award" letter detailing costs & offering further aid. Don't let cost be your only factor in searching, you'd be surprised at how that can change

Now On To THE FINER POINTS OF ADMISSIONS...

What do Admissions Scores look like at Colorado Schools and what does this mean?

Will I have to do an Essay?



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GPA and Test Score Ranges of Admitted First-Time Freshmen - Fall 2021 Data

Colorado Public Four-Year Colleges and Universities

The data below reflect the middle 50% ranges of students admitted at each institution - 25% had above and 25% had below these ranges. These are NOT requirements, but a guide to each institution's standards.

Both ACT & SAT are accepted by Colorado public institutions. Please refer to the online College Admission Guidelines tool for more information on admission criteria: coadmissiontool.org

Institution	High School GPA Mid-50% GPA range of admitted students (4.0 scale - includes weighted GPAs)	ACT~ Mid-50% ACT range of admitted students (composite scores)	SAT~** Taken March 2016 & After Mid-50% SAT range of admitted students (Evidenced Based Reading & Writing + Math)
Adams State University	2.91 - 3.79	17 - 23	910 - 1130
Colorado Mesa University	3.31 - 3.97	20 - 26	1032 - 1237
Colorado School of Mines	3.81 - 4.00**	30 - 34	1340 - 1480
Colorado State University Fort Collins	3.40 - 4.00	24 - 30	1120 - 1320
Colorado State University Global	2.40 - 3.17	16 - 18	1205 - 1360
Colorado State University Pueblo	2.95 - 3.88	18 - 25	940 - 1150
Fort Lewis College	3.04 - 3.88	17 - 25	1010 - 1230
Metropolitan State University of Denver	2.90 - 3.65	19 - 26	940 - 1180
University of Colorado Boulder	3.59 - 4.00	27 - 33	1200 - 1410
University of Colorado Colorado Springs	3.16 - 3.96	20 - 28	1030 - 1250
University of Colorado Denver	3.30 - 4.00	22 - 29	1070 - 1290
University of Northern Colorado	3.24 - 3.98	20 - 27	1010 - 1230
Western Colorado University	3.17 - 3.95	21 - 27	1040 - 1250

- It depends, if an application says “optional”, it means DO IT!
- At the very least, it is highly recommended that you have your Resume in order. This will help with filling out the applications for schools, jobs and scholarships, but also help serve as a guide for a number of essays and short responses that could be asked.
- Look ahead for possible essay topics. Many popular choices include: “Tell us about yourself”, “Tell us about an obstacle you have overcome”, or “Tell us about a time when diversity played into your life”

~ It is optional to submit SAT/ACT test scores to Colorado's public four-year colleges and universities. Click here for more information.

* SAT totals = Evidenced Based Reading & Writing + Math subscores. It does NOT include the Essay or Written Component score. ** Colorado School of Mines uses unweighted GPAs only in making admission decisions. Colorado Community Colleges are open admission and do not have admission standard requirements.

For additional information including transfer admissions, please visit: <https://higherred.colorado.gov/students/preparing-for-college/admissions-eligibility>

OKAY, IF I DO ALL OF THIS NOW, WHAT WILL SENIOR YEAR START OFF LIKE? (HINT...IT WILL BE A LOT EASIER!)

Apply online if possible

- Check the "College Planning Calendar" in your Senior Packet frequently, and attend your Senior Planning Day, Senior College Night, and any College Fairs you can. Know the deadlines.
- Use Naviance to narrow down your college search to 3 colleges.
- Add the colleges to your list.
- Visit the college website.
- Follow the steps to applying as a "freshman," "undergraduate," or "prospective student."
- Make sure to read all directions on the application.
- Neatness counts.
- Double check to see if there are any portions your teachers/counselors must complete. If so, ask them nicely.

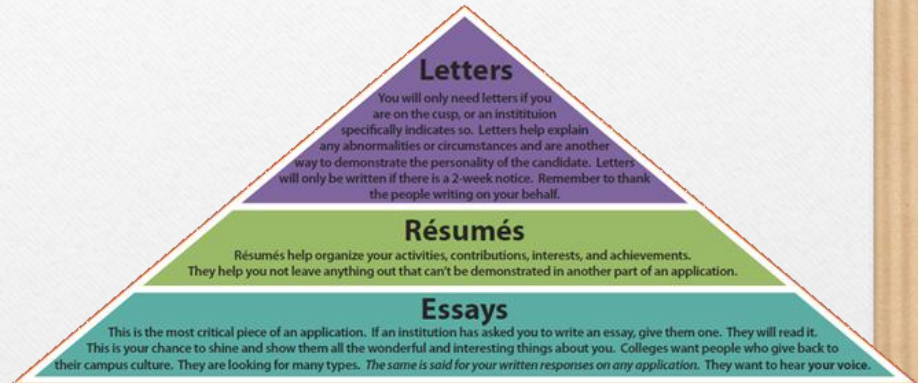
Tell us

- Transcript Request Form**
- Everytime you apply to a college or for a scholarship, you MUST fill out a blue transcript request form. They are located next to Mr. F's desk in Post Grad.
 - These forms will send out your test scores, transcripts, class rank, and GPA.
 - You must allow for two weeks for processing.
 - You must double check to see if your school requests 7th semester transcripts. If so, you will have to resend after semester.
- Letters and Essays**
- (Optional) Some colleges require teacher/counselor recommendations and a personal essay. You will upload your personal essay directly to your application online as required. Teachers and counselors will upload their letters directly to Naviance.
 - (Optional) Some colleges require a secondary school report or counselor recommendation form. Your counselor will fill this out on Naviance. We will send this with your transcript, test scores, and any letters of recommendation requested. Please ask your counselors if this is necessary.
 - Any transcript fees you are paying by a check or money order will be sent, if provided.

Find the money

- Attend the information nights, especially the financial aid planning night with your parents.
- Create an account at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Complete the FAFSA forecaster to get an estimate of what federal aid you could be calculating.
- Complete the actual FAFSA starting in January, but before March.
- Check weekly for scholarships and grants.
- Check in your Senior Packet for more scholarship search engines other than Naviance.
- Complete the requirements of each scholarship, and make sure to follow it up with a transcript request form.

HOW AM I GOING TO SHOW MY SKILLS ON A PIECE OF PAPER?



You are more than an ACT score, a transcript, and a GPA. It's your job to show it!

APPLY

APPLY ONLINE IF POSSIBLE. APPLYING IS EASY. IT IS FILLING OUT YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND SO ON. IT IS THE WRITTEN PORTIONS THAT ARE THE HEART OF YOUR ESSAY.

Use your **résumé** to ensure you are including all facets on your applications. Upload on Naviance and submit your **essay**, if required. If it says "optional," do it!

TELL US

ONCE YOU HAVE APPLIED TO A SCHOOL, SCHOLARSHIP, OR PROGRAM, COME TO THE POST GRAD CENTER AND FILL OUT A BLUE "TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM." WE WILL SEND OUT YOUR TEST SCORES, LETTERS, AND ANY OTHER SCHOOL-BASED MATERIAL FOR WHICH WE ARE RESPONSIBLE.

If you need a recommendation, give a typed copy of your **résumé** to your teacher/counselor. Make sure you are allowing 2 weeks before any deadline. Your teacher/counselor will upload your **letter** to Naviance, and it will be submitted after you have completed your blue transcript form.

FIND \$

FINDING SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDING IS AN ONGOING PROCESS. MOST SCHOLARSHIPS WANT TO HEAR MORE ABOUT YOU. Use your **résumé** and **essay** to help you respond to the specific answers a scholarship is asking from you.