

Prepping for Success Script - Meaghan

Thank you Ms. Osher.

Now we are going to talk more about how you can prep for success. You will want to highlight your accomplishments and activities in a structured way, which can be through a resume or portfolio.

Slide 16- This is a great time build your resume. How are you involved outside of the classroom: a club, job, or volunteering? What are you excited about and ready to commit to and keep track of your time. If you have to work or babysit your family or neighbors then that's important for colleges and employers to know so that they understand how your after school life is spent. You may find that the things you are doing now can and should be included in your resume:

Be sure you are including how long you have been doing the activity. If it's relevant (it usually is) think about the number of hours in practice, games, concerts, competitions, plays, or tournaments to come up with a realistic picture of your time spent in each activity.

You can include middle school activities if you have been consistently involved and continue to do them today (ex girl scouts over the years, or band since 7th grade or travel soccer).

Slide 17- One way to create a resume is through Naviance Resume Builder. This is a great way to keep track of your activities and stay organized. Once you set it up, you'll want to remember to keep your academics, awards and extracurricular activities updated

The nice thing is Your information will be in one place, and Naviance resumes will organize this information and format it for you once you are ready to print and export it.

Even if you use a different method, keeping track of notable events will make senior year easier.

Some notable events include:

- Work/ internships/volunteering

- Events
- School activities
- Honors
- An educational summer experience
- And Clubs that you have joined or created

Slide 18- Remember to continue to challenge yourself and do well academically. It's important to stay involved in meaningful activities that will develop your leadership skills.

As we are starting to plan for next year. This is a great time to talk to your counselor to select courses for senior year or junior year, and see how you can boost your transcript, in a way that works for you. Remember to keep your grades up and reach out for help when necessary

You'll want to continue, or try rigorous courses next year.

-AP, IB and Dual-enrolled classes are weighted. This means they offer the potential for a full quality point depending on the course. This can help boost your GPA, but you also want to go with your strengths and interests when picking those classes

New for 2024-2025 SY: Chorus, etc. have extra .5 weight

- AP, IB courses have a required exam at the end of the year. Different colleges will provide credit for different scores. Make sure to check with each school you are interested in to see what they accept.
- Dual-enrollment is an opportunity for students to take and earn guaranteed college credit with passing grade. These classes are available either at the Career Center or at W-L.
- Coming up, your counselor will be reviewing your graduation requirements and talking about what works best for you and your goals
- You will also talk with your counselor about dropping middle school grades and see if that is a good option for you. Speak to your counselor directly to discuss how it will impact your GPA and graduation requirements
- Lastly, you all may be familiar with the PSAT's. They are practice that help identify your strengths and areas for improvement in preparation for the SAT's. 10th and 11th grade students took them in October and scores have come back.

You can view your scores on Collegeboard and use your score report to take personalized practice tests for the SAT test through Khan Academy.

- 11th graders are considered for the National Merit Scholarships depending on their scores. They are notified in the fall of senior year.
- Next we will hear more about testing with Mr. Poutre...