

Counseling the College Applicant

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Counselor Caseloads

Ms. Laura Caddell: **A - GIR**

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Guidance Curriculum: Junior Year

In addition to social, emotional & academic counseling, we offer the college planning activities for our juniors:

- **September & October:** College Fairs
 - Virtualcollegefairs.org
 - Collegefairsonline.com
- **November:** “Counseling the College Applicant” for parents of juniors
- **November through January:** College related guidance lessons through the English classes
- **January through March:** One to one scheduling meetings for senior courses
- **March:** College Panel Event @FLHS
Bergen County College Fair @ Ramapo College (3/16/22)
- **April through June:** Pre-college conferences

Today's Agenda:

- SAT vs ACT
- Junior year checklists & timelines
- Utilizing Naviance



Standardized Testing

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

TIMING & SCORING

Overall Time



Reading	65m	} 200 - 800 points
Writing	35m	
Math (No Calculator)	25m	} 200 - 800 points
Math (Calculator)	55m	

1-36	35m	Reading
1-36	45m	English
1-36	60m	Math
1-36	35m	Science

Total Points | 400 - 1600

1 - 36 | **Total Points**

Time per Question



Reading



Writing



Math

Time per Question



Reading



English



Math

2021-2022 Test Dates

ACT

12/11/21*

02/12/22

04/02/22

06/11/22*

07/16/22

SAT

12/04/21*

03/12/22

05/07/22*

06/04/22*



Junior Year Checklist - Testing

Register for at least one of the spring SAT or ACT administrations online (collegeboard.org or act.org)

Keep free or reduced lunch status updated to qualify for test and application fee waivers.

Enroll in a preparation program if possible (C2 Education, Kaplan, Princeton Review, Huntington, Khan Academy, tutor)



Junior Year Checklist - Scheduling

To be done with school counselor:

- **Review transcript and check credits for graduation requirements (January - March)**
- **Choose grade 12 courses related to major of choice (remind students that GPA is cumulative of their freshman, sophomore and junior years)**

Junior Year Checklist - College Preparation

- Decide what you want in terms of...small/big, dorm/commute, city/rural, distance from home - search using *Naviance*, *College Board*, *College Scorecard*, etc.
- Research the majors/programs offered at the colleges you are interested in.
- **Add schools to the “Colleges I’m Thinking About” list.**
- Complete the pre-college survey & utilize the Naviance resume feature.
- Ask two teachers for recommendation letters by June.
- Look for internships and summer leadership programs related to your anticipated field.
- Athletes should register on NCAA Clearinghouse.



Junior Year Checklist - Summer into Senior Year

- Create a Common Application account
- Review writing prompts and start essay
- **Move colleges to the “Applying to List”**
- Decide as a family if applying EA or ED
- Finalize your college list
- Continue to prepare for SAT/ACT if testing again in fall





Parents/Guardians can help by visiting campuses and attending open houses with their child. Many colleges are now offering virtual and in person sessions. Sign up!

Help them DEMONSTRATE INTEREST.

Take pictures while on campus and/or take notes during virtual visits. Create a spreadsheet to organize likes and dislikes.

Ask questions!

Visit yourteenmag.com for additional resources as well!



Counselors are ready to discuss other options too!

Community College

Trade Schools

Employment

Military

Accessing the Parent Naviance Account

- If you would like access to Naviance, please contact your child's counselor or Ms. Leon to receive the login information



QUESTIONS
And
Answers

Thank you!

