



EHS COLLEGE COUNSELING

FALL 2021 GUIDELINES FOR JUNIOR YEAR

GRADES

Junior year is an excellent opportunity to showcase your academic profile and/or demonstrate an upward trend in grades. After this year, your transcript determines your position in the class (particularly top 6% as it relates to UT and top 10% for A&M) and is the basis for college admission evaluation. Do not let your grades falter!

STANDARDIZED TESTS

PSAT

All juniors will take the **PSAT** on **Wednesday, October 13** at EHS. While PSAT scores are not reported to colleges, this test allows students to qualify for National Merit recognition and also serves as good practice in taking a college entrance exam.

SAT & ACT

We recommend that juniors register for the **(Dec. or Feb. ACT)** and/or the **(Dec. or March SAT)**.

Note: Most colleges today do not require the writing section for either SAT or ACT. Our office will provide further instruction and guidance on taking these tests as we learn more information.

2021-2022 STANDARDIZED TESTING IMPORTANT DATES

ACT

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (late fee required)
September 11, 2021	August 6, 2021	August 20, 2021
October 23, 2021	September 17, 2021	October 1, 2021
December 11, 2021	November 5, 2021	November 19, 2021
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022	January 21, 2022
April 2, 2022	February 25, 2022	March 11, 2022
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	May 20, 2022
July 16, 2022	June 17, 2022	June 24, 2022

SAT

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (late fee required)
August 28, 2021	July 30, 2021	August 17, 2021
October 2, 2021	September 3, 2021	September 21, 2021
November 6, 2021	October 8, 2021	October 26, 2021
December 4, 2021	November 4, 2021	November 23, 2021
March 12, 2022	February 11, 2022	March 1, 2022
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022	April 26, 2022
June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022	May 25, 2022

TEST PREP AND INDEPENDENT CONSULTANTS

Many students find great value in preparing for standardized exams outside of school. Each student's needs are different, and certainly cost and time commitment affect one's ability to prep outside of school. College Counseling does not endorse a single source for test preparation as the individual results and needs of students vary.

Also, proceed with caution when using tutors who try to sell college counseling services. Unfortunately, our staff finds they must help students reconstruct essays and resumes (initially drafted using these services) due to either poor quality or unethical embellishment. We also find that much of the college counseling advice students may receive outside of EHS is misguided. If you need guidance in this area, contact any member of the EHS College Counseling Office.

INVOLVEMENT

Juniors should pursue activities of personal significance. Colleges prefer genuine interest and depth of activity as opposed to a wide range of superficial involvement. Keep accurate records and update your resume accordingly.

NCAA/ATHLETIC RECRUITING

College recruiting revs up in the junior year. You can register for NCAA in the spring, but your registration is not complete until your transcript is sent at the end of junior year. You must send SAT and/or ACT scores to NCAA directly from the testing agencies. Talk to your coaches, plan showcase tournaments and competitions, and develop relationships with colleges.

COLLEGE COUNSELING ACTIVITIES

Conferences

Beginning in January junior conferences will be coordinated. Parents/Guardians should attend this meeting in which students create their initial college list with a counselor. EHS does not assign counselors. Your appointment will be scheduled according to your student's schedule and counselor availability. Regardless of who the student meets with as a sophomore or junior, all of the college counselors work with all students. The college list, rec letters, and many other factors in the process are collaborative efforts. Therefore, parents should not request or worry about the specific counselor for this particular meeting.

College Representative Visits at EHS

Juniors should take advantage of college rep visits at EHS. The College Counseling Office will send out weekly visit announcements. ***Instructions on how to register for a college rep visit are included on page 4 of this document.***

Visits to College Campuses

Juniors are allowed to miss **five** days of school to visit college campuses. You must obtain a Planned Absence Form from the Attendance Desk prior to any visit; teachers must be notified in advance. During this time, a number of colleges are not allowing visitors on campus or they are restricting the visits to high school seniors. However, other schools are welcoming guests with a modified campus tour. It is in your best interest to call the school ahead of time to inquire about their campus visit experience. We also encourage students to take advantage of the numerous virtual college visits.

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS/ADMISSION EVENTS

Many schools are hosting in-person and virtual college fairs and other special admission events throughout the fall. These experiences provide a great opportunity to meet representatives from colleges and universities while learning more about their institution. Please visit [Counseling Connections](#) for a list of college events.

STUDENTS ONLY: HOW TO REGISTER FOR COLLEGE REP VISITS

****Fall of 2021 visits will take place both in-person and virtually. Please carefully read all communication.***

Over 150 college representatives visit the EHS campus each year. These visits offer opportunities to learn more about various colleges and show **demonstrated interest**. Watch your inbox for weekly emails from The College Counseling Office about upcoming visits; colleges schedule visits every day, so schools are constantly getting added.

****HOW TO REGISTER FOR A COLLEGE REP VISIT****

1) Log into [Naviance](#) from the EHS website (see instructions below).

- To log into Naviance, go to the EHS homepage.
- Move your mouse over "Quicklinks," then click on "College Counseling."
- From the College Counseling page, click on "Naviance/Student Resources" and then click on the logo above "Naviance Student."
- Click on "Student" to access the login screen.
- Enter your username and password. Your username is your full EHS email address (e.g. mlopez2023@ehshouston.org). **Forgot your password?** Please be sure to click the link "Forgot your password?" to generate an email with a temporary password.
- HINT: It is a good idea to bookmark this Naviance page.

2) Scroll down your homepage to the box "What's New." Click on "Show More."

3) Look for the school you would like to meet with, then click "more info."

4) Then click "Register."

2021-2022 CALENDAR

Fall Semester

September

- ▮ Please refer to page 2 for standardized testing and important dates
- ▮ Start off the year with strong grades and good study habits
- ▮ Get in the habit of attending tutorials
- ▮ Research colleges – big, small, public, private, near, far, etc.
- ▮ Deepen involvement in extracurricular activities
- ▮ Attend in-person and virtual college rep visits at EHS

October

- ▮ Please refer to page 2 for standardized testing and important dates
- ▮ October 13 PSAT
- ▮ Continue to research colleges
- ▮ Attend in-person and virtual college rep visits at EHS
- ▮ End of first quarter

November

- ▮ Please refer to page 2 for standardized testing and important dates
- ▮ Attend in-person and virtual college rep visits at EHS
- ▮ Continue to work hard on grades

December

- ▮ Please refer to page 2 for standardized testing and important dates

Spring Semester – Junior Conferences Begin