Tips for a Successful Junior Year
TIP #1
Get to Know Your Counselor

Ms. Audrey Bell – Students A - G

Ms. Mici Vos – Students H - O

Ms. Stephanie Miller – Students P - Z
Tip #2
Think About the Future

• What are your Career Interests?
  • “I don’t know” – take a career interest survey
  • “I don’t know” – talk with your parents, teachers, friends, aunts, uncles, neighbors
  • “I still don’t know” – don’t worry …

• What are your Plans for life after High School?
  • College (4yr; 2yr; Apprenticeship)
  • Military
  • Work
Online Course Information

I Have a Plan Iowa Online Seminar
Completed by Registration Deadline
Opportunity to:
  – learn more about YOU
  – explore options for life after high school
  – complete your required guideways
High School Student
Explore careers, plan your high school education, plan for college, and search for financial aid.

- Learn about Yourself
- Follow your college planning timeline
- Explore Iowa’s colleges & universities
- How can you pay for college?
- Prepare for the SAT or ACT
- Apply for College Admission
College Planning

PREPARE FOR COLLEGE
Choose the right courses to meet your college requirements. Plan out the steps to take during each year of high school.

- Prepare for College

TEST PREP
FREE test prep courses for the SAT, ACT, GRE plus a great vocabulary builder.

- Test Prep

EXPLORE POSTSECONDARY SCHOOLS
Find colleges and universities that best suit your goals.

- Explore Postsecondary Schools

EXPLORE PROGRAMS AND MAJORS
Find programs that you might be interested in taking.

- Explore Programs and Majors

APPLICATIONS
Apply online to participating colleges — or have them recruit you.

- Applications

parent college planning resources
- For pre-teens
- For teens
- For young adults
- Plan to Pay for Your Child's Education
- Connect to Iowa College Aid

iowa colleges & universities
- Iowa Private Colleges & Universities
- Iowa Community Colleges
- Iowa Regent University Admission Index
- Transfer in Iowa
The selected characteristics

- Location: Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin
- School Type: Bachelor's degree programs which are typically four years in length and can be found at four-year colleges and universities
- School Size: Large – 10,000 to 15,000 students, Extra large – 15,000 to 20,000 students, Super-sized – over 20,000 students

21 schools match all of these characteristics

Iowa schools are shown first

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<th>Type</th>
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<td>Four-Year, Graduate</td>
<td>$5,524</td>
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Tip #3
Question, Shadow, Visit

• What’s important in a college, in a workplace, in the military?
• Do a job shadow
• Watch for college fairs
  – Golden Circle College Fair – Sept. 29, 2013 – Hy-Vee Hall – over 150 colleges available
  – College Planning Night - October 3, 2013 – AHS Auditorium 7:00pm
• Do a college visit on and off AHS campus
Tip #4
Research

• Research at least 5 colleges
• Research 5 career interest areas
• Research the branches of the Military

Develop a list of questions....
Contact the right people....
Visit websites like....
  – www.collegeboard.com
  – www.ihaveaplaniwowa.gov
  – www.icansucceed.org
Tip #5
Save

• Set aside money each month for the future
• Scholarships exclusively for Juniors
• Learn about the Financial Aid process
Tip #6
Be Involved

Clubs, organizations, church, athletics, community service, etc
Tip #7
Build a Resume

- Jobs held
- Community service performed
- Awards won and/or earned
- Activities participated in
Tip #8
Test, Test, Test

PSAT
Wed. Oct 16, 2013 @ 7:30am (check in)

- Measures Critical Reading, Mathematics, Writing
- Scholarship & Recognition opportunities: Entry point for National Merit Scholarship Corporation.
- Prepares you for the SAT
- To learn more – www.collegeboard.com
Tip #8
More Test, Test, Test

ACT
• Measures English, Math, Reading Comp, Science Reasoning, (Optional Written Essay)
• Tests in Sept, Oct, Dec, Feb, April & June
• College Entrance Exam
• Learn more go to www.actstudent.org
• Test Prep Information
### Tip #8
Still More Test, Test, Test

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Which One Do I Take?
Tip #8
Yet More Test, Test, Test

Iowa Assessment

- Measures reading comp, science, math
- *Proficiency* – need to be proficient on all *three* tests in order to earn DMACC credit for core courses
- Offers diagnostic data that drives remediation & better preparation for other high-stakes assessments, including state tests & the ACT™ and SAT™
Tip #9
Study, Learn, Grow, Be Informed

• Keep your grades up – overall GPA will matter
• Take classes because you know nothing about the topic
• Expand your interests
• Understand common language & FAQ’s
Tip #10 (Common FAQ’s)

- Concurrent Credit Courses
- Advanced Placement (AP)
- Graduation Requirements
- College Entrance Requirements
- RAI – Regents Admissions Index
- Course Selection for Senior Year
OVERALL
Enjoy your Junior Year