

SENIOR YEAR RESOURCE GUIDE

- Academic performance=progression and consistency=credits=graduation
- Work towards your passion rather than perfection
- Review academic progress for graduation with counselor
- Re-take college entrance exams if necessary and/or desired
- Re-evaluate course selections for college admissions if necessary or desired (AP, ACC, Dual, etc.)
- Complete post-secondary application for Enrollment, Enlistment or Employment
- Complete the FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov) after October 1
- Update resume to reflect volunteer, service, extra-curricular and work experience
- Solidify post-secondary plans
- Apply for additional scholarships
- Apply for summer jobs and internships
- Apply for additional scholarships and obtain recommendation letters

CREDIT CHECK

Every credit counts!!! Know your status!!!

An on-target senior has earned...

At least .5 credits per required course per semester

Senior standing = 21.0+ credits by completion of the 6th semester (11th grade, semester 2)

*Please be mindful that credit recovery is the responsibility of the student and is necessary for graduation (*See Detroit Public Schools graduation requirements)

<https://www.detroitk12.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=21219&dataid=31322&FileName=Graduation%20Requirements.pdf>

DID YOU KNOW?

1. Your “body of work” aka transcript reflects your academic history over four years. Colleges base their admission decisions on your academic work after three completed years *(6 semesters)
2. Standard four-year college admissions =CUMULATIVE GPA + SAT/ACT SCORE
3. “D” Doesn’t stand for “Dynamite” and “F” Doesn’t stand for “Fantastic!”
4. Aim to get “As” and “Bs” but more importantly to understand the concepts presented in your course. Substance “Cs” will always be preferred over empty “As”
5. Failure is a choice. Make use of resources before the point of failure! (Google, You Tube, Apps, etc.)
6. “Fs” = NO CREDIT! You are responsible for retaking any failed courses on the transcript. Even when a course is retaken the “F” remains on the transcript.
7. Freshman year counts too!!! Colleges want to see progression over six semesters but most importantly a continuous progression. Be consistent!!!

Read More:

<http://www.collegexpress.com/articles-and-advice/majors-and-academics/blog/your-grades-dontdefine-you-they-do-matter/>

*In March of 2020 COVID-19 had a profound impact on society. Most schools throughout the nation were closed and students were engaged in distance learning. As a result, DPSCD issued pass or fail academic marks for the final semester (June 2020). Cumulative GPAs remained unchanged which means colleges will make decisions based upon 5 semesters. Any Fs that were earned will need to be retaken for credit.

MCAN College Covid Response Guide

<https://micollegeaccess.org/uploads//2020/08/11/college-covid-response-guide-8-11.pdf>

LIST OF 308 HOBBIES...Discover Your Passion
Not So Boring Life- Try something new...you just might like or even LOVE it!!!

<http://www.notsoboringlife.com/list-of-hobbies/>

DO SOMETHING.ORG (Find a Cause & Get Involved)

<https://www.dosomething.org/us/about/who-we-are>

ATHLETIC SCHOLARS- REGISTRATION & COLLEGE INFO

NCAA Student Eligibility Center https://web3.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.jsp

National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) www.njcaa.org

Student-Athletes: Choosing A College

<https://professionals.collegeboard.org/guidance/prepare/athletes/college>

Sports Activity & Children (The Facts)

<https://www.aspenprojectplay.org/the-facts>

ACADEMIC SUPPORT RESOURCES

Websites for online homework help

<http://www.onlinecollegecourses.com/2009/08/19/100-best-websites-for-free-homework-help/>

Top Online Learning Sites

<http://www.bestcollegereviews.org/50-top-online-learning-sites/>

IXL (Math & Language Arts Practice)

<http://www.ixl.com>

Better Time Management for High School Students

<http://www.time-management-success.com/time-management-for-high-school.html>

Study Skills Resources

<http://www.educationcorner.com/study-skills.html>

Multicultural Book List

<https://www.goodreads.com/list/tag/multicultural>

8 Apps Every High School Student Needs

https://www.buzzfeed.com/nicolenguyen/apps-every-high-school-student-needs?utm_term=.yuROM8PkD#.yvr53NDkd

Discovery

<http://www.discoveryeducation.com/students/index.cfm>

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Social Norms

<http://examples.yourdictionary.com/social-norm-examples.html>

Eleven Books to Boost Empathy in Teen Readers

<https://www.readbrihtly.com/books-to-boost-empathy-in-teen-readers/>

How to Survive High School

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/isabel-song/how-to-survive-high-school_b_3755160.html

Teen Health

<http://teenshealth.org/en/teens/>

Mental Health Apps <http://www.npr.org/2015/01/13/377038618/new-apps-give-teens-easier-persistent-access-to-mental-help>

*Chicken Soup for the Soul Series

<http://www.chickensoup.com/books?tid=8754>

Importance of Community Service

<http://childrensmid.org/browse-by-age-group/teaching-teens-volunteer-importance-community-service/>

VIRTUAL ZEN (MINDFULNESS) SPACE

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1sB_LEOoDn1CcfmmTnrJx5fuuZ43ogrKOKsMINZ1-5Jc/edit?usp=sharing

CAREER PLANNING & EXPLORATION RESOURCES

50 Character Traits that Matter

<https://www.monster.ca/career-advice/article/50-personality-traits-for-the-workplace-canada>

Big Future by The College Board

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/explore-careers>

Holland Code Going Listing of Post-Secondary Education Opportunities

<https://www.mitalent.org/skilled-trades-post-secondary-education-opportunities>

Michigan Skilled Trades Job Search

<https://www.mitalent.org/skilled-trades>

My Majors

<http://www.mymajors.com>

Going PRO in Michigan (Skilled Trades) <https://www.going-pro.com/careers/>

PRO: Professional Trades (Hot 25) in Michigan Brochure

<https://www.mitalent.org/Media/Default/Going%20PRO%20Toolkit/Going%20PRO%20Hot%2025.pdf>

DCAN Skilled Trades Resources

<https://www.detroitcan.org/skilledtrades>

RIASEC Test

<http://personality-testing.info/tests/RIASEC.php>

Occupational Outlook Handbook

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

MCAN Roadmap to Opportunity <https://roadmap2opportunity.org/>
 Vocational & Skilled Trade Search <https://www.trade-schools.net/trades/>
 Resume Skills for High School Students <https://www.thebalance.com/resume-skills-for-high-school-students-2063767>

***Explores the Type of Degrees & Academic Credentials**

<https://www.trade-schools.net/articles/types-of-degrees-diplomas.asp>

COLLEGE EXPLORATION RESOURCES

College Week www.collegeweeklive.com
 College Navigator <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>
 Historically Black College Network <http://www.hbcunetwork.com/>
 Peterson's www.petersons.com
 Princeton Review www.princetonreview.com
 Career Cruising www.careercruising.com
 World Wide Learn <http://www.worldwidelearn.com/online-education-guide/index.html>

VIRTUAL DISCOVERY ROOM LINK

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1icPtadajlLcbOffxRCHFBcQ_U80ywhn94QwMxKMrKbo/edit?usp=sharing

VIRTUAL HBCU ROOM LINK

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ARd2CeMa2PMajGEUNX3rw2HrSmPmzY2KEjWQBAgcsvY/edit?usp=sharing>

College Entry/Military/AP Exam Resources

ACT <http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/>
 ASVAB (Military Entrance Exam) *Scheduled by recruiters after practice test is taken ASVAB Practice Test
<https://asvabpracticetestonline.com/>
 Free ACT/SAT Practice Tests https://www.powerscore.com/sat/help/content_practice_tests.cfm
 Khan Academy <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat>
 Khan Academy SAT Practice Test <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat/full-length-sat-1>
 March 2 Success <https://www.march2success.com/main/courses>
 Number2.com www.number2.com
 SAT <https://sat.collegeboard.org/home>
 SAT Test Tips <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat/new-sat-tips-planning#sat-strategies-general>
 Practice ACT Test <https://uniontestprep.com/act/practice-test>
 Princeton Review <http://www.princetonreview.com/sat-act-free-practice-test.aspx>
 The Best Free SAT Prep Apps <https://www.unigo.com/get-to-college/college-prep/the-5-best-free-sat-prep-apps>
 Test Taking Tips <http://www.testtakingtips.com/> Testing with Success Series <http://www.studygs.net/tsttak1.htm>
 College Admissions Requirements <https://www.petersons.com/blog/college-admission-requirements-and-your-gpa/>

SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

Fastweb	www.fastweb.com	Scholarships360	www.scholarships360.org
FAFSA	www.fafsa.gov	College Results Online	collegeresults.org/
FASA ID	https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm		
Scholarships	www.scholarships.com	Scholarship Hunter	www.scholarshiphunter.com/home.htm
Scholly (APP)	www.myscholly.com	Scholarship Points	www.scholarshippoints.com
Cappex	www.cappex.com	Scholarship Monkey	www.scholarshipmonkey.com
CollegeNet	www.collegenet.com	Niche	www.niche.com
Zinch	www.zinch.com	Unigo	www.unigo.com

Raise Me <https://www.raise.me/signup?auth=signup&country=US>

International Students Financial Aid Guide

<https://lendedu.com/blog/student-loans-for-international-students/>

MiSSG http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/0,4636,7-128-60969_73336-395580--.00.html

Money Management for High School Students

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/personalfinance/2015/04/25/nerdwallet-teens-money-lessons/22174663/>

Sallie Mae <https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/financial-aid/>

FRANK FAFSA www.frankfafsa.com

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS QUICK TIPS

There is a type of school for everybody! The key is to find the right one!! Research your postsecondary options to make sure that you know the required next steps!!!

1. A four-year degree program is not required for every profession
 2. Familiarize yourself with the academic programs and degree offerings
 3. Familiarize yourself with the admission requirements
- The magic number is six. Apply to at least five colleges/universities (3-in state, 2 out of state of the inverse) including one junior college/community college.

The reasons to always apply to at least one junior college/community college are:

1. COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS COLLEGE! You may seek a career path that does not require a four-year degree.
2. Money may be funny. In case you are not able to afford tuition at your institution of choice you can take courses at a junior college/community college and transfer the credits
3. Once you go away you might not stay. Life happens. You may need to come back home due to issues academically, financially or personally. You can always take classes at your local community college and transfer the credits
4. Whether there is a desire to get ahead or difficulty progressing in a course there is the option to take the equivalent at a community college and transfer the credits

~APPLICATION TIPS CONTINUED~

- Remember that you apply for admission to the academic program at the institution not the institution! Don't get stuck on the name of the school...research the academic program to see how it is ranked. A less popular school might have a stellar academic program of interest that may prepare you better than a more popular school.
- You have the challenge of showing them (admissions/recruiters/enrollment personnel) who you are beyond the academic transcript. Example: If you and another applicant have the exact same academic criteria then it will depend on who is the better candidate. You can always submit more than what they ask for (resumes, letters of recs, certificates of completion for a related program, transcripts for college courses, etc.). Show them who you are!
- Be realistic! The minimal admissions criteria will not change. The location will not change. The fact that you will have to do work will not change! It is essential to apply where you know you can not only be accepted but be successful (both academic and socially).
- Take the time to do an informal visit! There is often a different reality when you aren't taking a tour!
- If there is a bridge program (a preparation program that begins post high school and precollege) at your institution of interest learn how to enroll in it
- A post-secondary education is an investment. You will have to make sacrifices---academically, socially and financially along the road to completion.
- If there is a possible fee waiver take advantage of it! Applications can add up!!! (If on-sites will be held at your school for any institutions of interest then wait for them!!!)

□ Some colleges will have higher admissions criteria for specific academic programs (engineering, pre-med, art, etc.). Before applying to these specific programs research the admissions criteria. If you do not meet the admissions criteria for these programs apply undecided/ undeclared or to the liberal arts school and seek to transfer after being admitted.

*SEEK HELP first from your counselor and then the admissions recruiter assigned to your school. They can help navigate you through the application maze!

RESOURCEFUL POST SECONDARY ONLINE ARTICLES

8 Ways to Control Your Time

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/inside-the-classroom/8-ways-to-take-control-of-your-time>

Top Skills That Will Get You Hired

<http://www.cnbc.com/2016/10/20/the-top-10-skills-that-will-get-you-hired.html>

Fastest Growing Occupations

https://www.bls.gov/emp/ep_table_103.htm

Best Jobs in America <http://money.cnn.com/pf/best-jobs/2017/list/index.html>

25 Hot Jobs in Michigan

http://jobs.westmiworks.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2018/01/2018-Hot-JobsList_inside_w.hyperlinks.pdf

9 Ways to Attend College for Free

<http://www.bankrate.com/finance/college-finance/9-ways-to-attend-college-for-free-1.aspx>

A Professor's Pointers for Success in College

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/ann-marie-gardinier-halstead/a-professors-pointersfor_b_5654706.html

99 Success Tips for College (Great resource for detailed list for each topic) <https://www.trade-schools.net/articles/student-success-tips.asp>

30 Practical Things Students Should Know Before Heading Off to College

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/marjorie-hansen-shaevitz/30-practical-things-students-need-to-know_b_3376199.html

25 Tips for First Year College Success

<https://www.livecareer.com/quintessential/first-year-success>

10 High Paying Careers for High School Graduates

<http://www.moneycrashers.com/10-high-paying-jobs-that-dont-require-an-undergraduate-degree/>

10 Best Companies for Careers for High School Grads <http://www.moneycrashers.com/10-high-paying-jobs-that-dont-require-an-undergraduate-degree/>

2017 Best HBCUs in America <https://www.niche.com/colleges/rankings/best-hbcu-schools/>

The Best HBCUs: Essence and Money Rank Top Colleges for Black Students

<http://www.essence.com/galleries/best-hbcus-essence-and-money-rank-top-colleges-black-students>

10 Tips for Visiting the Recruiting Office

<http://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/recruiting-10-tips.html>

8 Tips for Successfully Completing Basic Training

<http://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/boot-camp-success-tips.html>

FIU Offers Free Tuition

<http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/local/Cant-Pay-for-College-FIU-Offers-Free-Tuition-415133553.html>

15 Study Apps for College Students

<http://www.collegechoice.net/top-15-study-apps-for-college-students/>

25 Apps College Students Shouldn't Live Without

<http://www.lifehack.org/articles/technology/25-apps-college-students-shouldnt-live-without.html>

29 Money Lessons Every High School Graduate Should Know

<http://www.businessinsider.com/money-lessons-high-school-graduates-2014-7>

Why (Traditional) College Isn't for Everyone

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/robert-reich/why-college-isnt-and-shouldnt-have-to-be-foreveryone_b_6920436.html

The Hourly Income You Need to Afford Rent Around the U.S <http://huffp.st/2Soxmwa>

Best Health Care Jobs

<https://money.usnews.com/careers/best-jobs/rankings/best-healthcare-jobs>

20 Highest Paid Non-Physician Jobs

<https://www.healthcare-management-degree.net/highest-paid-non-physician-jobs-in-healthcare/>

25 High Demand Jobs in 2018

<https://www.trade-schools.net/articles/high-demand-jobs.asp>

How to Get the Most Out of College

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/17/opinion/college-students.html>