

SOPHOMORE/JUNIOR PARENT NIGHT

OCTOBER 17, 2018



A PRAYER FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

LORD, I ASK FOR THE PATIENCE TO BE A GOOD EXAMPLE TO MY CHILD DURING A TIME WHEN THEY WILL TEST EVERY PART OF ME. LORD, HELP ME NOT LOSE MY TEMPER, GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO BOTH STAND FIRM WHEN I NEED TO AND LET GO WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT. GUIDE MY WORDS AND ACTIONS SO THAT I AM LEADING MY CHILD IN YOUR WAYS. LET ME OFFER THE RIGHT ADVICE AND SET THE RIGHT RULES FOR MY CHILD TO HELP THEM BE THE PERSON OF GOD YOU DESIRE.

PERSPECTIVE

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OUR GOALS FOR YOU

HELP YOUR CHILD NAVIGATE SOPHOMORE AND JUNIOR YEARS

- CHOOSING A BEST FIT COLLEGE
- COLLEGE VISITS
- ADMISSION TESTING
- TOPS GPA
- TOPS ELIGIBILITY
- DUAL ENROLLMENT

WHEN WE WERE YOUNG

- BUILDING RESILIENCE
- NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE
- WORKING OURSELVES OUT OF A JOB

COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION

- COUNSELOR EMAILS:
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- RENWEB: PARENT'S WEB
- SLCHS.ORG > ACADEMICS > COUNSELING
- HALO NOTES: WEEKLY ON THURSDAY AFTERNOONS

SOPHOMORE YEAR

- MAINTAIN GOOD GRADES
- PSAT: STUDY OPPORTUNITIES
- ACTIVITIES LIST
- RESEARCH CAREERS
- RESEARCH COLLEGES
- REVIEW 4 YEAR PLAN
- SCHEDULING FOR JUNIOR YEAR

JUNIOR YEAR

- MAINTAIN GOOD GRADES
- PSAT: STUDY OPPORTUNITIES
- ASVAB: NOVEMBER 15, 2018
- RESEARCH CAREERS
- RESEARCH COLLEGES
- DIPLOMA PLANNING
- SCHEDULING FOR SENIOR YEAR

4 OR MORE

NEED TO LOOK FOR “BEST FIT” NOT “BEST SCHOOL” – A PLACE WHERE YOUR CHILD CAN BE SUCCESSFUL BOTH ACADEMICALLY AND SOCIALLY.

4 OR MORE RULE

- **REACH SCHOOLS** – APPLY TO 1-2 OF THESE
IF YOU'RE THINKING “IT WON'T HURT TO TRY” THEN IT IS MORE THAN LIKELY A REACH SCHOOL.
- **GOOD MATCH SCHOOLS** – APPLY TO 2-3 OF THESE
COMPATIBILITY BETWEEN STUDENT GRADES AND ACADEMIC QUALITY OF THE SCHOOL'S FRESHMAN PROFILE.
- **SAFETY SCHOOLS** – APPLY TO 1-2 OF THESE
MORE THAN LIKELY WILL NOT TURN YOU AWAY. YOUR CHILD MUST BE HAPPY AND WILLING TO ATTEND THIS SCHOOL.

COLLEGE VISITS

- ENCOURAGED TO START SUMMER AFTER SOPHOMORE YEAR (ROAD TRIP!) 😊
- PREVIEW DAYS ON WEEKENDS
- COLLEGE VISITS DURING WEEK
 - SMALL GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL TOURS
 - OVERNIGHT STUDENT VISITS
- CHECKLISTS INCLUDED WITH 11TH GRADE GUIDE
- STUDENTS MAY HAVE AN EXCUSED ABSENCE WITH DOCUMENTATION OF THE VISIT FROM THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

ACT/SAT ADMISSIONS TESTING

- WHO & WHEN
- WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO
- HOW TO PREPARE
 - ONLINE PREP COURSE
 - IN PERSON PREP COURSE
- HOW TO REGISTER
 - ACTSTUDENT.ORG
 - COLLEGEBOARD.ORG

COLLEGE TESTING REMINDERS

- NAME, DOB, SS# (CRITICAL!)
- SLCHS SCHOOL CODE: 191470
- COLLEGE CODES – FOUND ON ADMISSIONS WEBSITES
- TOPS CODE: ACT – 1595; SAT – 9109
- IF WORKING ON NCAA OR NAIA ELIGIBILITY, MUST SEND ONE TO THAT ENTITY
 - NCAA – 9999
 - NAIA - 9876

SOCIAL MEDIA

- SOCIAL MEDIA IS 'FAIR GAME' IN ADMISSIONS
- MORE LIKELY TO BE REVIEWED BY PRIVATES THAN PUBLIC COLLEGES
- NUMBER OF TIMES IN LAST TWO YEARS DECISIONS HAVE BEEN REVOKED OR APPLICATIONS DENIED OVER SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS:

Number of Times	Public	Private
Once	1%	7%
Two or three times	2%	3%
Four or more times	1%	4%

ADMISSIONS STANDARD IN LOUISIANA

- **MINIMUM STANDARDS SET; COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES CAN RAISE STANDARDS**
- **ACT COMPOSITE**
 - 18 BUT INDIVIDUAL COLLEGES CAN SET HIGHER REQUIREMENTS
- **SUBJECT AREA**
 - ACT ENGLISH \geq 18
 - ACT MATH SCORE \geq 19

TOPS GPA/CORE CURRICULUM

- **USES THE STATE IDENTIFIED CORE CURRICULUM**

19 CREDITS:

- 4 ENGLISH
 - 4 MATH
 - 4 SCIENCE
 - 4 SOCIAL STUDIES
 - 2 FOREIGN LANGUAGE
 - 1 FINE ART
- **GPA POINT SYSTEM IDENTIFIED BY STATE**
 - 4.0 FOR MOST COURSES
 - 5.0 FOR IDENTIFIED AP, DE & HONORS COURSES

TOPS AWARDS OVERVIEW

ALL AWARD REQUIRE THE 19 CORE CREDITS ON THE TOPS UNIVERSITY DIPLOMA

- **TOPS - OPPORTUNITY AWARD**
 - MINIMUM HIGH SCHOOL GPA OF 2.50
 - MINIMUM ACT SCORE OF 20 (OR SAT EQUIVALENT)
- **TOPS - PERFORMANCE AWARD**
 - MINIMUM HIGH SCHOOL GPA OF 3.00
 - MINIMUM ACT SCORE OF 23 (OR SAT EQUIVALENT)

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- **TOPS - HONORS AWARD**
 - MINIMUM HIGH SCHOOL GPA OF 3.00
 - MINIMUM ACT SCORE OF 27 (OR SAT EQUIVALENT)
- **TOPS - TECH AWARD**
 - MINIMUM HIGH SCHOOL GPA OF 2.50
 - MINIMUM ACT SCORE OF 17 (OR SAT EQUIVALENT)

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DUAL ENROLLMENT

- STUDENTS MUST HAVE AT LEAST A 2.75 OVERALL HS GPA
- **ACT COMPOSITE SCORE OF A 19**
- ACT SCORES MUST BE SENT FROM ACT DIRECTLY TO MCNEESE
- BECAUSE DE COURSES ARE COLLEGE COURSES, STUDENTS MUST BE ABLE TO HANDLE **COLLEGE-LEVEL READING/WRITING AND MATHEMATICS CONCEPTS; STUDENTS MUST BE COLLEGE READY, FOCUSED, AND SERIOUSLY ENGAGED IN THE COURSE.** ENROLLMENT IN A DE COURSE MARKS THE BEGINNING OF A STUDENT'S PERMANENT COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT *(FROM LA BOR)*

FINAL THOUGHTS

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!

