



Parkway North 9/10 College Information



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THINGS TO DO!

What should the 9th grade student be doing?

- 1. Create a 4 year high school plan
- 2. Start thinking about life after you graduate
- 3. Identify your interests-likes and dislikes inside and outside of the classroom- NAVIANCE
- 4. Discuss post-secondary plans with your school counselor
- 5. Participate in extracurricular activities (sports, clubs, music, volunteer work)
- 6. Explore Summer Opportunities (job, internship, volunteer position)
- 7. Create a professional email that you can use to communicate with colleges

What should 10th grade students be doing?

- 1. Meet with your school counselor to ensure your course schedule is challenging and prepares you for college
- 2. Take the PSAT/NMSQT (practice SAT) in October
- 3. Continue to explore your interests and college majors
- 4. You will complete assessments through Naviance/Scoir
- 5. Attend college/career fairs/sign up for rep visits in Naviance
- Start prepping for the ACT



to do..

Core Classes

- NHS Graduation

English 4

Social Studies 3

Math 3

Science 3

Modern Language 0

- College Bound-4 year

English 4

Social Studies 3-4

Math 4

Science 3-4

Modern Language 2-4



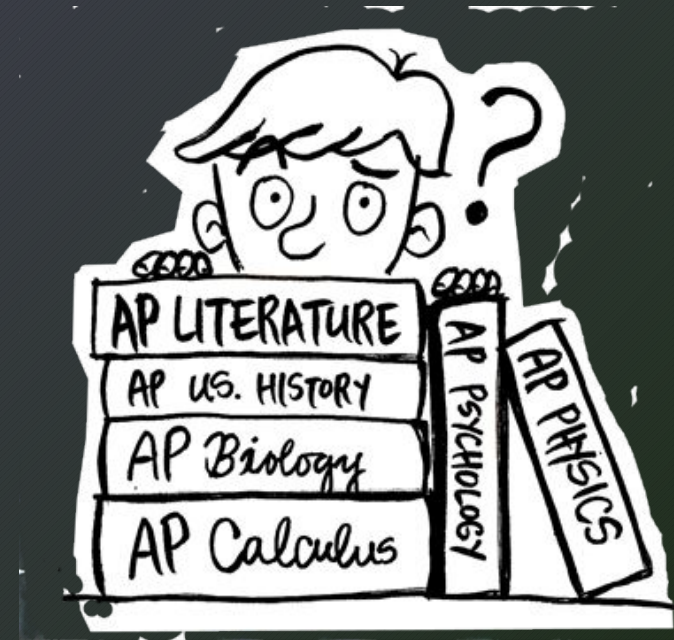
What do colleges look for?

1. Strength of high school courses (AP/CC/Honors)
2. Cumulative GPA (weighted/unweighted)
3. ACT/SAT/SAT II
4. Extra-curricular activities (leadership)
5. Community Service



Competitive Courses

- AP- Advanced Placement- College Board
- College Credit
- Honors



ACT/SAT/SAT II

ACT

Scored 1-36

Test includes: English, Math, Reading, & Science (national test has an optional writing component).

www.actstudent.org

SAT

Scored 400-1600

Test includes: Evidence-Based Reading & Writing & Math (optional writing component).

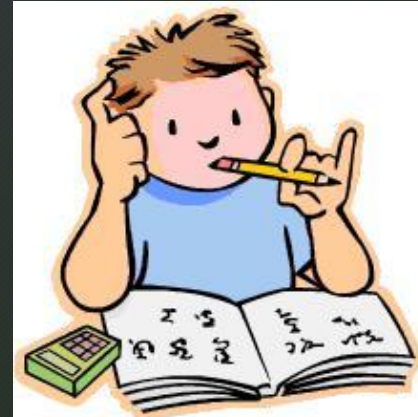
www.collegeboard.org

SAT II

Scored 200-800

20 tests available under the following categories: Mathematics, Science, English, History, & Languages

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How to study?

ACT

Free online prep through Kaplan Testing

<https://www.kaptest.com/act/free/act-practice>

Testive (Under Testing/Assessment Tab on Counseling website)

SAT

Free online prep through Khan Academy

<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

SAT II

Based on high school course work. The best way to prepare is by learning material taught in the corresponding classes and using the textbooks that you're already using in those classes.





Standardized Testing

SAT®



AP®



9th grade:

- Practice ACT in April

10th grade:

- Can elect to take PSAT in October (\$)
- Practice ACT in April
- AP testing in May

11th grade:

- Can elect to take PSAT/NMSQT in October (\$)
- ACT (the real deal!) in April
- Can elect to take ACT/SAT/SAT II (\$ registration is online)
- AP testing in May

12th

- Can elect to take ACT/SAT/SAT II (\$ registration is online)
- AP testing in May



NCAA/NAIA Eligibility



- If you are thinking you might play a collegiate sport, you must speak with your counselor about this as soon as possible.
- There are certain credit/GPA requirements to qualify- meet with your counselor to make sure you are in the correct courses.

NCAA Eligibility Center: <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

Mental Health Trends & Transition to College

Most common issues with transition into college:

- Homesickness
- Relying on parents/adults to “fix things”
- Self-advocacy
- Time management skills/prioritizing
- Lack of resiliency
- Social skills and lack of problem solving

A+

1. Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident (verification takes place at the college/university level).
2. Attend a designated A+ high school for 2 years prior to graduation.
3. Graduate from an A+ designated high school with an overall unweighted grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
4. Maintain a 95% high school attendance record for the 4 year period (attendance is not rounded up).
5. Perform 50 documented hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring (25 must be on Parkway property, with Parkway students, supervised by a Parkway staff member). Hours must be submitted by May 1st of the student's graduation year.
 - >0-25 hours may be community service through a non-profit organization
 - >0-12.5 hours may be job shadowing
6. Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the unlawful use of drugs and/or alcohol.
7. Make a documented good faith effort to secure federal post-secondary student financial assistance funds during the last semester of the senior year so as to obtain the A+ financial incentive (FAFSA).
8. Register for Selective Service, if applicable (as required by law).
9. Achieve a score of proficient or advanced on the official Algebra I end of course exam or a DESE approved end-of-course exam in the field of mathematics.
10. To retain this eligibility after high school graduation, I understand that I must enroll and attend on a full-time basis a Missouri public community college or public career/technical school, AND maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Your counselors

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