



# Freshmen/Sophomore College Prep Meeting

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# Making High School Count!

## *What should you expect in high school?*

- ❑ More extracurricular activities
- ❑ More independence and more RESPONSIBILITY!
- ❑ Greater emphasis on academic achievement
- ❑ Greater consequences for failing classes
- ❑ Greater need for time management and organization

# Freshmen and Sophomore Years

- ▶ Keep Grades Up
- ▶ Strength of Schedule
- ▶ Visit Colleges When Possible
- ▶ Discuss College with Students
- ▶ Prep for the SAT and ACT
- ▶ Service Hours and Extracurriculars!

# SAT

- ▶ The SAT has the following sections:
  - Evidenced-Based Reading & Writing
  - Math
- ▶ **No penalty for guessing**
- ▶ Total composite score of **1600**
- ▶ No Florida State school is requiring the essay portion. Out of state or Private colleges may require it.
- ▶ Cost- \$45                      \$57 with Essay

# ACT

- ▶ The ACT has the following sections:
  - English    -Math
  - Reading   -Science
- ▶ The Writing portion is optional. No Florida State school is requiring it, but may be required at Private or Out of State Colleges
- ▶ Total Composite = **36** (average of all 4)
- ▶ **There is no penalty for guessing.**
- ▶ Cost: \$42.50            \$58.50 w/Essay

# College Search

- ▶ Conduct College Searches (Naviance, Collegeboard.org, etc.)

What Is Important to the Student?

- ▶ Location?
- ▶ Two year school vs. Four year school
- ▶ Do they have the major that he/she is interested in?
- ▶ Do they have the sport/extracurricular activity that he/she is interested in?
- ▶ Private vs. Public

# Division I & II NCAA Eligibility (For current freshmen and sophomores)

## Division 1 requirements:

- ▶ Complete 16 core courses
- ▶ Minimum core GPA of 2.30
- ▶ Meet sliding scale for test scores

## Division 2 requirements:

- ▶ Complete 16 core courses
- ▶ Minimum core GPA of 2.20
- ▶ Meet sliding scale for test scores

# NCAA Eligibility Center

- ▶ If your student is interested in playing a sport for a Division 1 or 2 school, they need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center during their Junior year.
- ▶ At the end of the junior year, we will send out a transcript to the NCAA.
- ▶ When the student registers and takes the SAT/ACT have scores sent to the Eligibility Center using code 9999. If you send them when they register, it is free. If you send them after the test, there is a cost.
- ▶ If your child has attended any high school other than TC, you need them to send an official transcript from that high school. TC cannot do this for you.
- ▶ Website: [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)



## Junior Year

- ▶ Keep Grades Up - Trying to bring up your grades to improve your GPA during your Senior year is TOO LATE!
- ▶ Visit Colleges When Possible
- ▶ Attend Open Houses at Colleges
- ▶ Discuss College with Students
- ▶ Take the ACT and SAT
- ▶ Keep track of Usernames/Passwords
  - ▶ Be sure to use professional email address

# Senior Year

- ▶ **Strength of Schedule is still important!**
- ▶ Start Applications Early
  - ▶ If the student is planning on attending a four year school, then they should have an idea of where they are applying to before they leave for the summer after junior year. They should be looking at apps over the summer and getting ahead.
- ▶ Continue to Visit Schools and Attend College Fairs
- ▶ Keep Grades Up even second semester!! Colleges can revoke acceptances on dropped classes or lower grades.
- ▶ Make sure to get service hours!
- ▶ Retake ACT and/or SAT if necessary

# Bright Futures Scholarship

Type	16 High School Course Credits	High School Weighted GPA	College Entrance Exams (ACT®/SAT®)	Service Hours
FAS	4 - English (three must include substantial writing) 4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level) 3 - Natural Science (two must have substantial laboratory)	3.50	29/1290	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.00	26/1170	75 hours

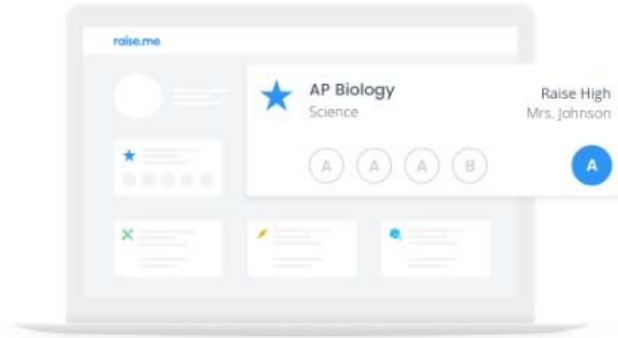
\*Subject to change based on state legislation

# Useful Websites

- Naviance
  - <https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=trinitychs>
  - Both you and your student will be able to log into this website. This gives a lot of useful information on Interest Inventories, Resume building, and scholarship searches.
- Khan Academy
  - <https://www.khanacademy.org/login>
  - This website offers practice tests for PSAT, SAT, AP.
  - Offers help with Math, Science, arts, and humanities courses
- College Board
  - <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
  - Practice for PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, AP
  - Able to do college searches, career searches, scholarship searches
- Fastweb
  - <http://www.fastweb.com/>
  - Scholarship searches all in one place

### 1. Add Your Achievements

Add your course grades, clubs, sports, volunteer activities, and more to your portfolio.



- Getting an A**  
Earn up to \$1,000 for each A in any course, excluding Fine Arts and non-core classes **\$1,000**
- Leadership Role in a Sport**  
Earn up to \$1,500 for each sport you played and held a leadership role in. **\$1,500**

### 2. Earn Scholarships

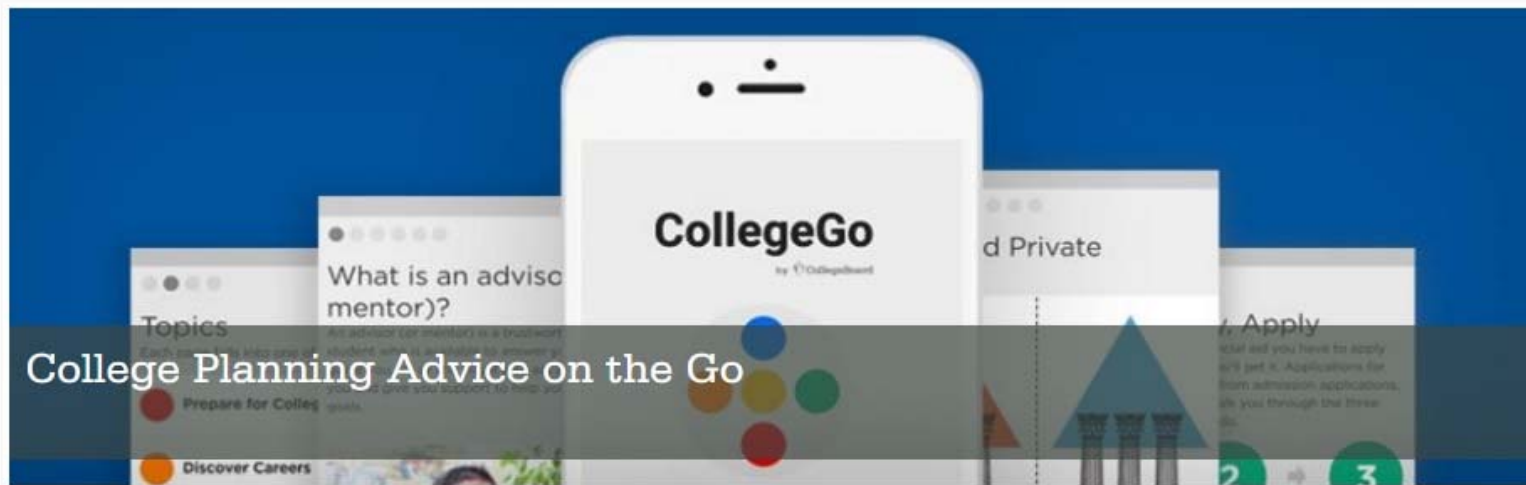
For each achievement, you'll get scholarships from different colleges, which you can redeem when you attend that college.

### 3. Discover Colleges

Learn about and follow different colleges from across the country to find schools that are the best fit for you.

	<b>Michigan State University</b> East Lansing, MI	Feb 14
<b>\$32,000</b> Total Earnings	<b>\$8,000</b> Per Year	

## Free CollegeGo Mobile App



Are you the first in your family to attend college? CollegeGo guides you through the essential steps to take in order to find, apply to, and attend the right college for you. With a step-by-step, interactive interface, the app uses game, video, and search features to help you plan your college journey. You can:

- Explore colleges and create a list of schools that fit you best.
- Search for scholarships and get the scoop on financial aid.
- Discover majors and careers that you may be interested in.
- And more!

And it's all linked via your College Board account, so you can easily access your information on the app or at [BigFuture.org](http://BigFuture.org).

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