



EHS COLLEGE COUNSELING

FALL 2023 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

Digital PSAT

All juniors will take the digital **PSAT** on **Wednesday, October 11th** at EHS. While PSAT scores are not reported to colleges, this test allows students to qualify for National Merit recognition and 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)**. Colleges do not have a preference for either exam, so take the test that best suits your strengths. There is no need to take the writing section of the ACT.

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. Take advantage of free online resources available at www.collegeboard.com and www.act.org.

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.

2023-2024 STANDARDIZED TESTING IMPORTANT DATES

ACT

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline- Late Fee Applies</u>
September 9, 2023	August 4, 2023	August 18, 2023
October 28, 2023	September 22, 2023	October 6, 2023
December 9, 2023	November 3, 2023	November 17, 2023
February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024	January 19, 2024
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 22, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024

SAT

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation and Late Registration-Late and/or Additional Fees may be applied</u>
August 26, 2023	July 28, 2023	August 15, 2023
October 7, 2023	September 7, 2023	September 26, 2023
November 4, 2023	October 5, 2023	October 24, 2023
December 2, 2023	November 2, 2023	November 21, 2023
March 9, 2024 (Digital)	February 23, 2024	Coming Soon
May 4, 2024 (Digital)	April 19, 2024	Coming Soon
June 1, 2024 (Digital)	May 17, 2024	Coming Soon

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 now, but your registration is not complete until your transcript is sent at the end of junior year. Talk to your coaches, plan showcase tournaments and competitions, and develop relationships with colleges.

COLLEGE COUNSELING ACTIVITIES

Conferences

Junior conferences will begin in January. 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, 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. Ms. Myers at the Attendance desk and teachers must be notified in advance. It is always in your best interest to call the school ahead of time to inquire about their campus visit experience. Also, we encourage students to take advantage of the numerous virtual college visits.

COLLEGE FAIRS/ADMISSION EVENTS

Many schools are hosting 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 an updated list of college events.

Colleges That Change Lives College Fair – August 12th

Colleges That Change Lives (CTCL) offers a national series of information sessions and college fairs for students, parents, and college counselors. Students and families can collect information from and speak directly with admission representatives from the colleges and universities that inspired the book *Colleges That Change Lives*. Students should register [here](#).

National Portfolio Day – September 30th

This is a wonderful opportunity for students interested in a future in art and design. Click [here](#) for more information.

STUDENTS ONLY: HOW TO REGISTER FOR COLLEGE REP VISITS

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. mlopez2022@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 Now.”

2023-2024 CALENDAR

Fall Semester

- 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 college rep visits at EHS
- Attend college fairs and college admissions events
- Visit college campuses, if possible
- Work hard on grades

Spring Semester

- Interim Term
- Junior Conferences Begin
- And continue with fall semester bullet points above

September						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Registration Deadline for October SAT	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Registration Deadline for October ACT	23
24	25	26 Late Registration Deadline for October SAT	27	28	29	30 National Portfolio Day from 11am-3pm at Norris Centers

October						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Registration Deadline for November SAT	6 Late Registration Deadline for October ACT	7 SAT Test Administration
8	9 School Holiday	10 Student Holiday Faculty In- Service	11 PSAT Administration @ EHS	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Late Registration Deadline for November SAT	25	26	27	28 ACT Test Administration
29	30	31				

November						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Registration Deadline for December SAT	3 Registration Deadline for December ACT	4 SAT Test Administration
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12	13	14	15	16	17 Late Registration Deadline for December ACT	18
19	20	21 Late Registration Deadline for December SAT	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

December						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 SAT Test Administration
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