

# Preparing for Senior Year

Helpful Tips for the Class of 2022

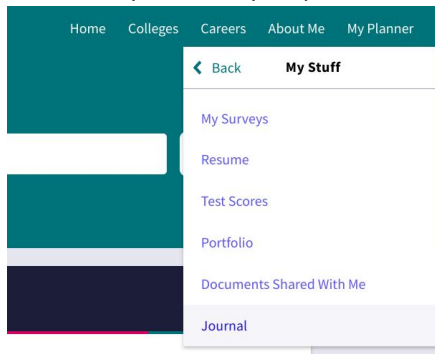
## What's Next?

- **Scheduling for senior year**
- Review PSAT results and prepare for SAT and or ACT this spring
- School Day SAT: April 13, 2021
- Naviance as a search tool and for career portfolio!
- Virtual College Fairs
  - Big Future Days
  - NACAC - Multiple Dates
- EdMit - Financial considerations in the college search process

## Naviance College & Career Planning

If you completed a career research paper, make sure you upload career documents to Naviance! - We'll also have you complete a junior survey at the end of the year about your plan.

- About Me
- My Stuff
- Journal
- Upload documents:
  - Career Research
  - Professional Email
  - Career Reflection



## Graduation Requirements

*How many credits for a TJ diploma? - Make sure you're on track!*

CLASS OF	2022
Language Arts (English)	4
Social Studies	3 or 4*
Science	3 or 4*
Mathematics	3
Computers	0.5
Physical Education	3 years required
Health	Required
Arts and/or Humanities	1
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>25.00</b>

\*A total of 7 science and social studies credits must be earned in order to meet requirements. 3, 5 of each or 4 of one and 3 of the other.

\*Steel Center students are able to earn up to 1 math and 1 science credit by completing 3 years of a CTE program

## What's the plan after high school?

- 4 year college/university
- Technical/Vocational/Trade School
- Military
- Workforce

- Career Planning
  - Utilize Naviance
  - log in using clever

- There isn't one path that's right for everyone, but you have to make an effort to plan for what's coming up.
- Do you like school? Do you have a particular interest?
- How will you support yourself?
- Tough, but important questions



## Trade/Vocational/Technical School

- 4 year College is not for everyone
- Some people prefer to learn through hands-on methods and train for a specific skill rather
- Trade/Vocational and Technical Schools offer programs that provide the opportunity to do just that
- There are many jobs out there that can provide a solid living without having to earn a bachelor's degree
- Almost 50% of students that attend 4 year schools don't graduate within 6 years; so they end up spending a lot of money and not having a great way to earn money
- [Trade/Vocational School Guide](#)

## Apprenticeship Programs

- Apprenticeships are opportunities to become skilled workers without having to pay for college or additional training
- Examples of apprenticeship programs:
  - Plumbers
  - Sheet Metal Workers
  - Electricians
  - Carpenters
  - Heavy Equipment Operators
- [Apprenticeship Information Sheet](#)

## 4 Year College/University

- 4 year College/University
  - What's important in a school for you?
    - Campus, location, major, cost
  - What types of students are they looking for?
  - Have I done enough to get accepted?
    - Naviance
    - QPA and SAT/ACT Scores
    - [Collegeboard.org](http://Collegeboard.org) – College Search Option
  - Take SAT/ACT during junior year and then again in the fall of senior year, if needed
  - Visit schools, talk to students that attend
  - Consider cost – student loans can be crippling. College is a huge investment, and a worthwhile one, but you need to understand that you're getting what you put in.



## 4 Year College/University

- Challenging courses are preferred by the most competitive schools
- Advanced Placement classes are a way to earn college credit at the high school level and look impressive on college applications
- Important to schedule realistically as well – if a student is a C student he or she is likely to struggle in a college level course
- Check college admission requirements and compare to course selections



## Standardized Testing

- ACT Test Dates 2021-22 - ACTStudent.org

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
February 6, 2021	January 15, 2021	N/A
April 17, 2021	March 12, 2021	March 13-26, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 8-21, 2021
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021	June 19-25, 2021



- SAT Test Dates 2021-22 - Collegeboard.org

### School Day SAT - April 13, 2021

Test Date	Tests Available	Regular Deadline	Late Registration
March 13, 2021	SAT	February 12, 2021	March 2, 2021
May 8, 2021	SAT	April 8, 2021	April 20, 2021
June 5, 2021	SAT	May 6, 2021	May 26, 2021

## Potential NCAA Athletes

- There are QPA and test score requirements for students to participate as college student-athletes and to receive money
- Grades in your core classes are part of eligibility
- Be aware of the process: [NCAA Eligibility](#)
- You need to earn 16 core credits and earn the required QPA
  - Core classes at TJ are accepted, but check the approved course list by following the link above.
  - TJ's school code is 390655

## Scheduling Basics

- You will select courses through Skyward beginning March 8th through March 12th
- Teachers will lock in recommendations March 1-5th
- You'll log into your Skyward account - not your parents. You can log in using Clever.
- [Refer to this video to see how you'll schedule through Skyward: Skyward Walkthrough](#)
- Look at top right to select 7 credits and then you can add alternate elective choices
  - All available courses for you will be listed on Skyward
- Review your plan with your parents
- [2020-21 Program of Studies - The program of studies contains course descriptions for every course that the high school offers. Use this as a reference to find out more about the classes you are considering for next school year](#)

# TJHS Basics

- 7 academic periods
  - flexible lunch with personalized learning time
  - PE is a semester-long class every day
- Personalized Learning Time
  - Two 30 minute blocks to pursue chosen activities
- Course selection through Skyward

The plan is for us to be back on our full-day schedule from 7:30-2:30 next year

# What do I need to take next year?

- English class (ONLY two levels now)
- Social Studies or science most likely
- Possibly- Health, Computer class
- Courses that fit into your academic and career plan
- Steel Center students are able to earn math and science credits with 2 or 3 years completed in a specific program

# What should I take next year?

- Colleges prefer to see 4 years of core classes
  - Math – not required to have a 4<sup>th</sup> year
  - Science – not required to have a 4<sup>th</sup> year
  - Challenging courses that prepare you to not only be admitted to colleges, but to be successful once you get there
- Electives that either confirm or rule out possible career areas
  - If you think you might want to get into business, taking business courses; If you're considering programming, take programming courses
  - Worst case scenario is you find out you don't want to spend money trying to become something you don't really have much interest in

# AP and CHS Courses

- AP Courses are excellent preparation for anyone that plans to attend a 4 year college/university
- Chance to earn college credit and the district will pay for the cost of your test if you earn a 3 or better on an AP exam
- CHS - College in the High School
  - Many elective classes are CHS classes
  - Additional weight for GPA
  - Opportunity to earn college credit through a college that partners with our high school
  - Do have to pay for the course, but credit and grade isn't based on one test

# Core Sequences/Options

	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>English</b>	Honors English 9 English 9 Resource English English ESL	Honors English 10 English 10 Resource English English ESL	AP English Lang. English 11 Resource English English ESL	AP English Lit. English 12 Resource English English ESL
<b>Math</b>	Honors Algebra 2 Algebra 2 Honors Geometry Geometry Algebra 1 Algebra 1 - Self-Paced B	Honors Pre-Calc Pre-Calc Algebra 3 Honors Alg. 2 Algebra 2 Geometry Algebra 1	AP Calc (AB) CHS Calc AB Honors Pre-Calc Pre-Calc Algebra 3 Algebra 2 Differentiated Math Prob. & Statistics	AP Calculus (AB or BC) AP Statistics Calculus Pre-Calculus Algebra 3/Trig Probability & Statistics Algebra 2
<b>Science</b>	Honors Biology Biology Biology A	Honors Chemistry Chemistry Physical Science	AP Chemistry, AP Physics 1 AP Physics 1 & 2 Physics Environmental Science	AP Biology AP Physics C AP Physics 1 AP Physics 1 & 2 Anatomy & Physiology Environmental Science Astronomy (o.5)
<b>Social Studies</b>	Government/Civics Hon. Gov./Civics	World History AP World History	AP US History US History	AP European History Shaping the Modern World AP Psychology Law/Econ/Psych/Soc.

# Override Meetings

If you and your family disagree with a teacher's recommendation, you are able to request a meeting with your counselor and a principal to discuss overriding the recommendation.

If you override a class, you will have to stay in that class the following year and will not be permitted to have a schedule change to get out of the class you requested.

## Electives

- You may not always get your first choice.
- Be willing to try new classes!
- Choose classes based on your interests or careers you might be interested in.
- Look in the Program of Studies for class descriptions and videos to be released soon!
- If you don't choose classes, we'll choose them for you.

## Work Study

- Work Study
  - Seniors in good academic standing may work weekday afternoons for up to 2 elective credits
  - Must complete application before beginning of semester

## Summary

- Teacher recommendations March 1-5th
- Videos about electives available March 5th
- March 8th-12th - you will select electives to fill out your schedule
- All students should have 7 credits scheduled and alternate electives selected as well
- Discuss with your parents

## Summary

- High School Counselor Assignments
  - Mrs. Yeager - [eyeager@wjhsd.net](mailto:eyeager@wjhsd.net) - students whose last names begin with A-G
  - Ms. Maple - [kmaple@wjhsd.net](mailto:kmaple@wjhsd.net) - last names H-O
  - Mr. Kilcoyne - [mkilcoyne@wjhsd.net](mailto:mkilcoyne@wjhsd.net) - last names P-Z
- Email for Scheduling Questions
- High School Administration
  - Mr. Murphy - TJHS Principal
  - Mr. Knaresborough - 9th & 11th Grade Assistant Principal for the 2021-22 School Year
  - Mrs. Kuhse - 10th & 12th Grade Assistant Principal for the 2021-22 School Year

## PSAT Results & SAT Prep

- [Viewing your PSAT Scores Video](#)
- [Understanding your PSAT Score Video](#)
- [SAT Prep with Khan Academy Video](#)
- [SAT Prep Khan Academy Overview](#)



## Virtual College Fair Information

- <https://virtualcollegefairs.org/events>
- Register to be able to participate in the virtual college fairs
  - January 31, 1pm to 7pm
  - February 28, 1pm to 7pm
  - March 7, 1pm to 5pm (STEM focus)
  - March 16, 4pm to 8pm (Performing and Visual Arts focus)
  - March 21, 1pm to 7pm
  - May 2, 1pm to 7pm

# Big Future Days - College Board

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## [Big Future Days - College Board College Search Info](#)



**BigFuture Days Northeast**, Sunday, March 7,  
4:00-8:00 PM ET/1:00-5:00 PM PT

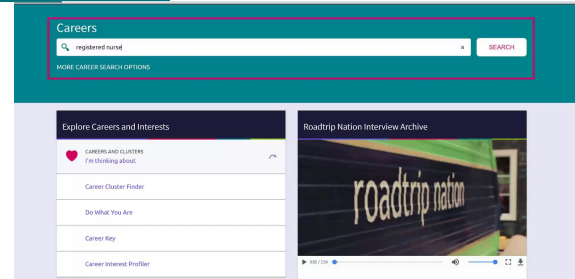
**BigFuture Days West + Southwest**,  
Saturday, February 6, 4:00-8:00 PM  
ET/1:00-5:00 PM PT

**BigFuture Days Southeast**, Tuesday,  
February 23, 5:00-9:00 PM  
ET/2:00-6:00 PM PT

**BigFuture Days Midwest**, Thursday,  
March 11, 5:00-9:00 PM  
ET/2:00-6:00 PM PT

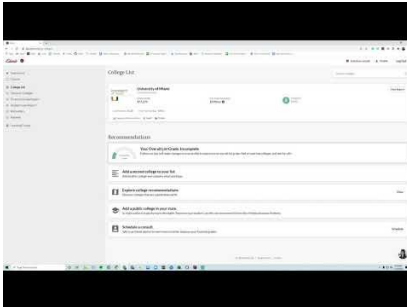
## [Naviance Student Overview](#) [Road Trip Nation Interview Archive - Virtual Job Shadowing](#) [Building a List of Colleges I'm Applying To](#)

### Naviance | Student



# EdMit - New Tool for TJ Families

## [EdMit - Financial College Planning](#)



### Edmit Overview:

Thomas Jefferson High School has partnered with Edmit, a digital college financial advising platform where you can check different colleges' affordability (including **scholarships and grants**), evaluate post-graduation salaries, access expert advice on avoiding too much debt, and more (including **FAFSA** and **CSS Profile** resources).

You can access this resource for free by creating an account here: [www.edmit.me/TJHS](http://www.edmit.me/TJHS) and the [Edmit Tour Video](#) provides an overview of Edmit and the Edmit account registration process.