



Haverhill High School Junior Class of 2024

# **An Introduction to Post-Secondary Planning**

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Leg-O  
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Grade 9 (P-Z)  
Bilingual Counselor  
College/Career/Early College

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# HHS Graduation Requirements



Subject	HHS Credits	Mass Core Credits
English	4	4
Math	4	4 (Including Algebra II)
Science	3	3
Social Studies (including US History)	3	3
Wellness	2	2
School to Career	1	1
Computer Technology	.5	.5
World Language or Fine Arts	1	0
Fine Arts	0	1
World Language	0	2 (must be same language)
Electives	2.5	2.5

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# Tips for parents and guardians

*As your student enters this process it is overwhelming.*

*How can you help:*

- ▶ Encourage them to check their email on a daily basis
- ▶ Help your child research careers and colleges through Naviance
- ▶ Check their grades with them
- ▶ Use tools like Naviance to support their progress
- ▶ Take your child to visit college campuses

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# Student to do list



## February/March

*Course Selections*

*College / Career Planning Meetings begin*

*Consider EC, AP, Honors along with other courses of interest*

## April

*College and Career Meetings ongoing*

*Register and take the SAT if appropriate*

*Consider who you might ask for letters of recommendation*

*Attend virtual or in person college tours*

## May

*College and Career Meetings Ongoing*

*Register and take the SAT if appropriate*

*Ask teachers for letters of recommendation*

*Attend virtual or in person college tours*

## June

*Watch [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) for test dates*

*Ask teachers for letters of recommendation*

*Do virtual or in person college tours*

*Think about your college essay*

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# Post Graduate Options

- Military
- Technical / Certificate Program
- Career
- Two Year College
- Four Year College

Any Educational Option will require the FAFSA to be completed for financial assistance <https://www.mefa.org/>

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# Military

- Enlistment Exploration (Army, Navy, Marines, Air force, Space Force, Coast Guard)– see your regional recruitment center
- National Guard & Reserves – see your regional national guard agency
- ASVAB – Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery: Offered through regional recruitment centers

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# Technical/Certificate Programs

- Short-term programs, usually between 6 weeks and 18 months in length
- Hands-on with little classroom time
- Students typically purchase tools of the trade
- Many offer job placement assistance after graduation
- Community Colleges also offer certificate programs at state tuition costs

*EXAMPLES: New England Tractor Trailer Training School, NECC, NHTI, Whittier Vocational, Lincoln Tech, Lowell Academy Hairstyling*

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# Career



- Career Research
- Naviance Career Development Tools
- Interview Skills
- Resume Building
- Internships

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# 2 Year Community College



- Associate Degrees
- Requirements:
  - Application
  - Transcript
  - FAFSA
- MA Transfer program
- Cost effective
- Early College/Promise Program NECC- fast track to degree with FREE transferable credits
  - Contact person: [amanda.wells@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:amanda.wells@haverhill-ps.org)

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# 4 Year College/University



- Bachelor's Degree
- Requirements:
  - Application ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org))
  - Standardized Testing (SAT's or ACT's)
  - Letters of recommendation
  - Essay
  - Application Fees
  - Transcript
  - FAFSA
- Visit colleges (consider size, location, intended field of study, etc.)

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# Common Application



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Most Schools  
will use the  
“Common App”  
as the  
application tool  
for college.

The screenshot shows the Common App user interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: "Dashboard", "My Colleges", "Common App", "College Search", and "Financial Aid Resources". The "Dashboard" tab is active. The main content area is titled "Dashboard" and includes a "Sort by: College Name" dropdown. Below this, there are three college entries, each with a link to "Add your term or admission plan" and a status of "Application - In progress". The colleges listed are Guilford College, Keene State College, and Massachusetts College Of Pharmacy & Health Sciences. Each entry has a "Show more details" link. On the right side, there is a sidebar titled "Instructions and Help" with a list of questions and links to "Read more".

Dashboard

My Colleges Common App College Search Financial Aid Resources

Dashboard

Application Requirements

Sort by: College Name ▾

[Guilford College](#) ⓘ ✕  
[Add your term or admission plan](#)

✎ Application - In progress

Show more details ▾

[Keene State College](#) ⓘ ✕  
[Add your term or admission plan](#)

✎ Application - In progress

Show more details ▾

[Massachusetts College Of Pharmacy & Health Sciences](#) ⓘ ✕  
[Add your term or admission plan](#)

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Show more details ▾

Instructions and Help ⓘ

I already submitted, can I change some of my answers?  
You can return at any time and change your answer to any question in the Common App tab for future [Read more](#)

How many colleges can I add to my Dashboard?  
The Common Application member colleges have stipulated that applicants may add up to 20 colleges [Read more](#)

How can I view a college's Writing Supplement, if they have one?  
There are two ways you can access a college's Writing Supplement. [Read more](#)

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# SAT Test Dates [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)



*Exam Fee \$60 - See Counselor for Fee Waiver*

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
Mar 11, 2023	Feb 10, 2023	Feb 28, 2023
May 6, 2023	Apr 7, 2023	Apr 25, 2023
June 3, 2023	May 4, 2023	May 23, 2023

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# ACT Test Dates [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)



*Exam Fee \$63 - See Counselor for Fee Waiver*

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
April 5, 2023	March 10, 2023	March 24, 2023
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 19, 2023

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# Sending Test Scores



- Students can access and send scores through the testing platforms website.
- Students are responsible to know which colleges require the SAT or ACT (Test Optional/Test Blind).
- HHS does not report SAT or ACT scores on the transcript, and the school cannot send them to colleges and universities. Students are responsible for sending their scores to colleges and universities.

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## What will your Counselor Send?

- Transcript
- School Profile
- Secondary School Report Form
- Counselor and Teacher Recommendations
- Teacher Evaluation Forms

## What does the Student Send?



- Application submitted by student  
- (Common Application, School Application, Coalition Application)
- SAT or ACT scores
- Essay
- Supporting Documents (art portfolios, drama specific requirements, film, etc)

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# Things to do

- Create a professional email for college/job applications and avoid ones like: [ilovemoney@gmail.com](mailto:ilovemoney@gmail.com)
- Visit College admissions pages to see what they are offering for tours - do as many virtual ones as you can. They keep track of your visits!
- Double-check application requirements on college admissions website:
  - Type of application (Common App vs. college website)
  - Extra requirements for programs such as art, music, theater
- Create a spreadsheet with application & financial aid deadlines, special requirements, etc. [College Application Spreadsheet Example](#)
- Do as much as possible related to applying over the summer before senior year begins!

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# Things to do



- Target at least two campuses, visit / tour prior to the summer
- Course selection ongoing, consider Early College, AP, Honors courses
- Register for SAT/ACT (unless you are positive your student is not going to a 4 year college).
- Prepare using Khan Academy (students can access through college board website)
- Look at websites of colleges you may be interested in
  - Admissions page
  - Financial Aid Page
- Create your Common Application ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)) Opens August 1st

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# HHS Naviance



- A college and career research tool HHS uses to support the research and application process
- Parents can be given their own account attached to their student to help support the research process



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# Naviance - Student Use

- Career Research:
  - Detailed career interest exploration tool
- College Research:
  - Finding potential fits
  - Searches that allow you to go from a few thousand colleges and universities to research down to 10-100.
  - Finding colleges that have majors that interest students
- Resume Building:
  - “About Me” allows you to use this tool to tie everything together and create a resume

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# Support Opportunities



## Junior Year

- Junior Packet Presentations
- Course Selections
- Individual Junior Meetings
- Junior Workshops
- College Search Workshop (May)
  - Resume Building (May)

## Senior Year

- Senior Packet Presentations
- Individual Senior Meetings
- Senior Workshops:
  - Application workshops
  - Scholarship workshops
- College Admission
- Representative visits

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# Questions?

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