

Jumpstart to College & Career Planning Night for Juniors Pt. II



May 1, 2024

Tonight's Agenda

1. What steps have you **ALREADY** taken toward future planning?
2. What should you be doing **MOVING FORWARD?**
3. Naviance
4. Landscape of competitive college admissions with Boston College



Future Planning

Spring '24: Course Selection / Naviance

February – March 2024

- Each Class of 2024 student had an individual, twenty minute appointment with their school counselor.
- Naviance classroom lessons with school counselors

Purpose:

- Discuss course selections for the 2023-2024 school year
- Ensure that courses are geared toward meeting FHS graduation requirements as well as toward each student's post-secondary goals
- Answer any questions students have about their academic plan.
- Learn how to use Naviance as a College/Career research tool
- Start getting serious about post-secondary plans/planning

Second Half of Junior Year: CONTINUE EXPLORATION

There are **MANY** paths to a happy and successful life and career!

- Two or Four Year College
- Technical School/Professional License
- Work
- Military
- Gap/Interim Year



Second Half of Junior Year: CONTINUE EXPLORATION

Important Factors to Consider

- Financial needs, fit and outcome
- Many great programs– affordable Certificate, Associate's, Bachelor's and Master's degree programs– all within the MA State College system!

MassTransfer - <http://www.mass.edu/masstransfer/>

- 2 + 2 Transfer Options!
- Any community college → Any smaller state university → UMASS after two years

Second Half of Junior Year: EXPLORATION ON NAVIANCE

College Search Tools:

College Lookup: search the database for quick facts about colleges and universities.

College Compare: compare average GPAs and test scores for accepted students from FHS at up to ten colleges.

Scattergrams: graph that shows SAT scores and GPAs of FHS applicants (without names) and indicates whether the student was admitted, wait listed, or denied.

Features Regularly Updated:

College Visits: for seniors to see when College Admissions Representatives or Professional Organizations are visiting FHS.

Scholarship List: this section contains information for seniors about every scholarship of which FHS has been made aware.

The screenshot shows the Naviance website interface with several sections and annotations:

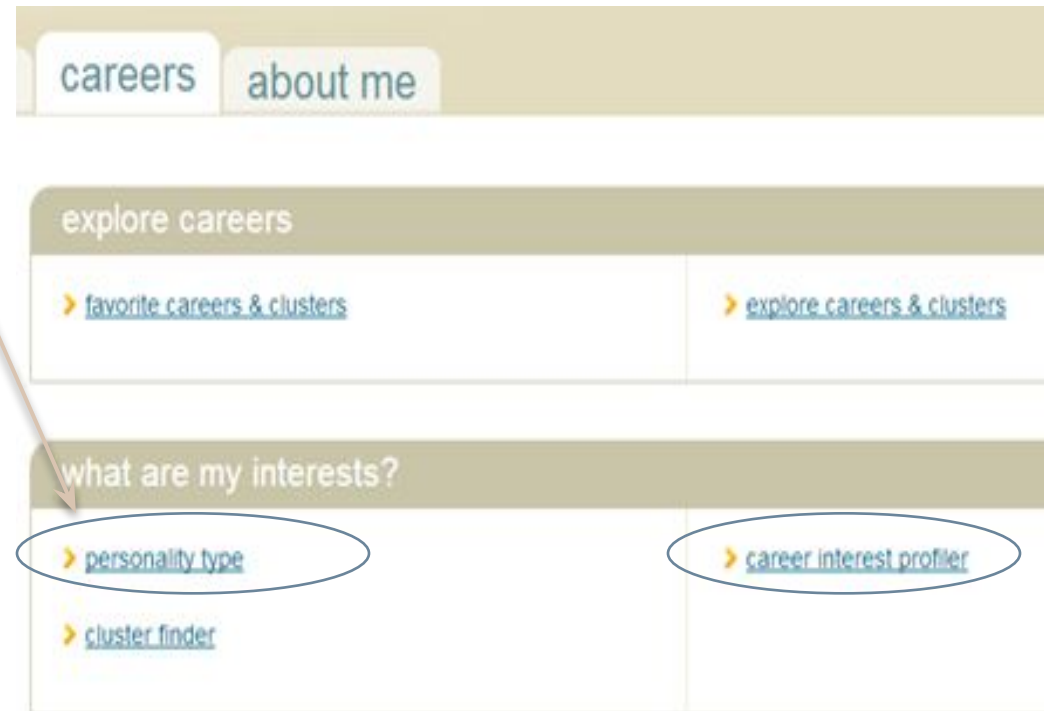
- Navigation:** "careers" and "about me" tabs at the top.
- my colleges:** A section with links for "colleges I'm thinking about" and "colleges I'm applying to". A circled area on the right contains "Upcoming college visits" and "No upcoming visits." An arrow points from the "colleges I'm applying to" link to this circled area.
- college research:** A section with links for "SuperMatch™ college search", "college compare", "college lookup", and "college search". On the right, there are links for "college resources", "college maps", "scattergrams", "acceptance history", and "enrichment programs". A circled area around "college maps" and "scattergrams" has an arrow pointing from the "college compare" link.
- scholarships & money:** A section with links for "scholarship match" and "scholarship list" (circled), and "scholarship applications" and "national scholarship search" on the right. An arrow points from the "scholarship list" link to the text description of the Scholarship List.

Second Half of Junior Year: EXPLORATION ON NAVIANCE

CAREERS TAB

Do What You Are: This is a helpful personality assessment of strengths, areas of growth, and career ideas based on the Myers-Brigg Personality Types. This inventory should take about 30 minutes.

Career Interest Profiler: This is a tool that can help you discover the types of work activities and careers that match your interests. Interest profiler has 180 questions about work activities that people do at their jobs.



Second Half of Junior Year: 4 YEAR COLLEGE PATH



SAT & ACT

We recommend taking the SAT or ACT as follows:

- Round 1 during May/June of Junior Year
- Round 2 (if needed) during August – December of Senior Year

To register and for more information:

- SAT: www.collegeboard.org
- ACT: www.act.org

****If you believe you qualify for a fee waiver, please see the college & career counselor or your school counselor****

TOEFL

May be recommended for some students who learned a first language other than English.

- Should be taken during fall of senior year
- For more information and to register: <http://www.ets.org/toefl>

Second Half of Junior Year: 4 YEAR COLLEGE PATH

Students applying to 4-Year Colleges will likely need at least 1 teacher letter or recommendation and a school counselor letter of recommendation.

You should ask for letters of recommendation... NOW!

Teacher Recommendation(s)

You will likely need 1-2 teacher letters

- 1 STEM
- 1 humanities

*We recommend asking teachers from junior year.

School Counselor Recommendation

- In order to request a counselor letter of recommendation, you will complete the “Student Interview Packet.”
- You will schedule an appointment to go over the packet with your counselor.

Second Half of Junior Year: 4 YEAR COLLEGE PATH

Now + Over Summer Break

Start your college essay

- Choose the topic wisely.
- Proofread, proofread, proofread!
- Ask 1-2 trusted adult(s) for help with editing.
- When you return to school, use the FHS Writing Center (E207) for proofreading.

Continue the College/Career Search!

- Visit campuses, job shadow, get an [internship](#)!
- Use [NAVIANCE](#)
- Use [CANVAS](#)
- Use [COMMON APP](#) (launches 8/1/23 for '23-24 applications)
- Think about [FAFSA](#) & Financial Aid (FAFSA opens 10/1/23 for '24-25)

Compile a list of colleges/programs to which you want to apply

- Should be a balance of 'safety,' 'target,' and 'reach' schools (use the Naviance scattergrams)
- Once you've compiled a list, check each college's admissions website to find out their specific application requirements.

Second Half of Junior Year: TRY THINGS OUT



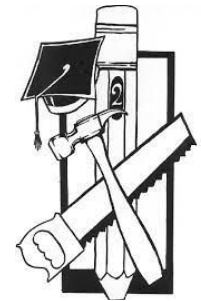
Continue to reflect on what you see yourself doing after graduation.
Research, research, research!!!

Explore your options, for example:

- 2 Year College/Associate's Degree
 - Look into programs available at Massachusetts [Community Colleges](#) (*See hand-out in the [Night Events](#) folder).
 - Consider the [MassTransfer](#) or Commonwealth Commitment Program
- Local Post Graduate Programs
- FSU at MassBay Program
- [GAP Year](#) Programs
- [Military](#)
- Apprenticeship
- Talk to FHS Career Service Specialist about job shadowing or [internship](#)



Internship



Support: FHS College & Career Center

Ongoing Services

- One-on-one appointments during the school day
- Standardized testing preparation events and webinars
- Dual Enrollment opportunities and support for students signing up for these courses
- Regular updates to the Scholarship Database (accessible to seniors on Naviance)
- ASVAB exams (November + April annually)

Next Fall & Winter, as seniors, you will have access to:

- ~100 college admissions representative visits to FHS
- Lunchtime + other workshops throughout the year
- On-the-Spot Admissions events at FHS
- Post-secondary & financial aid events + information events
- FHS + local Scholarships

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The School Counseling Department Website

<http://www.framingham.k12.ma.us/fhsguidance.cfm>

- ❖ Counselor contact information
- ❖ Links to newsletters, college visit sign-ups, and college/career resources
- ❖ Information about upcoming events

College & Career Center (CACCC) in K002:

College & Career Center Canvas pages

<https://framinghamk12.instructure.com/courses/41490>

Newsletters from the School Counseling & the CACC

~Weekly emails from Ms. Erikson with ongoing events & resources

<https://www.framingham.k12.ma.us/domain/281>

JUNIOR JUNE – 5/16 & 5/17

The School Counseling Dept. will be hosting a **JUNIOR JUNE** series for grade 11 students that is *first come, first serve*. Junior June will go as follows:

Four-Year College application guidelines & process	Two-Year + Vocational / Alternative (Military, gap year, etc.)	I Don't Know!
11am-12pm - 5/16	12-1pm - 5/17	12-1pm - 5/17
11am-12pm - 5/17	—	—

JUN JUNIOR JUNE Sign-Up



Please welcome Ms. Susan Migliorisi

Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions
from Boston College!

