



CLASS OF 2028 COLLEGE PLANNING

EVENTS

COLLEGE NIGHT, September 18, 2024

College Representative Visits, September - November in the College Center

PSAT 8/9 + College Fair, October 23, 2024, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

October 23, 2024, during the school day + attend the college fair after the exam

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING NIGHT, January 2025

Counselors + College Counselor deliver academic, career, and college counseling curriculum to freshman throughout the year

HOW TO UTILIZE THE COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER (CCC)

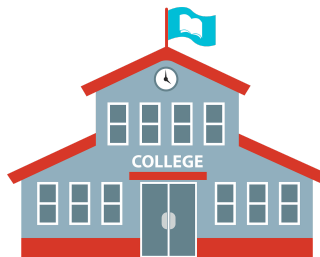
College counseling is provided to all students through comprehensive programming beginning in grade 9. The college counselor works closely with the counselors in delivering curriculum to students in classrooms and ultimately will help guide you through the college application process. As you meet with your counselor throughout the next four years, we also encourage you to get to know us and attend college center events!

College and Career Center (CCC), B1-126

College Counselor Office, B1-111

IMPORTANT TIPS FOR COLLEGE PLANNING AS A FRESHMAN

- ✓ *Set personal + goals for freshman year*
- ✓ *Create a solid foundation with study habits + balancing time/schedule*
- ✓ *Create a resume in [Naviance](#) and keep track of extracurricular commitments*
- ✓ *Consider joining a club, trying something new*
- ✓ *Attend 2-3 college visits and begin exploring college systems*
- ✓ *Research colleges and [begin getting to know what colleges are a good fit for you](#)*



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UNDERSTANDING COLLEGES AND THE RIGHT FIT FOR YOU

Getting to Know Colleges

It is important that you take time to reflect on the things you want in a college that will support you, challenge you, interest you, have academic interests, and more. The BEST part about being in 9th grade, is that you have TIME to get to know colleges, explore different campuses and gain a sense of what your interests are.

What does your dream school have? Think about components of a campus that are important to you and will allow you to thrive within that environment. Once you have your list of interests/values/wants/needs, you'll be able to use the search tools below to help you find colleges that have the components on your list.

- **Academics:** What type of learning suits you best? Small-discussion based, interdisciplinary, etc. What type of academic environment do you want, academically challenging and/or competitive. What type of academic support do you need (math center, tutoring labs, support services for learning disabilities, etc.)
- **Social:** Think about the types of activities your future friends and you will be doing on campus (growing your own sustainable farm for local food, going to football games, checking out art museums or local bands) How BIG or SMALL is the campus?
- **Extras:** Again, start with dreaming. What type of ethos does your college have? Ethos is the heart, mission and drive of a college campus. So what would your ethos have? Sustainability, community impact, research and higher thinking, challenging academic boundaries, social justice, etc.
- **Environment:** What do your actual surroundings look like? Are you in the heart of a big city, do you have access to a city but are a bit more removed. Are you at a smaller campus in the Pacific Northwest nestled in a quieter town?

Remember, grades, GPA, and your academic schedule is important!! Testing is ONE component of your college application. It can be an added value to showcase your academic strengths and potential for success in college. Your day in day out course work and effort in your classes are the biggest component of the academic review in an application. Not JUST your GPA, but how you've grown over time, consistency or growth in grades, adding honors/AP/advanced coursework in academic areas of strength, etc. Take the time to do well in classes.



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