

Hunterdon Central Regional High School

11th Grade College & Career Planning Night

January 12, 2023

6:30 pm

2024 Counseling Team

- Class of 2024 Counselors
 - Jennifer Wagener (A-F)
 - Jaclyn Coppola (G-NAV)
 - Kevin Cubberly (NAW-Z)
- College & Career Counselor
 - Jennifer Nuechterlein

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Where do we start?

The Basics

- How to Research Colleges
 - Naviance → SCOIR ([Demo](#))
 - College Board ([Demo](#))
- Consider criteria like size, location, cost, and more.
- Understand Fit vs. Ranking
 - Fit is academic, financial, and social.

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Developing a College List

- Probable, Target, Reach Schools
 - An even balance of these categories makes a healthy college list.
- How many colleges?
- Save your list in Naviance and/or SCOIR.
- Your list can and will change!

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Review of The Basics

- Researching Colleges
- Using Naviance & SCOIR
- Building a College List

Keep your counselor informed!

Keep an open mind!

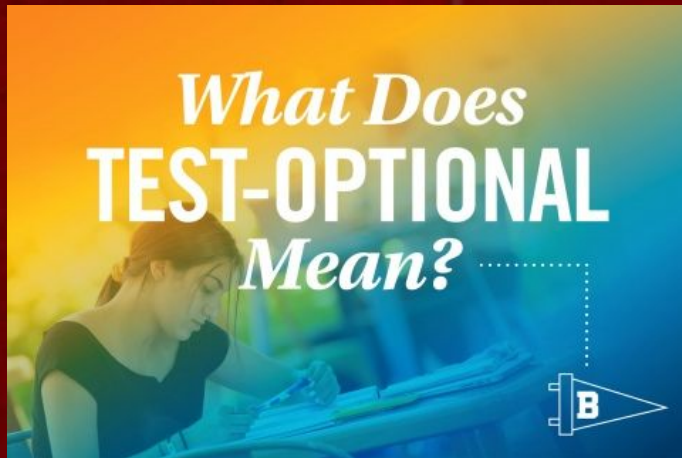
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More Specific Topics

- Standardized Testing
 - What does *test-optional* mean?
- Activities
- Visiting Colleges
- Letters of Recommendation
- Trends in College Admissions

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Standardized Testing



- PSAT
- SAT
- ACT
- Test-optional
 - FairTest

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Extracurricular Activities

- If it's not on the academic transcript, it may likely be an activity.
- Everything counts - activities both in and out of school.
 - Sports, clubs, volunteer work, part-time work, summer activities, etc.
- Consider non-traditional activities that fill your time:
 - caring for siblings, helping elderly family members, helping with a family business

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Visiting Colleges

- Check college websites for visit information & register online.
- Take advantage of virtual programming if you can't visit campus.
- (3) excused visit days for juniors and seniors
- Go beyond the script! Spend extra time on campus.

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Letters of Recommendation

- Counselor
 - Holistic letter for every student.
 - [Junior Questionnaire Forms](#) - due in spring
- Teachers
 - Who do you choose? How many?
 - When do you ask?
 - How do you ask?
- Check each college's recommendation requirements.

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Trends in College Admission

- Increase in Applications
- Yield Protection
- Admit Rates Down
- Test-optional Admissions
- Rigor Matters Most

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Sneak Peak of Future Topics

- College Essay
- Crafting a Great Application
- Athletic Recruiting
- Financial Aid & Scholarships
- Admission Plans (*Early Action, Early Decision, etc*)
- Communicating with Admission Reps
- Summer & Fall Timeline

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What's Next for Juniors?

- Student groups start next week!
- College Fair on March 21, 6:30-8:30 pm
- Admission Panel on April 4 @ 6:30 pm
- Spring = another round of student groups.
- Scheduling and meetings w/ counselor.
- College planning meetings w/ Mrs. Nuechterlein.

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Q & A

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