

Junior Guidance

What's Next???



PSAT

log in to psat.org/myscore to see a full score report

Who Takes the PSAT? Juniors October 13th

Many schools only test top ½ of the class - this influences percentile scores

What does the PSAT measure?

Reading

Math

Writing

Shows College Readiness Benchmarks



How is the PSAT used?

National Merit Scholarship Program

September 2020: Notification to 34,000

Commended Scholars and 16,000 Semifinalists

Results help to prep for ACT/SAT and give predictor scores

Skill Building

Shows breakdown of benchmarks for college readiness. Lets students see correct answers to questions and the answers they chose.

[Sample Score Report](#) - Scores are typically available in December

Test Optional Admissions

Many schools have chosen to move to test-optional for the 20-21 year and beyond.

Holistic admissions review.

St. Olaf, Macalaster, and Carleton - feedback

- Course selection and rigor is more important, studies show that they are a strong predictor of college GPA and graduation
- Review process may take longer

University Of Minnesota - TC feedback

- Core Course work should exceed entrance requirements, especially competitive colleges
- Academic Interest - preparation for the major/college for which the student seeks admission is important.
- Commitment to community service
- Achievement/talent in a certain area
- If test score below average for the college, **do not** send

Test Optional cont.

SCTCC -

- Typically Accuplacer required, also using other factors, like gpa and coursework - exempting test when possible.
- [Liberal Arts and Transfer Studies](#) - possible alternative to earn general ed credits

Test optional Impact on Academic Scholarships:

[CSB/SJU - Academic Achievement Scholarships](#)

Good to ask colleges if they have something similar

College Entrance Exams

ACT (www.act.org)

4 subtests: English, Math, Reading, Science
optional writing - take at least once

Test Dates	Registration Deadline
February 12th	January 7th
April 2nd	February 25th
June 11th	May 6th

Test prep: act.org

Breakaway Test Prep - breakwaytestprep.com

(began working with them 2019-20, cut short due to Covid, parents and students gave positive reviews)



SAT (www.collegeboard.org)

2019 - 20 Test Dates: Registration Deadline:

March 12, 2022

Feb 11th

May 7th

April 8th

June 4th

May 5th



May retake any college entrance tests,
colleges consider only the highest score

Junior Year

Important Things to Remember

Keep Up Your GPA Junior Year is the most recent year colleges see on transcript

Develop A Resume: Extra-curriculars, volunteering, work experience, highlight any leadership, honors or awards

What areas need to be improved?

This adds depth to your college/scholarship applications

Social Media Accounts Be careful about what you put on-line. Colleges, potential employers may check. Use appropriate e-mail address



*How are you
getting ready
for College?*

Senior Course Registration

College Requirements

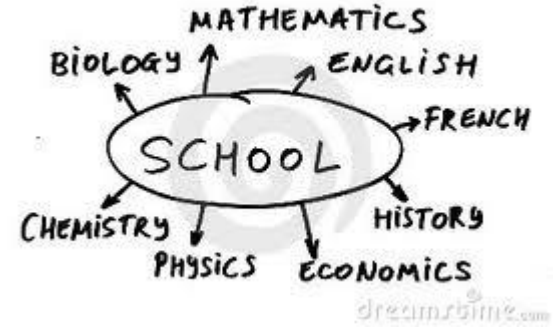
U of M, some others, require 4 years of Math and Science

Take rigorous courses, AP classes, CIS classes

Additional core classes

Colleges request senior schedule with transcript

PSEO



NCAA -D1 and D2 athletes need to register with the Clearinghouse
www.eligibilitycenter.org



Military Academies -Start Process Early Many requirements, talk to your counselor

The College Search??

Know yourself first

Search the Web

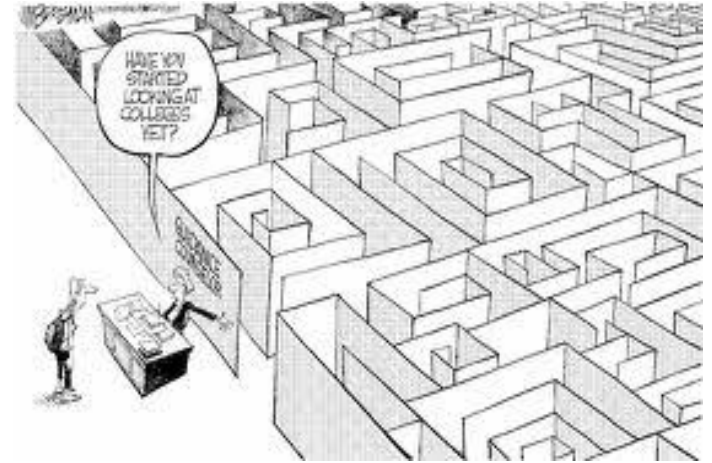
virtual tours

<https://campustours.com/>

Meet with Admission Reps

Announcements

Sign up in Guidance - will be on announcements and website.



Campus Visits

School Breaks - Summer

Many still hosting individual tours