



Steps for Success

What Every Student and Parent Should Know About
Junior Year

School Counselors

- Glenda Bolton: Last names *A-Cas*
- Kristen Frank: Last names *Cat-Fl*
- Andrew Smeathers: Last names *Fm-Huf*
- Alan MacDonald: Last names *Hug-Ma*
- Stephanie Stoffel: Last names *MB-Po*
- Amanda Fitting: Last names *Pp-Stev*
- Kristin Hetzel: Last names *Stew-Weh + ENL*
 - Michelle Clarke: Last names *Wei-Will*
 - Lynn Davis: Last names *Wilm-Z*
- The NHS Website:
<http://www.noblesvilleschools.org/Domain/8>.

Grades and Graduation Requirements

- Junior year grades will be the most current on transcripts sent to colleges
 - Admissions counselors look for trends in grades. Is there an improvement each year of high school or a decline?
- Know your diploma type and its requirements
 - Students need to take responsibility/ownership of their grades and academic progress.

PSAT

- Wednesday, October 25, 2017
- NO MAKE-UP TEST DATE!!
 - Avoid scheduling appointments!
 - Only opportunity to take the PSAT
- Juniors' scores used to qualify for National Merit Scholarships
- Scores are also used to demonstrate college/career ready
- Bottom Line: It is important for students to do their best!

ACT and SAT

- Both are college entrance exams
- Colleges accept the SAT or ACT
- Take the ACT and SAT for the first time the second semester of the junior year
- SAT and ACT scores are a factor in college admission decisions and merit based scholarship decisions
- Optional Essay

SAT and ACT Preparation

- Khan Academy: [khanacademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org) **FREE!**
- Noblesville High School SAT Prep class: Prepares students for the May test date
- Collegeboard.org **FREE!**
- Actstudent.org **FREE!**
- List of private tutors is available under the Counseling tab of the Noblesville High School website.

ACT /SAT Testing Dates at NHS

- October 28, 2017 - ACT (late fee - Oct. 6)
- December 9, 2017 - ACT
- February 10, 2018 – ACT
- March 10, 2018 – SAT
- May 5 , 2018- SAT
- June 9, 2018- ACT
- Register for the SAT at collegeboard.org
- Register for the ACT at actstudent.org

College Application Timeline

- Three excused absences/semester for college visits
 - August 1 of senior year: Most applications become available online
 - October 1 of senior year: Students may begin submitting FAFSA using 2016 tax information
 - November 1: Priority Deadline for several universities
- *Make sure you are aware of all deadlines
- March: Colleges begin notifying students of financial aid packages
 - May 1: Deadline to accept admission to many colleges

NCAA

- Juniors interested in playing a Division I or Division II sport must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse
- At end of junior year, students need to request that transcripts be sent to NCAA through Parchment
- NCAA Eligibility Requirements can be viewed at:
http://web3.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA_EMS.html#
- Students who plan to play at a NAIA college should register with the NAIA at: <http://www.playnaia.org/eligibility-center>
- Students who plan to play Division III do not need to register with the NCAA

Scholarships

- Start writing a resume with your accomplishments, awards, activities, and jobs held during high school
- Juniors can begin national scholarship searches
 - Scholarships.com
 - Fastweb.com
 - Naviance
 - Schoolsoup.com
- Check Financial Aid/Scholarship info at college website
- College Financial Aid/Scholarship listing on NHS website
 - During senior year, scholarships are posted throughout the year on Naviance
 - Local scholarships begin being posted in March of Senior year

Naviance

- Noblesville High School's database for all things related to college and career
- College Rep Visits are posted in Naviance
- Students request transcripts be sent to colleges on Naviance
- Scholarships are posted on Naviance
- Career assessments are available on Naviance
- Research colleges through Naviance
- All students have an account and parents are able to set up an account

College Representatives Visits to NHS

- College Representatives will visit Noblesville High School during AL.
- Visits are listed on Naviance - students sign up to attend on Naviance.
- Military visits take place during lunch periods. These are also posted on Naviance.

Non-College Bound Students

- Technical school or apprenticeship is important!
- Technical Programs offered through NHS
 - Hare Chevrolet Automotive Program
 - Dual Credit Program with Ivy Tech
 - Students can earn 15 Ivy Tech credits per school year!
 - ABC Construction Program
 - J. Everett Light Career Center
 - CNA Program
- NHS Internship Program
 - All seniors (college and non-college bound) may do an internship if they are on track with their graduation requirements!
 - Students are placed based on their area of interest

Important NHS Events

- Wednesday, October 25: PSAT
- Wednesday, January 17: NHS Course Fair
- January 2017: PSAT Interpretation
- January 16-17: Scheduling videos
- January 19-26: Online course requests grades 8-11
- January 29-February 9: Individual scheduling meetings
- February -March 2018: AP test registration
- May 7 - 18, 2018: AP Testing