

# Junior Update

## *Learning Objective:*

*To help students develop a better understanding of where they are in the post-secondary planning process and to assist them toward reaching their goals.*

# My Academic Goals

- Options include:
  - 4-year college
  - 2-year college
  - Technical college or Specialty School
  - Gap Year
  - Military
  - Employment
  - Other

# What are Colleges

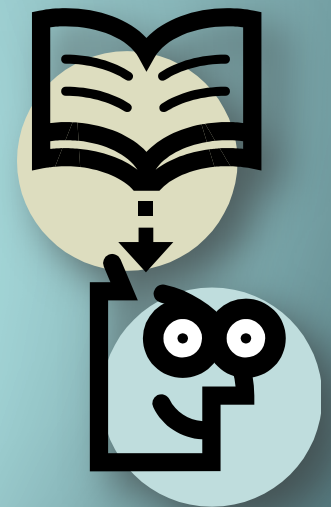
## Looking For?

- Strength of Schedule
- G.P.A./Grade Trends
- Test Scores
- Special Talents (College Needs),
- College Essay or Personal Statement
- Letters of Recommendation
- Geography, Supply and Demand, Legacy
- Leadership in activities (Service, Athletics, Clubs)



# College Research

- Talk to family and friends with knowledge of specific campuses and careers
- Meet with your school counselor
- Visit college campuses
- Develop list of schools
- Enter schools in Naviance



# College Planning – Senior Year

- Carefully select senior courses with counselor
- Finish researching schools
- Ask teachers for recommendations
- Meet with your School Counselor (Senior Update)
- Apply for Financial Aid (Oct.-Jan.)
- APPLY, APPLY!! (Earlier is Better)-Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Seek out Scholarships
- Attend and work hard on CCRD Day
- Continue meeting with college representatives
- Make College Visits
- Consider your options and decide by May 1!

# The College Application

**College applications are found on these websites.**

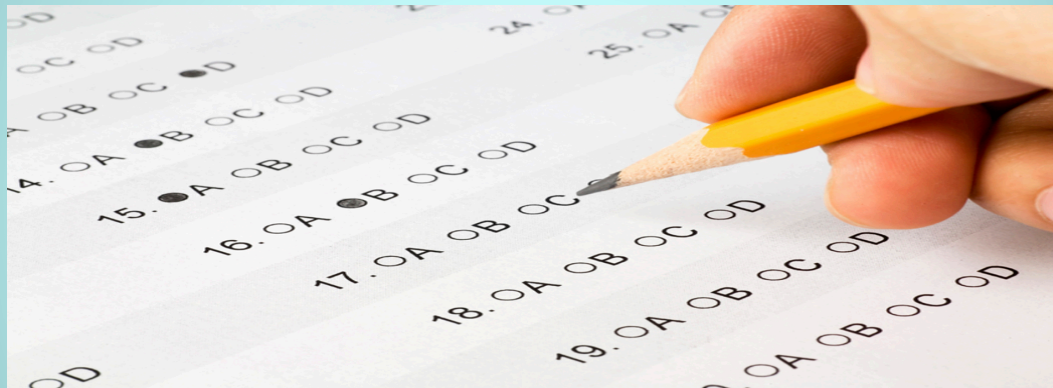
- Common Application
- Institutional Application
- UW Application
- Minnesota State Application

# College Essay

- Let colleges hear your voice.
- What are you passionate about?
- What will you bring to their campus?
- Check grammar, organization, and structure.
- Keep your essay to the required length.
- Answer the question!
- Proofread!!

# Standardized Testing

- What scores can I expect based on Aspire & PSAT results? How do they compare to my college goals?
- Do I need to retake the ACT? How many times?
- Do I need to take the SAT or SAT Subject tests?
- How do I sign up to take the ACT or SAT tests?
- What scores do I send to colleges? When? How?





# ACT and/or SAT Testing

## ACT – Test Dates

- July 13th, 2019 – Register by June 14th, 2019
- September 14th, 2019– Register by August 16th, 2019
- October 26th, 2019 – Register by September 27th, 2019

## SAT – Test Dates

- August 24th, 2019 – Register by July 24th, 2019
- October 5th, 2019 – Register by September 5th, 2019

# Release Your Test Scores

- Official ACT scores must be sent by the student, through the ACT ([act.org](http://act.org)) website, directly to the college.
- Official SAT scores must be sent by the student through the CollegeBoard ([collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com)) website directly to the college.
- Self report scores to schools that require you to submit them. Please be certain you are very accurate with your reporting. Some schools require you to report on the Common Application and the individual schools website.

# Grades – The Transcript

Your Grades Count Every Year!

- Cumulative GPA
- Trend in Grades
- Senior Year Courses/Grades
- Request your transcript to be sent using Naviance

# Naviance – The All-Powerful Tool

- College Search – Super match
- Sign up to meet with College Admissions Counselors
- Request Transcripts
- Request Letters of Recommendation
- Do more career research

ACT & SAT are NOT sent using Naviance!!



# College Visits

- Visit when schools are in session
- Call the admissions office to schedule an official campus visit
- Visit either junior or senior year

# Show Me The Money!

- Scholarships
- Reciprocity
- Midwest Student Exchange
- CSS Profile (Required by some private schools)
- FAFSA
  - Grants
  - Scholarships
  - Loans
  - Work Study
- Attend College Goal Wisconsin or the North Shore Financial Aid Meeting in the fall.

# Division 1 & 2 Athletes

- Fill out an application for the NCAA Clearinghouse before the end of Junior year.
- Send your ACT scores to the NCAA through the ACT website.
- Let your counselor know you have applied so a transcript is sent to NCAA which includes grades through Junior year.

# College Resources

- Nicolet Student Services website
- Naviance/Family Connection
- Your Counselor
- Various college recommendation guides/books
- College/University web pages



Any  
Questions??