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What “road” can they
take when they
graduate?

NO



College

2-Year
4-Year

Military

Gap Year
Program

Trade
School

Employment





(college research)

**Student
Portal
(Grades /
GPA)**



Junior Year Priorities

- [Grades / GPA / Review Transcript](#)
- [Study & take college entrance exams](#)
 - SAT and ACT
- [Research & Visit Colleges](#)
- [Teacher Letters of Recommendation](#)
- [Complete Required Forms for Guidance](#)
- Continue to check the [Class of 2022 College/Post -Secondary Process Google Classroom](#) (Code: tu7dvrp)

**Future
Test Dates**

SAT

ACT

**Junior
Year
Checklist**



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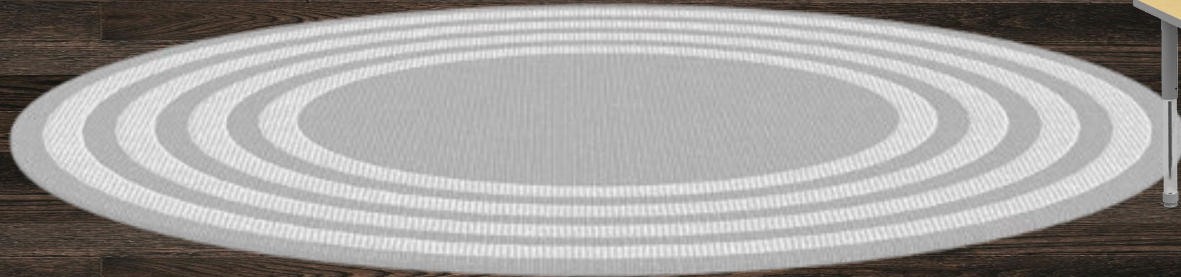
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- Colleges will look at all available grades
- The high school transcript is submitted to colleges after students submit an Online Application Form ([example](#)) to guidance.
- Transcript displays the final grades received in every subject from freshman through junior year.
- Senior year grades are automatically submitted at the end of the first semester (also known as Mid-Year Reports). First quarter grades are submitted ONLY upon student request.
- Cumulative GPA and class rank are listed on the bottom of the transcript. College testing scores are NOT reported on the transcript.
- A transcript is only official if Guidance sends it directly to the college or scholarship organization



Standardized Tests

CollegeBoard

SAT®

ACT®

*Students are
responsible for
sending their
test scores.*

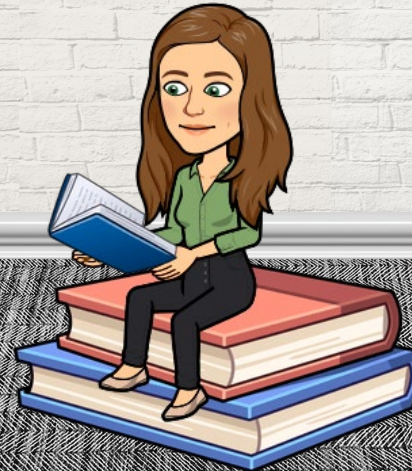
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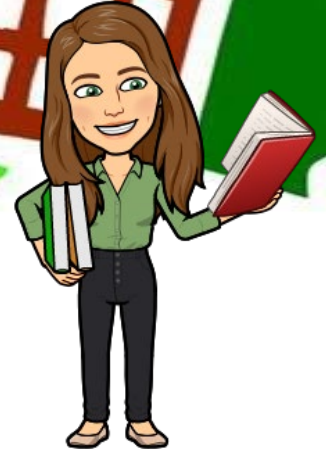
ACT

Test
Optional
Schools

Khan Academy
Free SAT Prep



How to Research



How to help your child Find Their Fit



Financial



- Cost of attendance
- Scholarships
- Financial Aid
- Travel Expenses



Academic



- Interests (Major)
- Abilities
- Learning Style
- Class Size

Social



- Personality
- Campus Size
- Values
- Campus Involvement
(Sports, Clubs, etc.)

Helpful Articles

Social
Media Tips

Common
Mistakes

Research
Note
Guide

*Chase
your
Dreams.*

Counselor
Teachers
Friends
Family

Know Your

Resources



NAVIANCE

PRHS
Guidance
Website

College
Websites



Pirate
Bulletin



CollegeBoard

YOU | VISIT

College Rep
Visits



College Research Specifics

Scattergrams: Compare
GPA, standardized test
scores, and other
statistics to actual
historical data from our
graduates
College Profiles:
Review and Compare



NAVIANCE

What Can You Do With It?

Research
Colleges

Research
Scholarship
Opportunities

Research
Careers

Scattergrams



How do I log in?

Contact your counselor
for your login
information

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Refine and Balance List

Balanced List:

- Identify likelihood of admission
- 6-9 schools (2-3 reach, 2-3 target, 2-3 safety)
- Use Naviance Scattergrams and Dashboard
 - GPA & SAT/ACT scores

Reach School: Your child's GPA is below the average accepted GPA

Target School: Your child's GPA is close to the average accepted GPA

Safety School: Your child's GPA is well above the average accepted GPA

College Visits

- Best to visit when school is in session
- A good time is during February / April breaks
- Junior / Senior privilege: 2 excused college days per year
- Sign up on college's website for tour and/or interview (COVID- colleges may have self-guided tours)
- Take notes, ask questions, evaluate, and take pictures!
- Try not to judge school based on tour guide, weather, etc.

Demonstrated Interest

Interviews

Virtual
Tours

Virtual
Rep Visits

College Board
Fairs

Online
College
Fairs

Hispanic
College Fair

Are you in need of
questions to ask
representatives?



Components of the College Application

Application
Common
Application or
College's
Application

Transcript

Standardiz
ed
Test
Scores*

College
Essay

Resume/
Activities

Financial
Aid/
Scholars
hips

Teacher
Letters of
Recommendat
ion

Demonstrated
Interest

NCAA

Required
Junior
Forms



*or Test Optional



Letters of Recommendation

- Two teacher letters from teachers who know your child well. Preferably teachers from junior year.
- Step 1: Students must ask teachers face-to-face (i.e. google meet or in person)
- Step 2: They complete and email their teachers the Teacher Recommendation Form
- Step 3: Request on Naviance
- Students should ask teachers before school ends in June.
- Counselor letter: counselors write a letter for each one of their students.
- Parent Brag Sheet: complete and send in to your school counselor by June 1st.
- Note: We cannot release letters to students or parents.



Types of Deadlines

- Early Action
(apply early / receive early response)
- Early Decision
(binding agreement)
- Regular Decision
- Rolling

Deadlines are REAL!!

College Applications



College/University
Application



Common
Application
Grid of
Requirements



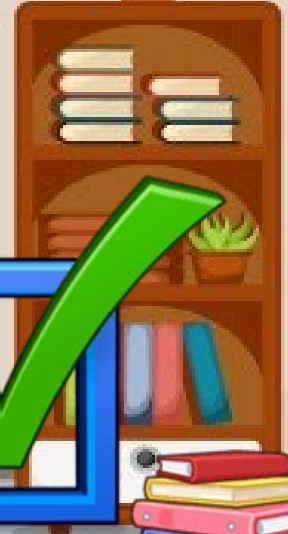


Essay Tips

- Common App Essay Prompts & Pointers
- Summer time is a great opportunity to brainstorm topic ideas
- You will work on this in senior year English class
- COVID Common App Question

Be Authentic

Advice from
a Tufts
University
Rep.



*Your
VOICE
MATTERS*

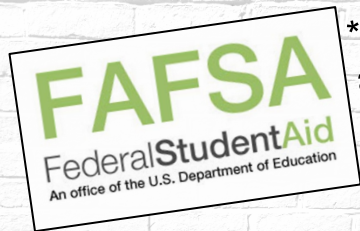


Eligibility
Center

NCAA For: DI & DII

Registration
Checklist





* Not available until 10/1/21



NYS Scholarships & Grants

PRHS Financial Aid Website

Financial Aid Scholarships

- Weekly emails sent out about scholarship updates
- Check college websites for college specific scholarships (i.e. merit-based)
- Financial Aid Night-Fall 2021 (Date TBD)

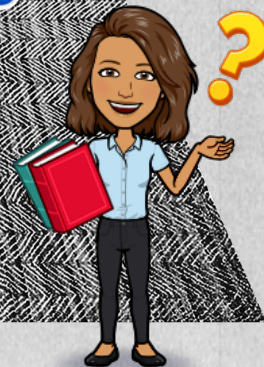


Student's responsibility to search scholarships.

fastweb!

CSS Profile

Any Questions?



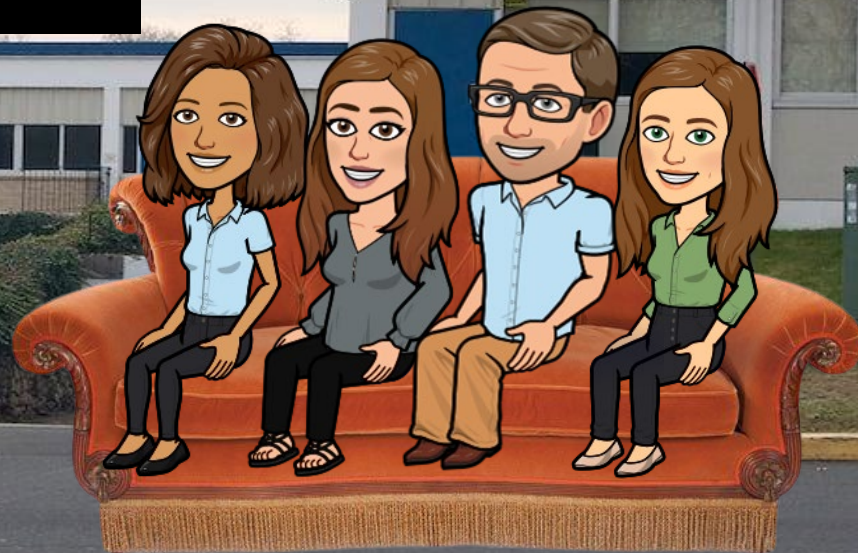
How Parents Can Help

- Support your child with their process, but remember it is his/her process.
- Topics to discuss with your child:
 - How far? How much?
- Encourage your child to keep his/her options open!
- Research and visit colleges together. Use Naviance scattergrams as a resource.
- Encourage your child to use the Junior Year Checklist to stay organized and on task.



Questions?

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WE'LL BE THERE FOR YOU



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