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WELCOME TO JUNIOR PARENT NIGHT

OCTOBER 2022

TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- Graduation Requirements
- College and Service Admissions Testing
- Post High School Options
- Finding a Good Fit
- College Fairs & Visits
- How We Assist
- Criteria Schools Consider
- Timeline for Juniors
- Course Selection for Senior Year
- How to be ready for Senior Year

Graduation Requirements: 25 credits

Humanities: 9 Credits

English	4 Credits
Social Studies	3 Credits: including .5 Civics and 1.0 US History
Fine Arts	1.0 Credit
Humanities Elective	1.0 Credit
World Language	1 Credit
Physical Education and Wellness	1 Credit
Health & Safety Education	1 Credit

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics: 9 Credits

Mathematics	3 Credits
Science	3 Credits
Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Business Electives	3 Credits
Electives	3 Credits
Diploma Mastery Assessment: Skills for Success	1 Credit

Proficiency on NGSS Science

SAT with scores

EBRW: 480 & Math 530

All can be satisfied with **grades of 70+** in
English, Math and Science classes.

MANY TYPES OF TESTING

- ASVAB - Oct. 5th & March 8th
- PSAT - October 12th ...Practice
- CT School Day SAT - March 29th 2023

Digital on Chromebook

- SAT - Saturday testing (Handout listing dates)
- ACT -Saturday testing
- NGSS -Next Generation Science Standard

April 26th 2023

SAT PREPARATION

- PSAT results- link to Khan Academy
- School-based prep workshops in Feb
- Classroom teachers infused work
- Free online test prep / practice tests at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10?navid=gh-pn>
- Professional Prep Courses or Tutoring: listed on our website
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.actstudent.org

ACT

- Serves same purpose as SAT
- Math, English, Reading, Science and optional writing
- Score up to 36
- www.actstudent.org

POST HIGH SCHOOL OPTIONS

- Post HS Degrees – Bachelors, Associates
 - Liberal Arts / Special Interest Schools,
 - Technical and Vocational Schools
- Military Service, ROTC
- Training Programs: CNA
- Gap Year
- Employment

FINDING A GOOD FIT REQUIRES RESEARCH

- College and Career Searches on Naviance
- Research data for schools, employment & Military branch options
- Compare yourself / competitiveness
- Maintain a list of Reach/ Match/ Likely options

SEARCH CONSIDERATIONS

- Distance from home or States
- Size
- Type of College or branch of Military
- Competitiveness level
- Majors or career direction
- Cost
- Internships and study abroad
- Other special considerations-
ROTC...individualized

OTHER SOURCES FOR RESEARCH

College Websites

collegeboard.org

www.finaid.org,

Recruiter and Armed Service Websites

College Fairs: Virtual or in-person

Campus Visits / interviews: Virtual or in-person

Publications: Including Fiske

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COLLEGE FAIRS: IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL

Can be Local and/or National

Talk to College Admissions Reps

- Get Information
- Show an Interest
- Inquire about visiting and Open House
- Contact- Get a business card

See Handout for dates and information

THE COLLEGE VISIT ON CAMPUS OR VIRTUAL

- Informative- inside view of life on the campus.
 - Schools invested in their Virtual Presentations as well.
- Best when school is in session.
- Research the college prior to your visit.
- Sign up on college website ahead to schedule a tour, info. session, interview
- Shows an interest in the school—this is tracked!

HOW WE ASSIST IN THIS PROCESS

- Classroom presentations in Fall & Spring
- Naviance Training for Junior Parents in January
- Family Meeting with School Counselor in Feb/March
- Naviance and College Websites
- LOLHS Newsletters and Website
- Follow-up meetings with School Counselor during Junior and Senior Year
- Writing and Communication Class –Senior Year

ROLES IN THIS PROCESS: TEAM EFFORT

Student

- Primary Responsibility
- Research, Compare, Prioritize, Communicate
- Meet deadlines and work hard

Parent/ Guardian

- Coach, Prompter, Practical Limit Setter
- Chauffer to college fairs, college visits
- Possible Secretarial Help if Needed

Counselor

- Provide Information
- Assist in exploration and process
- Support student through the process

CRITERIA SCHOOLS CONSIDER

- Transcript: courses, levels and grades
- Overall GPA, or recalculated (weighted)
- Admissions Test Results –requirements vary. Can send either SAT or ACT, ([fairtest.org](https://www.fairtest.org))
 - *Covid flexibility w/ optional testing but check
- Counselor and Teacher recommendations
- Application – Essay and Question answers
- Resume – activities outside of the classroom

SCHOOLS MAY ALSO CONSIDER...

- Special talents, skills and interests
- Majors
- Possible interviews
- Auditions and Portfolios as relevant to Majors

JUNIOR TIMELINE

- PSATs in October: link results to Khan Academy in December
- Naviance Training for Junior Parents: January
- Family and Counselor meeting: Feb/March
- Research and Organize info on colleges- ongoing
- College Fairs and College Visits: ongoing
- Senior Year Course Selection: March/April
- Admissions Testing: March 29th and possibly another administration in Spring
 - *Deadlines to sign up for tests a month out*
- Update Resume: ongoing
- Consider teacher recs: Spring

SENIOR YEAR COURSE SELECTION

- Challenge selves appropriately; strong efforts senior year.
- Continue in all academic areas -*okay to trade off courses to pursue areas of interest*
- Certain majors require HS courses for admission
 - Vary by school, state and program, i.e., Nursing, Engineering
 - Some states require 4th Math
- Pursue a passion
- Take advantage of opportunities, i.e. School To Career (Mrs. Fuller)

HOW TO BE READY FOR SENIOR YEAR

- Study for Junior Year exams and finish with a solid year.
- Over the summer, compile a list of interested schools based on your research and those you have visited.
- Know the SAT/ACT requirements of colleges you are interested in.....are they test optional? Will you send your scores?
- Think about your Jr year teachers....who knew you best?
- Update your resume
- In August, create a Common App account: save your Username and Password in your phone.
- Jot down ideas for your college essay based on the Common App prompts



ROAD TO GRADUATION AND BEYOND

PATIENCE, PERSISTENCE

KEEP PERSPECTIVE AND BALANCE

REQUIRES ORGANIZATION

LOOK TO THE FUTURE

DON'T MISS THE IMPORTANT MOMENTS!