

Junior Parent College Planning Workshop

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Take the ACT

- Juniors take the ACT at CCC in February
- Sign up for and take the ACT again during second semester.
- Go online to www.actstudent.org to sign up.
- See your counselor if you are eligible for a Fee Waiver.

Begin to Research Colleges

- 1. Use the Naviance website to do college searches based on interests/profile.**
- 2. Use Naviance to find information on college rep visits to CCC.**
- 3. During Junior Jump-Start, students begin to develop their college list on Naviance link “Colleges I’m Thinking About”.**
- 4. Use Naviance account to research colleges and update resume.**

Continue to strive to do your academic best

- 1. College admissions look at three main factors: GPA, coursework, and ACT score.**
- 2. Junior year grades are important- upward trend/impact cumulative GPA.**
- 3. Mid-year & final transcripts are sent to the colleges during senior year.**
- 4. After-school tutoring is available.**

Counselors meet individually with each junior in spring

- **Course selections for senior year are discussed as well as ACT testing & plans for the future.**
- **Students submit to Guidance their student/parent questionnaire as well as a copy of their resume.**

In the summer between 11th and 12th grade ...

- **Visit college campuses.**
- **Do more college searches online.**
- **View college applications on college websites.**
- **Work on college application essays.**

Fall of Senior Year

- **Attend Senior College Night in September (for student and parent).**
- **Counselors work with seniors through English class to update Naviance account, update resume, begin to list colleges on the link “Colleges I’m Applying To”.**
- **Seniors meet with their counselor individually in September to finalize future plans, college list, decisions regarding retake of ACT.**
- **Apply to colleges by October 15th.**

Remember what is most important in college admissions

Top three factors that “open the door”:

Grades

Test Scores

Strength of Curriculum

Next three factors that can help make the final decision:

Essay

Letters of recommendation

Extracurricular activities/leadership

HOLISTIC REVIEW



“Finding the right college is about finding *the right match.*”

Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”