



EHS COLLEGE COUNSELING

FALL 2022 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 12th** 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.

***Note:** Most colleges today do not require the writing section for the ACT. Our office will provide further instruction and guidance on taking these tests as well as provide counsel on test-optional policies and procedures.*

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.

2022-2023 STANDARDIZED TESTING IMPORTANT DATES

ACT

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline- Late Fee Applies</u>
September 10, 2022	August 5, 2022	August 19, 2022
October 22, 2022	September 16, 2022	September 30, 2022
December 10, 2022	November 4, 2022	November 11, 2022
February 11, 2023	January 6, 2023	January 20, 2023
April 15, 2023	March 10, 2023	March 24, 2023
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 19, 2023
July 15, 2023	June 16, 2023	July 7, 2023

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 27, 2022	July 29, 2022	August 16, 2022
October 1, 2022	September 2, 2022	September 20, 2022
November 5, 2022	October 7, 2022	October 25, 2022
December 3, 2022	November 3, 2022	November 22, 2022
March 11, 2023	February 10, 2023	February 28, 2023
May 6, 2023	April 7, 2023	April 25, 2023
June 3, 2023	May 4, 2023	May 23, 2023

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

Junior conferences will occur beginning 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 15th

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](#).

NACAC Houston College Fair – September 25th

Free and open to the public, National College Fairs allow students to interact with admission representatives from a wide range of postsecondary institutions. Learn, connect, ask questions, and discover your best college fit!

National Portfolio Day dates will be announced soon. Click [here](#) for updates.

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.”

2022-2023 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 Registration Deadline for October SAT	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 ACT Test Administration
11 NACAC Virtual College Fair	12	13	14	15	16 Registration Deadline for October ACT	17
18	19	20 Late Registration Deadline for October SAT	21	22	23	24
25 Houston NACAC College Fair	26	27	28	29	30 Late Registration Deadline for October ACT	

October						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 SAT Test Administration FAFSA Opens
2	3	4	5	6	7 Registration Deadline for November SAT	8
9 NACAC Virtual College Fair	10 School Holiday	11 Student Holiday Faculty In- Service	12 PSAT Administration @ EHS	13	14	15
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23	24	25 Late Registration Deadline for November SAT	26	27	28	29
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December						
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