

Pioneer School Counseling Department

The Nuts and Bolts of College and Career Planning

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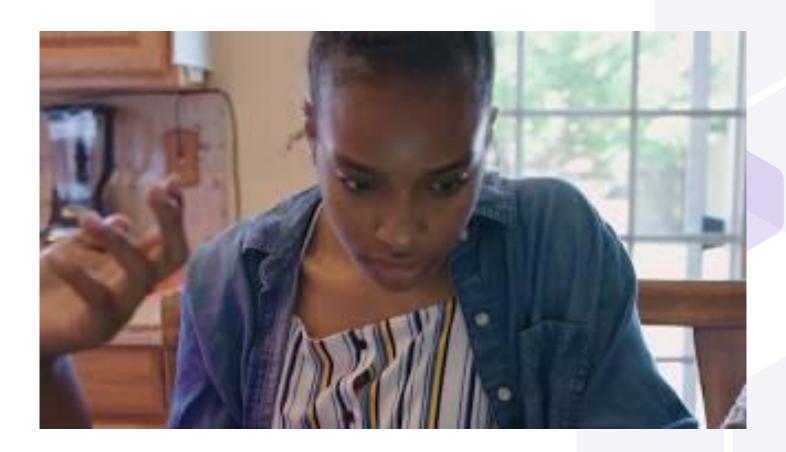
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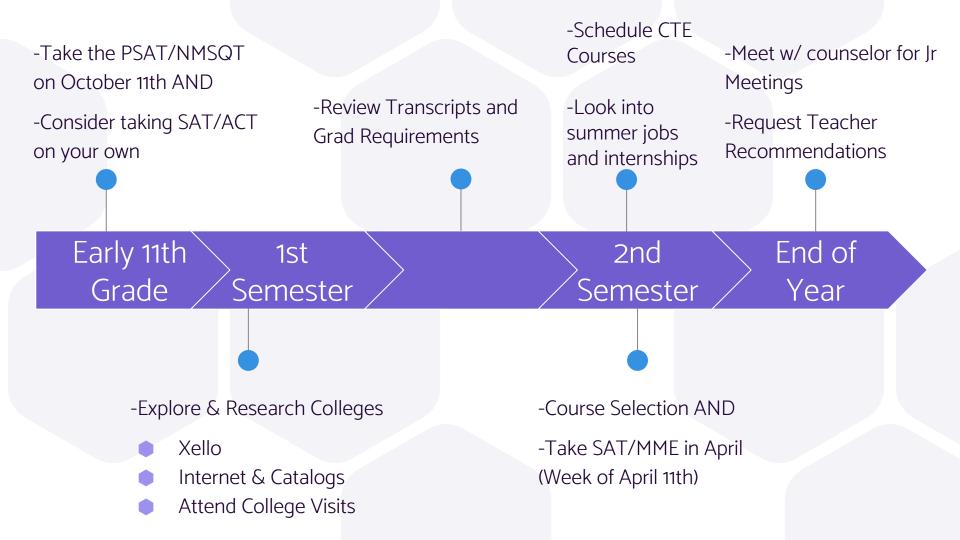
Agenda

- Xello: A College & Career Planning Tool
- Junior & Senior Year Timelines
- Overview of College Application Process
- Standardized Testing
- Post High School Options
- Questions

Every Student, Future Ready!



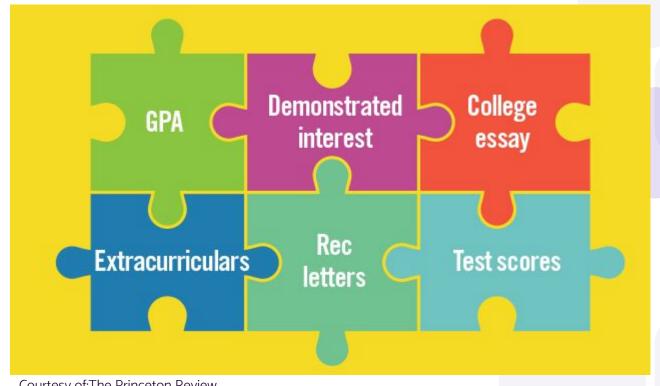
Junior Year:
Planning For Life
After High School



The Anatomy of the College Application

- Application materials will vary based on the type of institution the student wants to attend
 - i.e.: 2 year vs 4 year vs 4 year (competitive)
- Example of needed materials:
 - Transcript
 - Standardized Test Scores (Sometimes Optional)
 - Teacher Recommendation (Sometimes Optional)
 - Student Essay (Sometimes Optional)
- MAAP.Org (Michigan Assured Admission Pact)





Courtesy of: The Princeton Review

Researching Colleges

The "best" college is the one that is best for your student!

Enlightened Definition of College (from MCAN)

College is any training or education after high school the provides a certificate or degree.

COLLEGE:

IS A MATCH TO BE MADE,

NOT

COLLEGE

A PRIZE TO BE WON...

What Do I Look For?

- What do you know about yourself?
 (Likes, Dislikes, Interests, Values)
- Environment location, size, etc.
- Admission Requirements
- Academics
- College Expenses & Financial Aid
- Housing
- Facilities
- Activities

You are looking for a college that "fits" you!

How Do I Search?

- Xello
- College visits at Pioneer
- On-campus college visits
- Online internet research (helpful websites on next slide)
- Helpful books
- Research Research!

Helpful College Search Websites

- Xello (login via <u>Clever</u>)
- https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/
- www.gocollege.com
- www.petersons.com
- www.campustours.com
- www.appily.com(formerly Cappex)
- www.act.org



On-Campus College Visits

- Sign up for an official college visit online through the individual college websites
- Try to plan visits while college classes are in session
- Try to attend a class or two & ask about eating in the dining hall
- Try to spend a night in the dorm or see a dorm room during a campus tour

College Athletics

Student athletes seeking to play a Division I or Division II college sport will need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/

Standardized Tests

Standardized College Admission Exams

- SAT (collegeboard.org)
- ACT (ACT.org)
- Advanced Placement (AP) Exams (collegeboard.org)

Michigan Merit Exam (MME)*

Part I: SAT (with essay)**

Part II: ACT Work Keys (work readiness assmt.)

Part III: M-STEP (Science and Social Studies)

*MME is required for graduation.

**During the registration process, students can select up to 4 colleges for this specific SAT score to be sent to. NO FEE.





SAT®

- Digital
- 3 parts:
 - Reading/Writing & Language: 64 Minutes
 - Math: 70 Minutes (Calculator)
 - Essay (In school only): 60 Minutes
- Score Scale: 400-1600

Digital SAT Test Specifications Reading and Writing



96 questions (2 sections)





54 questions (1 section)

100 minutes



64 minutes

Set based questions



Discrete questions

Digital SAT Test Specifications Math



3)



58 questions (2 sections)



44 questions (1 section)

Calculator & no calculator



Calculator

80 minutes



70 minutes

Discrete and set based questions



Discrete questions

Multi-Stage Adaptive Testing

The digital SAT will have two modules in each section

Module 1

Students are given a broad mix of easy, medium, and hard questions



Module 2

Students are given a targeted mix of questions of varying difficulties based on their performance in module 1

Essay

Michigan will continue to require students to complete the SAT Essay.

The digital SAT Essay will

- Be administered following the Reading and Writing and Math sections of the test.
- Continue to use the same question design/format/scoring.
- Be 60 minutes long

Practice for the digital SAT Essay will be available in the Bluebook testing application.

SAT Practice

Khan Academy

(www.khanacademy.org/sat)

- 4 short, diagnostic quizzes that cover all the skills in a specific SAT subject
- 4 full length, timed SAT exams
- Students can write an essay and receive feedback

CollegeBoard - Bluebook App Practice (digital)

(https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/students/practice)

The Princeton Review - Full Length Practice Test (free & paid options)

(https://www.princetonreview.com/)

Khan Academy Video



PSAT/NMSQT

- A Practice Test for the SAT
- Given to juniors October 11
- Students will receive results through their CollegeBoard account
- Results used by scholarship programs to look for eligible students (National Merit Scholarship Program)

Standardized Testing Policies

- Test Optional
- Test Flexible
- Test Blind (Test Free)

Great Resource: Fairtest.org



SuperScoring

 Some colleges will "superscore", which involves taking the highest score from the sub-sections of multiple tests.

 It is recommended to send all test scores to the college to assist them in making a holistic review of the student.

Senior Year Timeline

- Begin to fill out applications and write essays
- Consider retaking SAT/ACT in fall

- Submit college applications
- Fill out FAFSA when it becomes available (Oct. 1st)

- Finish classes strong!
- Graduate!



- Attend senior family night in September
- Attend college visits at Pioneer
- Invite/Remind teachers of rec letters

Second Semester

Graduation

- Scholarship search
- Receive college admission decisions
- Start to work on financial plan for college (deposit)

Senior Year: College Applications Solidifying Post-High School Plans

Overview of the College Application Process Handout

- Selecting Prospective Colleges
- Sending Standardized Test Scores
- Types of College Applications
- Application Terms and Decision Plans
- Deadlines
- Other Resources

Scholarships and Financial Aid

Scholarships

Students can begin applying for scholarships during their senior year. Check out the following websites:

www.fastweb.com

https://www.appily.com (formerly Cappex)

www.scholarshipowl.com

www.aaacf.org



Financial Aid

Michigan.gov/mistudentaid

Financial aid resource for Michigan residents

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Students seeking help with college costs will need to apply for financial aid. For a student to be considered for federal aid, he/she will need to complete an online application at: www.fafsa.gov

The FAFSA is processed free of charge. FAFSA is used by most state agencies and colleges to determine eligibility for financial aid. Students must complete this form in order to also be eligible for Work Study opportunities on campus. *Registration opens October 1*st of senior year.

PHS Scholarship & Financial Aid Night

Thursday, January 11, 2024, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, Cafeteria Annex

Career Options and Resources

Options

- 2 year and 4 year colleges
- Skilled trades jobs and certifications
- Military/Armed Forces
- Apprenticeships and internships
- Gap year





- Military recruiters visits to Pioneer HS
- Gap Year Fair on January 29th at Huron HS
- <u>Mitalent.org</u> Skilled trades job website
- AAPS <u>CTE Course Website</u>





Pioneer CTE Courses

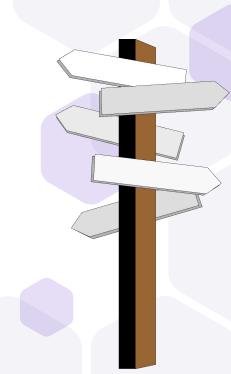
- Homebuilding
- Auto Service Technology
- Cosmetology
- Health Sciences and Technology
- Business Courses
- Foods Courses
- Engineering Courses





Where Do I Turn To Ask Questions?

- Pioneer H.S. Counseling & AAPS websites
- Xello & other online resources
- College websites & college representatives
 - Mr. Griggs
- Counselors—we're here to help!





Q&A



Question QR Code -Any questions we did not get to, please send here



Where You Go is Not who You'll Be

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SAT

