

Post-Secondary Planning

Pemberton Township Counseling
Department

Major Clarity

- Major Clarity is a college and career readiness program that helps students research and identify careers and schools
- Log-in and password is a single sign on.



- Major Clarity can be accessed through Student Links.

MAJOR CLARITY IS YOUR FRIEND

- INTEREST INVENTORIES
- JOB DESCRIPTIONS/SALARIES/OUTLOOK
- VIDEOS TO SHOW YOU THE JOB
- TABS THAT SAY: 'CAREER EXPLORATION'
'POST SECONDARY EXPLORATION' &
'APPLICATION CENTER'

How Many College Applications?

- Apply to a range of colleges
- Approximately 5 to 8:
 - 1-2 “safety” colleges
 - 2-4 overall “good matches”
 - 1-2 “reach” colleges

Types of Submission

Electronic application
through their college website

Common application (+1000)

Self-reporting school (Rutgers)

Visiting Prospective Colleges

There is NO SUBSTITUTE for the
college visit!!!

The Application Process

What are schools looking for?

GRADES

SCORES

INVOLVEMENT

TYPES OF COLLEGES

- STATE COLLEGES (our state) TCNJ, Rutgers, Stockton, Montclair, William Patterson, etc.
- STATE COLLEGES (not in our state) Penn State, Pitt, University of Delaware
- PRIVATE COLLEGES (in or out of our state) Monmouth, Duquesne, Drexel

The College Application Process

- Be aware of deadlines- Don't wait until the last minute
- **Early Decision** vs. Early Admission/Action, Rolling Admission, Regular Admission

Recommendation Letters

- Required by many colleges and scholarship applications
- Request in person and then send an electronic request through Major Clarity
- ASK EARLY, and give plenty of time to meet deadlines
- Write a thank you note

College Testing

SAT

ACT

Test Optional

Registering for Tests

- SAT visit www.collegeboard.org
- ACT visit www.act.org
- PTHS School Code: 311162
- PTHS Test Center Number: 31-655

***IMPORTANT:** Be sure to list Pemberton's school code, as well as the codes for potential colleges on the registration form.


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Financial Aid
FAFSA

Need Based
(based on FAFSA)

Merit Based
(based on GPA)

General Aid
(national and local
scholarships)

Types of Financial Aid

- Grants- Money you do not have to pay back- based on the FAFSA
- Loans- Money you need to pay back
- Scholarships- Merit from colleges and local scholarships
- Work Study- Part-time jobs on the college campus

Distributors of Financial Aid

- Federal Government (FAFSA)
- State Government (HESAA)/NJ STARS)
- Institution
- Community/Business Organizations- local scholarships

FAFSA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Most important financial aid document
- All financial aid from the federal government, state government, and institution derives from this form.
- Traditional paper copy or online version
- www.fafsa.gov
- Key word is FREE. Beware of scams
- File after October 1st

CSS Profile Form

- Financial profile form that many private colleges require in addition to the FAFSA
- Fee associated with this application.
- Form should be completed online at www.collegeboard.org
- Check to see if your school requires the form.

NJ STARS

- Top 15% of the class
- Covers tuition at any county college full time for up to 5 semesters
- Tuition is paid, but fees are not covered.

CAP COURSES

- Dual-enrollment
- List of courses approved by RCBC is in the Program of Studies on the PTHS website.
- Registration is on line
- Student's responsibility to get registered before deadline

AP Courses

- AP EXAM IN MAY
- SCORE 1-5
- MUST SEND SCORES DIRECTLY FROM COLLEGE BOARD TO COLLEGE.

Local Scholarships

- Local donors from throughout the Pemberton Township community.
- Complete list of all scholarships that come through the counseling department from the community.
- Some require additional essays.
- The information will be used by the scholarship committee/donors to establish award winners
- The more thorough the search, the better the chance for success.

Helpful Websites

- www.hesaa.org
- <https://www.pemberton.k12.nj.us/Domain/8>
- www.fafsa.gov
- www.mapping-your-future.org
- www.fastweb.com
- www.khanacademy.com

NCAA Eligibility Center

- The initial eligibility office for Division I or II athletics
- Eligibility is a separate issue from admission.
- www.ncaa.org
- Check with your student's counselor
- Discuss with coach/Mr. Volpe

General Timeline

- Develop a list of potential schools
- Begin to visit/investigate the schools on your list
- Check on admissions criteria
- Develop a plan/schedule for SAT/SAT Subject/ACT
- Work to achieve the highest possible grades for the year
- Meet with your counselor to review post-secondary options and senior year schedule

Timeline

■ Summer

- Continue to revise list of college choices
- Take any SAT prep courses (if needed)
- Test offered in August

■ Fall

- Retake SAT/ACT if needed. Tests offered in Oct., Nov., and Dec.
- Complete college applications
- File CSS profile if necessary
- ADD TO NAVIANCE
- Be aware of deadlines

THANK YOU!!!!!!