

Welcome to Junior College Planning Night

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Welcome to College Information Night for Junior Families

Preparation during the Junior year is a must in order to be prepared for submitting applications in the fall of your Senior year

Tonight's meeting will discuss:

- Senior year course selection
- SATs and ACTs
- Grades
- College visits
- Financial aid



Finding the Right College

- There are 4,500 colleges in the United States.
- Using tools in Naviance will help you find the right fit.



This may be a stressful process for you and your student.
Stay Calm and College On!

A Snapshot of 2017

Last year the Guidance Department processed over 800 applications to 208 different institutions.

44% of our graduating seniors have enrolled in a 4-year institution.

40% of our graduating seniors have enrolled in a 2-year college.

The Class of 2017 graduates can be found on 48 campuses this year.

2% of our graduating seniors have enrolled in a technical/vocational school.

14% of our graduating seniors have pursued employment or enlistment in the military.

The Top 10 Schools Attended by the Class of 2017

Arcadia University

Holy Family University

Rider University

Stockton University

Temple University

The College of New Jersey

Saint Joseph's University

Rutgers University (New Brunswick and Camden combined)

Rowan University

Rowan College at Burlington County

Education Opens the Door to a World of Opportunity



Education = \$\$\$

Degree Attained	Mean Earnings	Increase in Salary vs. H.S. Diploma
H.S. Dropout	\$25,636	N/A
H.S. Diploma	\$35,256	N/A
Some College, no degree	\$38,376	9%
Associate Degree	\$41,496	18%
Bachelors Degree	\$59,124	59%
Masters Degree	\$69,732	98%

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2015

Course Selections It's Not Over

In planning the senior year:

- Maintain challenging courses / electives that allow you to explore potential career interests.
- Colleges look for academic progression in student's course difficulty. CP-> Honors -> AP classes when appropriate

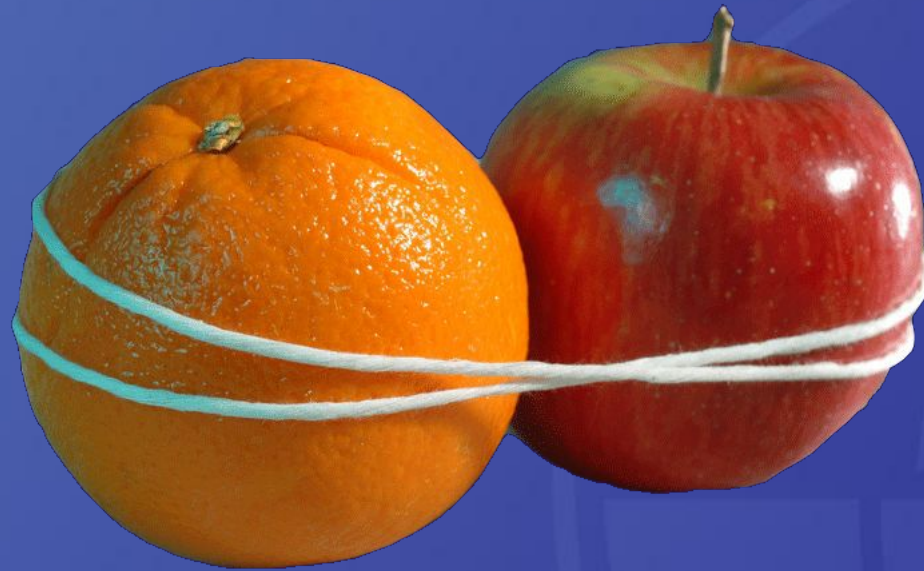


ACT and SAT



- College entrance exams are a component of the admission process
- Scores from either test will be accepted by the colleges
- Some colleges and/or majors require SAT II subject testing
- Some schools are test optional. www.fairtest.org
- Receive Free/reduced lunch? Fee waivers available through counselor.

SAT and ACT



SAT REASONING

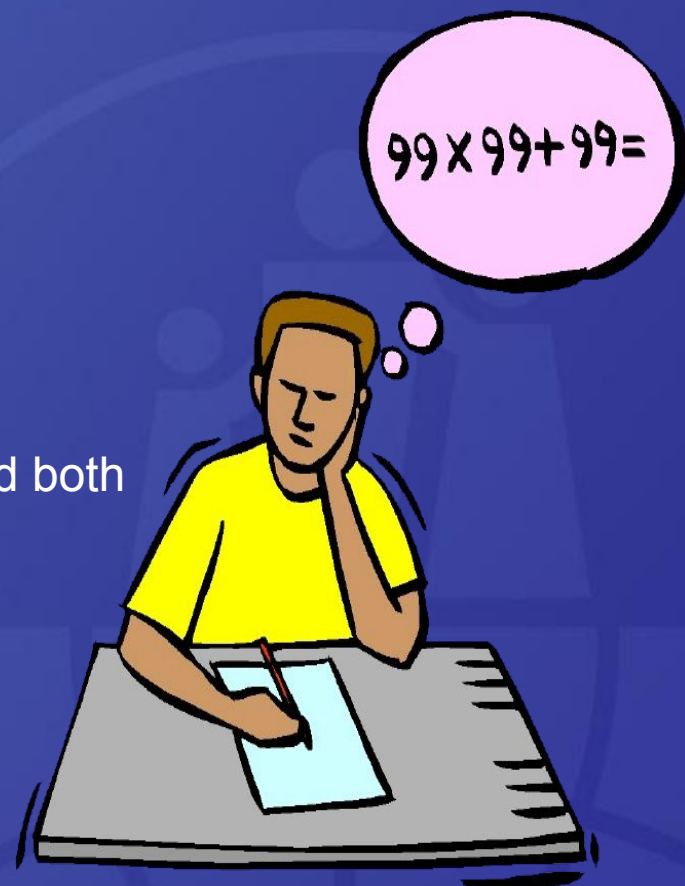
★ Math

★ Critical reading

★ Essay (optional)

- Always defer to the school's admission requirements

- Using evidence based reading, writing and math
- Vocabulary is relevant and used within context
- Problems grounded in real-world context
- Analysis of Science and Social Studies Integrated both testing sections
- NO PENALTY FOR WRONG ANSWERS



SAT II Subject

- ❖ If your college requires
- ❖ If you want to highlight an academic strength
- ❖ Students taking an AP course are encouraged to take the subject test in the same area.



The ACT

- ACT
- English
- Math
- Reading
- Science
- Optional writing test
- Can be used in lieu of SAT II Subject Tests with most colleges

[Naviance home page](#)



Here are a few tips for taking the ACT/SAT

- Collegeboard:

Khan Academy (free prep for the SAT, access codes included in PSAT score report)

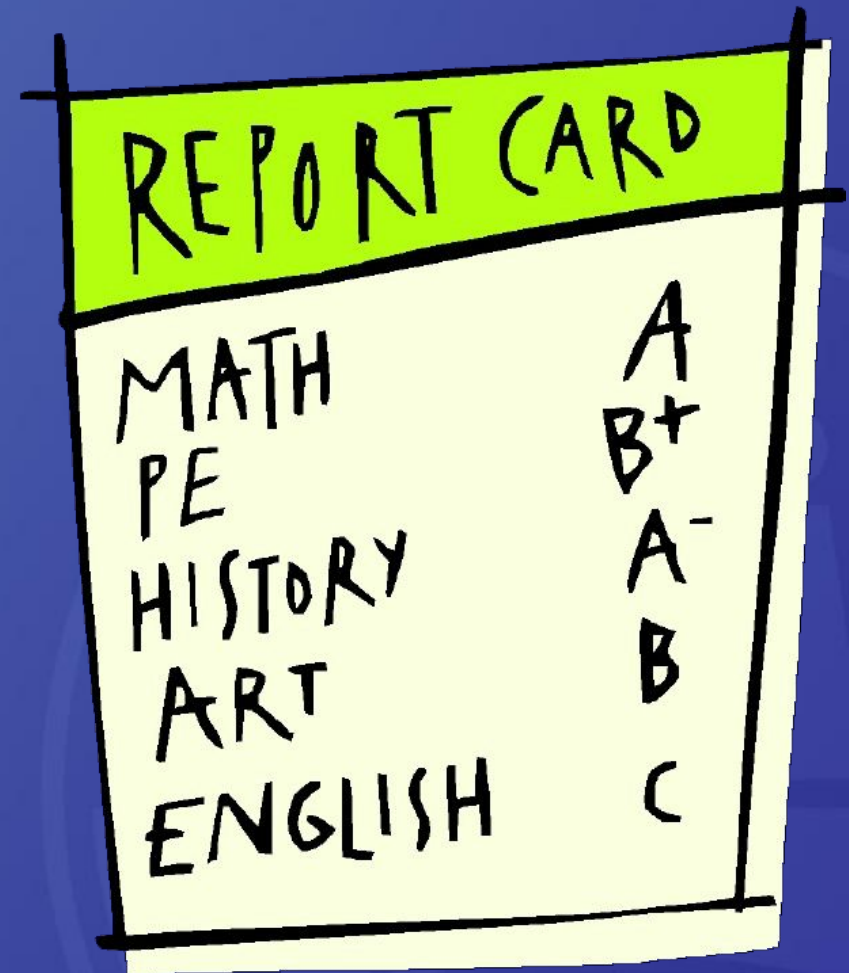
Question of the Day

- Maintain a rigorous schedule
- Read, read, read
- Private tutoring options



What Colleges See On a Transcript

- Weighted level of the classes Transcript
- Weighted, cumulative GPA at the end of the Junior year grading index
- Final averages of each class
- DHS uses a weighted 4.0 scale
- Rank in class



You can access and review your student's transcript in the Parent Portal



Community and Junior Colleges

- There are 1,500 two year colleges in the US which offer a great start to the college experience.

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- **RCBC**

Rowan College at Burlington County

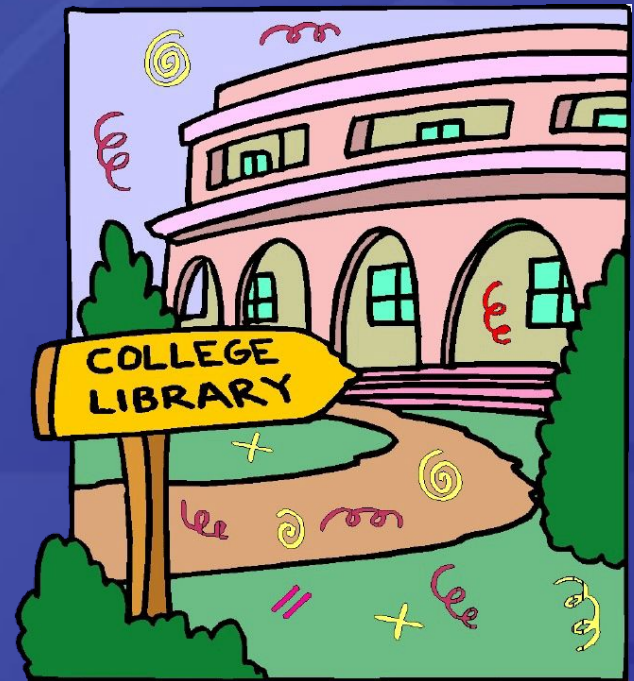
- open enrollment
- must take Accuplacer
- Spring Ahead
 - Information Session
 - Accuplacer administered at DHS
 - Spring trip to RCBC to schedule classes with an advisor



Researching Colleges

Start NOW!

- Consider what you want in a college:
 - Location
 - Size
 - Public or private
 - Environment
 - Curriculum



Location

- In state or out of state
- Commuting distance
- Driving distance
- Flying distance



Larger Schools vs. Smaller Schools

- A small school setting may allow for greater access to professors and services.
- Class size
- Faculty to Student ratio
- Opportunities for membership in sports, clubs, research and positions of leadership



Public vs. Private Universities

- Cost
- Admissions Practices
- Affiliations
- Prestige



Environment



- Academics
- Athletics
- Social life
- Campus surroundings
- Greek life
- “Suitcase” schools



How Can I Learn About Different Colleges?

- Naviance!!!
- College websites
- Campus visits
- Admission representative visits at DHS
- Friends, family, past graduates, students currently attending



College Night **Campus Visit**

- Colleges encourage high school students to visit their campus
- Demonstrated interest counts
- Most visits can be set up online or with a phone call!
- This is the best way to find out if a school is right for you!



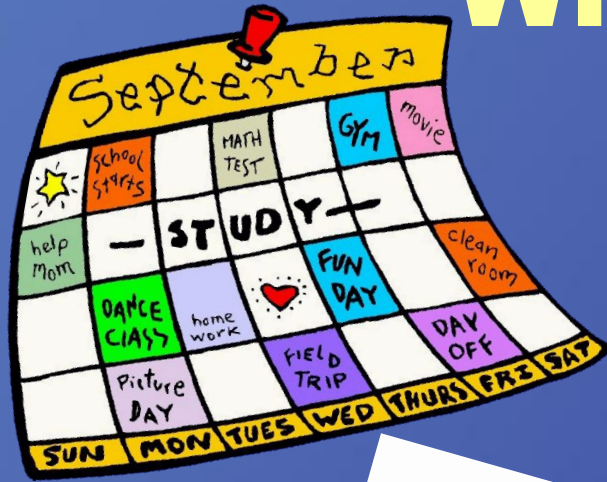
Make use of your Junior year. Visit on student days off, such as NJEA Convention, President's Weekend, and Spring Break. Juniors are permitted 3 excused days to visit colleges, and 4 days in Senior year. Bring a note of attendance from admissions.

4 or More™

- National average is 4-10 applications
- Look for “good” fit schools
- Use tools in Naviance to help you see how you compare with other applicants in regard to GPA, test scores and course requirements
- The Common Application is accepted at more than 750 colleges
- Receive Free/reduced lunch? **Fee waivers available through counselor.**



When to Apply?



- During the first quarter of your senior year
- Early decision (binding)
- Early action (non binding)
- Know the college deadlines
- Guidance counselors require 15 school days to process requests for transcripts, letters of recommendation, and other college forms



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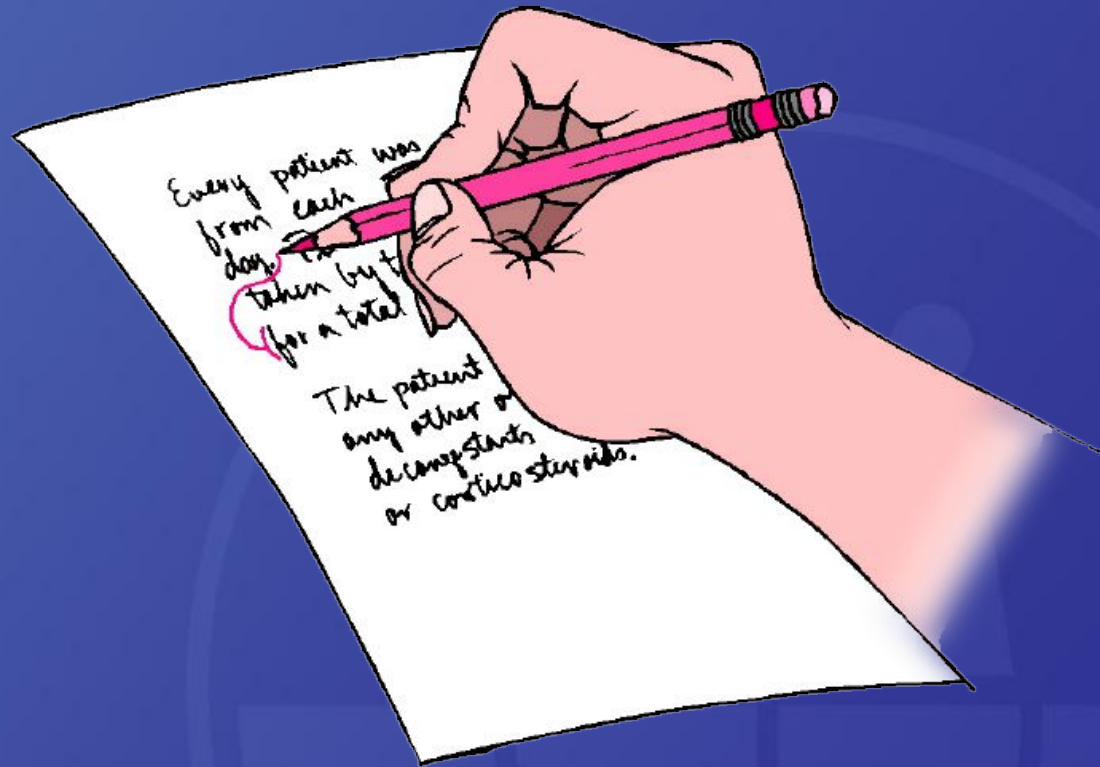
Letter of Recommendation

- Ask two teachers in May/June if they are willing to write a letter
- Complete the resume of activities highlighting high school accomplishments, leadership, club/activity participation in Naviance by end of the Junior year
- FERPA
- Allow teachers 15 school days notice in the Fall to submit letter and complete forms in Naviance



Personal Essay

- Begin writing during the summer.
- Most colleges and the Common Application open for the Fall application season on August 1st.
- In the past a college essay workshop has been offered at the high school. Information is posted during the 4th marking period.
- PROOF READ



Complete the FAFSA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Delran is hosting a Financial Aid/Military Night, October 26th at 6:30 pm.
- Apply online after October 1 of senior year at: www.fafsa.ed.gov this link is on the home page of Naviance.
- NEVER pay for the free application
- Failure to complete the FAFSA may result in loss of academic and sports scholarships, grants, and loans
- Questions? Use the FAFSA support or the financial aid office of the college you are attending



Military Service

- Military academies
- ROTC programs
- Tuition assistance

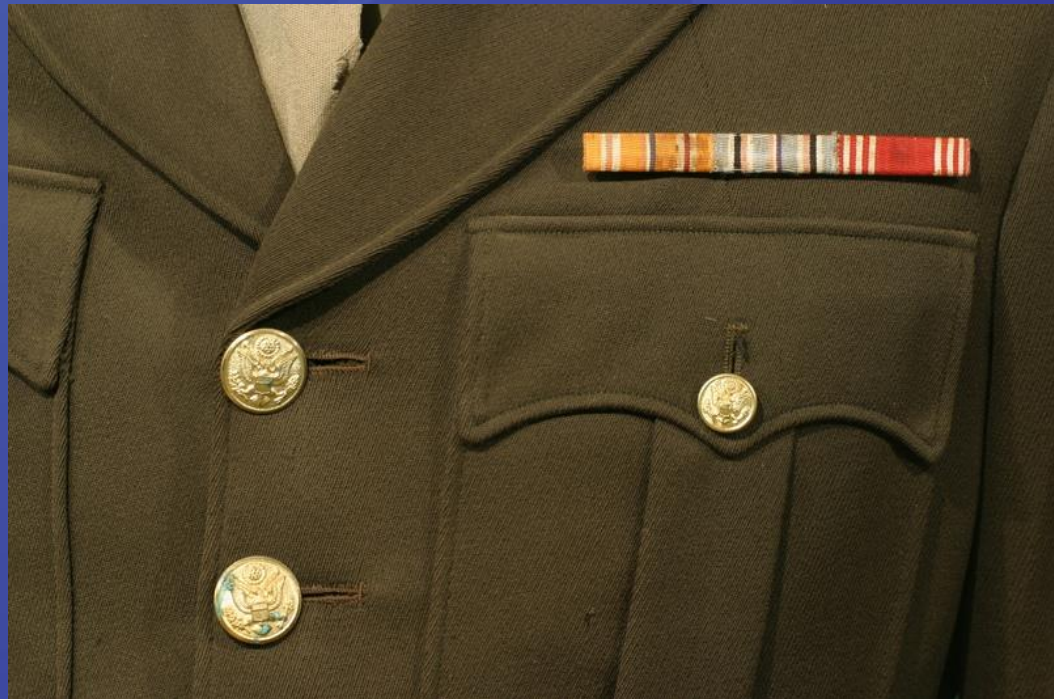
Web links:

U.S. Military Academy:
<http://www.usma.edu/>

U.S. Naval Academy:
<http://www.usna.edu/>

U.S. Air Force Academy:
<http://www.af.mil/>

U.S. Coast Guard Academy:
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