
Class of 2024 Counseling Newsletter



Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Junior year!! This is an important year for students; they will begin to make decisions about college and career goals. We will continue to do career and college exploration using Naviance. Included with this newsletter are documents that will assist you with the college planning process.

Mrs. Hulbert and Mrs. Williams

What are the PSAT/SAT/ACT?

The **PSAT** is the Practice SAT exam that students applying to 4 year colleges take in October. This year it will be given during the school day, and we hope that will allow more students to participate. Students will receive practice test booklets upon registration.

The **SAT** is an exam used by colleges and universities to make admissions decisions. It is a multiple-choice, pencil-and-paper test administered by the College Board. It evaluates students on Math and evidence-based Reading and Writing.

The **ACT** is an exam used by colleges and universities to make admissions decisions. It is a multiple-choice, pencil-and-paper test administered by ACT. It evaluates students on English, Math, Science, Reading, Writing (optional).

Most colleges and universities accept both standardized exams. The purpose of these exams is to measure a high school student's readiness for college and provide colleges with a common data point that compares all applicants. College admissions officers will review standardized test scores alongside the high school GPA. In addition, the rigor of classes taken in high school, extracurricular activities/volunteer efforts, admissions interviews, personal essays, and letters of recommendation are considered. The weight of SAT/ACT scores in the application process varies from college to college. Overall, the higher

Upcoming Events

October 6

Back to School Night

October 12

PSAT Test

October 27

College Fair

November 3 and 4

Picture Day

December 10

ACT Test

**Remember to check
TEAMS Class of 2024 for
valuable information!**

We will post important news and announcements throughout the school year.

you score on the SAT and/or ACT, the more options for attending and paying for college will be available to you.

When should I take the SAT or ACT?

We recommend the following testing schedule for students planning to attend 4-year colleges:

PSAT in October of 2022

ACT in December of 2022

SAT in May OR June of 2023

ACT in May OR June 2023

SAT in August 2023

Note that the August SAT is **NOT** given at KHS – but there are area high schools that do offer it. Having those exams done before starting senior year is a wonderful way to reduce the “to do” list!

What is Naviance?

Students should continue to utilize Naviance. What is **Naviance**? It is a program that allows students to:

Get involved in the planning and advising process – Build a resume, complete online surveys, and manage timelines and deadlines for making decisions about colleges and careers.

Research careers – Research hundreds of careers and career clusters and take career assessments.

Research colleges – Compare GPA, standardized test scores, and other statistics to actual historical data from our school for students who have applied and accepted in the past.

Create future plans – Create goals and to-dos, and complete tasks assigned by the school to better prepare your student for future college and career goals.

Naviance also lets us share information with you and your student about upcoming meetings and events, local scholarship opportunities, and other resources for college and career information.

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Important Websites

Naviance Student

www.Naviance.com

HESC – Paying for College

www.hesc.ny.gov

College Board - SAT

www.collegeboard.org

College Board - Colleges

Bigfuture.collegeboard.org

ACT

www.actstudent.org

NCAA – student athletes

www.ncaa.org

Khan Academy

www.khanacademy.org/

Links to Handouts for 11th grade Parents and Students

Below are links to the various documents that were included in the mailing that was sent to Class of 2024 students and families.

[SUNY 11th Grade To Do](#)

[College Board 11th Grade Planning](#)

[NYS Higher Education Services Corporation - Junior Checklist](#)

[Sallie Mae College Fair Checklist](#)

[College Board Campus Visit Checklist](#)