



Junior College Planning Night

March 31, 2021

SENIOR YEAR



- How important is my senior year schedule?
- What courses should I select? Am I taking advantage of Concurrent Enrollment and AP?
- Is it true that my junior year is the most important?
- How are my grades reviewed?
- Weighted GPA vs Unweighted?
- Class Rank

COLLEGE SEARCH



Where to Start? Answer the following questions for yourself.

- Location (Geography, Weather)
- 4 Year / 2 Year / Technical
- Enrollment Size (student population)
- Majors / Minors
- Tuition (Total Cost, Financial Aid)
- Housing (Commute, Residential)
- Co-curricular Opportunities
- Internships / Travel Abroad
- Collegeboard.org vs Naviance College Searches

FOUR - YEAR COLLEGES

Undergraduate Admissions Page

- Application (Common App / Coalition App / School)
 - Supporting Materials (list of application requirements)
 - Audition / Portfolio information (depending on major)
- Application Deadlines
 - Consider Early Decision or Early Action
- Information Sessions and Visiting



COLLEGE WEBSITES

Academics

- Majors / Minors

Athletics

- Eligibility
- Club Sports / Intramural

Co-Curriculars

- What clubs/activities interest you?



Financial Aid

- Total Cost of Attendance
- FAFSA / CSS Profile - Deadlines
- Types of Aid
 - Scholarships
 - Loans / Grants
 - Work Study



TWO-YEAR COLLEGES

Community College

- Application / Testing Requirements
- General Education Classes vs. Classes in your Major
 - What does this really mean?
- Plan to transfer
- NJ STARS

SCCC & CCM Open Houses





TECHNICAL COLLEGES



Students interested in the following careers: Automotive, CADD, Construction, Cosmetology, Medical Services, Welding, Electrical, etc. can attend Technical Colleges.

- Application for Admission
- FAFSA / Financial Aid still applies
- Testing requirements
- Program completion varies in length
- Class schedule resembles a high school day
- Course of study is specific to your particular trade / skill

504 PLANS & IEPS

Disclosing to a college about having a 504 Plan and an IEP in high school is voluntary. However, if you would like to receive services, you would be required to disclose that information. You can reach out to each school to view the types of services and requirements for their program.

Here are a few examples:

Centenary University

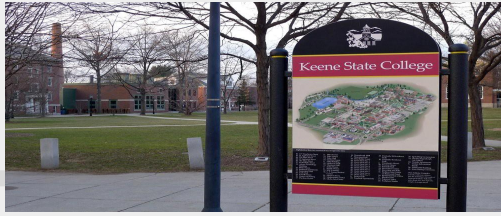
Lock Haven University

Rowan University

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In college, a student must self-disclose and self-advocate to receive approved services. College staff are not allowed to speak to professors for them.



COLLEGE VISITS

How to “Visit” College Campuses in a COVID World

Visiting a college, whether it is a drive around campus, an in-person tour, or through virtual information sessions is a key component of the overall process.

- Individual Visits - Some colleges are now open for small individual or group tours. **Available apps for self-guided tours.
- Virtual Events - Take advantage of these! Colleges offer more than just a virtual tour and information sessions highlighting the admissions process.
- Take advantage of college admissions representative appointments in Naviance.
- If you are able, even if a college is closed to visits, you may still be able to drive around the campus to obtain a visual of what it looks like. Do this when possible.



TESTING

SAT / ACT

****Update on the SAT - College Board eliminated the Essay and Subject Tests****

- What's the difference? Should I take both?
- What are they? Should I take both?
- What is “super scoring” and how does it work?
- Fee waivers are available to students eligible for free or reduced lunch. Ask your counselor.

TESTING

GET ORGANIZED FOR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING

- This Google Doc has been shared with all juniors
 - Dates/deadlines/advice and planning

Score reports are sent directly to colleges from CollegeBoard and ACT.

- 4 score reports are free, if requested at registration
- Request your score reports EARLY as delivery is *not* instantaneous



TEST OPTIONAL



WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- Colleges do not require the SAT / ACT when reviewing applications for admission. But, look a bit further:
 - Does your specific major require testing?
 - If you apply test optional, does the college require a placement test?
 - Do you need test scores to qualify for specific scholarships?

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- We recommend taking the SAT/ACT at least once. As you select and review the admission requirements for the colleges, talk with admissions officials and your Guidance Counselor on the next steps to take.

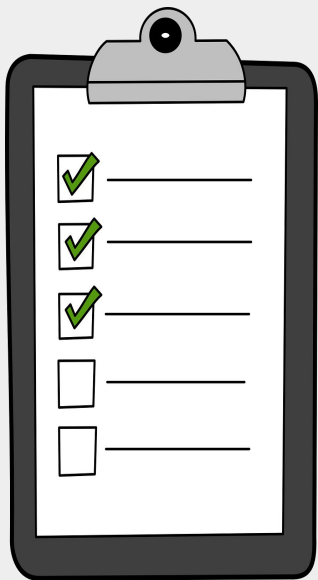


NAVIANCE

www.naviance.com

- Naviance is the program we use for career and college planning.
- As seniors, you will organize your college applications, request letters of recommendation and transcripts, and search for scholarships using Naviance.
- Check it out and use it as you begin your college search.

NAVIANCE “TO-DO”



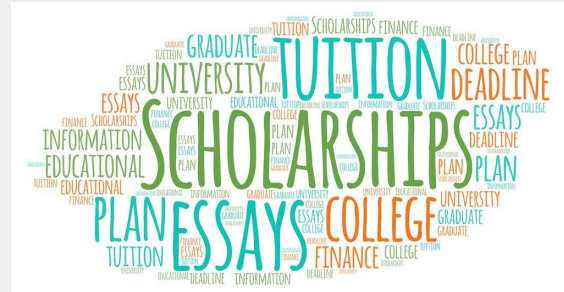
- Search for Career Ideas
 - Careers - Home - Explore Careers and Interests OR Career Assessments
- Search for Colleges
 - Colleges - Home - Find Your Fit OR Research Colleges
- Make Your College List
 - Add schools you like to your *Colleges I'm Thinking About* list

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships can be found in various locations:

- On the Financial Aid page of college websites
- Through parent / guardian places of employment
- Search for scholarships on various search sites like
www.fastweb.com / www.collegeboard.org / www.scholarships.com
- High Point Local Scholarship Application (distributed in 2022)
- *[Naviance Scholarship List](#)*

National, State, **Regional**, and **Local** Scholarships



SUPPORT YOUR APPLICATION

- ESSAY
- ACTIVITY RESUME
 - AWARDS / HONORS / PROGRAMS
- PORTFOLIO / AUDITION
- LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Ready to get organized?

Check out these questions and this chart.



OTHER RESOURCES

- What should I MAJOR in? What career am I interested in?
 - Naviance: www.naviance.com
 - MyAct: www.myact.org “Sign in with Google” - “explore colleges and careers” - “Take Your Inventories”
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 - NJCAN: www.njcis.intocareers.org
- Want to play COLLEGE SPORTS?
 - www.eligibilitycenter.org
 - Complete application, pay fee, send SAT scores & transcript
 - Complete this process by the end of junior year if you are considering Division I or II college athletics
- Planning to stay in state? Check out [Going to College in New Jersey](#)

STAY TUNED

SENIOR APPLICATION & FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

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Questions?



Please contact your guidance counselor with
any questions or concerns.

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