



# JUNIOR/SENIOR COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT

FALL 2023

## TOPICS TO DISCUSS

- What you should be doing now
- Applying to college
- Financial Aid and Scholarships
- Next Steps

# COUNSELING TEAM

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# AGENDA

COUNSELOR PRESENTATION FROM 6 TO 6:30

COLLEGE/MILITARY FAIR FROM 6:30 TO 7:30

# AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

- Counselors are meeting with all juniors and seniors in their classes in groups
- Counselors will meet with all of their seniors individually for what we call senior interviews
- Students should be accessing Naviance on a regular basis
- Transcripts and senior interview sheets will be handed out at parent/teacher conferences

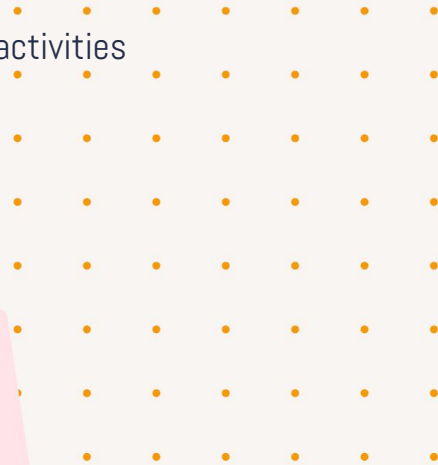
# WHAT CAN STUDENTS BE DOING?

## SENIORS

- Visit colleges-you get two excused absences per year for these
- Take virtual tours on college websites
- Attend Financial Aid programs through Education Quest
- Apply to college online
- Take standardized tests and AP exams
- Attend college fairs
- Earn dual credit when possible
- Complete the FAFSA
- Narrow down college options
- Apply for Scholarships

## JUNIORS

- Visit colleges-you get two excused absences per year for these
- Take virtual tours on college website
- Plan your senior year course to maximize admission requirements
- Get involved in extracurricular activities
- Prepare for standardized tests



# CHOOSING A COLLEGE

1. Fit-is this the right school for you rather than the most prestigious or popular school.
2. Social/Emotional-is it the right distance from family and friends, does it provide a system of support, friendships, etc.
3. Academics-consider major, research opportunities, study abroad, dual majors, minors, etc.
4. Finances-is it cost effective, are there scholarships, grants, what level of debt



# IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

## PARENTS

Your child will remember how you supported them through this process.

## STUDENTS

This is difficult for your parents, be patient and communicate.

## PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Focus on finding a school that is the best environment for your personal growth.





# VISITS

College representatives visit Elkhorn High and students can sign up to meet with them through Naviance.

Visiting a college campus in person is set up through the college website. If a student will be missing school they should see Mrs. Frevert in the counseling center for a permission form.

# APPLYING TO COLLEGE

- You do not have to wait on ACT scores to apply, many schools are test optional.
- Store usernames and passwords in a safe and accessible place.
- You may have to use your social security number so it is important to know what that is.
- If you plan to use the common application you will need to talk to your counselor.
- Seniors should start online applications as soon as possible. Add the college to your Naviance account.

# ACT/SAT SCORES


- If you are sending your standardized test scores to school for admission or scholarship purposes you will need to send them directly from the testing website.
- Students can view where their scores were previously sent in their ACT/SAT accounts.
- ACT and SAT score must also be sent to NCAA and/or NAIA if you are playing college sports.

# SENDING TRANSCRIPTS

- Several schools ask you to self report your grades so there is no need to send an initial transcript, you will send a final transcript if you choose to attend that school.
- Some schools require an official transcript at the time of the online application. Seniors were told how to do this in Senior Seminar. It is done through Naviance.
- If applying to a school via the common application speak to your counselor.
- It is best practice to send the transcript after you have submitted your online application.



# MILITARY

- The ASVAB is being offered at EHS on Friday October 13th at 9am. Sign up in the counseling center.
  - Students can sign up to visit with a military recruiter through Naviance.
  - Military branches are in the commons tonight.
  - The military offers many college scholarships, many branches offering full tuition options.
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# PAYING FOR COLLEGE

## LOANS

Money you borrow that you have to pay back after you graduate.

## GRANTS

Money you qualify for that you do not have to pay back. Most often based on financial need.



## WORK STUDY

Money earned by working on your campus. It can go towards any expense.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Earned by merit of some kind. They can be academic, athletic, or other criteria. You do not have to pay that money back, it is like a gift.



# FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

- Application for federal, state, and college-based financial aid, colleges you list on the application will use that information to award financial aid
- FAFSA will become available in early December.
- Seniors and their parent/guardians will receive email reminders from counselors.
- If you need help contact Education Quest 402-391-4033, [www.educationquest.org](http://www.educationquest.org)
- [Paying for College Presentation](#)

# SCHOLARSHIPS

## HOW TO EARN SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Test scores and grades
- Participation in activities
- Leadership
- need

## How to Find Scholarships:

- Once you submit your college applications, colleges will look at students for their scholarships.
  - Additional scholarships may come through student portal
  - Check college website and college financial aid office for additional scholarships
- Classlink—Naviance—Colleges—Scholarships & Money—Scholarship Search
- Elkhorn Foundation Scholarships & **Achieve**: [www.elkhornfoundation.org](http://www.elkhornfoundation.org).
  - Opens December 1, 2023
  - Deadline to complete is February 1st, 2024
- Set up a ScholarshipQuest Account
  - [educationquest.org](http://educationquest.org)—tools—ScholarshipQuest, set up account.





# COLLEGE ATHLETICS

NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE  
NAIA CLEARINGHOUSE

If you plan to play sports in college you want to visit the NCAA and NAIA websites regarding the athletic clearinghouse. This requires additional steps in the college application process. Let your coach and counselor know you are working on this.

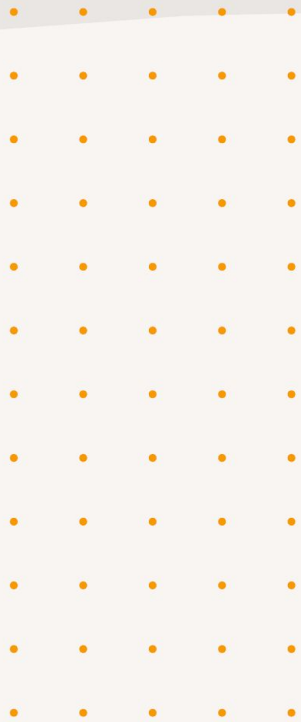


## CLASS OF 2024 & 2025 GOOGLE CLASSROOMs

There will be a good deal of communication to seniors and juniors through Google Classroom. Students can join the classroom with the code below.

Seniors  
xt43pvj

Juniors  
elq35kh





Thank you!