

Junior Seminar

October, 2015



Junior Year!

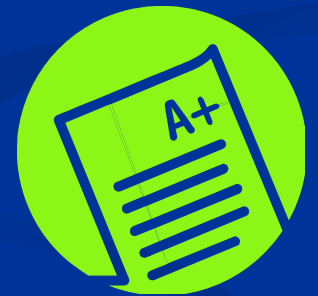


- How many of you know your college/career plans post high school?
- Do you know what SAT/ACT score you need to get in to your dream school?
- Do you know what class rank/GPA you need?
- Where to begin????



Junior Grades

- The GPA you will use for your college admissions application will be your cumulative GPA from the fall of your freshman year through the spring of your junior year.
- Your Junior year grades are very important. Make the most of this year!



Graduation Plans

- **Recommended**
 - 26 state credits
- **Distinguished Achievement (DAP)**
 - 26 state credits to include
 - 3 years of LOTE (same language)
 - 4 Advanced Measures
- **Foundation with Endorsement**
 - New



Recommended Program

26 State Credits and Pass 5 STAAR Tests

- ❖ **4 Credits of English**

I, II, III, IV

- ❖ **4 Credits of Math**

Alg 1, Geom, Alg 2, 4th Math

- ❖ **4 Credits of Science**

Bio, Chem, Physics, 4th Science or

Bio, IPC, Chem, Physics

- ❖ **4 Credits of Social Studies**

W. Geog, W. Hist, U.S. Hist, Govt/Econ

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- ❖ 1 Credit of Physical Education
- ❖ 2 Credits of the same LOTE
- ❖ 1 Credit of the same Fine Art
- ❖ .5 Credit of Speech (Professional Communications or Communications Applications)
- ❖ 5.5 Credits of Electives

Distinguished Achievement Program

Satisfy requirements of the Recommended Plan

- ❖ Plus an additional credit of the same world language

Complete any combination of 4 advanced measures from the following list:

- ❖ Original research project
- ❖ Score of '3' or higher on Advanced Placement exam
- ❖ PSAT scores – Commended National Merit or higher
- ❖ College level credit of 3.0 or higher

Foundation with Endorsement

- ❖ **4 Credits of English**
I, II, III, IV
- ❖ **4 Credits of Math**
Alg 1, Geom, Alg 2, 4th Math
- ❖ **4 Credits of Science**
Bio, Chem, 3rd Science, 4th Science or
Bio, IPC, Chem, 4th Science
- ❖ **4 Credits of Social Studies**
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- ❖ 1 Credit of Physical Education
- ❖ 2 Credits of the same LOTE
- ❖ 1 Credit of the same Fine Art
- ❖ 6 Credits of Electives to earn an Endorsement

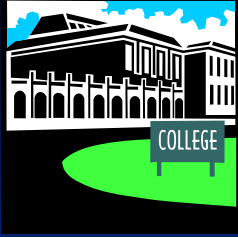
STEM, Public Service, Business and Industry, Arts and Humanities, Multidisciplinary

College Application Process



General Steps to Follow

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1. Choose 3 – 5 Schools
Use Career Cruising!
 2. Review the Entrance Requirements
SAT/ACT Score
Class Rank/GPA
 3. Visit the campus
Daily Tours or “Super Saturdays”

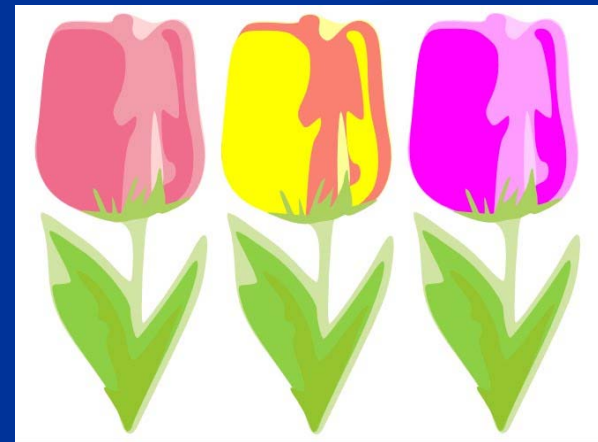


College Visits

- College Days: Juniors and Seniors only:
- Juniors are allowed (2) college days
- Seniors are allowed (2) college days
- Students must provide Mrs. Pruet (Attendance Clerk) a note from parents stating that the student will be taking a college visit. Please include date and location.
- Students must bring back a letter on school letter head from the college verifying the date and time of visit.

SAT/ACT GOAL

Use score from *SPRING* of your Junior year for college applications



SAT/ACT



- GO IN TO EVERY TEST PREPARED!
- Kaplan test prep – Free on PHS website
- Register NOW for tests

2010-2011 ACT and SAT Test Dates

- ACT testing dates

- *Students should register for the ACT plus Writing*

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration deadline</u>
October 24, 2015	October 6, 2015
December 12, 2015	November 6, 2015
February 6, 2016	January 8, 2016
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016
Register on-line @ www.actstudent.org/start	Test fee is \$38.00 (no writing) \$54.50 (with writing)

- SAT testing dates

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration deadline</u>
November 7, 2015	October 9, 2015
December 5, 2015	November 5, 2015
January 23, 2016	December 28, 2015
March 5, 2016	February 5, 2016
May 7, 2016	April 8, 2016
June 4, 2016	May 5, 2016
Register on-line @ www.collegeboard.com	Test fee is \$54.50

College Admissions Testing

■ SAT Subject Tests

- 40-50 schools with highly competitive admission standards require for acceptance
- Can take up to 3 Subject Tests each date
- Colleges also use results for:
 - Applications to Honors or competitive programs
 - Placement in appropriate courses

SAT - ACT

Remember: Colleges require that the test scores be submitted electronically from the testing agency. Each test fee includes 4 score reports.

PHS is Not required to release test scores on the high school transcript.

- *Most universities will accept either test.
 - SAT subject tests might be required by some institutions.

ACT / SAT Fee Waivers

- Students who are eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch may request a fee waiver
- If you are eligible, you may use a maximum of two fee waivers for each test. The waiver is used once you register, even if you do not test on the requested test date.
- Fee waivers cover only the basic registration fee for your test option, including up to four college choices (if you provide valid codes when you register). Waivers do not cover the late registration fee, test date or test center changes, standby fee, or any other services.
- Note: If you register online, and register during the late period or request any additional services, you must enter a credit card to pay those fees before submitting your registration.

Getting Admitted

1. Texas Public Colleges/Universities

Apply Texas Application- www.applytexas.org

2. Private and Out of State Colleges/Universities

Common App- www.commonapp.org

Applytexas and Commonapp – Complete one application and then send to each college

*Some private schools have their own application

College Application GOAL:

- **Apply to 3 – 5 schools by Halloween**



The Facts About Applying Early: Is It Right for You?

- About 450 colleges offer early admission plans. Under these plans, students can apply to colleges early — well before the usual deadline — and get a decision early.
- Some students who apply under these plans have a better chance of getting in than they would through the regular admission process. Colleges benefit from the plans as well because they get students who really want to attend that college to commit early.
- Applying early can be a good idea if you're sure which college you want to attend.
- **But think twice about applying early if:**
 - You want to compare admission and financial aid offers from several colleges.

Early Action v Early Decision

- Early DECISION is binding promise.

Students apply early (usually by November 1 or November 15, depending on the college), and will receive their admissions decisions early—usually by December 15. In return for this early decision, the student, parents, and school counselor sign a pledge that, if accepted, they *will attend* that college. The student agrees to withdraw all other applications, and not accept any other offers of admission.

- Early ACTION programs are a hybrid.

Students may apply early under these early action (EA) programs and receive an early admissions decision. However, the student is under no obligation to accept the offer of admission and can wait until May 1 to select which college to attend.

Transcript Request

- Complete the transcript request online. Be sure if you're under 18, your parents complete the consent form.
- Requests completed Wednesday by 3:00 will be ready after 12:00 pm on Friday.
- Any transcript requested after 3:00 pm will be ready the following Friday.
- You can mail your own, or if you want them mailed, be sure to include the address.
- Transcripts may be signed for and picked up in registrar's office or mailed. It's a good idea to review transcript before sending to colleges.

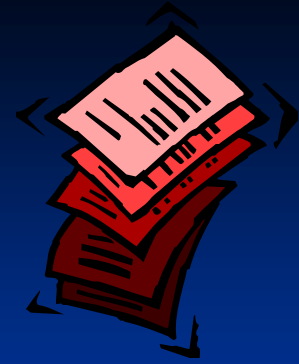


Who should register with NCAA Eligibility Center?

- A student who plans to attend an NCAA Division I or II institution and who wishes to participate in intercollegiate athletics.
 - This also applies to walk-on's
- www.eligibilitycenter.org



College Essays



- College Essays
 - When all else is equal a compelling essay will make the difference
- College admission officers
 - Look the essay for evidence the student can write well and support their ideas with logical arguments.
 - They also want to know something about the personality of the student

College Essays

- Stay on the prompt – Answer the Question!
- Include things your transcript cannot convey
- Proof read
- Be honest
- **IMPORTANT:** IT'S YOUR COLLEGE ENTRANCE ESSAY – GIVE IT YOUR BEST!

Service Academy Applications

Military Academy – Begin application process early!

- Procedures for the Service Academy Process
- 1. Open Applicant File
- Request Pre-Candidate Questionnaire from the Admissions Office of the applicable Academy.
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- United States Military Academy – apply online at <http://admissions.usma.edu>
- United States Air Force Academy - (800) 443-9266, apply online at <http://www.academyadmissions.com>
- United States Naval Academy - (410) 293-4361, apply online at <http://www.usna.edu/Admissions>
- 2. Request Nominations
- Write to Congressional Representatives, (i.e. Congressmen/women, Senators) for a nomination.
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- 3. Complete Testing
- Take ACT or SAT tests, schedule Physical Aptitude Exam & Medical Exam.
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- 4. Complete File
- Complete all forms and return to academy or academies by their deadline.
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- 5. Visit Service Academies
- Call Admissions Office to set up a tour of academies.



Career Cruising

- Student Records

 - www2.careercruising.com (located on the PHS website)

- Career Planning

- College Planning

- Learning Styles

- SCHOLARSHIP INFO

 - All scholarship information received by PHS is posted on Career Cruising.



- UNT G-Force is available:
 - Monday mornings
 - Make an appointment with Mrs. Benavides
 - Research colleges, careers, scholarships

Other Contact Information

Prosper High School

- 301 Eagle Dr. Prosper TX 75078
- 469-219-2180 (phone) 972-346-9246 (fax)

- **Counselors:**

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Michelle Roach (Dao - H)

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Jessica Sullivan (Shi-Z)

Jolene Vinson, College & Career Counselor / Testing
Coordinator

- Counseling Secretary:

Norma Benavides

Transcript Audit

- Place a checkmark if you have CREDIT
- Write “E” if you are enrolled
- Return transcript to us if there is an error on it

Complete Junior Conference Sheet
Hand in when finished

Let us know if you have ANY questions!