

WELCOME TO
YOUR
JUNIOR
INFORMATION
SESSION



KNOW YOUR COUNSELOR

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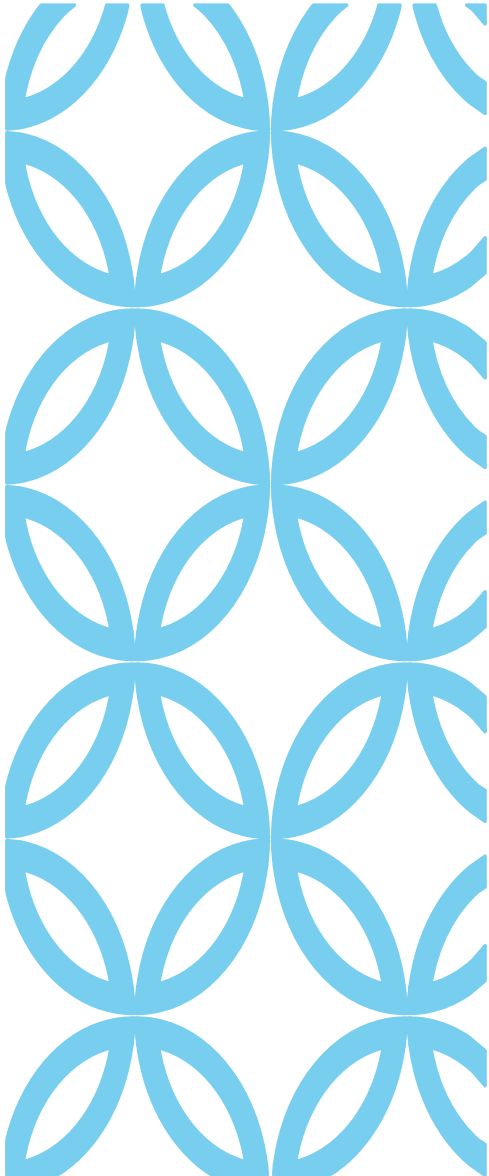
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WHY ARE YOU HERE TODAY?

Understand the **importance** of your junior year

Explore options/plans for life after high school graduation



- Go straight into the **work force**?
 - Join the **military**?
 - Continue my **education** at a:
 - Trade or Technical School
 - Community College
 - 4 year College or University
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START THINKING **NOW!**
WHAT DO I WANT TO DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

IF EMPLOYMENT IS THE ANSWER:

- Investigate different careers you are interested in.
- Talk with individuals already working in the profession you are interested in.
- Inquire about an internship or apprenticeship.
- Visit the Virginia Employment Commission Website <http://www.vec.virginia.gov/>

EMPLOYMENT-CON'T

- Visit different career exploration websites
 - Naviance- accessible from Clever
 - Virginia Education Wizard
 - Skills, Interests, and Values assessments
 - www.virginiawizard.org
 - www.myfuture.com
 - Great tool for researching careers, military, or colleges

IF JOINING THE MILITARY IS THE ANSWER:

- Investigate different websites:
 - www.airforce.com
 - www.goarmy.com
 - www.marines.com
 - www.navy.mil
 - www.uscg.mil
- Talk with visiting military recruiters that are available during lunch shifts.
- Ask your School Counselor to put you in contact with our local recruiter.

MILITARY (CON'T)

Take the **ASVAB**

- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery.
- Military entrance exam.
- Typically given at BDHS once a year in the fall.
- Schedule to take the ASVAB at local recruiting stations.
- Find study resources at <https://www.asvabpracticetests.com/>

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If continuing your education is
the answer:

TECHNICAL OR TRADE SCHOOL:

- Consider these areas of study: business, technology, medical, automotive, legal, culinary, cosmetology, childcare
- Talk with your vocational teacher for recommendations.
- See listing of local Technical or Trade Schools (see handout).
- Consider one of the community colleges: they have many technical training opportunities.
- Apply only to accredited programs.

SAVE money and stay close to home.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

Pursue an associates degree (2 year degree) in various career paths, such as Nursing, Business, Automotive Technology, Welding, Cloud Computing. See the website for all options:

https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/areas/index_old.html

Pursue an AA&S transfer degree (2-year degree) and pursue guaranteed acceptance at selected public and private 4-year institutions IF specific GPA requirements are met-see NOVA Guaranteed Admissions Agreements handout-

4 YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY:

- Start visiting college websites to determine:
 - Admissions requirements
 - Location and size of school
 - Majors offered
 - Extra curricular activities offered
- Consider applying to one of the military academies. Requirements are very stringent, and applications must be started during the summer after your junior year.

4 YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY –CON'T

- Think about senior year course selections
 - Challenge yourself-consider one or more college level classes:
 - AICE – Cambridge Courses
 - AP – Advanced Placement Courses
 - DE – Dual Enrollment through NOVA

AND

- Continue with Math, Science and World Language courses

OPPORTUNITIES

PREPARING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION GUIDE AND WORKBOOK

Be sure to read the **Opportunities** booklet. This booklet contains a wealth of information about choosing the right college, completing college applications, the financial aid process, and other helpful tips.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM INFORMATION

Plan to take the **SAT and/or ACT** in the spring of your junior year.

www.sat.org

www.act.org

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Check the Scholarship List in Naviance regularly.

Check the BDHS Counseling Scholarship page regularly (Brentsville website, click on About Brenstville, Counseling Center, then Scholarships/Financial Aid).

Create free profiles on websites such as Fastweb.com, Cappex.com, raise.me, and Scholarships.com

ATHLETES

Register for the NCAA Eligibility Center in the spring of your junior year if interested in playing Division I or Division II athletics in college (www.eligibilitycenter.org).

You no longer need a test score to be eligible!

Eligibility Questions?

Contact: Mr. Seth Cameron, Athletic Director or Mrs. Andrea Layton, School Counselor

11TH GRADE CHECK LIST

- ❖ Begin your research now.
- ❖ Use the data available to you in Naviance to see what your chances of acceptance are.
- ❖ Go on college visits, either virtually or in person if possible.
- ❖ By the end of this coming summer, have your list of schools ready.
- ❖ Ask 2-3 teachers for recommendations by the end of this school year.
- ❖ Sign up for SAT/ACT

NAVIANCE


To access the Naviance Website, you can log in through clever. Click on College Readiness. Click on the Naviance icon. Click on log in with office 365.

Naviance is used to research careers and colleges.

As a senior you will use Naviance to request all official transcripts.

TODAY:

1. Self Discovery – Personality Assessment
2. Game Plan Survey
3. College Search/Super Match

Key Differences		Impact	ACT	SAT
Pacing	ACT requires students to work 30% faster through more questions.	High	3:35 to work 215 questions and write an essay (60 sec/question)	3:40 to work 154 questions and write an essay (86 sec/question)
Math	ACT includes more advanced concepts but presents questions in a simpler way.	Medium	Up to Pre-Calculus but with fewer steps to solve.	Only up to Algebra II but often requires more steps to solve.
Reading & Writing	ACT passages contain less historical language, which may be easier to read.	Low	Fewer historical texts; English asks about "passage as a whole."	More historical texts; Reading asks students to cite evidence.
Science & Data Analysis	ACT tests exclusively in a science context & includes manipulation of variables.	Medium	40-question Science test, which includes experimental design.	21 questions mixed among all test sections except the Essay.
 Essay	ACT requires argumentation; SAT focuses on rhetorical analysis.	Medium	Presents points of view and asks student to argue.	Presents a short passage and asks student to analyze.



TAKE SAT

TAKE ACT

Great At Vocab

Difficulty

Completing
Tests On Time

Enjoy Puzzles

Difficulty With
Charts, Graphs,
Data

Struggle With
Vocab

Great At Timing
On Tests

Dislike Puzzles

Good At Charts,
Graphs, Data

THE SAT VS THE ACT

- Fewer Geometry Questions
- More Time per Question
- No-calculator Math Section

KEY Differences

- Lots of Geometry
- Faster Paced
- Tough Science Section



Overall Time

Reading

65m

Writing

35m

Math
(No Calculator)

25m

Math
(Calculator)

55m

TIMING & SCORING

200 - 800 points

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Total Points

400 - 1600

Time per Question

75s

Reading

48s

Writing

83s

Math



Overall Time

1-36

35m

Reading

1-36

45m

English

1-36

60m

Math

1-36

35m

Science

1 - 36

Total Points

Time per Question

53s

Reading

36s

English

60s

Math

Important Admissions Factors

Importance of Various Factors in the Admission Decision: First-Time Freshmen

	Percentage of Colleges Rating As:			
	Considerably Important	Moderately Important	Limited Importance	Not Important
Grades in College Prep Courses	76.9%	12.5%	9.3%	1.4%
Grades in All Courses	77.1	13.8	6.4	2.8
Strength of Curriculum	51.8	35.3	7.3	5.5
Admission Test Scores (SAT, ACT)	54.3	27.9	13.7	4.1
Essay or Writing Sample	18.9	35.9	22.1	23.0
Counselor Recommendation	14.6	46.0	25.8	13.6
Student's Demonstrated Interest	13.7	25.5	32.1	28.8
Teacher Recommendation	10.9	46.4	28.0	14.7
Class Rank	9.2	24.0	34.6	32.3
Subject Test Scores (AP, IB)	6.9	30.6	30.6	31.9
Portfolio	6.2	5.7	27.6	60.5
Extracurricular Activities	7.9	36.0	36.9	19.2
SAT II Scores	2.4	6.1	21.2	70.3
Interview	4.7	17.4	31.9	46.0
State Graduation Exam Scores	1.9	7.6	21.9	68.6
Work	2.8	15.6	47.4	34.1

Source: NACAC Admission Trends Survey, 2016

College Selection Discussions

How many do I apply to? → 6 of *varying* risks

ALL are schools that YOU actually want to attend



Its about getting into the RIGHT SCHOOL
not the “brand name” school