
Junior Night Presentation

— November 8, 2023 —

The College Search



- Alphabet Soup
 - -SUNY, CUNY, State Schools, Private Schools
- Naviance Student
- Visiting Virtual/Live
- Rural, Suburban, Urban
- What is a “good fit”?



College Applications

- Common Application
- Institutional Applications
- When do we start?

THE COMMON
APPLICATION



**KEEP
CALM
AND
APPLY TO
COLLEGE**

What Factors are Considered in the College Admissions Process?

- Academics: Transcript
- SAT and/or ACT
- Extracurricular Activities
- Resume
- Personal Essay and Supplements
- Recommendation Letters
- Demonstrating Interest

Transcript

Academics-rigor with reality

Challenging yourself appropriately

Senior Year Courses

Important schedule selection

Completed Courses				
Year	Grade	Mark	Level	Credit
2010 -2011				
H.B. Mattlin Middle School				
		97		1.00
		86		1.00
		94		0.50
Credits Earned:	2.50		GPA:	92.000
2011 -2012				
POBJFK High School				
		P		0.25
		93		1.00
		84	H	1.00
		95		1.00
		93	H	1.00
		87		1.00
		95		1.00
		95		1.00
		P		0.25
Credits Earned:	7.50		GPA:	91.714
2012 -2013				
POBJFK High School				
		96		0.50
		P		0.25
		92		1.00
		96	H	1.00
		90	H	1.00
		85		1.00
		74	H	1.00
		93		1.00
		93		0.50
		P		0.25
		94		0.50
Credits Earned:	8.00		GPA:	89.533
2013 -2014				
POBJFK High School				
		91		0.50
		P		0.25
		82	AP	1.00
		94	H	1.00
		89	AP	1.00
		86		1.00
		85		1.00
		97		1.00
		92		0.50
		P		0.25
Credits Earned:	7.50		GPA:	89.214

ECONOMICS-1	92		0.50
AP GOVT/POL	87	AP	0.50
PRECALCULUS	84		1.00
SPANISH-5 COLLEGE	94		1.00
COLLEGE ACCTNG.	78		1.00
LIFETIME SPRT/S	100		0.25
HEALTH - 12	95		0.50
Credits Earned:	6.50	GPA:	87.083

Assessment Record		
Assessment	Score	Date
Regents Phy Set/Earth Sci	93	6/17/11
Regents Phy Set/Chemistry	76	6/18/13
Regents Phy Set/Physics	83	6/20/14
Regents Global History	98	6/13/13
Regents Integrated Algebra	88	6/14/12
Regents Geometry	80	6/19/13
Regents Algebra2/Trigonometry	76	6/18/14
Regents ELA	88	1/27/14
Regents US History&Gov't	99	6/17/14
Regents Living Environment	93	6/19/12
FLACS Checkpoint A: Spanish	94	6/20/11
FLACS Checkpoint B: Spanish	95	6/17/13

- * Honors Courses are weighted by an additional 5%
- * Advanced Placement courses are weighted by an additional 7%
- * Weighting applied ONLY when calculating cumulative average
- * "H" denotes Honors weighting
- * "AP" denotes Advanced Placement weighting
- * "DSF" = Subject Drop Fail = 60
- * "WAD" = Excessive Absences = 50
- * "AUD" = Audit Status = 50
- * "SS" denotes courses taken in summer school

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Official Signature

SAT and/or ACT

- Holistic review of an application
 - Test Optional- [FairTest.org](https://www.fairtest.org)
- When should I take?
 - **SAT**: December 2; March 9**; May 4; June 1
 - March Exam for JUNIORS ONLY!
 - *Check Parent Square for information from Ms. Lynn*
 - **ACT**: December 9; February 10; April 13; June 8**
 - To register: www.collegeboard.org; www.actstudent.org

**AT POBJFKHS

SAT and/or ACT

- How do I prepare?
 - [Method Learning](#)
 - [Princeton Review](#)
 - Virtual Resources:
 - College Board and ACT websites: [Khan Academy](#) (FREE)
 - Castle Learning: Methodize (**FREE for POBJFK Students**)

SAT and/or ACT

- Testing accommodations
 - Parent Consent Forms-- [College Board](#) and [ACT](#)
 - Collegeboard – apply once!
 - For ACT: Register for exam first, then provide ACT ID on consent form
 - All testing is separately reviewed and approved by College Board and ACT
 - Note deadlines!
- Applying to college...
 - Student is responsible to send official score report

Resume

How Do You Get Started Writing a Resume/Activity Sheet?

- Naviance is a Useful Tracking Tool for All Extracurricular Activities
- [Additional Resume Template](#)

What Do You Include In a Resume?

- Clubs, Athletics, Employment, Volunteer/Community Service, Activities, Hobbies

Why Is Having a Resume Important?

- Colleges/Universities Don't Know What You Don't Tell Them
- It Is YOUR Responsibility to Showcase What Sets You Apart from Other Candidates
- Counselors Use Resume to Assist Them in Writing Letter of Recommendation



Recommendation Letters

Who Should You Choose?

-Teacher BFF?

Vs.

-Teacher Who Challenged You?

Areas of Interest/Study

School Counselor Letter of Recommendation

-Junior Conference Brag Sheet

-Parent Statement

When Do You Ask For a Letter of Recommendation?

-[Initial Request for Teacher Letter of Recommendation Form](#)

-End of This School Year



Essay

Why is it important?

Prompts

Do's and Don'ts

To AI or not to AI?

College Essay Night - March 13, 2024



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AND

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THE ESSAY

Demonstrating Interest

- Campus & Virtual Visits



- College fair- March 26th at POBJFKHS

- Interviews- on and off campus



- On-Site Admissions

- Appropriate communication



- Online and in person
 - Cameras on!

- Speak to college reps visiting our school



- 10th period, check Naviance for schedule

College Decision Deadlines

Early Action:

Apply early (for example: 10/15, 11/1 or 11/15) and you are notified early (typically by the end of December)

You can apply to many schools EA and make your decision by May 1st

Early Decision:

Binding agreement - you can only apply to 1 school ED

If you get accepted to your ED school you must go

Similar timeline as Early Action

College Decision Deadlines Continued

Regular Decision:

Later application deadline typically January or February

Notified of decision typically March and April

Rolling Admissions:

No actual deadline - continuously reviewing applications as they come in

Earlier is better - school will accept applications until they fill up

Who is Responsible for What?

Student	School Counselor	Teacher
Submit College Application	Submit Student Transcript	Submit Teacher Recommendation Letter
Submit official SAT/ACT scores to college	Submit School Profile and other supporting documents	
	Submit Counselor Recommendation Letter	

Timeline of Responsibilities: Junior Year

September / October / November:

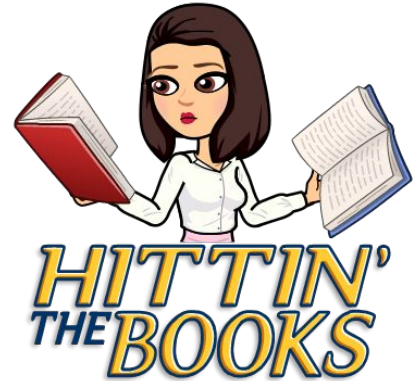
- Register and take the Preliminary SAT (PSAT)
- Attend the Junior Night

December:

- Review PSAT results

January / February:

- Prepare for college entrance exams (SAT and/or ACT)
- Complete Brag Sheet in preparation for Junior Conference
- Create [Common App](#) account
- Register for [SAT](#) / [ACT](#)
- Choose your senior year courses carefully



Timeline of Responsibilities Continued...

March / April / May / June:

- Attend your individual Junior Conference with your School Counselor
- Attend the POBJFK College Fair, Junior Round Table and College Essay Workshop
- Request letters of recommendation from teachers
- Visit colleges
- Plan to participate in enriching summer activities, such as volunteer work, acquiring a meaningful job or internship, enrolling in summer courses at college, etc.
- Student Athletes should register with the [NCAA Eligibility Center](#) and use [CoreCourseGPA.com](#) to track eligibility

July / August:

- Read all literature received at your Junior Conference
- Review college essay topics
- Link your Naviance account to CommonApp by signing the FERPA Agreement

What Do I Do Now?

- Self-reflect:
 - What makes you happy? How do you enjoy spending your free time?
How do you learn best? What environment are you most comfortable in?
- Familiarize with [Naviance Student](#)
- Research and plan visits to college campuses
- Communicate with your school counselor!



Keep the Conversation Moving

- Make an appointment with your counselor!
 - [Ms. Baker](#)
 - [Mr. DiDomenico](#)
 - [Mr. Izzo](#)
 - [Mr. Jarmon](#)
 - [Mr. Miller](#)
 - [Mrs. Egosi](#)
 - [Mrs. Rivas-Laline](#)
 - [Mrs. Siegel](#)
- Check us out!
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 - Google Classroom Class Code: [jas3j7o](#)
 - [POBJFK Guidance Website](#)
 - Guidance Newsletter



THANK YOU!!!



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