

JUNIOR GROUP COUNSELING MEETING

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Post-Secondary Options

- Two/Four Year Colleges & Universities
- Technical/Vocational/Business Schools
- Apprenticeship Training Programs
- Military Services
- GAP Year Program



Today we will be focusing specifically on the college planning process

AGENDA FOR TODAY

- Is is this a 'Big Year'?
- What are colleges looking for in a student?
- What are you looking for in a college (and how do you find it)?
- How are you going to finance college?
- Are you an athlete planning to play in college?
- Summary checklist
- Building a healthy life balance





"OH, YOU'RE A JUNIOR.
THAT'S A BIG YEAR"

WHAT ARE COLLEGES LOOKING FOR IN A STUDENT?

Big Stuff

- Grades
- Curriculum
- Test Scores (?)
- Essays

Supporting Stuff

- Leadership
- Activities
 - Service
 - Athletics
 - Employment

LET'S LOOK AT A TRANSCRIPT

Student Name/Address/Phone		Student ID		Gender	
Grosse Pointe City, MI 48230		F		Date of Birth	
				State Student ID	
Parent/Guardian			Place of Birth		
			Grosse Pointe		
Issued To			Print Date		
			09/29/2020		
			1 of 1		

Grosse Pointe Public Schools				
Official Transcript				
Grosse Pointe South HS			313-432-3500	
11 Grosse Pointe Blvd				
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236				
Entry Date	Counselor	Term Ending	Class of	Grade
09/02/2014	Walsh-Sahutske, Bel	06/15/2018	2018	12
Exit Date	Exit Reason	Grad Date	Diploma Type	
06/15/2018	Graduated - HS	06/15/2018	High School Diploma	
GPA Type	GPA	Credit Atmt	Class Rank	
Academic Weighted/Unw	2.9860	23.5000	0 of 0	
Total Grad Credits Earned		23.5000		

Course ID	Course	Mrk	Credits	Course ID	Course	Mrk	Credits
Grosse Pointe South HS Grd 9 Semester 1 01/18				Grosse Pointe South HS Grd 11 Semester 2 06/17			
02572	WORLD HISTORY & GEOG	B+	0.5000	02174	POWER OF LANGUAGE 10	B+	0.5000
02307	ALGEBRA I CP 10	C+	0.5000	02511	U S HISTORY & GEOGRAP	B	0.5000
02231	SPANISH I 10	A-	0.5000	02319	ALGEBRA II 10	B	0.5000
02917	INTR TO LIFETIME & LEIS	A-	0.5000	02232	SPANISH II 10	B	0.5000
02407	EARTH SCIENCE 10	B-	0.5000	02412	CHEMISTRY 10	B-	0.5000
CUMULATIVE: GPA	3.1340	Credits	2.5000	02793	TV PROD I 05	A	0.5000
				CUMULATIVE: GPA	2.9909	Credits	17.5000
Grosse Pointe South HS Grd 9 Semester 2 06/15				Grosse Pointe South HS Grd 12 Semester 1 01/18			
02101	FRESH ENGLISH 10	B-	0.5000	02105	LIT/CULTURE & HUM 10	B+	0.5000
02572	WORLD HISTORY & GEOG	B	0.5000	02576	ANTHROPOLOGY 05	A	0.5000
S307B	ALGEBRA I CP 10	C+	0.5000	02570	AP PSYCHOLOGY 05	B+	0.5000
02231	SPANISH I 10	B	0.5000	02332	ADV MATH 10	B	0.5000
02920	HEALTH ED 05	B	0.5000	02706	CERAMICS II 05	B	0.5000
02917	INTR TO LIFETIME & LEIS	A	0.5000	02422	PHYSICS 10	B-	0.5000
02407	EARTH SCIENCE 10	C	0.5000	CUMULATIVE: GPA	3.0246	Credits	20.5000
CUMULATIVE: GPA	2.9725	Credits	6.0000				
Grosse Pointe South HS Grd 10 Semester 1 01/16				Grosse Pointe South HS Grd 12 Semester 2 06/18			
02162	AM LIT & COMP 10	B	0.5000	02105	LIT/CULTURE & HUM 10	B+	0.5000
02523	ECON 05	C-	0.5000	02332	ADV MATH 10	B	0.5000
02350	GEOMETRY 10	B+	0.5000	02707	CERAMICS II 05	B	0.5000
02701	CONC & MAT 10	B+	0.5000	02416	FORENSIC SCIENCE 05	D+	0.5000
02405	BIOLOGY 10	C-	0.5000	02422	PHYSICS 10	C-	0.5000
CUMULATIVE: GPA	2.8629	Credits	8.5000	02794	TV PROD II 05	A	0.5000
				CUMULATIVE: GPA	2.9860	Credits	23.5000
Grosse Pointe South HS Grd 10 Semester 2 06/16				Attendance Summary			
02162	AM LIT & COMP 10	B	0.5000	2015	Enrolled	163	179
02522	AP US GOVT & POL 05	B	0.5000	2016		174	173
02350	GEOMETRY 10	A-	0.5000	2017		172	170
02701	CONC & MAT 10	A	0.5000	2018		165	166
02405	BIOLOGY 10	C	0.5000				
CUMULATIVE: GPA	2.9245	Credits	11.0000				
Grosse Pointe South HS Grd 11 Semester 1 01/17				Student Activities			
02101	FRESH ENGLISH 10	A	0.5000	Graduated with Honors	Grade	Date	
02174	POWER OF LANGUAGE 10	B	0.5000		-	06/18	
02511	U S HISTORY & GEOGRAP	C	0.5000				
02319	ALGEBRA II 10	B	0.5000				
02232	SPANISH II 10	B+	0.5000				
02705	CERAMICS I 05	A-	0.5000				
02412	CHEMISTRY 10	B-	0.5000				
CUMULATIVE: GPA	2.9699	Credits	14.5000				

- No Class Rank
- GPA is cumulative including ALL high school grades A-E
- Pass Credit (G) or No Credit (N) does not affect GPA
- Colleges are looking for an upward trend
- There are no test scores on transcript

Testing

- ✗ Make a plan ahead of time
- ✗ Think about other commitments
(life/sport/religious/school/family)

2024-25 Test Calendar

Consider what tests you will take and make a plan in advance.

- PSAT/NMSQT (**October 8**)
- State Testing: SAT (**April 9**)
- Student Scheduled College Entrance Testing
- Advanced Placement Exams (**May 5-16**)
- National Foreign Language Exams (Jan – April)
- Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition (October and December)

- Thursday October 8th at South
- Online test
- Used to determine eligibility for the National Merit Scholarship
- Digital SAT Practice in Bluebook
- Use practice booklet or Khan Academy to prepare for free!



SAT

- Digital - Adaptive testing
- 2 sections
 - Reading & Writing
 - Math
- Length: 2 hr 14 min
- Math through Alg II/Trig included
- May use a calculator on ALL of the test
- Cost: \$68 (fee waivers for eligible students)



Score ranges 400-1600

- Avg Nat'l Score: 1050
- Avg MI Score: 959
- Avg South Score: 1136

- English
- Math
- Reading
- Science
- Writing (optional)



Length: ~ 3 hours (+ 40 min with writing)

Maximum Score: 36

Average National Score: 19.5

Average State Score: 24.4

Average South Score: 25.5

Cost: \$63 (\$88 +writing)

College Entrance Exams

ACT

- Not required but an option
- Register online
- Plan ahead.

www.actstudent.org

Fee Waivers for students who qualify are available for both tests. Just connect with your counselor!

SAT

- State required test will be free
- National testing (Saturday)
 - Register online
 - Plan ahead
- Carefully review prospective college application requirements

www.collegeboard.org



WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR IN A COLLEGE (AND HOW DO YOU FIND IT)?


Finding the right fit...

- Selecting a college is ***not*** about getting into the most prestigious school. It is about finding the one that is ***right for YOU!***
- Start by thinking about what you are looking for in your college experience
- Visit them (literally and virtually)
- Let them visit you (Naviance Rep Visits)
- Let your fingers do the walking...online searches

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<https://student.naviance.com/gpshts>

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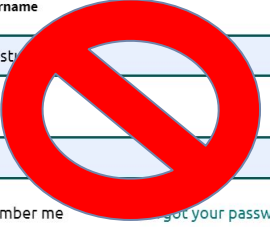

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Password

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Use
Single Sign On
and enter
School ID (just the numbers)
and School Password

Search Online

- It's not perfect, but it's a great start.
- Start with Naviance: Super Match!
- Different websites have different ways of searching – try several!
- Click on this link for College Search sites

College Representative Visits

- College admissions officers from over 100 colleges and universities visit GP South
 - MSU (Tues – 5th hr)
 - WSU (Wed – 2nd hr)
 - USNA (Tues – 2nd hr)
 - WMU (Wed – 3rd hr)
- For upcoming visits check: Naviance, counseling bulletin board, CRC, or listen to announcements
- To attend a visit, sign up on Naviance
- Virtual Visits and Virtual Tours

Consider:



“Likely” likelihood of getting into that school seem *fairly certain*:

- GPA & SAT/ACT are above or high above the average admit rate for that school

“Target” likelihood of getting into that school seem *probable*:

- GPA & SAT/ACT on par with the average admit rate for that school

“Reach” likelihood of getting into that school are *uncertain*:

- GPA .2 or further below school’s average admit
- ACT 2 points below average admit (SAT?)
- ANY school with admit rate below 20%



ARE YOU AN ATHLETE
PLANNING TO PLAY IN COLLEGE?

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NCAA Divisions I & II



- Consult the NCAA Freshman Eligibility Standards Quick Reference Sheet on the website
- ACT and SAT scores must be sent directly to NCAA from the testing agency.
- NCAA's SAT/ACT code is 9999.

NCAA Eligibility and Requirements

To be considered qualified for playing sports in a Division 1 or 2 collegiate level:

- Graduate from high school
- Complete a core curriculum:
- Earn an academic GPA and ACT or SAT score consistent with NCAA requirements
- Register online (EligibilityCenter.org)
- **be aware of Film Lit **

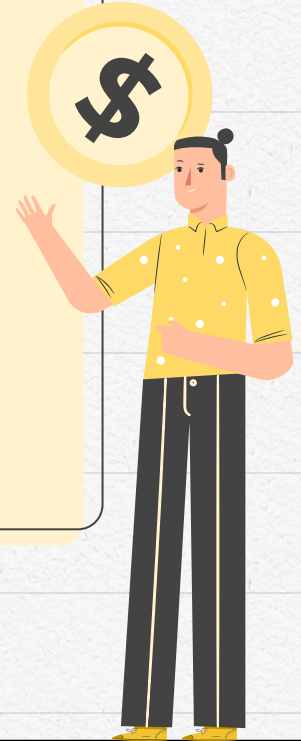


HOW ARE YOU GOING TO FINANCE COLLEGE?



FAFSA/CSS (WE ARE NOT DOING THIS TODAY)

- Financial Aid Night Click for amazing resources from Oakland University
- Complete Application Online Dec 1 - March 1
- Complete Application Every Year



\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ PAYING FOR COLLEGE \$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Free Money

Family help

Government - FAFSA

**College - FAFSA

**Work Study - FAFSA

[Click here to estimate how much you may get from FAFSA](#)

***This will only estimate how much you would get through the FAFSA from the government. Colleges may give additional funding based on your FAFSA information. You won't be able to estimate this. This information will come with your award letter in January of senior year. Colleges determine Work Study.*

College - Automatic (GPA/test scores)

Google a college name + “scholarships” and check out your college’s automatic scholarships based on GPA and test scores

Scholarships - your own research

Tuition Reimbursement from your employer or military branch

Borrow Money

Family help

Government - FAFSA

Private banks - your own research

[Calculator to figure out how much to borrow](#)

Work

Part-time or Full-time

Web-based scholarship search sites

www.fastweb.com

www.finaid.org
www.scholarships.com
www.schoolsoup.com
www.cappex.com
www.collegeboard.com
www.meritaid.com

<https://student.naviance.com/gpshs>

[Web-Based Annotated List of Scholarships](#)

bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship

lendedu.com/scholarships

<https://scholarshipjunkies.org/>

Create an email
JUST for
scholarships and
check it weekly

Example:
scholarships4me@gmail.com

INTERNET SCAMS

*Never pay
*Never give out your
social security #

Expect some junk but
still better than an
open Google Search

Junior Year Checklist

(aka...What do I really Need to Do This Year)

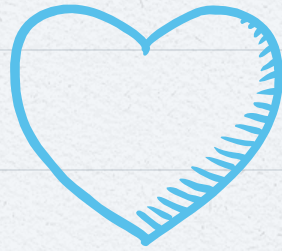
- ❑ Begin (or continue) career/college match search - Use Naviance
- ❑ Meet with college reps & visit schools
- ❑ Make a Winter/Spring “Junior Meeting” appointment with counselor (may want to bring parent)
- ❑ Plan for and Take College Entrance Exams
- ❑ Plan a curriculum that challenges you but keep a balance in your life
- ❑ Eat healthfully, sleep regularly, and exercise your mind and body to support physical and mental health
- ❑ Preview college apps

DON'T FORGET
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING

HEALTH

IS OUR #1 PRIORITY.

WE ONLY GET ONE BODY SO TAKE CARE OF IT.
THIS INCLUDES OUR *PHYSICAL* NEEDS AND OUR *MENTAL*
HEALTH NEEDS.



THANKS!

Any questions?

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