



Junior Year

PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE

Welcome back Class of 2022!



- ▶ Junior year is an exciting year of new possibilities!
- ▶ Start the school year off strong:
 - ▶ Work hard and complete all work/assignments in a timely manner.
 - ▶ Attend school regularly and be on time.
 - ▶ Stay/get involved in activities within the school and community.
- ▶ Work closely with your parents and school counselor to develop a plan for after you graduate.
 - ▶ Throughout the year, you will meet with your counselor individually and in groups to develop a post-high school plan.

Post-High School Pathways

- ▶ College
 - ▶ 2 year
 - ▶ 4 year
- ▶ Trade or Technical Schools
 - ▶ For a list of trade/technical schools and their programs, please visit:
<https://krhsguidance.weebly.com/tradetechnical-schools.html>
- ▶ Military
 - ▶ Air force
 - ▶ Army
 - ▶ Army National Guard
 - ▶ Coast Guard
 - ▶ Marines
 - ▶ Navy

College/Career Planning Basics



Self- Analysis



- ▶ Start thinking about your long range plans by evaluating your goals, interests, abilities and values:
 - ▶ What do you like to do?
 - ▶ What are your favorite classes/subject areas?
 - ▶ What careers have you researched or talked to others about?
- ▶ Talk to your family, friends, teachers and counselor about what you would like to do in the future.
- ▶ Utilize Naviance! You have already completed the Strengths Explorer and Career Interest Profiler in 9th and 10th grades. There is a wealth of career and college information on the site.

Research

- ▶ Utilize web-based platforms like Naviance, Collegeboard, Princeton Review, Occupational Outlook Handbook to learn about different careers and post-high school programs.
- ▶ Visit college websites and take virtual tours of the school.
- ▶ In January you will receive a “College Planning Guide” that contains all the information you will need.
- ▶ Utilize the Junior Year Planning Calendar!
- ▶ Attend all of the “Junior Class” college meetings.
- ▶ Visit the Guidance Website for specific junior year information as well as college and career planning resources.
- ▶ Attend virtual college fairs.

Do Your Homework On...



- ▶ Colleges and Universities
 - ▶ Private vs. Public
 - ▶ Service Academies
 - ▶ Two Year Colleges
 - ▶ Trade/Technical School Offerings
- ▶ Majors
- ▶ Academics
- ▶ Geographic Location
- ▶ Setting
- ▶ Size
- ▶ Make up of Student Body
- ▶ Admissions Policy
- ▶ Safety/Security
- ▶ Campus Life
- ▶ Athletics
- ▶ Special Programs
- ▶ Services
- ▶ Housing
- ▶ Costs



Special Programs

- ▶ Some 2 year and 4 year schools, including trade/technical schools, offer special programs. It is important to research all that a school or program has to offer.
- ▶ These programs can be:
 - ▶ Honors Programs or Honors Colleges within a school
 - ▶ EOF – Equal Opportunity Fund
 - ▶ Please visit the college's website and/or https://www.nj.gov/highereducation/EOF/EOF_Eligibility.shtml for more information
 - ▶ 5-year Bachelors/Masters Degree Programs
 - ▶ 5-year Co-Op Programs
 - ▶ NJ Stars Program

NJ Stars Program

- ▶ You can receive free tuition at Sussex County Community College by being in the top 15% of your class at the end of your junior and/or senior year.
 - ▶ Visit the Higher Education Assistance Authority website for more information: www.hesaa.org
- ▶ Sussex County Community College offers a variety of majors and certifications and are reasonably priced.
 - ▶ Everyone who applies is accepted. SAT/ACT scores are not required, but it can exempt you from taking the Accuplacer.
 - ▶ Please visit www.sussex.edu for more information.

A few things to keep in mind this year...

- ▶ Colleges will look at:
 - ▶ High School Course Load and Grades
 - ▶ Test Scores (SAT and/or ACT) (unless test optional)
 - ▶ Essay or Writing Samples
 - ▶ Extra-curricular Activities – Including Leadership Positions
 - ▶ Special Accomplishments, Honors and Awards
 - ▶ Letters of Recommendation
 - ▶ Interview (if applicable)

According to the National Association for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC)

What should you be
focusing on this year?



1. Completing your Resume

- ▶ Create a resume that includes the following:
 - ▶ School and Personal Information
 - ▶ School and Community Activities (include any leadership positions)
 - ▶ Honors and Awards
 - ▶ Work Experience
- ▶ Resume is a work in progress on your Google Drive
- ▶ At the end of the year, email your resume to your counselor and Mrs. Fuchs (jryan@krhs.net) for it to be posted onto your Naviance account.
- ▶ Resumes may be sent along with college applications and potential scholarships

2. Letters of Recommendation

- ▶ Start thinking of about 2 teachers to ask to write you a letter of recommendation this **spring**.
- ▶ Letters of recommendation from coaches, specialty areas and employers can also be included.
- ▶ Provide them with a copy of your resume.
- ▶ In addition to the asking verbally, an electronic request must be sent through Naviance.

3. Sign up for the SAT/ACT

- ▶ Counselors will review how to sign up for the SAT at our December/January junior group meeting.
- ▶ It is recommended that juniors who plan on going to a 4 year college take the SAT/ACT:
 - ▶ 1-2 times during the winter and spring junior year
 - ▶ 1-2 times during the fall of senior year
- ▶ It is the student's responsibility to sign up for the SAT and ACT exams and send his or her scores to the colleges:
 - ▶ SAT: www.collegeboard.org
 - ▶ ACT: www.act.org
- ▶ Please be aware of deadlines!
- ▶ Fee waivers are available to students receiving free or reduced lunch – please see your counselor.

4. Create A List of Colleges

- ▶ It's okay to have a large list – you will narrow it down as the school year progresses.
- ▶ Counselors will meet with you in your classes to complete the Super College Match in Naviance.
- ▶ By next year, refine your list to include:
 - ▶ 2-3 “reach” schools
 - ▶ 2-3 “target” schools
 - ▶ 2-3 “safety” schools



5. Visit Potential Schools

- ▶ It is very important to meet with admission representatives and to visit campuses!
- ▶ Attend college fairs in person and virtual!
- ▶ Visit colleges on “Open House” days.
- ▶ Schedule an appointment with a college admissions office for an official visit or virtual visits.
 - ▶ This is usually completed online through the admissions’ website.
- ▶ Visit and stay over with a friend who attends a school that you are interested in.
- ▶ Take advantage of college visits at Kittatinny! They will be virtual visits this year. You must sign up on Naviance and you will receive a link to the virtual visit.



College Visits at KRHS

To register for a visit:

- ▶ Log into your Naviance Account
- ▶ Click on “My Colleges” then “College Visits”
- ▶ Click on the school/date that you are interested in to register

The screenshot displays the Naviance 'College Visits' page. On the left is a sidebar with 'Quick Links' and 'MY COLLEGES' sections. The 'College Visits' section in the sidebar is highlighted. The main content area, titled 'College Visits', features a search bar and a list of upcoming visits. Two visits are currently visible:

Date	College	Location	Registration Deadline	Action
OCTOBER Tue 02 02:15PM EDT	Felician University	Kittatinny Guidance Office	REGISTER BY OCT 02 2018	View Details
OCTOBER Tue 09 02:15PM EDT	East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	Kittatinny Guidance Office	REGISTER BY OCT 09 2018	View Details

All visits will be virtual this year. Those who are registered will receive a link to the virtual visit the day of their assigned visit.

Potential Division I & II Athletes

- ▶ Please see your counselor to make sure that you are on track with course requirements for the NCAA Clearinghouse.
- ▶ Visit the NCAA section of the Guidance website for specific information regarding student athletes and the NCAA.
 - ▶ <https://krhsguidance.weebly.com/ncaa.html>
- ▶ Create packets which include a letter of interest, highlight DVD, resume, transcript and letter of recommendations for your coach, teacher and counselor.
- ▶ Please visit www.eligibilitycenter.org for additional information.



Opportunities for the Junior Class

Boys State

June 20 – 25, 2021

Rider University

Girls State

Dates: TBD

Georgian Court University

Applications are available in Guidance and on the Guidance website/google classroom.

Please check the announcements/google classroom for information!

Applications are due to Guidance by December 1, 2020

Boys State and Girls State Highlights

(from years past)



PSAT Reminders

- ▶ October 14, 2020 @ Kittatinny
- ▶ National Merit Scholarship Test
- ▶ Great practice for the SAT



Kittatinny Google Classroom



- ▶ Please make sure you sign up for the classroom to stay up-to-date with the latest information!

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Don't Forget....

Your Junior Year is Very Important

- ▶ STUDY AND GET THE BEST GRADES YOU CAN
- ▶ Stay Involved!
- ▶ Stay Focused!
- ▶ Please reach out to your counselor with any questions - we are here to help you!
 - ▶ We will be meeting with juniors in groups throughout the year
 - ▶ Individual planning meetings will be held with juniors in January and again during the fall of next year.

Questions?

Please contact your counselor with any questions
throughout the school year!

Thank you!