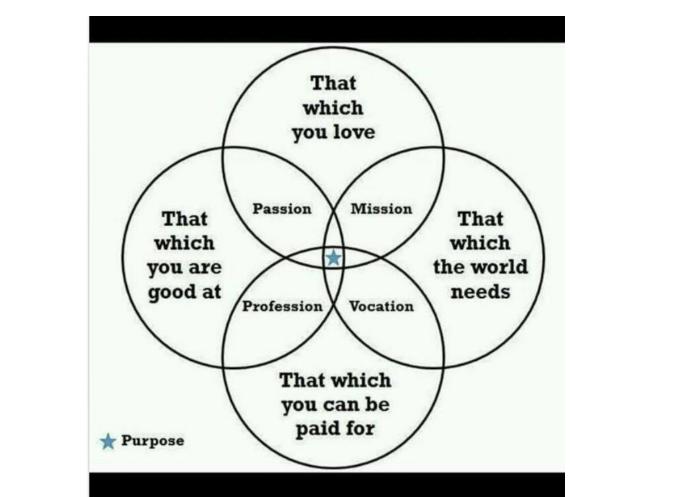
Junior Presentation

Fall 2022



Main Goals for Junior Year

ACADEMIC

Put forth best effort since this year's grades
 will be the last ones posted on transcripts

 Make wise selections for senior year because colleges will look at your senior year schedule when making their decisions

PLANNING

- Expose yourself to as much information as possible for options after high school. You want to make an informed decision.
- Identify matches with your individual interests, skills, goals and desired college experiences.

Credits Required for Graduation:23.500

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12 Month Timeline

Fall/Winter/Spring (Junior Year)

- Take ACT
- Select Senior Courses
- Credit Checks
- Gather info: Rep visits, campus tours, online tools, etc.

Summer (after Junior year)

- Campus tours
- Works on admission essays
- Acquire appropriate recommenders
- Begin Applications

Fall (Senior Year)

- Retake ACT
- Submit applications
- Finalize recommenders
- Research scholarships
- Complete FAFSA/Financial Aid Night

Winter/Spring (Senior Year)



- Local scholarships
- Make final decisions-submit deposits
- Senior survey & Send final transcripts

College Rep Visits

- College Reps come to the high school to meet with students
- Visits shared: Schoology, Wake up Westonka, posters and through WIN offering list
- Sign up through Hawknet/WIN offerings
 - October 13th: St. Benedict & St. John's WIN 1, University of Minnesota WIN 2 & 3
 - October 27th: Minnesota State Mankato Army ROTC WIN 1, North Dakota State University WIN 2.
- Come ready to listen; they will do the talking and answer your questions.

College Visits

- Visit the website or call ahead to make reservations (many good opportunities over MEA)
- There are many great virtual options that save time and money
- Consider the following:
 - Sit in on a class
 - Meet with a professor or student in area of interest
 - Meet with financial aid
 - Meet with admissions
 - Visit a dorm
 - Eat in the dining hall
 - Take a stroll on campus
 - Attend a sporting event/fine arts show

ACT Admission Policies

Most colleges are currently choosing two routes for the ACT

- **Test Optional:** ACT can be a consideration in the admission process if you feel like your score would help your application. If you choose to not submit a score, other factors (GPA, course rigor, activities) will likely be weighted more heavily
- **Test Blind:** Schools will not consider your ACT score as part of your application.

*Most colleges are continuing this policy through 2025

District vs. National ACT

District ACT	National ACT Test
During the school day (ONLINE)	7 Saturday options throughout year
Offered only one time to junior students	Can take numerous times
\$20 cost	\$70 cost
Online registration - will be done through school	Online registration at <u>www.act.org</u>
Paper score report sent to student home, also available through online account created as part of preadministration.	Score report automatically linked to student online account.

DISTRICT ACT TEST at MWHS

- Offered to ALL junior students on March 7th
- Online testing option only (will use Chromebook and TestNav)
- Includes writing test
- Yields a college reportable score
- Able to send that score to up to 4 colleges at no charge
- Cost: \$20. Paid through Fee Pay on Skyward Family Access.
 - If you have financial need (free/reduced lunch) there will be no charge.
- Registration instructions will come through your counselors WIN February 23rd.
 - You will NOT register online the same way you do for the national test dates.

ACT/SAT National Test dates

ACT

SAT

December 11 (register by 11/4)

February 11 (register by 1/6)

April 15 (register by 3/10)

June 10 (register by 5/5) @ MWHS

July 15 (register by June 16)

December 3 (register by 11/3)

March 11 (register by 2/10)

May 6 (register by 4/7)

June 3 (register by 5/4)

Registration: National Test Dates

What you will need:

- Photo for upload
- Credit card-to make payment
- 45 minutes to complete the process
- MWHS Code 241-775

Advice:

- Save your username and password
- Use your full legal name when registering to ensure all scores are attached to same account
- Take advantage of the opportunity to send score for free now later \$16
- Check to see if the schools you are interested in require the writing test

ACT Prep

- Free Sparknotes ACT Prep resource
- On <u>ACT website</u>:
 - Official ACT Prep Guide
 - Official ACT Subject Guides
 - Official ACT Self-paced Course, powered by Kaplan
 - Official ACT Live Online Class, powered by Kaplan
- Local Prep Agencies (cost varies):
 - Sylvan
 - Huntington
 - Kaplan

Naviance-College Search/Tour

- Access Naviance through Guidance Website
 - Login with Clever
- Colleges Tab
 - Find Your fit
 - Advanced College Match
- Colleges Tab
 - Research Colleges
 - College Compare
 - Resources
- Career Tab
 - Explore Careers

Explore your own strengths

- Access Naviance through Guidance Website
 - Login with Clever
- Self Discovery Tab
 - Achieve Works Intelligences: reveal the ways you deal with information, solve problems, and create things.
 - Achieve Works Learning & Productivity: reveal the ways you learn best and how you can be most productive.
 - Achieve Works Personality: reveal the ways you learn best and how you can be most productive.
 - Achieve Works Skills: reveal your true personality and provide tips to achieve success, in a way that works for you.