

SENIOR GROUP GUIDANCE

College Admission
Process

CCC and Google Classroom

- College and Career Center
 - Located in Room 107
 - College Rep Visits, Unions, Trades and other workforce opportunities.
 - During Lunch Study Halls - (Don't always have to go off-campus)
 - Sign up in Naviance for these visits.

- Senior Google Classroom
 - Naviance How-to Videos and Documents
 - Important post-secondary and graduation information
 - Please check the Senior Google classroom for important information
 - Opt into Notifications

FAFSA - FREE Application for Federal Student Aid

- **GRADUATION REQUIREMENT**

- Need to complete the FAFSA or FAFSA Waiver in order to receive Cap and Gown.

- FAFSA Application open in **December 2023**

- Uses Parent/Guardian Tax information.
- The Earlier, the Better!

- FSA ID - **<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>**

- Federal Student Aid Website - **<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>**

Financial Aid

- **Scholarships**
 - Merit vs. Competitive
- **Grants**
 - Free Money given based on need.
 - FAFSA!!!
- **Loans**
 - Federal vs. Private
- **Work Study**
 - Section on the FAFSA
- Local scholarships will be posted in Naviance beginning in December
- National Scholarship Search in Naviance
- National Websites:
 - <https://www.fastweb.com/>
 - <https://www.scholarships.com/>
- BE CAREFUL OF HOAXES
- Contact the school(s) you are interested in to see about their competitive scholarships
- Check places of employment

Application Terminology

Early Decision

- Can only apply to 1 school
- If accepted:
 - MUST ATTEND
 - Must withdraw all other applications
 - If not accepted, placed in regular pool of applicants.

Early Action

- Student applies early
- Considered first for admission
- If accepted, not obligated to attend
- Often, merit scholarships are tied to this deadline.

Application Process

- Which application to complete?

- Common Application
- Direct to Institution
- Coalition Application

- Application Requirements?

- Letter of Recommendation
- Personal Statement/Essay
- Test Optional

- Deadlines?

- Early Action Deadlines
 - October 15
 - November 1
 - November 15
 - December 1
 - December 15

- Don't wait for test scores to apply!

What are Colleges looking at?

- Strength of the curriculum
- GPA
- SAT/ACT Score**
 - More schools have gone test optional.
 - Do you think that your scores separate you from others applying.
 - May need for scholarship consideration.
- Everything else
 - Extracurricular activities, volunteer or work experience, demonstrated interests, recommendations, interviews, etc.

Naviance Walk Through

- Colleges I'm Applying to
- Matching Common App
- Requesting Transcripts
- Letter of Recommendation Questionnaire
- College Visits

Next Steps

- Senior Interview
 - A meeting with your counselor where you will discuss your postsecondary plans.
 - Counselors will send a pass for your meeting.
 - **DO NOT IGNORE!**
- Start Completing Applications
- Visit the CCC for Naviance and application assistance
- Attend District College Nights
- Take your senior classes seriously.
 - Colleges will see your grades on your final transcript.



2023-2024 COLLEGE & CAREER PROGRAMS



EVENT	GRADES	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Senior College Application Night	12	September 7th, 2023	6:30PM	PSHS Auditorium (English) PSHS Media Center (Spanish)
D202 College Fair & Financial Aid Presentations	9,10, 11, 12 12	Sept. 20th, 2023	6 – 8 PM 2 sessions: 6 and 7:15 PM 6:30PM-Spanish	PNHS Field House Auditorium (English) Media Center (Spanish)
Paying for College without going broke	12	October 18th, 2023	7:00 PM	PEHS Auditorium
ISAC Financial Aid Presentation (basic overview of FAFSA)	12	October 3, 2023	5:30-6:15 pm	PEHS Auditorium
Joliet Junior College – College Fair	9, 10, 11, 12	October 18, 2023	6 - 8pm	JJC Event Center
Financial Aid Workshops (Help with filling out FAFSA)	12	Jan 10, 2024	5:30-7:30 PM	PEHS Media Center-Sign up will be needed to attend
HBCU Awareness Event/College Fair	9,10,11,12	February 27 th , 2024	6 – 8PM	PNHS Cafeteria