

COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT

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H.S. TIMELINE

- **Grade 9**
 - Take challenging classes
 - Get involved in extra-curricular activities
 - Start thinking BIG!
- **Grade 10**
 - Academic rigor
 - CAPT/ PSAT
 - Extra-Curricular Activities
 - Evaluate skills & interests
- **Grade 11**
 - Academic rigor
 - Leadership
 - PSAT/ SAT/ ACT
 - College/ Career Search
- **Grade 12**
 - Retake ACT/SAT
 - Academic rigor
 - Leadership
 - Apply now!

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- 22 CREDITS TO GRADUATE:

- 4 - English
- 3 - Math
- 3 - Social Studies
- 3 - Science
- 1 - PE
- 1 - Art/ Vocational
- 7 - Electives/ Health

- COLLEGE ADMISSIONS:

- 4 - ENGLISH
- 3 - MATH (MINIMUM)
- 3 - SOCIAL STUDIES
- 3 - SCIENCE (REC)
- 2 - WORLD LANG. (MIN)

Testing - PSAT (Sophomores & Juniors)

Sophomores

- Introduction into SAT

[College QuickStart](#)

Juniors

- Qualifies for National Merit Scholarships

Test is given every October

TESTING--SAT/ACT

- ACT

“Best preparation is a solid high school curriculum”- ACT

- www.act.org
- English, Math, Reading, Science & Writing

- SAT

- www.collegeboard.org
- Score Choice
- Reading, Math, Writing

What Colleges Consider

The first part of planning for college is understanding what factors colleges consider when looking at a student profile.

Primary Factors

- Quality/Rigor of Academic Courses
- Academic Performance/Grades
- Test Scores (SAT, SAT Subject tests, AP)

Additional Factors

- Extracurricular activities
- Essay(s)
- Letters of recommendation
- Demonstrated interest

Grades and Course Work

- Course selection-- Challenge yourself
- Grades -- every year counts
- GPA trends -- show improvement
- Class rank

Other Considerations

- Positive recommendations
- Personal statement and essay(s) demonstrating writing ability and self expression
- A “demonstrated interest” that shows your enthusiasm
- Extra-curricular activities
- Community involvement
- Interview (if applicable)

KNOW YOURSELF

- Values
- Ambitions
- Achievements
- Academic Strengths
- Interests
- Your Standout Talents



IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

CHARACTERISTICS

- Major program of study
- Location & Size
- Student – Teacher Ratio
- Campus Life/Appeal
- Support Services
- Cost & Financial Aid available
- Graduation and Retention Rates

SUGGESTIONS

- Don't apply to too many
- Visit the campus
- How do *I* compare?
 - Likely
 - Ballpark
 - Reach

ADMISSION PROGRAMS

- **EARLY ACTION (EA)** : non- binding
- **EARLY DECISION (ED)** : BINDING
- **ROLLING** : First come, first served
- **REGULAR** : One deadline date for ALL

WHO IS “IN CHARGE” OF THE APPLICATION?

- A) Parent
- B) Student
- C) Counselor



THE STUDENT !!

- ❖ APPLICATION –The Common Application, On-line Application, Paper Copy
- ❖ SUPPLEMENTS (IF NECESSARY)
- ❖ ESSAY
- ❖ FEE
- ❖ SAT/ ACT SCORES:
 - ❖ DIRECTLY FROM COLLEGE BOARD/ ACT

To Do List

- Maintain strong grades
- Retake the SAT/ ACT
- SAT Subject Tests (if needed)
- Write a strong essay
- Letters of Recommendation
- Attend Workshop Wednesdays
- Attend Open House events
- Visit colleges/ Take the tour!
- Ask questions/ Take notes
- Meet with your counselor!!

NAVIANCE

STUDENT

- Update Profile
- [Colleges I'm Applying to...](#)
- Request Letters of Recommendation
- Request Transcripts
- Attend Workshops/ Meet with Counselor
- FERPA Release

COUNSELOR

- Secondary School Report
- School Profile
- Upload Resume
- Transcript- need signed release
- Letter of Recommendation- if requested

NCAA

NCAA Eligibility Center

- If planning to participate in Division I or II athletics, you need to register with NCAA!

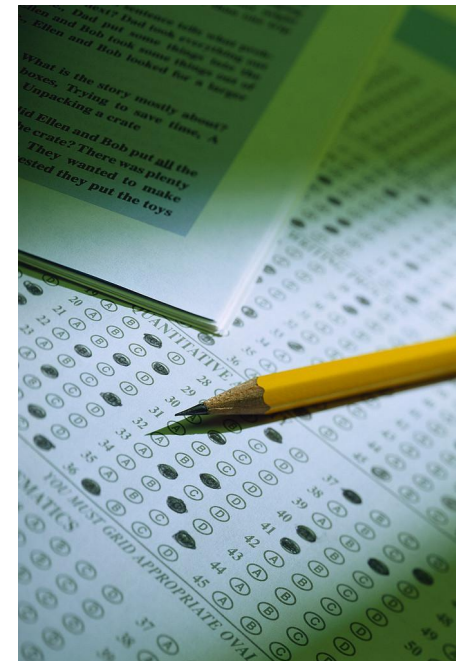
Register online:

www.eligibilitycenter.org

WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS

SEPT-NOV

- College Essay
- Letters of Recommendation
- Resume
- NCAA Eligibility Center
- SAT/ACT Dates and Reporting
- Common Application
- Naviance Updates



Financial Planning Night

November 7, 2013

6:30 p.m.

Wamogo Auditorium



Top 5 Things Every Student/Parent Should Remember

- Never rule out a school because of cost alone
- Compare costs before applying: Net price calculators
- Remember to apply: FAFSA deadlines
- CSS PROFILE - pre-financial aid form.
- Get advice: The financial aid offices at local colleges
- Compare Awards: Look at all grants, loans and parental contributions before making a final decision on a college.

In Summary...

- Transcript Release Form
- Complete your resume
- Request your letters of recommendation from teachers and enter your request in Naviance
- Complete your college essay
- Apply to colleges as soon as you can – don't have to wait until you take SAT/ACT
- Request SAT/ACT scores officially sent to colleges
- **Be diligent of deadlines!**

QUESTIONS?

- Need a Naviance account? Let us set you up!!
- Check out the Wamogo Guidance Web Site for updated event information!

THANK YOU
FOR COMING!

