Parent Information Night

Postsecondary Planning

JUNIOR/SENIOR COUNSELORS

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GPA, FAFSA, senior dues, scholarships, applications, deadlines, responsibilities, growing up, life



Admission Tests/College Entrance Exams 4 Year College/University

ACT & SAT

- Colleges use scores for admissions and merit based scholarships.
- Free/reduced lunch students qualify for 2 free waivers. See Counselor.
- Check the ACT and College Board website for registration and test dates. Flyers and test prep books are available in the Counseling office.

on Design	SAT	ACT
Why Take It	Colleges use SAT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.	Colleges use ACT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.
Test Structure	ReadingWriting & LanguageMathEssay (Optional)	 English Math Reading Science Reasoning Essay (Optional)
Length	•3 hours (without essay)154 Questions •3 hours, 50 minutes (with essay)	•2 hours, 55 minutes (without essay)—215 questions •3 hours, 40 minutes (with essay)
Reading	5 reading passages	4 reading passages
Science	None	1 science section testing your critical thinking skills (not your specific science knowledge)
Math	Covers: ArithmeticAlgebra I & IIGeometry, Trigonometry and Data Analysis	•Covers: Arithmetic •Algebra I & II •Geometry and Trigonometry
Calculator Policy	2 Sections-one with calculator, one without.	You can use a calculator on all math questions.
Essays	Optional. The essay will test your comprehension of a source text.	Optional. The essay will test how well you evaluate and analyze complex issues.
How It's Scored	Scored on a scale of 400–1600	Scored on a scale of 1–36

Admission Tests/College Entrance Exams 2 Year Community College

 All Juniors will take the <u>ACT</u> for free in 11th grade. This score can be used for class placement and interest/career surveys.

 Accuplacer/placement test- designed to evaluate skills in reading, writing, and mathematics. Used to place students in appropriate courses.

Workkeys- National Career Readiness Certificate assessment and credential

OTHER TESTS

- CLEP TESTING
- ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING
- ASVAB
- PSAT (JUNIORS)

PLANNING TIMELINE JUNIOR YEAR

- Make lists of interests, goals, skills.
- Make a list of colleges that you are interested in.
- Check college websites for admission requirements, financial aid information, deadlines and visit information.
- Create or update student resume. Increase school/community involvement if needed.
- Schedule available courses in your area of interest.
- Check Junior/Senior Counseling Website for information.

PLANNING TIMELINE JUNIOR/SENIOR YEAR

- College Preview Days
- College individual or group tours (large, small, public & private)
- College lunch visits at NHS
- College APP Sessions at NHS
- College and Career Fairs
- 3 College Visit Day between Junior and Senior Year.
- Check counseling website & bulletin board for upcoming events!

College lunch visits & App sessions

University of Southern Mississippi (USM)

University of South Alabama (USA)

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

The Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)

The University of Chicago

Northwestern State University of Louisiana (NSU)

Tulane University

University of Arkansas

PLANNING TIMELINE SENIOR YEAR

- Narrow list of colleges.
- Complete college applications and transcript requests in a timely manner.
- Complete scholarship and housing applications.
- Complete the FAFSA (October 1).
- Check the Junior/Senior counseling website scholarship link weekly for scholarship opportunities.
- Ask a counselor or teacher for recommendations if you need them at least 4 weeks in advance and include required information.

Planning Timeline Senior Year

- Attend college events at the college of choice.
- Turn in FAFSA confirmation email to counselor.
- Bring copies of scholarship offers to the counselor.
- Maintain grades and finish strong!
- Record all passwords for college applications and accounts.
- Compare college choices and notify the colleges that accepted you, where you will be attending.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

 Online applications. Complete transcript request in the front office and pay \$2 unless it is a public in state school.

 Common Application-online application, one application for numerous colleges. Transcripts are sent electronically. See counselor.

- SEND EDU- online, secure electronic document service. Transcripts are sent electronically. See counselor.
- Request transcripts for Dual Enrolled credit from the college it was taken.

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCEDURES *Click link on the 11&12th Counseling Website

The following three things must be submitted to the counselor 4
weeks in advance if a Counselor recommendation is needed.

- STUDENT RESUME
- PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE
- STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

11th and 12th Grade Guidance Information

Amanda Duplantier - COUNSELOR, Juniors/Seniors K-Z

Christie Nienaber - COUNSELOR, Juniors/Seniors A-J

School Phone - 985-649-6400

School Fax - 985-649-3613

Please email NHS counselors at firstname.lastname@stpsb.org. Email is the easiest way to get in touch with a counselor.

Please be aware that Mrs. Duplantier is currently out on maternity leave. None of her emails or messages will be checked until she returns. If you need assistance please contact Mrs. Nienaber via email.

Important Information

Please click on the title below for more information.

ACT/SAT

Tutoring

FAFSA

College Application Process

- Sample Student Resume
- Student Questionnaire
- Parent Questionnaire
- Teacher Questionnaire--complete only if you need a teacher recommendation

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS OPTIONS

- Community College
- Open admissions: policy of accepting any high school graduate.
- Smaller class sizes
- More affordable
- Bridge programs

- Regular admissions
- Rolling admissions
- Early action
- Early decision (binding)
- Selective Admissions
- Military Academies

Where does financial aid come from?

Three basic sources of aid:

- Federal and State governments
- Colleges
- Private Organizations

Bigfuture.org, College Board

How do I apply for Financial Aid?

FAFSA- FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (also used for TOPS application) many schools only application

CSS Profile costs money and must be completed by both parents.

Institutional Aid Application Contact financial aid office of the college you plan to attend inquire about financial aid deadlines and required forms.

University Scholarships

- Each university has it's own deadlines and requirements for their scholarship programs.
- Some scholarships are based on merit and some are based on financial need.
- Find out if the university has a separate scholarship application.
- Inquire about scholarships offered by specific academic departments.

Other Scholarships

- All scholarships that become available to the NHS counseling department will be listed on the Junior/Senior counseling website under the scholarships link. Students should check this often and should apply to any that they may qualify for. By no means is this a comprehensive list of scholarships. There are many free scholarship search websites available.
- Can help pay for books and living expenses.