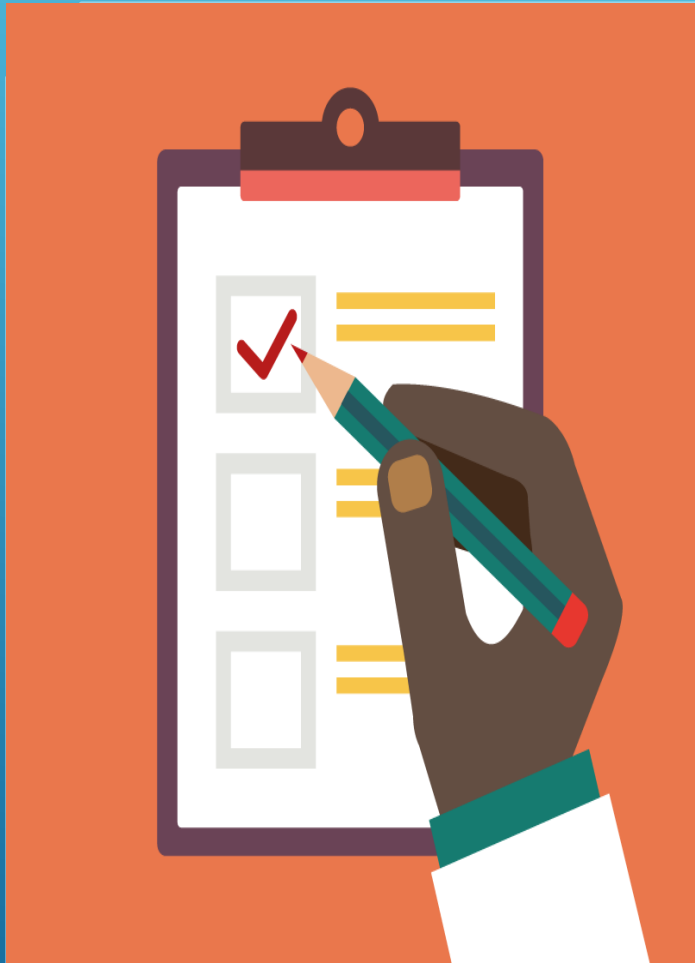


9TH & 10TH GRADE VIRTUAL FAMILY CHAT

Newport News Public School
Counseling Departments





AGENDA

- Who's Who?
- Graduation Requirements
- GPA & Promotion
- Post Secondary Plans
- Naviance
- Roadblocks & Detours
- Finding Success
- Tips for Parents

Professional School Counselor

- Collaborates with parents, teachers, administrators and others to promote learning, and help students establish and achieve their education, career and personal goals.
- Academic, social/emotional, post-secondary support
- Individual & small group counseling

Student Support Specialist

Provides resources to school personnel, students and families regarding issues impacting student's education

- Crisis and Social/emotional support
- Individual & small group counseling

College & Career Specialist

- College, career, and military assistance
- Naviance
- Scholarships
- Works with potential college athletes, assist with NCAA registration, NAIA, and assist students interested in pursuing college athletics.

Graduation Coach

- Support students transitioning into and out of high school
- Provides assistance to ensure on-time graduation for all students

WHO'S WHO?

MEETING WITH YOUR COUNSELOR



- Counselors will meet with every student during first semester to check-in and give students a chance to get to know their counselor.
- Counselors hold academic and career planning meetings with students to determine a program of study for high school and postsecondary career pathways based on the student's academic and career interest.
- Course requests for 2024-2025 school year will be conducted at the beginning of the 2nd semester. Your counselor will meet with you individually to discuss your courses for next year and your long term plan.

ADVANCED DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

Discipline Area	Units of Credit	Verified Credits
English	4	2
Mathematics	4	1
Laboratory Science	4	1
History & Social Sciences	4	1
Foreign Language	3	
Health & Physical Education	2	
Fine Arts or Career & Technical Education	1	
Economics & Personal Finance	1	
Electives	3	
Total:	26	5

STANDARD DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

Discipline Area	Units of Credit	Verified Credits
English	4	2
Mathematics	3	1
Laboratory Science	3	1
History & Social Science	3	1
Health & Physical Education	2	
World Language, Fine Art or CTE	2	
Economics & Personal Finance	1	*Industry Certification
Electives	4	
Total	22	5

GRADE POINT AVERAGE Weights

STANDARD

A=4.0

B=3.0

C=2.0

D=1.0

F=0.0

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A=4.5

B=3.5

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D=1.5

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ADVANCED PLACEMENT

A=5.0

B=4.0

C=3.0

D=2.0

F=0.0

WHY IS A STUDENT'S GPA IMPORTANT?

- ▶ Athletics & Organizations: Students participating in sports or school organizations must have a cumulative (GPA) of a 2.0 or higher.
- ▶ Honor roll status: Students with a 3.0 or higher will receive honor roll status after a semester. To graduate as an honor graduate, seniors must have a 3.0 or higher at the end of 1st semester of their senior year.
- ▶ Magnet status: You must maintain a 3.0 or higher to remain in the magnet program. Seniors receive a magnet seal upon completion of their magnet program.
- ▶ National Honor Society: Refer to your school NHS for the GPA requirement
- ▶ Scholarships: To be competitive for most scholarships, students should have at least a 3.0 or higher GPA.
- ▶ College Acceptance: Many 4 year colleges require at least a 3.0 GPA

Credit Requirements for Grade Classification

Grade 10 <i>Sophomore</i>	Grade 11 <i>Junior</i>	Grade 12 <i>Senior</i>
5 Credits	11 Credits	16 Credits

**If the minimum number of credits are not earned, a student is retained in the current grade level.

Options!

▶ Early College Program

- ▶ A partnership between Newport News Public Schools and Virginia Peninsula Community College (VPCC).
- ▶ Seniors in this program may earn up to 19 semester hours of college credit prior to graduating from high school.
- ▶ Who is eligible?
 - ▶ Students who are able to complete all high school advanced diploma requirements by the end of the first semester of their senior year.
 - ▶ 3.0 minimum grade point average

▶ New Horizons Career and Technical Program

- ▶ The center currently serves high school juniors and seniors in multiple career and technical programs. Programs are located on two campuses:
 - ▶ Butler Farm CTE Campus (Hampton)
 - ▶ Woodside Lane CTE Campus (Newport News)
 - ▶ Various career technical programs – Auto Body Technology, Nursing, Cybersecurity, Criminal Justice, Welding and many more

Rigor of High School Courses

Grade Point Average (GPA)

SAT/ACT scores

Essays

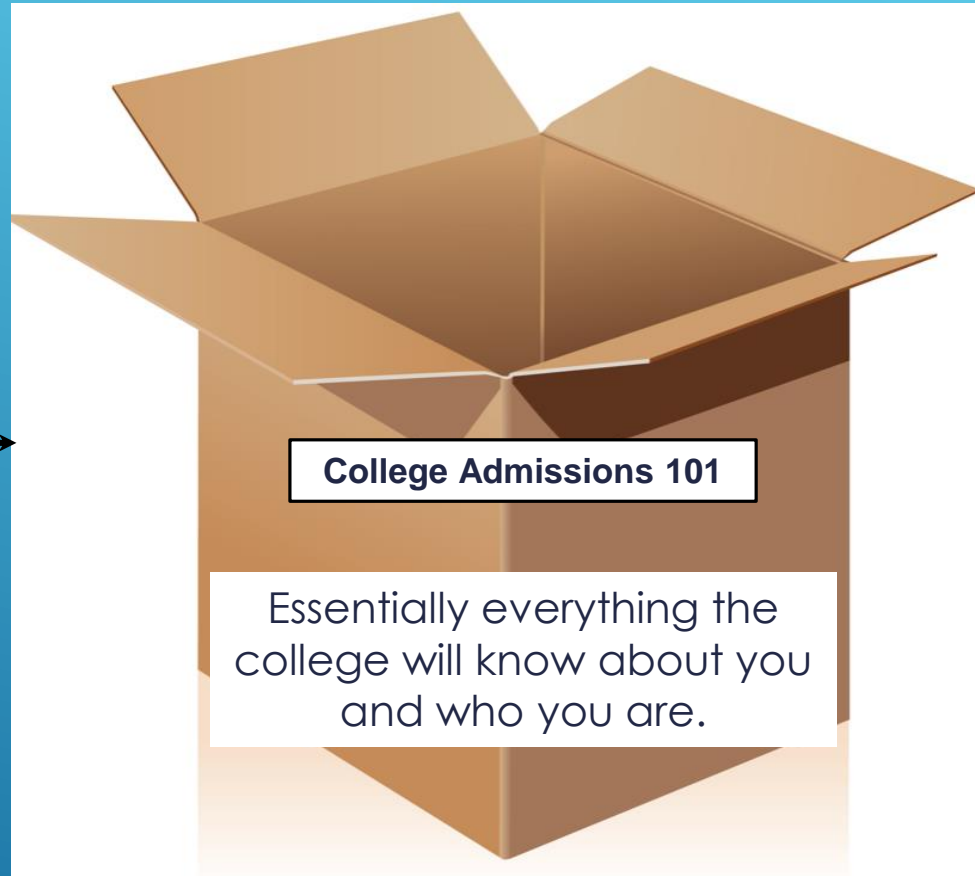
Senior Year Courses

Activities & Accomplishments

Teacher & Counselor Recommendations

Interview

Demonstrated Interest



College Admissions 101

Essentially everything the college will know about you and who you are.



NAVIANCE

From your high school webpage:

- Select student
- Select clever-canvas
- Select the Naviance Icon
- Login
 - Username: firstname.lastname
 - Password: student ID #

Naviance is a comprehensive K-12 college and career readiness tool. (College Search, Resume Building, Career Finder, Super Match, and Scholarships).

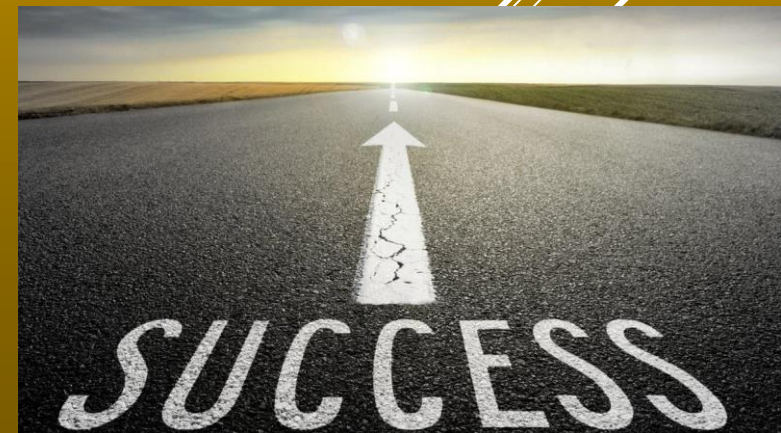
- ▶ Being absent and not making up work, tests, and quizzes
- ▶ Not completing homework and projects
- ▶ Not studying
- ▶ Not seeking additional help
- ▶ Poor time management
- ▶ Lack of communication with counselor and teacher
- ▶ Having 9 or more unexcused absences in a semester.



ROADBLOCKS AND DETOURS TO PROMOTION

- ▶ Meet with your school counselor
- ▶ Check your school email daily
- ▶ Check Student Vue regularly to keep track of your grades
- ▶ Ask for Help (if you don't understand something, ask a teacher or friend to help you)
- ▶ Get organized (use an agenda or calendar in your phone to keep track of upcoming homework, tests and projects. Also keep your assignments neat in a folder or binder)
- ▶ Manage your time wisely (set up a plan for studying and doing homework every night)
- ▶ Get Involved (Find a club or activity of interest and join it)
- ▶ Believe in YOURSELF (set high goals and go for it! You can do anything you set your mind to!)

TIPS TO A SUCCESSFUL FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORE YEAR



- ▶ Keep a calendar of school activities: holidays, report cards and interims, parent conference season, workshops, test dates, etc.
- ▶ Check for homework and projects
- ▶ Communicate with teachers by email or phone
- ▶ Attend School Counseling Extended Hour Workshops
- ▶ Check the Schools website regularly
- ▶ Meet with your student's School Counselor
- ▶ Make sure your student attends their classes regularly
- ▶ Use Parent Vue for online access to student grades

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?



IT'S THE NNPS WAY!

1. Maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA!
1. Attend every class, every day, on time!
1. Join at least one club, activity, or sport!
1. Attend at least one school sponsored event per semester!
1. Maintain appropriate behavior and no discipline referrals!



*Thank
you!*

Any questions?