

Junior Class of 2020 Toolbox



This PowerPoint presentation will be emailed to you via Naviance and posted on the counseling webpage.

What To Expect Your Senior Year

▪ SUMMER

- Counselors review your schedule & transcripts for credits
- College visits
- Start your college essay (see Common App topics)
- Volunteer, Work experience, Internship, etc.
- Credit Recovery
- Scholarships!

▪ AUGUST

- MANDATORY Senior Meetings August 1-9, letters will be mailed home with your date and time
- Complete Letter of Rec worksheet in Naviance
- Ask for letters of Recommendation through Naviance
- Narrow down your college list
- Apply for College Opportunity Fund

▪ SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER

- Finish your college essay
- Attend college fairs
- Attend Senior College Planning night
- Send in applications – take note of deadlines (early action, early decision)
- Request transcripts in Naviance
- Retake SAT / ACT if needed
- Turn in Senior Picture / Senior quote
- Scholarships!
- FAFSA! (October 1)

What To Expect Your Senior Year

- NOVEMBER – DECEMBER
 - FAFSA / Financial Aid night at Legacy
 - ASVAB offered at Legacy
 - Try to have all applications submitted by end of first semester
 - Watch your grades!
- JANUARY
 - Request transcripts in Naviance
 - Scholarships!
- FEBRUARY – MARCH
 - Check on FAFSA
 - Acceptance letters begin to arrive
 - Scholarships!
 - Write thank you notes
- APRIL
 - Make your decision, notify other schools you will not be attending
 - Report Scholarship information to Counseling office
 - Find out if your school has Freshmen welcome open house / weekend
 - Don't let SENIORITIS take over – attend class, keep your grades up
- MAY
 - Request Final transcript in Naviance
 - Prom, picnic, dessert
 - Graduation practice, Check-out (pick up cap & gown),
 - Graduation Ceremony- May 2020

Credit Recovery

- Juniors may be reclassified if they have less than 17.0 credits going into senior year
 - Meet with counselor to make a plan
- Summer School – at Mountain Range High School
 - Walk-in Registration – May 29, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 - Session 1 June 3 - 14
 - Session 2 June 17 - 28
- Online
 - meet with counselor to confirm class is appropriate
 - www.elearn.byu.edu
- Pathways
- Gateway to College

PE Waivers

- See a counselor to discuss eligibility

Common Exemptions:

"Students who wish to enhance their academic standing by retaking a previously passed course for grade replacement."

***Cannot be used for Early Graduation

- Legacy 2000
 - automatically awarded, no app necessary
 - cannot be combined with regular waiver

NCAA Eligibility Center

- Legacy web page resources
 - <https://legacy.adams12.org/counseling/ncaa>
 - <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- See Mr. Romano in counseling with questions AFTER reading the online information
- Mr. Romano will send a 6 semester transcript in June for all students who have set up an account.

College Application Process

- Applications
- Official Transcript request through Naviance
- Application deadlines
- Early Action / Decision
 - APPLY EARLY!!! Duke University recently reported that
 - 2750 early decision applicants → 753 offered admission → 27.4%
 - 29,000 regular decision applicants → 950 offered admission → 0.3%

Summer Activities

- Summer jobs & service learning activities
 - Important to find out what you do or do not like
 - See job board in counseling office
 - Scholarship hook
 - Contribute to your school or community
 - Leadership experience
- <http://greatcollegeadvice.com/schools-out-top-10-summertime-tips-for-college-admission/>
- Counseling Website - College “summer opportunities”

Login to Naviance Over The Summer

- College Search
- Scholarship Search
- Review Surveys and Inventories
- Request Transcripts (no earlier than August 1)
 - <https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=legacyhs>

College Visits

- What to do on a college visit
 - Drive the campus & community, talk with students & professors, eat in the cafeteria, check out the dorms & sports complex, read the newspaper, go to the academic building that house your major, what are the fraternities/sororities & clubs/intramural sports
 - Preview days (fall or spring) & campus tours are meant to give you the best impression
 - Bonus on preview days: student panels and opportunity to spend the night on campus
- Tips from college experts
 - <http://collegeapps.about.com/od/choosingacollege/tp/8-Tips-for-a-Campus-Visit.htm>
 - <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/csearch/college-visits/101.html>
- Virtual visits: traveling on-line
 - Most colleges have virtual tours on their web page

College Fairs

Virtual Fair - College Week Live

- Hundreds of college reps online, live chats & presentations
- <http://www.collegeweeklive.com>

Upcoming Area College Fairs

- In-state & Out-of-State college fairs – September and October
- Helpful if you register ahead of time www.gotocollegefairs.com

College Opportunity Fund

- College Opportunity Fund
 - <https://cof.college-assist.org/>
 - Apply for stipend
 - Social Security Number
 - Drivers License
- Money is paid directly from COF to the college once you request it's release
- Monies are released on a per credit basis

Summer Research

- Career search
 - Naviance
 - Do What You Are 2.0
 - Career Interest Profiler
 - Career Cluster Finder
 - College in Colorado
 - www.collegeincolorado.org
 - Additional resources
 - <http://www.myfuture.com/> (Military Careers)
- Essays
 - Review questions on applications, write a draft
 - <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/essay-skills/index.html>
- Scholarships (on Naviance)
 - Spend a couple hours a day researching and preparing for applications and you may earn more than a summer job

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Summer Research (cont.)

Common App Essay Topics <https://www.commonapp.org>

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story. [No change]
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience? [Revised]
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome? [Revised]
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution. [No change]
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others. [Revised]
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more? [New]
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design. [New]

Workforce

- Technical & Occupational Careers
- Trades programs
 - Public vs. proprietary
 - <http://www.trade-schools.net/>
- Examples of programs offered at community colleges
 - <http://www.frontrange.edu/programs-and-courses/degrees-and-certificates>

Military

- Register for selective service – male 18 years old
 - Legal obligation – holds up application & financial aid
 - <https://www.sss.gov/Registration/Register-Now/Registration-Form>
- Military Branches
 - <http://www.todaysmilitary.com/>
 - <http://www.military.com/>
- ROTC & Military Financial Aid
 - <http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/> (Army example)
 - <http://www.fnaid.org/military/>
- Please refer to LHS Counseling webpage, Military tab for scheduled military recruiter visits
- See Mrs. Webb for questions or to talk with a recruiter

What are colleges looking for?

- College Admissions Process: Inside the Decision Room
- Transcript
 - Grade trends,
 - Rigor of academic courses
- Grade Point Average (GPA)
- College Entrance Exams
 - ACT, SAT, SAT Subject test
- Colorado Index (4 year college/university)
- <http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/Admissions/IndexScore/default.asp>
 - More than GPA & Test scores
 - Supporting material
 - Letters of Recommendation
 - Essays & Interviews
 - Extracurricular activities, athletics

Structure Of A College/University

- College/University (UNC)
 - Colleges (Humanities & Social Sciences)
 - Schools (Communications)
 - Programs (Journalism & Mass Communications)
 - Major (Communications)
- Know the specific entrance requirements – they vary by program
- Research the college so you can answer the question on the application
- Ok to be undecided – should have some general idea

Post-Secondary Degrees

- Types of degrees
 - Certificate – varies by program
 - Associate degree – approx. 60 credit hours
 - May be transferable toward a Bachelor degree
 - Designated Program?
 - Bachelor degree – approx. 120 credit hours
 - Master degree – beyond a bachelor - varies
 - Doctoral degree – beyond a master - varies

Opportunities To Say More

- Essays
 - <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/essay-skills/index.html>
 - <http://www.princetonreview.com/college/essay.aspx>
- Letter of recommendation – form on Naviance
 - Ask in person before requesting on Naviance
 - Sign the waiver so teachers can freely respond
 - **You need to give teachers/counselors 3 weeks (minimum)** to complete if you want them to put forth the best letter
 - Write a thank you note
 - Notify teacher when you are ready to send a letter of recommendation to a college you are applying to

Options

- **AP** (Make sure to set up an account with College Board so you can view your scores in July)
 - Example: available on most college websites
 - <https://catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/admissions/credit-examination/#advancedplacementapcredittext>
- **WUE** – Western Undergraduate Exchange
 - <http://wue.wiche.edu/>
- **Gap year**
 - <http://www.nextstepu.com/plan-for-college/gap-year/>
- **Study Abroad**
 - <http://www.princetonreview.com/choosing-study-abroad.aspx>

Paying For College

- What is your family's financial situation?
 - FAFSA forecaster
 - [http://studentaid.ed.gov/Estimate the cost of college](http://studentaid.ed.gov/Estimate%20the%20cost%20of%20college)
 - <http://www.finaid.org/calculators/costprojector.phtml>
 - Estimate your family's contribution
 - <http://studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa/estimate>
- Watch for more info on Senior College Planning Night, Financial Aid Night, and FAFSA Help Sessions
- Educational Opportunity Center
 - Local non-profit that specializes in helping kids with FAFSA and financial aid related questions
 - Will meet with you/your family for FREE
 - 10701 Melody Drive, Suite 300, Northglenn, (303) 280-8705

Financial Aid Process

- **Apply:** FAFSA starting October of senior year
 - There will be a Financial Aid Help Night in the Fall*
 - FAFSA is the government document that determines your EFC
 - EFC: estimated family contribution
 - SAR: student aid report that reports your EFC to you & colleges
- **Award:** Colleges use information from FAFSA to determine your financial aid package
- **Decide:** Students choose a college based on appropriate financial fit

Financial Aid Resources

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
 - <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>
 - LHS holds a Financial Aid Night in the Fall
 - Space is limited, register in advance
- CSS Profile – required for some private colleges, some scholarships, and some special programs
 - <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/prf/index.jsp>
- Resources
 - www.finaid.org
 - <http://www.finaid.org/calculators/>
 - <http://www.finaid.org/students/checklist.phtml>
 - www.fastweb.com

Scholarships

- Scholarship Myths
 - <http://www.fastweb.com/fastweb/resources/articles/index/102620>
- College specific
 - Once you are admitted you may become eligible for some merit based scholarship directly from the college
- Many scholarships listed in Naviance
- Scholarships for summer programs
 - <http://questbridge.org/>
 - <https://boettcherfoundation.org/>
 - <http://www.danielsfund.org/Scholarships/Index.asp>

Learning Disabilities

- Students with disabilities - rights & responsibilities
 - <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/transition.html>
- Colorado Options handbook – educational services for students with disabilities – great questions to ask yourself about your future
 - See a counselor for more information
- Disclosing your disability and requesting services
 - <http://www.princetonreview.com/requesting-services-for-your-learning-disability.aspx>

Resources

- Legacy web page
 - <https://legacy.adams12.org/classrooms/226>
- Naviance
- College in Colorado
 - www.collegeincolorado.org

SAT

- State SAT was April 9
- If you do not have a personal online CollegeBoard account, your scores will be mailed to you. It is strongly recommended that you set up a free account at studentscores.collegeboard.org (you will get scores sooner and have more information). If you put your email on your answer sheet, you will receive an email when you can access your scores on the CollegeBoard site.
- You may retake for a better score in June, October, November, or December
- If you are considering college and your score is less than 1000. You should definitely consider retaking.
- Use Khan Academy in your CollegeBoard account to prepare.

Retake Exams

SAT www.collegeboard.org

- \$45.00 or \$57 w/essay

SAT subject tests

- Registration Fee of \$26
- \$20 for each subject test up to three

ACT www.act.org

- Writing portion optional
- Cost \$42.50 or \$58.50 w/writing portion

Upcoming SAT Test Dates

2018-19 SAT Administration Dates and Deadlines				
SAT Date	SAT Subject Tests Available	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes
May 4, 2019 Register Learn more	See SAT Subject Tests available on this date	April 5, 2019	April 16, 2019 (for mailed registrations) April 24, 2019 (for registrations made online or by phone)	April 24, 2019
June 1, 2019 Register	See SAT Subject Tests available on this date	May 3, 2019	May 14, 2019 (for mailed registrations) May 22, 2019 (for registrations made online or by phone)	May 22, 2019

Additional Dates:
August 24, October 5, November 2, December 7 2019
March 14, May 2, June 6 2020

Upcoming ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Complete Score Release**
September 8, 2018	August 10, 2018	August 11-26, 2018	September 18 - November 2, 2018
October 27, 2018	September 28, 2018	September 29 - October 14, 2018	November 13, 2018 - January 1, 2019
December 8, 2018	November 2, 2018	November 3-19, 2018	December 18, 2018 - February 1, 2019
February 9, 2019*	January 11, 2019	January 12-18, 2019	February 20 - April 5, 2019
April 13, 2019	March 8, 2019	March 9-25, 2019	April 23 - June 7, 2019
June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 4-20, 2019	June 18 - August 2, 2019
July 13, 2019*	June 14, 2019	June 15-24, 2019	July 23 - August 26, 2019