



EARLY COLLEGE & CAREER INFORMATIONAL NIGHT

March 2, 2023



PURPOSE FOR THIS INFORMATIONAL NIGHT

- To get a head start in career exploration and provide you with the information that you need to get the college acceptance that you want or create the career plan of your dreams.
- Students will need to have a viable career after graduation (High School or College)
- In order to choose wisely planning ahead is imperative:
 - Summer jobs
 - Internships
 - Part time work
 - Volunteer experiences

INCREASING COMPETITIVENESS OF AFFORDABLE STATE UNIVERSITIES

- College had become the norm. As a result, the number of applications being submitted to Colleges and Universities across the country have increased causing their entrance requirements to also increase, making it harder than ever to get into college.
- There is a need for our students to make themselves more competitive and learn ***What Is Most Important*** in the college admissions and career search process.
- It is important to understand the following information and use it to gain a competitive edge and use all the tools at your disposal (***Naviance, School Counselor, and Teachers***).



CAREER EXPLORATION



NAVIANCE

- What is Naviance?:
 - Enables students/parents to do college, career and scholarships searches from any computer with internet access
- Internet Addresses:
 - <https://student.naviance.com/vsshs> (South)
 - <https://student.naviance.com/vsnhs> (North)
 - <https://student.naviance.com/vschs> (Central)
 - <https://student.naviance.com/vsmj> (Memorial)
- Log-ins are established in 9th grade. *Contact your child's school counselor if you misplaced your information.*
- *Parent accounts can also be created*
- Counselors will be conducting a career and/or college search with your children in the spring.

DO WHAT YOU ARE?

- Enables Students to find out their personality type and the professions/job clusters that fall under that category. Ultimately you can research careers through Naviance:
 - Click the **Career Tab**
 - Under **What Are My Interest?**
 - Click on: **Do What You Are?**
 - By taking this inventory – you will get to know your strengths, values, personality, and skills.
 - For careers information that match your personality type you will click on the **See Related Careers.**

DO WHAT YOU ARE (CONT'D)

- Click on any career to get a detailed description of that job. You will find:
 - Related occupations, related college majors, video descriptions of the career, knowledge and skills, tasks and activities, wages – detailed by state
- It is then important to relate this information to a possible college major.



COLLEGE MAJORS



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- After taking this inventory, related jobs should be identified.
- The resulting professions should be explored through:
 - Research (can be done on Naviance)
 - Extracurricular Activities
 - Internships
 - Summer Work
 - Volunteer Work

COLLEGE MAJORS (CONT'D)

- Not all colleges offer every major, so students should develop these ideas prior to final college choices. If you are not yet sure, all good colleges/universities have a vast array of majors that a student has two years to choose. Colleges also have career centers designed to help students with career selection.
- Community college is also a great way to figure out what you want to do.
- Some professions need specific licensure which is not available at all colleges/universities. These include teaching licenses, certain medical fields to name a couple.
- Focused college planning leads to more successful college completion, possible internships and job acquisition. Your child needs this edge!
- Remember you are planning for a lifetime of productive and rewarding work not just a job!!!

COLLEGE SEARCH ON NAVIANCE


- Go to <https://student.naviance.com/vschs> (*Sign into your account with username and password*)
- Click on College tab
- Scroll down left tool bar to college search

- Click on college search and begin to answer questions

Type Location Students Admission Athletics Costs Special Programs

Majors - Use the information from your Interest Inventory

- Click on Get Results
- Repeat changing some of the factors to produce different lists especially for admissions to get safe, target and reach schools!



WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT?



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Secondary School Record:

- The grades your child earns in high school courses in grades 9 – 12 (some 8th grade courses are high school credit bearing), are the most important factor in the college admissions process.
- Colleges look for a strong academic record including four years of all major subject areas:
 - English
 - Social Studies
 - Math
 - Science
 - World Languages formerly Languages Other Than English (LOTE)
- Academic Improvements Each Year
- Rigorous Coursework
 - Advanced Placement (AP)
 - Courses Offered by Colleges (Molloy College, St. John's University, etc)
- Final Grade Point Average (GPA) and Class Rank are on their transcript sent for college admission.



NEW YORK STATE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

General Education and Diploma Requirements



New York State
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Knowledge > Skill > Opportunity

Whitney-Rivera

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS



Credit
Requirements



Assessment
Requirements

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

Student Choice in Course Selection

- In most disciplines, students choose the courses they want to take.

Required Courses

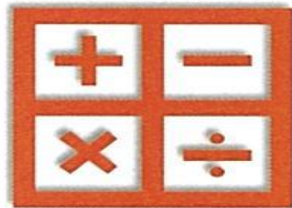
- Health (½ credit required)
- Global Studies and Geography (2 credits required)
- United States History (1 credit required)
- Participation in Government (½ credit required)
- Economics (½ credit required)

	MINIMUM NUMBER OF CREDITS
English	4
Social Studies <small>(see note #6)</small> <i>Distributed as follows:</i> U.S. History (1) Global History and Geography (2) Participation in Government (½) Economics (½)	4
Science <i>Distributed as follows:</i> Life Science (1) Physical Science (1) Life Science or Physical Science (1)	3
Mathematics	3
Languages Other than English (LOTE)	1 ^(**)
Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theater	1
Physical Education <i>(participation each semester)</i>	2
Health	0.5
Electives	3.5
Total	22

Assessment Requirements



1
English



1
Math



1
Science



1
Social
Studies



1
Pathway
(Student
Choice)



Diploma Types
Multiple Pathways 6

TYPES OF DIPLOMAS

Local

- 22 units of credit
- Used appeals, safety nets to meet assessment requirements
- OR
Superintendent Determination of a Local Diploma

Regents

- 22 units of credit
- Earned passing scores (65+)* on all required assessments (4 + 1)

Regents with Advanced Designation

- 22 units of credit
- Earned passing score (65+) on all required assessments (7 + 1)
 - Additional exams required
 - +2 math
 - +1 science
- Completed a sequence

* A student can appeal one Regents exam score within 5 points of passing and still receive a Regents Diploma

SEALS & ENDORSEMENTS

Local Diploma



Technical Endorsement



Regents Diploma



Technical Endorsement



Seal of Biliteracy



Honors Endorsement

Regents with Advanced Designation



Technical Endorsement



Seal of Biliteracy



Honors Endorsement



Mastery in Mathematics and/or Science

(CONT'D)

SATs or ACTs:

- The SATs or ACTs are cited by the colleges as being the next most important factor in college admissions. These 'high stakes' tests are so important that there are entire industries devoted to preparing for them. Students should utilize whatever resources that are available to help them prepare:
 - Princeton Review/VSCHSD partnership
 - Online Prep Websites
 - (we provide an excellent one that the district pays for – Method Test Prep on Castle Learning)
 - Books
- Students generally take the SATs/ACTs twice – once (or twice) in their junior year and again in the fall of their senior year.

WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT? (CONT'D)

Essays: The college essay is an important component of the application. Colleges stress that this is the one area where the student can '*come to life*.' We advise students to think about their essay topics over the summer between 11th and 12th grades. Senior English teachers utilize time in the fall to help students write and edit their essays.

Recommendations: Recommendations from your teachers, counselor, coach or others are an important source of information for the admissions process. The colleges use these as evidence of your character, potential and classroom effort. Create Strong and positive relationships

Extracurricular Activities/Community Service: Colleges seek well rounded students who have a wide variety of interests and experiences. Participation in clubs, sports or voluntary activities, including community service, demonstrate time management, empathy, and a investment in your community.

A side note – happy students are successful students





FINAL CHOICES



GO TO THE SOURCE....

- Research Careers
- Internships
- Interview people in the field
- Roadtrip Nation
 - It originally was a PBS series where a group of young adults travelled across the United States interviewing successful people in all types of careers. Videos of these interviews are available on Naviance and can help students explore what motivated people in all walks of life to pursue their profession.

ROADTRIP NATION

Explore

What's your road?

Interests

Themes

Leaders

Playlists



Dispelling The Myth

Duration 2:09

Beverly Robertson

Executive Director

National Civil Rights Museum

154 Videos on Education

Now Playing



▶ 2:09

Beverly

Robertson

Executive Director
National Civil
Rights Museum



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Zen Master
Empty Gate Zen
Center



▶ 0:42

Cheryl Foster

Artist
C. Fosters



Whitney-Rivera

CONCLUSION

- You now should be able to:
 - Log into Naviance
 - Conduct a Interest Inventory on Naviance, **Do What You Are.**
 - Look up a Career, watch a video and look up the salary of that career.
 - Research Careers and Education necessary for that career
 - Go To Roadtrip Nation and create a Road.
 - Conduct a College Search on Naviance
 - Research the colleges listed and make sure they have all the majors that interest your child.
 - Have a clear understanding of the sophomore timeline and keep the junior timeline for the Fall, 2022/2023.
 - Know '**What Is Most Important**' in the College Application Process.