

Junior Assembly



Post Secondary Planning

2015 – 2016



Welcome

- Purpose is to present you with a timeline to begin the college search process
- Introduce you to College Search on Naviance

Post Secondary Options

- Four-Year Colleges & Universities
- Community Colleges
- Technical/Vocational Schools
- Military
- Post Graduate Year
- GAP Year

Post Secondary Decision Making



- Every student and family will be in a different place at a different time in the process
- Focus on your own plans and do not get caught up in what your peers are saying and doing
- Trust with good planning it will all work out

Career Center

- Career Center Coordinator – Kim Trocola
- Resources available to aid in the search for postsecondary plans
- Walk In Hours available to meet with a counselor to answer questions



Naviance

- <http://connection.naviance.com/danbury>
- A comprehensive web-based program designed to help in making informed decisions about colleges
- If you misplaced your user name or password, please see your school counselor

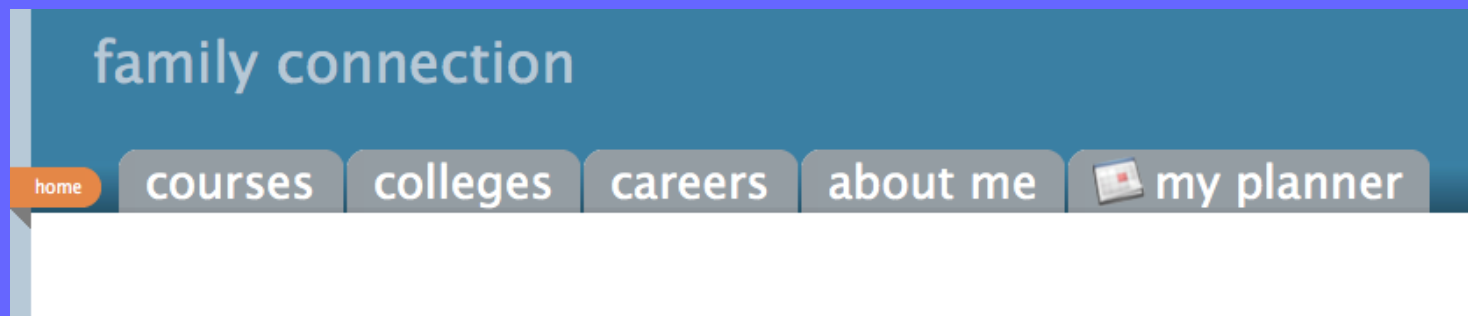
Graduation Requirements

Class of 2015

Requirements	Total Credits
Art, Music or Communication Arts	1.0
Business, ROTC, Technology Education or Family and Consumer Science	1.0
World Studies, Modern World Studies (or AP World History), U.S. History (or AP U.S. History), Civics (or AP Government and Politics)	3.5
World Language	1.0
English I, II, III, IV (Advanced Placement English courses can be taken in lieu of English III and IV)	4.0
Math (must include Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II or Statistics and Data)	3.0
Science (must include Biology and Chemistry)	3.0
Health	.5
Physical Education	1.0
Student Choice	3.0
Total	21.0

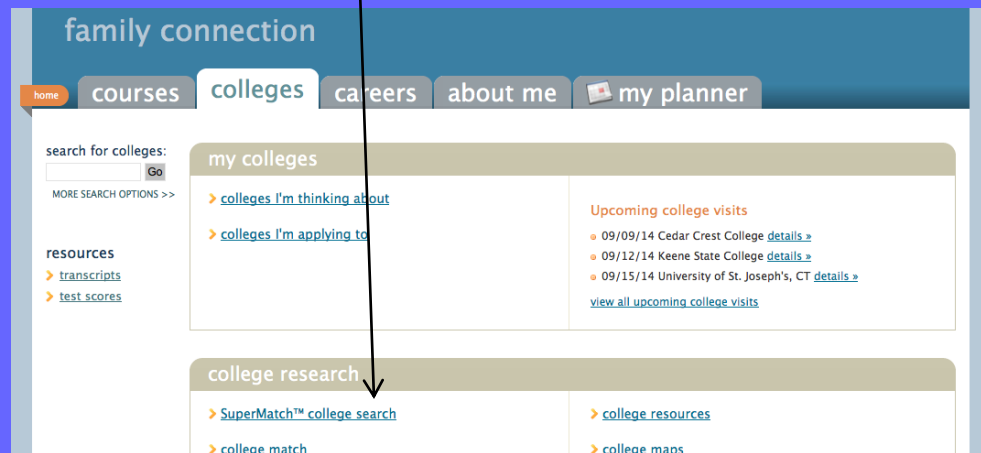
College Search on Naviance

- Student will log in to his or her Naviance account.
- Click on “Colleges” tab on top of Family Connections.



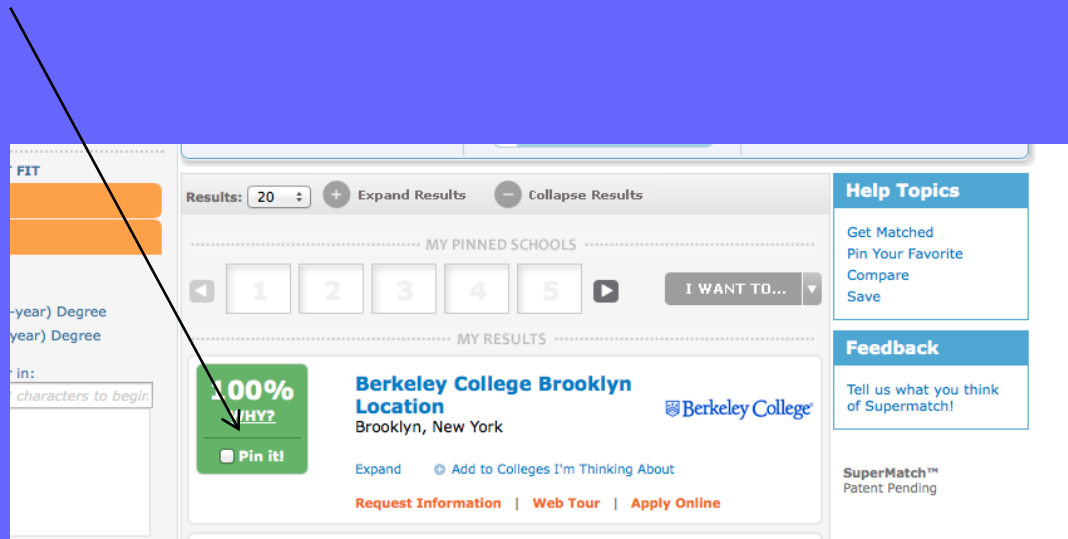
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- Under “SuperMatch College Search, you will see “Find Your Best Fit”.
- Click on the various headings in the left column.
- Click on your preferences under each heading.



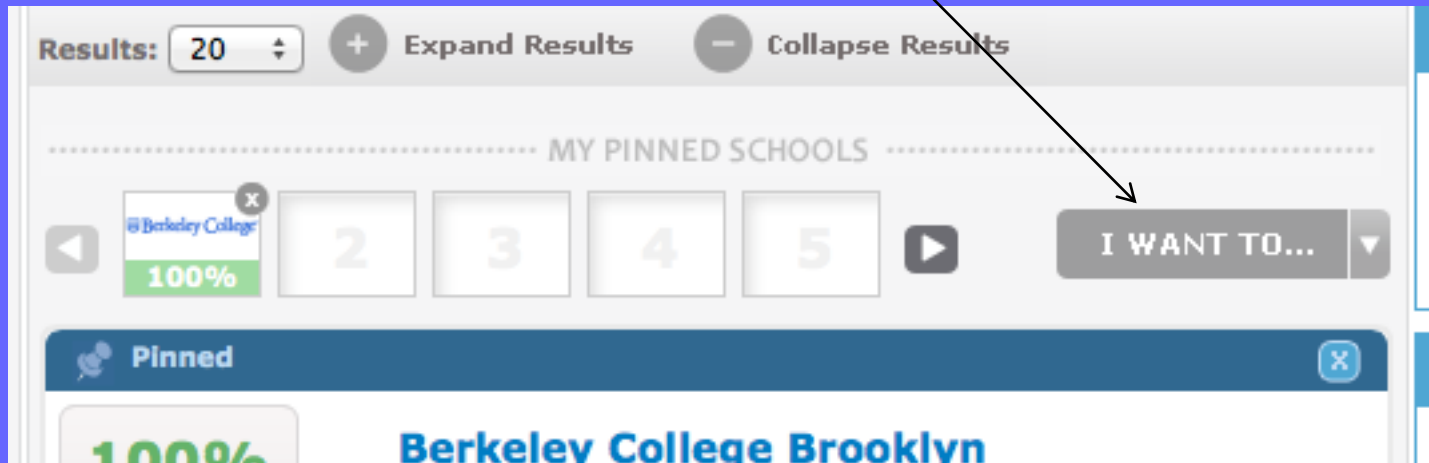
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- After you select “Your Best Fit” features, you will be shown a list of schools meeting your personal search criteria.
- Click on the “Pin It” buttons for schools you would like to compare with each other.



College Search on Naviance

- After you have selected the schools you want to compare, use the pull-down menu to determine if you want to 1) compare pinned schools, 2) hide pinned schools details, or 3) clear all pinned schools.



College Search on Naviance

- Under each college you can choose to “request information”, take a “web tour” or “apply line”.
- To save your search click on “save” under “My Search Options” on the right side.

The screenshot displays the Naviance College Search interface. On the left, the 'MY SEARCH OPTIONS' section includes buttons for 'Start Over', 'Save', and 'My Searches'. Below this is a search bar for finding schools by name. The 'FIND YOUR BEST FIT' section lists various filters, with 'Location', 'Majors', and 'Campus Setting' checked. The main area shows 'My Choices' with three categories: 'Kinda', 'Very', and 'Must-Have'. The 'Very' category is active, showing 'Location', 'Majors', and 'Campus Setting' as selected filters. Below this, the 'Results' section shows 20 results, with 'MY PINNED SCHOOLS' displayed. The first pinned school is Syracuse University, which has a 100% match score and is marked as 'Pinned'. The interface also includes 'Help Topics' and 'Feedback' sections on the right side.

A hand holding a pen over a checklist document titled 'CHECKLIST'. The document has several checkboxes and lines of text, some of which are partially obscured by the pen and the hand. The background is a light blue gradient.

Students To Dos

- You will be given your transcript in Advisory, review it to make sure you are on track to meet your graduation requirements
- Naviance – College Search
- PSAT

Standardized Testing



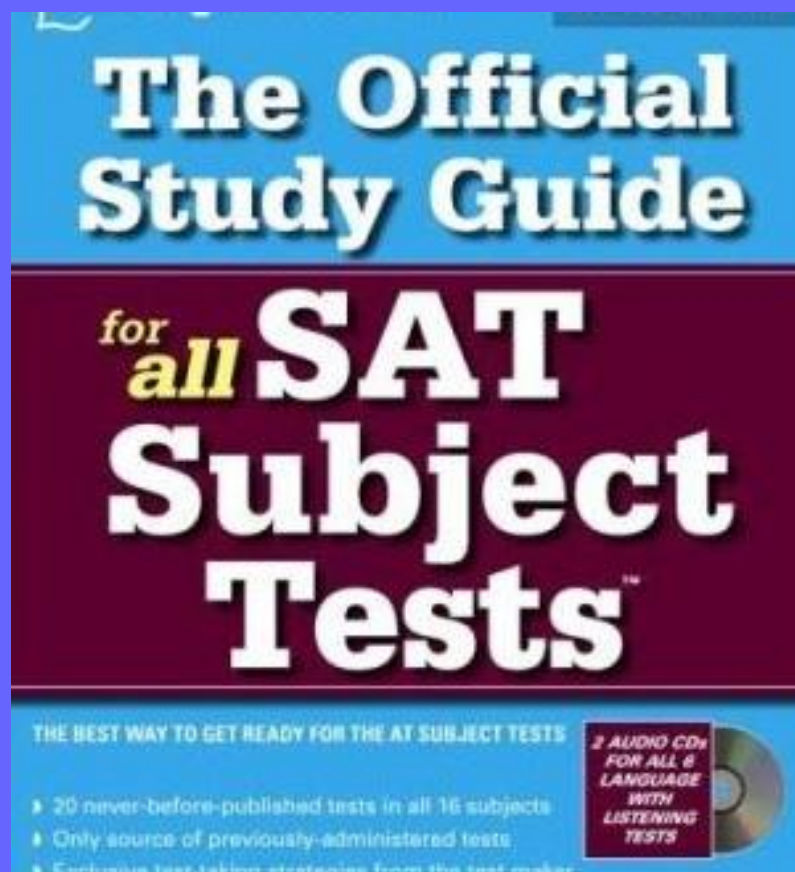
- Most colleges require either an SAT or ACT as an entrance exam
- SAT and/or ACT are generally taken in the spring of the junior year and again in the fall of senior year
- Many schools are becoming SAT/ACT optional – to view an updated list of schools log on to www.fairtest.org

Types of Standardized Testing

- SAT Reasoning Test – designed to assess skills and application of knowledge
www.collegeboard.com
- SAT Subject Area Tests – one hour content-based tests www.collegeboard.com
- ACT – curriculum based test with an optional writing section www.actstudent.org
- SAT and ACT score comparison chart can be found at the following link:
<http://professionals.collegeboard.com/profdownload/act-sat-concordance-tables.pdf>**Score Reporting Policy**
- Colleges can require applicants to submit every SAT/ACT score or choose specific test dates
- Follow score reporting requirements of each college
- Students are responsible for sending scores and not DHS

SAT Subject Tests

- One-hour tests in specific subject areas
- Only required at the most selective colleges
- Usually two tests are required
- View individual college websites for requirements



SAT vs. ACT

SAT

- 3 hours and (+50 minutes if taking the SAT with Essay)
- 2 sections (3 with SAT Essay): Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Math
- Essay: Optional
- No penalty for guessing
- Score scale: 400 to 1600; Essay scored separately

ACT

- 3 hours and 25 minutes (includes writing)
- Structure is: English, Reading, Math and Science Reasoning (Optional writing – recommended)
- Concentrates on grammar, syntax and punctuation and includes some pre-calculus
- No penalty for wrong answers
- Scored: 1 – 36 per section and 36 is the highest possible composite score

SAT Score Reporting Policy

- Follow the specific directions of each college you are applying when reporting test scores
- *Score Choice* may allow you to:
 - Send scores from specific test date for SAT Reasoning Test
 - Send scores from an individual test for SAT Subject Tests
- Colleges can opt out of *Score Choice* and require applicants to report every SAT score
- If students do not choose score choice, all scores will be sent

ACT Score Reporting Policy

- In most cases, the student chooses which test administration dates are sent to colleges
- Colleges typically use the *composite score* in admissions decisions
- Some colleges may require applicants to report every score

Reporting SAT/ACT Scores

- DHS does not send scores
- If required be sure to send your official scores to each college through SAT or ACT
 - www.collegeboard.com
 - www.actstudent.org
- Many more schools are becoming SAT?ACT optional. View www.fairtest.org for an updated list

SAT Score	ACT Composite Score
2400	36
2280-2330	34
2160-2210	32
2040-2090	30
1920-1970	28
1800-1850	26
1680-1730	24
1560-1610	22
1440-1490	20
1320-1370	18
1200-1250	16

SAT Dates

www.collegeboard.com

Test Date	Registration Deadline
December 5	November 5
January 23	December 28
March 5	February 5
May 7	April 8
June 4	May 5

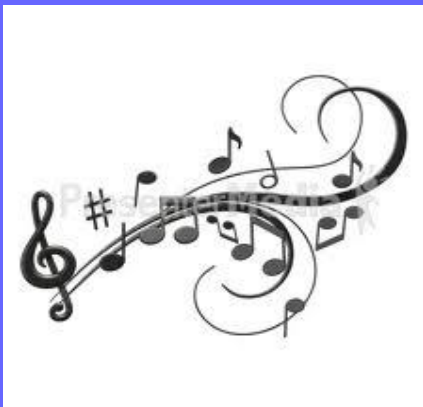
ACT Dates

www.actstudent.org

Test Date	Registration Deadline
December 12	November 6
February 6	January 8
April 9	March 4
June 11	May 6

Fine Arts

Begin to investigate
portfolio/audition
requirements.



Always use your
teachers as resources.

U.S. Service Academies

- United States Air Force Academy
(Colorado Springs)
- United States Coast Guard Academy
(New London)
- United States Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point)
- United States Military Academy (West Point)
- United State Naval Academy
(Annapolis)
- All but the Coast Guard Academy require an appointment from a US Senator or congressman from CT
- Check individual websites
- Must begin process in junior year

Athletic Recruiting

- View NCAA website to review recruiting rules and regulations at www.eligibilitycenter.org

- See Mr. Chip Salvestrini, Athletic Director, for more information

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Center

What Colleges Want to See

- Grades in academic classes (all 4 years)
- Strength of curriculum
- Standardized Test Scores
- Grades in all other courses
- Essay or Writing Sample
- Work/Extracurricular activities
- Counselor Recommendation
- Teacher Recommendation(s)
- Student's Demonstrated Interest
- Interview (if required)
- Diversity (Geographic/Ethnic)
- Special Talent

Importance of Strong Senior Year Schedule

- Selection of courses for senior year takes place in February of the junior year
- It is important to choose appropriately challenging courses
- Colleges examine grades closely through the end of senior year

Exp	Trm	Crs-Sec	Course Name
1(A-J) 2(A,C,F,H)	12-13	SC901A-4	BIOLOGY UCONN AP S1
2(B,D-E,G,I-J)	S1	AD102-18	STUDY HALL P2
3(A-J)	12-13	EN931A-2	ENGLISH LITERATURE AP S1
4(A-J)	12-13	SS941A-4	US HISTORY AP S1
5(A-J)	12-13	SS911A-1	HUMAN GEOGRAPHY AP S1
6(A-J)	12-13	MA921A-2	CALCULUS BC AP S1
7(A-J) 8(B,E,G,J)	12-13	SC941A-1	PHYSICS CALC AP S1
8(A,C-D,F,H-I)	S1	AD108-18	STUDY HALL P8

What should you do NOW?

- Continue to work hard to achieve the best grades possible
- Search colleges on Naviance
- Become familiar with SAT/ACT registration dates
- Think about 1 or 2 teachers to write recommendations
- Attend College Fair at the Danbury Fair Mall in October
- Make sure all content on Facebook and e-mail address is appropriate

Online Resources

- www.collegeboard.com for SAT info
- www.actstudent.org for ACT info
- www.fairtest.org for SAT/ACT optional information
- Naviance website:
<http://connection.naviance.com/danbury>