

NAVIGATING THE ROAD TO COLLEGE

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11th GRADE STUDENT-PARENT SEMINAR AGENDA

- GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
- SENIOR YEAR COURSE SELECTION
- STANDARDIZED TESTING
- NAVIANCE
- COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS



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11th GRADE STUDENT-PARENT SEMINAR SIMPLIFY THE COLLEGE PLANNING PROCESS

College opportunities exist for everyone. These five steps can help simplify the planning process:

- 1. Understand your situation
- 2. Understand admissions factors
- 3. Learn about College Admission Testing
- 4. Explore college options
- 5. Develop a financial plan



CLASS OF 2020 Graduation Requirements

<u>COURSES</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>
ENGLISH	4.0
SOCIAL STUDIES	4.0
MATH	3.0
SCIENCE	3.0
HEALTH	0.5
ART/MUSIC	1.0
WORLD LANGUAGE	1.0
ELECTIVES	3.5
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	<u>2.0</u>
TOTAL UNITS	22.0



SENIOR YEAR COURSE SELECTION

- **KEEP IT STRONG**
 - Colleges look for a rigorous/challenging program
 - Senior grades matter!
 - **COURSE INFORMATION NIGHT**
 - Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
 - Ask your current teacher(s) for suggestions
- **REQUIRED**
 - 6 Classes plus Physical Education
 - English
 - Social Studies
- **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
 - Continue math, science and world language
- **ELECTIVES**
 - Explore interests



Winter/Spring of Junior Year

TESTING

- Register and Prepare for SAT

<http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-dates>

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat?navId=gh-nsat>

- Register and Prepare for ACT

<http://www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html>

<http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/>

- SAT Subject Tests



What Do I Need To Know About Myself?

- G.P.A.
- SAT/ACT Scores
- Course Background
- Extra-curricular activities to support major interest
- Chances of acceptance if I meet general criteria
- Athletic or special talent
- Learning Style



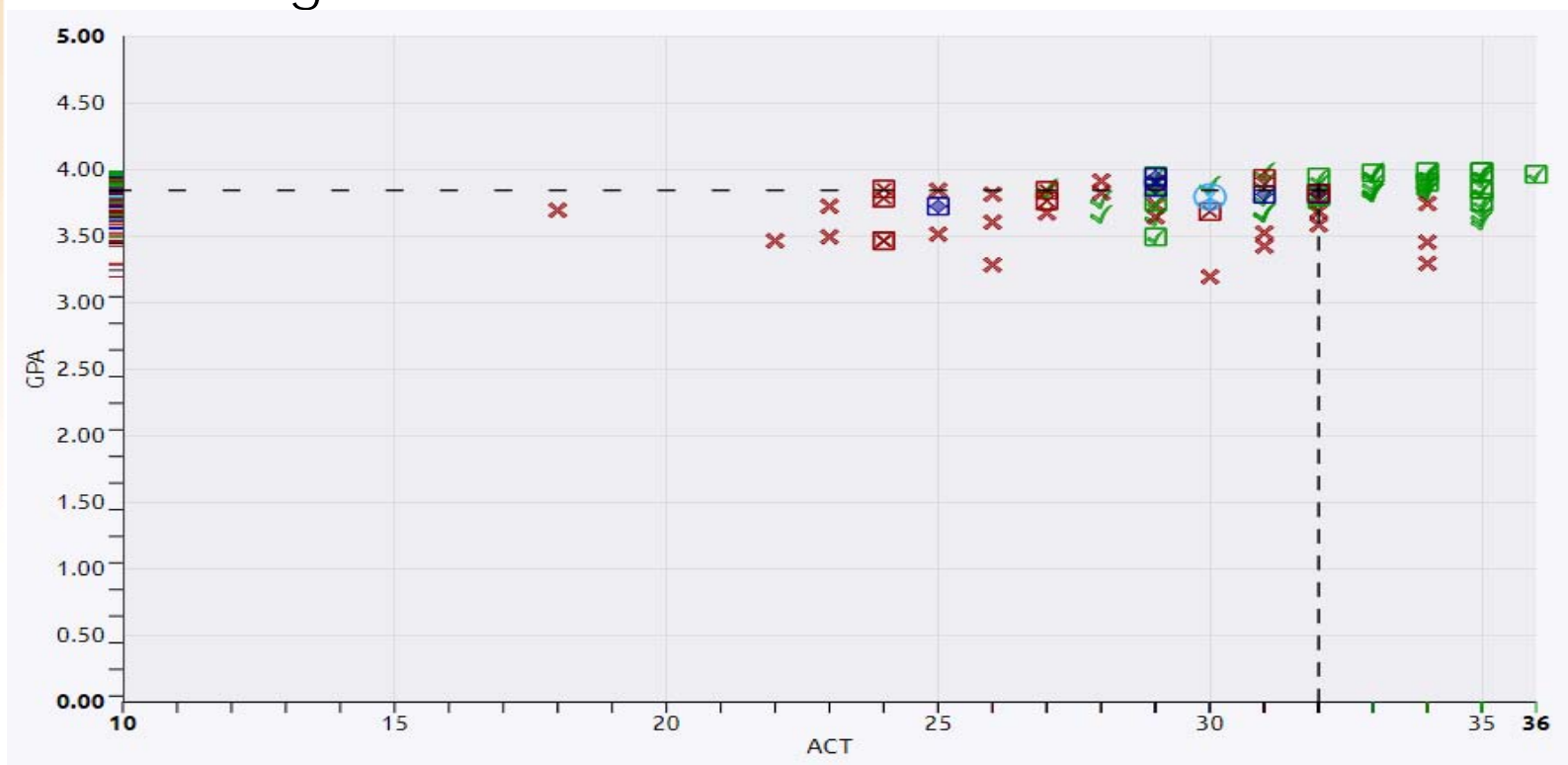
What to Consider

- Size and diversity of student body
- Location
- Academic programs
- Campus life – athletics, activities, housing
- Graduation and retention rates
- Take a campus tour.
- Speak with an admissions counselor.
- Sit in on a class of interest.
- Read the student newspaper.
- Talk to students and faculty.





- Computer-based program that allows students and parents to research colleges and careers.
- Scattergrams:



<https://powerschool.jerichoschools.org>

Log In to Naviance using your PowerSchool Portal Account

The screenshot shows the PowerSchool portal interface. At the top, the PowerSchool logo is on the left, and the user's name 'Jane' and 'Macro' are on the right. A navigation menu on the left lists 'Grades and Attendance', 'Grade History', 'Attendance History', and 'Email Notification'. The main content area displays 'Grades and Attendance: Test, Jane' with a table for 'Last Week' showing 'Exp' and days 'M T W H F M'. An 'Applications' modal window is open, listing 'Log in to Family Connection' and 'webEDGE'. A separate window for 'Jericho Public Schools' is also visible, showing a 'Select Child' dropdown with 'Jane Test' selected and a 'GO' button.

PowerSchool

Welcome, Greg Sloan | Help | Sign Out

Jane Macro

Navigation

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Grades and Attendance Standards Grades

Exp	Last Week					
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Applications

Applications	Description
Log in to Family Connection	Log in to Family Connection
webEDGE	State and District Administered Assessment Reports

Jericho Public Schools
99 Cedar Swamp Road, Jericho, NY 11753
(516) 203-3600

Welcome to Naviance Student

View information for this Child

Select Child

Jane Test ✓

GO



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www.Naviance.com





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 - <https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=jericho>



Components of a College Application

Colleges review applicants using a holistic approach

Objective Review:

- Transcript
- Strength of academic program
- Grades/GPA
- Standardized testing

Subjective Review:

- Essays
- Activities
- Recommendations



Essays

- Common Application – One essay is sent to all colleges.
 - Supplemental Essay(s) where applicable
- Various topics, such as:
 - *Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.* The following links include resources for writing effective essays:
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t__jNTOWePU
 - Tufts: <http://admissions.tufts.edu/apply/essay-questions/past-essays/>
 - Johns Hopkins: <https://apply.jhu.edu/apply/essays-that-worked/>
 - College Board: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/essays>





Activities

Common Application activity section includes the following categories:

- Extracurricular
- Community Service
- Athletics
- Work
- Summer
- Cultural
- Music

Record information using activity worksheet and/or Naviance

www.Naviance.com

http://hs.jerichoschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_5888181/File/Guidance/17-18/STUDENT_ACTIVITY_BLANK_WORKSHEET.doc



Letters of Recommendation

- Counselor
- Teachers - Ask two core academic teachers after AP exam testing period in May.

Students need to:

- Provide recommenders with brag sheets
- Pay attention to specific college requirements (check limits)
- **Be sure to follow directions**
 - Add teacher to Naviance



Types of Applications

THE COMMON
APPLICATION



COALITION for ACCESS,
AFFORDABILITY, and SUCCESS

SUNY – State University of NY
CUNY – City University of NY
UC System
Universal Application



Get Organized to Apply

Narrow and categorize your choices:

- “Reach schools (1 or 2)
- “On Target” Schools (3 to 4)
- “Safety” schools (1 or 2)



STUDENT ATHLETE / RECRUITING PROCESS

- NCAA – DIV. I & II
- REGISTER WITH NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE BY THE END OF JUNIOR YEAR
- DEVELOP ATHLETIC RESUME
- CONTACT COACHES OF PROSPECTIVE UNIVERSITIES
- ACADEMIC / ATHLETIC MATCH



JUNIOR CONFERENCE

- STUDENT/PARENT(S) ARE ENCOURAGED TO SCHEDULE JUNIOR CONFERENCE
 - After the New Year
 - Discuss the following topics:
 - Review Summer Plans
 - Speaks to your passion
 - » Academic programs
 - » Research
 - » Volunteer
 - » Employment
 - » Paid and non-paid
 - College application/selection process
 - Senior Year Curriculum
 - Review extracurricular activities
 - Teacher recommendation letters
 - Preliminary college list
 - CALL / EMAIL COUNSELOR FOR APPOINTMENT



Students with Special Needs

IEP/504

- Post Secondary Transition Panel Discussion – Rm. 269
 - Making a Successful Transition from High School to College
 - College Support Programs
 - Protecting Your Child with Special Needs Legally & Financially



NO MAGIC FORMULA

- Student must be active in the process
- Remain organized
- Be aware of deadlines
- Enable students to be self-advocates
- Stay positive
- **Be Realistic**



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