

College 101

Class of 2016

Graduation Requirements

- 4 Credits Theology
 - 4 Credits of English
 - 4 Credits Math
 - 4 Credits Science
 - 4 Credits Social Studies
 - 2 Credits Foreign Language
 - 1 Credit Physical Education
 - 1 Credit Technology
 - 1 Credit Fine Art
 - ½ Credit Speech and ½ credit Health
 - 2 Credit Electives
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- 28 Credits

Course Selections

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 - Choose classes that will challenge you.
 - Choose classes that will be beneficial in college.
 - Choose classes that will help you learn more about your desired career.

Naviance

- Computer program designed to assist students with the college process.
 - Resume builder
 - College search engine
 - Scholarship search engine
 - Personality/career inventories

Naviance

- It is a one stop shop with links to the following sites:
 - NCAA
 - Military
 - College Board (SAT)
 - ACT
 - Campus Tours
 - Common Application

College Testing SAT

- www.collegeboard.com
- Consists of three sections
 - Critical Reading
 - Math
 - Writing
- Each section score ranges from 200-800
- Highest score 2400
- Universities mainly focus on critical reading and math
 - 1600 scale

College Testing ACT

- Act.org
 - English
 - Math
 - Reading
 - Science
 - Writing
- Composite score range from 1-36
- Accepted by all colleges and universities

College Counselors

- Mr. Macias-A-K
- Ms. Quarles-L-Z

College Meetings

- You will be meeting with your college counselor within the next few weeks.
- Please bring any questions or concerns to the meeting
- Some of the things discussed will be:
 - College process
 - Colleges of interest
 - College majors and careers

What Can I Do Now?

- Meet with College Representatives that visit NCHS.
- Meet with College Counselor to talk about college.
- Stay focused and maintain grades.
- Register and take SAT or ACT.
- Review your classes for next year and make sure they are rigorous.
- Improve study habits and organizational skills.

Things to Consider When Looking for Your Dream School

- Location-weather and distance
- Campus size
- Classroom size
- Who will be teaching the classes? (Professor or Teaching Assistant)
- Major
- Social Activities-sports, clubs, sororities/fraternities

What to Do When I Visit?

- Talk to students (especially in area of interest)
- Visit library
- Visit dorms
- Talk to professors (if possible)
- Visit student union/recreation center
- Read bulletin boards/newspaper
- Eat in cafeteria
- Explore technology(WiFi, computer labs)
- Explore town (Do they have the amenities I am seeking?)

How Do I Apply?

- Common Application-mainly private colleges and universities throughout the country (OU, Rice, Trinity, Southwestern, Stanford).
- Apply Texas Application-state colleges and universities, but also includes TCU, SMU, St. Mary's and Baylor.
- Individual Application-can be accessed on the school's website (U of Arkansas, Mizzou, OSU, and Ole Miss).

What Else?

- In addition to completing the admission application, most colleges require some of the following documents:
 - Transcript
 - Test Scores
 - Letters of Recommendation
 - Essays
 - Application Fee

What are you responsible for?

- Sending test scores from testing center.
- Requesting transcript be sent to college or university.
- Asking teachers to write letters of recommendation.
(Ask before the end of your Junior year)
- Writing essays
- Paying application fee
- Completing any supplemental documents required by the college.

What is Nolan's responsibility?

- Send transcripts
- Send letters of recommendations
- Assist with sending other supporting documentation

How can Mr. Macias & Ms. Quarles help?

- Edit essays
- Assist with completing application
- Liaison between college and student
- Be sounding board during process
- During the fall semester, we will be available in the computer lab to assist with admission and scholarship applications, resumes, and essays.