

CMIT-SOUTH
JUNIOR NIGHT

STEPS TO GRADUATION (AFTER 11TH GRADE)

1. Credit Evaluation

- 3 Math Credits, 4 Years of High School Math
 - 3 Science Credits (Bio +2)
 - US History, Government, World History
 - 4 Years/Credits of English
 - Fine Art
 - Foundations of Tech
 - Health, Personal Fitness
 - Two years of Language
 - At least 21 credits to Graduate
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2. Minimum of 24 hours of
community service - with
forms submitted!

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3. Testing requirements?

- Pass HSA Biology*

- Pass HSA Government

- Pass PARCC English 10

- Pass PARCC Algebra I

HOW TO FORM YOUR COLLEGE LIST

1. Make a list of 5-6 colleges of interest
 - a. Application fees are expensive and each application needs your time and attention to be of high quality
2. Visit the colleges you are considering
3. Compare your SAT/ACT scores and GPA to the school's expectations
 - a. Reach vs. Target vs. Safety
4. Use tools such as College Board's big future or Naviance's college search to search for schools

HOW TO APPLY

1. Once you have your list, write down everything you need (transcripts, essays, etc.)
2. Load everything into NAVIANCE
 - a. Make a note of schools that take things via Common App vs. Electronic vs. Mail Only
3. Write drafts of your essays and have them looked over by a trusted adult or teacher.

HOW TO APPLY (CONTINUED)

4. RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

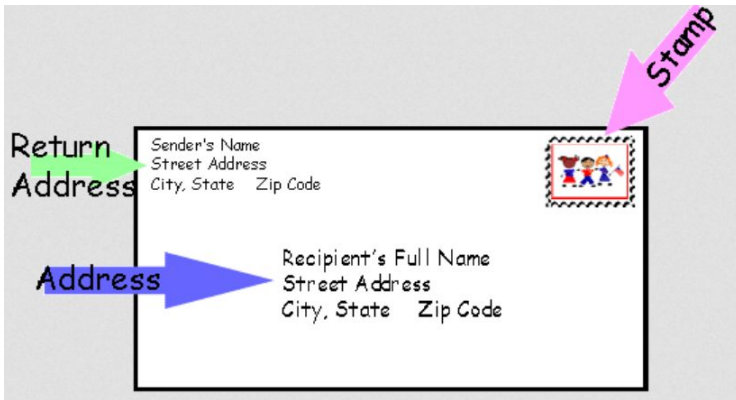
*First request for teacher recommendations should happen before end of Junior Year

*Ask these teachers again in September of Senior Year - send Naviance recommendation requests to teachers who agree RIGHT AWAY and give them a deadline for when you want them to submit the letter

*Counselor Recommendation:
-Request due **2 weeks before application deadline**
-Submit a **resume** and completed **Senior Questionnaire by OCTOBER for November 1st Deadlines (which is when we suggest all students get their apps in)**



HOW TO APPLY (CONTINUED)



5. Transcript Requests

*For schools that accept Common App or Electronic submissions, we will send your transcript directly through Naviance

*If a school requires a transcript to be mailed, you need to fill out a Transcript Request Form and turn it in to Ms. Amos in an **unsealed** envelope at least **two weeks before your application Deadline**

*Ms. Amos will prepare a packet of information to be mailed, put it in the envelope, and **notify you when it is ready for pick up**

STANDARDIZED TESTING

SAT and ACT

1. Most colleges require the SAT or the ACT.
 2. Take the test 1-2 times before Senior Year begins
 3. Take the test again 1-2 times Senior Year if you want to boost your scores more
 - a. Colleges ONLY see your best scores and they won't know how many times you took it!
 - b. Register for the SAT on the CollegeBoard website and pay the fee online.
 4. **Community Colleges do NOT require the SAT or ACT, but they sometimes use it for academic placement.
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PAYING FOR COLLEGE

- ACADEMIC / MERIT - BASED, ATHLETIC, INVOLVEMENT
 - SCHOLARSHIPS RANGE FROM \$100 - \$1000 AND MORE
 - APPLY FOR EVERYTHING
 - SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS VS. LOANS
- USEFUL SITES TO LOOK FOR SCHOLARSHIPS: FASTWEB.COM, ZINCH.COM, SCHOLARSHIPPOINTS.COM, CONNECT.EDU

OTHER USEFUL COLLEGE TIPS

- 1ST SEMESTER SENIOR GRADES ARE IMPORTANT - COLLEGES SEE THESE!
- COLLEGES WILL REQUEST A MID-YEAR AND FINAL TRANSCRIPT TO THE SCHOOL YOU WILL ATTEND IN THE FALL - THIS TAKES PLACE AFTER GRADUATION...SO DON'T SLACK OFF EVEN AFTER YOU APPLY!

12TH GRADE TENTATIVE SCHEDULING TIMELINE

- Advanced Placement Course Applications
 - Info coming in February 2019
- Late February / early March: Course Signing Day
- Mid- to late- April: first drafts of 2019-20 schedules will be released for students and families to review
- April-end of school year: Meetings to discuss course changes

12TH GRADE SCHEDULING DETAILS

- 12th grade students will take the following:
 - Mathematics Course*
 - If taking at PGCC, must be taken in the fall
 - If student drops the math course, student will not graduate
 - English Course*
 - Can take ENG1010 at PGCC in the fall, cannot take in the spring
 - If student drops the English course, student will not graduate
 - College Summit Course Fall and Spring?
 - A minimum of 1.0 additional elective credits
- Information coming in April/May regarding Summer/Fall Dual Enrollment registration
- Link to PGCC Dual Enrollment Site:
[https://www.pgcc.edu/Admissions and Registration/Applying to PGCC/High School Students.aspx](https://www.pgcc.edu/Admissions%20and%20Registration/Applying%20to%20PGCC/High%20School%20Students.aspx)

12TH GRADE SCHEDULING DETAILS (CONTINUED)

- Students must take 4 high school credit bearing courses each semester (4 courses in the fall, 4 courses in the spring)
 - Students who are pursuing higher education should *not* take this minimum number - rather, students are encouraged to take 6 credits at a minimum (if not taking a full 7-credit course load)
- Consider taking Dual Enrollment courses as well!
 - These courses must be dual credit courses to count as one of the 4 courses
 - **If your GPA isn't where you want it at the conclusion of 11th grade, you can also take Dual Enrollment courses in the summer

EARLY RELEASE

- Seniors may be eligible if they...
 - Need 4.0 or less credits to meet graduation requirements and..
 - Are employed, and would be working during the school day
 - Taking Dual Enrollment classes at PGCC or Bowie State during the school day
- Students need to complete application (info coming soon) and provide appropriate documentation
 - Provide documentation from employer, including a work schedule
 - Provide PGCC/Bowie course schedule for Dual Enrollment