

Junior Year Overview for Families



Junior year is an exciting time, as well as a crucial year in planning for life after graduation. Here is a quick “Cheat Sheet” that provides an *overview* of what your student will be doing in 11th grade with us to plan and prepare. In addition to future emails and “connect-ed” phone calls, all of our information can be found in the Naviance document library and the OHS website in case you miss anything or want to look ahead!

Junior Year Checklist

Fall Semester:

- ❖ Junior Class Meeting- Held Virtually this year in August
 - Review Post-Grad information, upcoming dates, graduation requirements and Junior year expectations
 - Review OHS expectations from administration
- ❖ PSAT10 Results and review- t.b.a during Fall in US History Class
 - Receive and review test results back from the PSAT10 taken last April **if applicable*
 - Review how to read scores and use score to study for upcoming PSAT/NMSQT and Spring tests
 - Receive the Junior College Planning Worksheet- an overview of what to expect and what to start doing now- especially getting on Naviance. **Junior Year has 3 big check components- this is the 1st**
 - Naviance provides: complete college search tools, scholarship searches, tips and tricks for ACT/SAT courses, career interest inventories/information, and other essential news/updates- including college visits
 - The Naviance website is: <https://student.naviance.com/overlandhs>
 - Free ACT/SAT prep courses are on Method Test Prep, Khan Academy and College Board. The link for Method Test prep is on the OHS website- “Do Overland like a B.O.S.S”
- ❖ College Readiness Day- October 29, 2020- Take the PSAT/NMSQT. This is the last practice test before the ACT and SAT in the spring
- ❖ Junior College Preparation Seminar- End of October in Science/Math classes. This is the 2nd big component
 - Receive the Post-Secondary Options Counseling presentation
 - Receive the “Junior College Preparation” packet (the “Blue” packet). This year’s packet follows last years “Sophomore Planning” activities and will loop into next year’s Senior packet (the “Yellow” packet). All are available on Naviance and our website for your use and reference at any time
- ❖ Start Test Prep courses- Method Test prep is available on the OHS “Like a B.O.S.S” link, **live SAT prep may become available but is tentative to COVID restrictions*

Spring Semester:

- ❖ Semester review of enrolled classes and credit checks completed (*done by counselor, modified w/ student if necessary*)
- ❖ Junior Class Meetings- Spring version, date TBA
- ❖ Post Grad Night (Family College and Career Planning) for Students and Families- t.b.a Feb, 2021- Review College topics and timelines
- ❖ Register for Senior year courses- Feb 2021 in Social Studies- review information on how to select while planning for graduation in accordance with teacher and counselor recommendations
- ❖ Junior College Fairs- check Naviance for upcoming dates, most run Feb-April
- ❖ ACT- Feb 23, 2021
- ❖ Junior Credit Check- Starting in March in English Classes. This is the 3rd big component
 - Confirm awareness of most current credit situation and review which classes will need to successfully completed this year and next for graduation
 - Modify next year’s choices if necessary
 - Review credit retrieval options if applicable
 - Review the flow map of Junior tasks assigned in Naviance per the “Blue” packet given in the fall
- ❖ SAT- April 13, 2021
- ❖ Summer School information will become available mid- April
- ❖ Finish Junior Tasks (“Blue” packet)- May 2021