Junior Group Counseling Meeting

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Post-Secondary Options

- Two/Four Year Colleges & Universities
- Technical/Vocational/Business Schools
- Apprenticeship Training Programs
- Military Services
- GAP Year Program



Today we will be focusing specifically on the college planning process

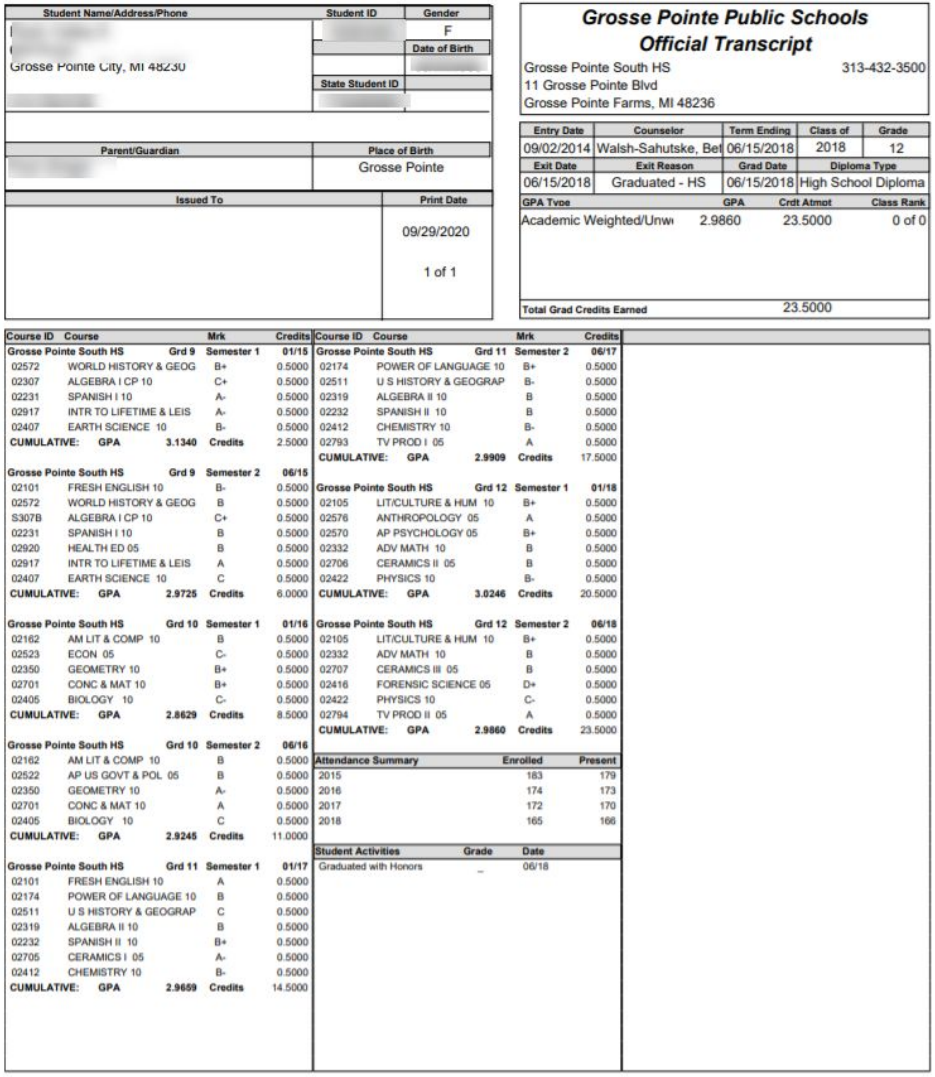


"Oh, you're a Junior. That's a big year"

Agenda for today

- Is this a ‘Big Year’?
- What are colleges looking for in a student?
- What are you looking for in a college (and how do you find it)?
- How are you going to finance college?
- Are you an athlete planning to play in college?
- Summary checklist
- Building a healthy life balance

Let's look at a transcript



Student Name/Address/Phone	Student ID	Gender
[redacted] [redacted] Grosse Pointe City, MI 48230	[redacted]	F
		Date of Birth
		[redacted]
	State Student ID	
[redacted]	[redacted]	

Parent/Guardian	Place of Birth
[redacted]	Grosse Pointe

Issued To	Print Date
	09/29/2020
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Grosse Pointe Public Schools
Official Transcript

Grosse Pointe South HS 313-432-3500
11 Grosse Pointe Blvd
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Entry Date	Counselor	Term Ending	Class of	Grade
09/02/2014	Walsh-Sahutske, Bet	06/15/2018	2018	12
Exit Date	**Exit Reason**	**Grad Date**	**Diploma Type**	
06/15/2018	Graduated - HS	06/15/2018	High School Diploma	

GPA Type	GPA	Crdt Atmpt	Class Rank
Academic Weighted/Unw	2.9860	23.5000	0 of 0
Total Grad Credits Earned		23.5000	

Course ID	Course	Mrk	Credits
Grosse Pointe South HS	**Grd 9**	**Semester 1**	**01/15**
02572	WORLD HISTORY & GEOG	B+	0.5000
02307	ALGEBRA I CP 10	C+	0.5000
02231	SPANISH I 10	A-	0.5000
02917	INTR TO LIFETIME & LEIS	A-	0.5000
02407	EARTH SCIENCE 10	B-	0.5000
CUMULATIVE:	**GPA 3.1340**	**Credits**	2.5000
Grosse Pointe South HS	**Grd 9**	**Semester 2**	**06/15**
02101	FRESH ENGLISH 10	B-	0.5000
02572	WORLD HISTORY & GEOG	B	0.5000
S307B	ALGEBRA I CP 10	C+	0.5000
02231	SPANISH I 10	B	0.5000
02920	HEALTH ED 05	B	0.5000
02917	INTR TO LIFETIME & LEIS	A	0.5000
02407	EARTH SCIENCE 10	C	0.5000
CUMULATIVE:	**GPA 2.9725**	**Credits**	6.0000
Grosse Pointe South HS	**Grd 10**	**Semester 1**	**01/16**
02162	AM LIT & COMP 10	B	0.5000
02523	ECON 05	C-	0.5000
02350	GEOMETRY 10	B+	0.5000
02701	CONC & MAT 10	B+	0.5000
02405	BIOLOGY 10	C-	0.5000
CUMULATIVE:	**GPA 2.8629**	**Credits**	8.5000
Grosse Pointe South HS	**Grd 10**	**Semester 2**	**06/16**
02162	AM LIT & COMP 10	B	0.5000
02522	AP US GOVT & POL 05	B	0.5000
02350	GEOMETRY 10	A-	0.5000
02701	CONC & MAT 10	A	0.5000
02405	BIOLOGY 10	C	0.5000
CUMULATIVE:	**GPA 2.9245**	**Credits**	11.0000
Grosse Pointe South HS	**Grd 11**	**Semester 1**	**01/17**
02101	FRESH ENGLISH 10	A	0.5000
02174	POWER OF LANGUAGE 10	B	0.5000
02511	U S HISTORY & GEOGRAP	C	0.5000
02319	ALGEBRA II 10	B	0.5000
02232	SPANISH II 10	B+	0.5000
02705	CERAMICS I 05	A-	0.5000
02412	CHEMISTRY 10	B-	0.5000
CUMULATIVE:	**GPA 2.9659**	**Credits**	14.5000

Course ID	Course	Mrk	Credits
Grosse Pointe South HS	**Grd 11**	**Semester 2**	**06/17**
02174	POWER OF LANGUAGE 10	B+	0.5000
02511	U S HISTORY & GEOGRAP	B-	0.5000
02319	ALGEBRA II 10	B	0.5000
02232	SPANISH II 10	B	0.5000
02412	CHEMISTRY 10	B-	0.5000
02793	TV PROD I 05	A	0.5000
CUMULATIVE:	**GPA 2.9909**	**Credits**	17.5000
Grosse Pointe South HS	**Grd 12**	**Semester 1**	**01/18**
02105	LIT/CULTURE & HUM 10	B+	0.5000
02576	ANTHROPOLOGY 05	A	0.5000
02570	AP PSYCHOLOGY 05	B+	0.5000
02332	ADV MATH 10	B	0.5000
02706	CERAMICS II 05	B	0.5000
02422	PHYSICS 10	B-	0.5000
CUMULATIVE:	**GPA 3.0246**	**Credits**	20.5000
Grosse Pointe South HS	**Grd 12**	**Semester 2**	**06/18**
02105	LIT/CULTURE & HUM 10	B+	0.5000
02332	ADV MATH 10	B	0.5000
02707	CERAMICS III 05	B	0.5000
02416	FORENSIC SCIENCE 05	D+	0.5000
02422	PHYSICS 10	C-	0.5000
02794	TV PROD II 05	A	0.5000
CUMULATIVE:	**GPA 2.9860**	**Credits**	23.5000

Attendance Summary	Enrolled	Present
2015	183	179
2016	174	173
2017	172	170
2018	165	166

Student Activities	Grade	Date
Graduated with Honors	_	06/18

- No Class Rank
- GPA is cumulative including ALL high school grades A-E
- Pass Credit (G) or No Credit (N) does not affect GPA
- Colleges are looking for an upward trend
- There are no test scores on transcript

What Are Colleges Looking for in a Student?

The "Big Stuff"

- Grades
- Curriculum
- Test Scores (?)
- Essays

Supporting Stuff

- Leadership
- Activities
  - Service
  - Athletics
  - Employment

Testing

- Make a plan ahead of time
- Think about other commitments (life/sport/religious/school/family)

2026-27 Test Calendar

Consider what tests you will take and make a plan in advance.

- PSAT/NMSQT **(October 13)**
- State Testing: SAT **(April 14)**
- Student Scheduled College Entrance Testing
- Advanced Placement Exams **(May 3-14)**

GPS Test Day: Tuesday, October 13th

(Digital test format)

- Used to determine eligibility for the National Merit Scholarship
- Digital SAT Practice in **Bluebook**
- Use practice booklet or Khan Academy to prepare for free!



SAT

- 100% Digital - Adaptive Testing
- 2 required sections
  - Reading & Writing
  - Math
- Length: 2 hr 14 min
- Cost: $68 (fee waivers for eligible students)
- State required test will be *free*
- National Testing on Saturdays
- Register Online www.collegeboard.org



Score range: 400-1600

- Avg Nat'l Score: 1024
- Avg MI Score: 965
- Avg South Score: 1136

- Format: Online *OR* on Paper
- 3 Required Sections (English, Math, & Reading)
- 2 Optional Sections (Science & Writing)
- Length: 2 hours 5 min (+more w/optional)
- Cost: $68 ($93 +writing)
- Fee waivers for eligible students
- Register Online www.actstudent.org
- Not required but an option



Score Range: 1-36

Average National Score: 19.4

Average State Score: 24.5

Average South Score: 25

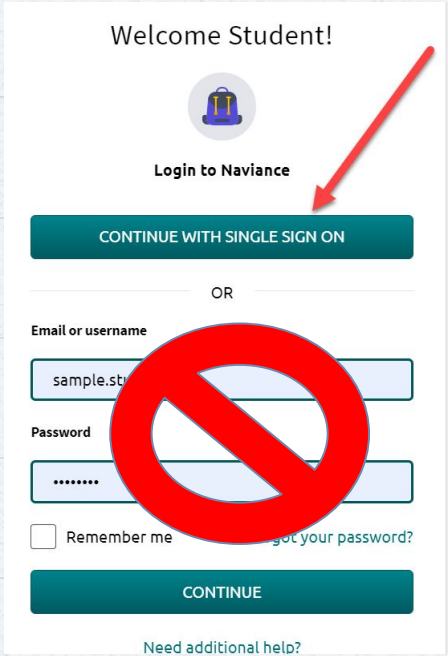
What are you looking for in a college (and how do you find it)?

Finding the right fit…

- Selecting a “right fit” college is ***not*** about getting into the most prestigious school. It is about finding the one that is ***right for YOU***.
- Start by thinking about what you are looking for in your college experience
- Visit them (literally and virtually)
- Let them visit you (Naviance Rep Visits)
- Let your fingers do the walking…online searches

Learn to use Naviance Student

https://student.naviance.com/gpshs



Use
SINGLE SIGN ON
and enter
School ID (just the numbers)
and School Password

Search Online

- It's not perfect, but it's a great start.
- Start with Naviance: Super Match!
- Different websites have different ways of searching – try several!
- Click on this link for College Search sites

College Representative Visits

- College admissions officers from over 80 colleges and universities visit GP South
- For upcoming visits check: Naviance, counseling bulletin board,Weekly South Spotlight email or listen to announcements
- To attend a visit, sign up on Naviance
- Virtual Visits and Virtual Tours

Consider:

Some majors may have lower acceptance rates than the overall university like engineering or nursing



"**Likely**" likelihood of getting into that school seem *fairly certain:*

- GPA & SAT/ACT are above or high above (75%ile) the average admit rate for that school

"**Target**" likelihood of getting into that school seem *probable:*

- GPA & SAT/ACT on par with the average admit rate for that school (25-75%ile)

"**Reach**" likelihood of getting into that school are *uncertain*:

- GPA .2 or further below school's average admit
- Below the 50%ile for GPA & SAT/ACT
- ANY school with admit rate below 20%

Are you an athlete planning to play in college?

NCAA Divisions I & II



- Consult the NCAA Freshman Eligibility Standards Quick Reference Sheet on the website
- ACT and SAT scores must be sent directly to NCAA from the testing agency.
- NCAA's SAT/ACT code is 9999.

NCAA Eligibility and Requirements

To be considered qualified for playing sports in a Division 1 or 2 collegiate level:

- Graduate from high school
- Complete a core curriculum (min of 16 NCAA approved credits)
- Earn an academic GPA and ACT or SAT score consistent with NCAA requirements
- Register online (EligibilityCenter.org)
- ***be aware of **Film Lit** ***

How are you going to finance college?

FAFSA/CSS
(WE ARE NOT DOING THIS TODAY)

- Financial Aid Night Click for amazing resources from Oakland University
- Complete Application Online opens Oct 1st
- Complete Application Every Year



Paying for College? 😬

1. **"Free Money"**: $ you don't have to repay
   a. Family help
   b. **Government** (FAFSA)
   c. **Colleges** (FAFSA)
   d. **Work Study** (FAFSA)

> **FAFSA = *Free Application for Federal Student Aid***
> - Fill out starting Oct 1, 2027
> - Will determine if you get Fed. assistance AND is also used by colleges/scholarships

   e. "**Merit Scholarship**"--based on GPA/test scores (maybe)--these are automatic.
   f. **Other scholarships:** private and/or college
   g. **Tuition reimbursement**–from employer or military branch (parent)

2. Borrow Money

- Family help (parent loans)
- Government loans (FAFSA)
- Private loans

Calculator to figure out how much to borrow

3. Work

- Now
- Summers
- During college

Web-based scholarship search sites

www.fastweb.com

www.finaid.org
www.scholarships.com
www.schoolsoup.com
www.cappex.com
www.collegeboard.com
www.meritaid.com

https://student.naviance.com/gpshs

Web-Based Annotated List of Scholarships

bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship

lendedu.com/scholarships

https://scholarshipjunkies.org/

Create an email JUST for scholarships and check it weekly

Example: scholarships4me@gmail.com

INTERNET SCAMS

*Never pay

***Never give out your social security** #

Expect some junk but still better than an open Google Search

Junior Year Checklist

(aka…*What do I really Need to Do This Year?*)

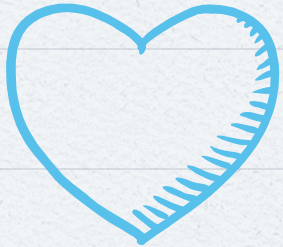
- ❑ Begin (or continue) career/college match search - start w/ Naviance
- ❑ Meet with college reps & visit schools
- ❑ Make a Winter/Spring "Junior Meeting" appointment with counselor (may want to bring parent)
- ❑ Plan for and Take College Entrance Exams (SAT/ACT)
- ❑ Plan a curriculum that challenges you but keep a balance in your life
- ❑ Take care of you: eat healthfully, sleep regularly, and exercise your mind and body to support physical and mental health
- ❑ Preview college apps

Don't forget the most important thing

HEALTH

is our *#1 priority*.
We only get one body so take care of it.

This includes our *physical* needs and our *mental health* needs.



THANKS!

Any questions?

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