

JUNIOR POST SECONDARY PLANNING

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Options

Employment

Trade School

Technical School

Apprenticeship

Military

2 year College

4 year College

Gap Year

Explore your options

Join Google Classroom-

Junior Class of 2026: 1o3bc4z

Naviance

Junior meeting with counselor

College Fairs - [Southern CT College & Career Fair \(ctcollegefair.com\)](https://ctcollegefair.com) - April 22, 2025 4:30 -7:30 p.m.

Career Fairs

ASVAB- to be determined

Visit colleges/ technical schools

Connect with military recruiters

Timeline

Spring

- ❑ Research colleges/Programs
- ❑ Visit college campuses (APRIL BREAK)
 - ❑ Virtual / In person
- ❑ Meet with counselor to discuss options
- ❑ Ask for letters of recommendation
 - ❑ [Start / complete Brag Sheet](#)
 - ❑ Register for SAT or ACT if applicable

The College Search

- What to consider when choosing a college:
 - Geographic location and Size
 - Majors/Minors
 - Campus Life and Extracurricular Activities
 - **Cost**
 - Selectivity/Acceptance Rate
- Develop a list of schools that you are interested in: Naviance, Big Future (Collegeboard.org)

Developing a College List

- Be open minded to schools
- Start with a larger list and narrow when it is time to apply
- Ideally apply to 5 – 10 Schools
 - 1 – 2 Reach
 - 2 -3 Reasonable
 - 1 – 2 Safety
- Consider academics and finances when applying

Factors Colleges Consider for Admissions

- 1. Transcript
 - Rigor
 - Grades Earned
 - Trend
- 2. Standardized Test Scores
- 3. You as a person
 - Essay
 - Extracurricular
 - Letters of Recommendation

Applying to a 4 yr college

Common Application

[Apply to college with Common App | Your future starts here](#)

College essay

Letter of recommendation

SAT/ACT

SAT and ACT

- Register for an SAT test at collegeboard.org
- Register for ACT test at <https://www.act.org/>
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- Pay attention to registration deadlines!
- **Fee waivers** are available. See your counselor for more info. (School SAT dates are free, and students will be pre-registered by the school)
- **School day testing dates: March 11th to 13th
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Passwords and Accounts

College Board account - do not create a duplicate account and please keep track of your password

Common Application - record your password in a safe place and, again, do not create more than one account

**** IMPORTANT! -DO NOT USE YOUR HAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS**

The College Essay

- Allows the student to explain to the admissions committee who they are beyond their transcript.
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- Do not plagiarize, they will know!
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- Make the essay personal, original, & authentic.
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- **PROOFREAD!**
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- Have someone look over your essay before submitting it. Use Writing Lab at HHS.

Prospective Student Athletes

- ❑ There are three divisions in college sports – 1,2 and 3
- ❑ If you plan on applying to Division 1 or 2 schools, you MUST register with the NCAA Clearinghouse
- ❑ Students should be registered by the end of their Junior year of high school
- ❑ Website: <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- ❑ Complete the transcript release at the end of Junior year to send your transcript to the Clearinghouse

Mr.Dyer will be hosting a presentation for families.

Community Colleges

- Connecticut State College System
 - - 12 Great Campuses Including Gateway in New Haven
 - FREE [Mary Ann Handley](#) (Formally PACT)
 - Certificates, A.S. degree, and Courses transfer to 4 year colleges.

Career Readiness

Technical / Trade School / Apprenticeships

- Apprenticeships- An apprenticeship is a paid training program of earning while learning. It is on the job training combined with classroom instruction ranging from 1-4 years resulting in a training credential from the state.
- Apprenticeships are available in many areas (HVAC, Electrical, Plumbing, carpentry etc)
- More info can be found on the [Office of Apprenticeship Training](#) website and in the google classroom.

Resources for Employment:

- [Connecticut Job & Career ConneCTion \(state.ct.us\)](#)
- [Workforce Alliance](#)

Military

- Military
 - Recruiters
 - ASVAB [HOME | ASVAB \(officialasvab.com\)](https://www.officialasvab.com)
 - ASVAB Test in April at HHS
 - Practice questions are available on the website
 - Enlistment
 - ROTC
 - Academy

Financial Aid

- FAFSA / CSS Profile – We will do a workshop in the fall to bring you up to speed.
\$ Merit Money
- \$ Financial Aid Workshops offered Fall 2025
- \$ Scholarships – Local / Regional
 - 2 year or 4 year schools
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Grades are Important

- Make sure you are taking challenging courses in your Senior year.
- Do not slack off!
- Colleges will see grades up to the last semester of Senior year.
- Avoid Senioritis!!!!!!!!!!

Access Naviance via Clever

- ◆ Search for Colleges
 - ◆ Create a Resume
- ◆ Take interest inventories
- ◆ Research Potential Careers
- ◆ Save information for later

Access to this presentation

