College Planning Kickoff: Beginning the Process

December 2019
How are you feeling?

Nervous
Excited
Overwhelmed
Eager
Worried
Confused
Anxious
Where do you start?

YOU ARE HERE
General Timeline to Follow

**Now to March**
- Begin the conversation
- Junior Seminars
- Start search on Naviance
- Finalize senior year courses
- SAT/ACT Preparation

**April to August**
- Visit schools
- Take SAT/ACT
- Optional parent counselor meeting
- Attempt to finalize list
- Start essay

**September to December**
- Apply to schools/complete Common App (info in Senior Seminar)
- Senior Parent Night
- SAT/ACT again
- Attend Financial Aid Night
- Keep up grades
The most important document for college

- Transcript
  - Final grades
  - Academic rigor
  - GPA / Rank
### Standardized Testing

**Which test to take?**

- **Cost similar**
- **Test dates vary**
- **Good rule of them: Take each once; retake the test you feel more comfortable with.**
- **Take writing at least one time.**

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#### SAY YES TO THE RIGHT TEST

**Comparing the ACT™ with the SAT®**

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- **Composite score:** 1-36
- **Test scores for English, Math, Reading, and Science:** 1-18 each
- **Writing Test:** 2-12

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<td>2 hours, 55 minutes (without Writing Test)</td>
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<td>3 hours, 35 minutes (with Writing Test)</td>
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<td><strong>Two sections (English, Reading)</strong></td>
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<td>- Passage-based grammar—including punctuation</td>
<td>- No more sentence completions; focus on multiple-meaning words</td>
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<td>- Four reading passages in 35 minutes that are drawn from Fiction, Social Sciences, Humanities and Natural Sciences</td>
<td>- Five reading passages in 65 minutes that are drawn from significant historical or scientific documents—may include informational graphics, such as charts</td>
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<td><strong>One 60-minute section</strong></td>
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For more information, visit PrincetonReview.com/college/new-sat-vs-act-infographic.

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Expectations

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THE STUDENT

• Take ownership of the college process, complete and submit applications, transcript request forms, brag sheets, essays, etc.
• Arrange to have test scores sent to schools
• Proofread your essays – ask for help!
• Meet ALL deadlines.

You are driving this train – take your responsibility seriously. It is the first step into adulthood.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THE PARENT

• Support and encourage your child, offering advice and guidance where appropriate
• Coordinate visits to college campuses
• Be open to new ideas and suggestions
• Complete the FAFSA
Check out these useful links…

• www.pthsd.k12.nj.us (link to PHS)
• www.BigFuture.collegeboard.org
• www.collegeresults.org
• www.collegedata.com
• www.inlikeme.com
• www.raise.me
• www.unigo.com
• www.khanacademy.com
• www.campustours.com
• www.niche.com
Naviance

A comprehensive tool that can be used to help students and parents through the college and career planning process

• Conduct a college search and compare colleges
• Complete career and interest inventories
• Search for Scholarships
• Invite teachers to upload letters of recommendation
• Receive communication from School Counseling Department
• Complete brag sheet
• Record college admittance decisions
• [https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=Parsippany](https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=Parsippany)
Ask us, we are here to help!

- Forgot Naviance log in or password
- Any and all specific questions
- Individual parent meetings

(973) 263-7001 dial 4 for Guidance
What’s next?

Navigating Naviance Morning Session
January 24th at 8:00 AM
Bring your laptops!
Naviance College Search

### School Type
- **Two-Year vs. Four-Year**
  - Two-Year
  - Four-Year
  - No preference

- **Coed vs. Single-sex**
  - All Male
  - All Female
  - Coed
  - No preference

### Public vs. Private
- Public
- Private
- No preference

### Campus Surroundings
- Large City
- Small City
- Large Town
- Small Town
- Rural

### College Groups
- No Preference

### Religious Affiliation
- No Preference
Scattergrams
Let’s hear from the source....

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