ELKHORN ANTLERS

Welcome to The Junior Meeting

- Tracy Frevert — Counseling Administrative Assistant
- Desiree Merrihew — Last Names A-G
- Theresa Crnkovich — Last Names H-O
- Megan Scobie — Last Names P-Z

Have Closed Chromebook on desk for later

Top Junior Priorities

- Current classes and future classes
- Career planning
- College planning
- College entrance exams
  - Naviance Test Prep
- Research Athletic requirements if you plan to play in college.
  - It is your responsibility to make sure you are eligible for whatever college division you are interested in pursuing.
  - EPS Graduation requirements differ from college sports requirements.
  - NCAA will recalculate your GPA using only core classes, NOT your EPS GPA.
  - You must plan ahead, it is YOUR responsibility to make sure you are eligible.

Classes

- Study, study, study!
- Importance of junior year grades
  - Most colleges will use the cumulative GPA from the end of junior year
- Importance of rigorous classes senior year
  - Taking AP classes can help with scholarships
  - Junior Pre-Registration will take place in November
  - Final Registration will take place in January/February

Career Planning

You can link directly to the EHS career website from Naviance

- Job Shadow (outside of school day)
  - Link to form: Job Shadow Form (click to show form)
- Career Exploration Day (during school day)
  - All students are allotted 1 excused career exploration day per year.
  - Fill out the linked form to start the process:
    - Career Exploration Day Form (click to show form)
  - Then, see your counselor for Activity Absence/Liability Waiver/Verification Forms
  - If you don't know what you want to do, see your counselor for help
- Eat with an Expert (Once a month in library via zoom)
  - Must sign up on link (click to show form)
- Career Camps, Fairs, & Tours
  - Link to Calendar of Events (click to show calendar)

College Planning

What should you be doing now?

- Junior/Senior Parent Planning Night (September 14 from 6-7:30 pm--EHS)
  - Meet with college reps and military branches
- The College Search Process
  - Naviance--Class link
- Admissions/Military representatives visit EHS
  - Sign up through Naviance at least one day in advance
- Plan to visit campus of top 2-4 choices
  - Parent must request “College Visit Form Link” from Mrs. Frevert in counseling center before visiting and it will not count against attendance (max of 2 days) (email tfrevert@epsne.org)

You Have to talk about cost!

Being in debt right out of college is something you really need to consider.

Examples of Annual Cost to Attend College				
Institution Type	Cost of Tuition	Cost of Room/Board	Cost of Attendance	4 (or 2) Year Cost of Attendance
4-Year In-State (UNL)	$10,434	$14,120	$24,554	$98,216
Average 4-Year Out-of-State	$28,386	$17,322	$45,708	$182,832
2-Year In-State (SCC)	$3, 690	$11,820	$15,510	$31,020
4-Year Private (Creighton)	$48,856	$13,652	$62,508	$250,032

Achieve Career/Tech Ed Scholarships

You must **Apply** to earn Achieve Scholarships through the **elkhornfoundation.org** website opening on Dec. 1 of your senior year. You can do both if you qualify. You will receive the scholarship if you meet the criteria and apply on time.

Elkhorn Foundation Achieve Career and Tech Ed Scholarship Award Requirements.			
Requirements: (If you attend Metro, they will match your award and therefore double your money.)	**Gold $1350**	**Silver $900**	**Bronze $500**
Semesters of Courses in **ONE** Designated Program of Focus below* (Grade of 3 or higher)	3	3	3
Years of Math	4	4	4
Years of either Social Studies OR Science	4	3	3
Years in **School-Based** Extracurricular Activities	4	3	2
Community Service Hours	100	75	50
Different **Career** Explorations (Must have at least one from group 1) See Below	6	5	4
Resume and Cover Letter	x	x	x

*FOCUS PROGRAMS	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
Accounting	Accounting I Sem 1	Accounting I Sem 2	Accounting II OR Financial Wealth
Business Admin	Business Management	Personal/Business Law	Economics OR Financial Wealth
Culinary Arts	Foods/Nutrition I	Foods/Nutrition II	Culinary Arts
Education	Child Development	Human Dev/Relationships	Introduction to Education
Engineering	Intro to Engineering/Architecture	Engineering 1 OR Architecture 1	Engineering 2 OR Architecture 2
Health Care	Anatomy Sem 1	Anatomy Sem 2	Health Care Careers
Information Tech	Programming I	AP Computer Science Sem 1	AP Computer Science Sem 2
Journalism	Journalism	Photojournalism OR Newspaper OR Yearbook	Photojournalism OR Newspaper OR Yearbook
Marketing	Marketing I (Sem 1)	Marketing I (Sem 2)	Sports/Entertainment Marketing
Small Engines	Small Engines I	Small Engines II	Any Skilled Tech Science Class
Welding	Welding I	Welding II	Any Skilled Tech Science Class
Woods	Woods I	Woods II – Furniture	Any Skilled Tech Science Class

Elkhorn Foundation Achieve Advanced Placement Scholarship Requirements.			
Requirements: (If you attend Metro, they will match your award and therefore double your money.)	**Gold $1350**	**Silver $900**	**Bronze $500**
AP Classes Taken (Grade of 3 or higher) by End of Senior Year	7	5	4
AP Exams Taken by End of Senior Year	4	3	2
Years in **School Based** Extracurricular Activities (can be same or different)	4	3	2
Community Service Hours by Feb. 1 of senior year	100	75	50
Different Career Explorations (Can be from either group)	4	4	4

Types of Career Explorations (only one of each).

Group	Career Experience
Group 1 Experience: 6 months=Gold, 5 months=Silver, 4 months=Bronze	
1	Job with Bonafide employer
1	Internship: 1 Semester=4 months; 2 Semesters=8 months
1	Teacher Cadet: 1 Semester=4 months; 2 Semesters=8 months
1	Elkhorn Technology Team: 1 Semester=4 months; 2 Semesters=8 months
1	Other Long-Term Experience Approved By Counselor
Group 2 Experience: Can only do **ONE** from each category	
2	Career Exploring Program
2	College Campus Visit
2	College Fair (Every September)
2	Eat with an Expert (Every month at EHS through January.)
2	EPS Career Fair (Every March)
2	Job Shadow
2	Meet with college rep at EHS (See Naviance for dates)
2	Meet with military rep (See Naviance for dates)
2	Other Activity Approved by Counselor
2	ASVAB (Every October)

- To earn a scholarship, you **must** meet all requirements for the respective level.
- You **must** apply for this scholarship through the EPS Foundation–opens 12/1 Senior Year
- It is **YOUR** final responsibility to make sure you have the required criteria by the due date of the application.
- **Click Here for detailed Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation Scholarship Information**

- **Community Service Opportunities**–Click Here

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College Preparation

- Create and update your resume

  (Naviance has a resume builder/Career TA Lesson)
  - Education
  - Activities/Clubs/Organizations
  - Leadership Roles
  - Work Experience
  - Awards/Honors

- Some college applications require a resume
- Resumes can be given to teachers/counselors to help with letters of recommendation

Start now, it will save you time next year!

College Entrance Exams:

ACT or SAT (can take multiple times)

- Each junior will take the ACT at EHS on April 6, 2027
  - Practice ACT on November 24, 2026
- **ACT Link** for further dates and information
- **SAT Link** for further dates and information

Optional College Exam:

PSAT: National Merit Scholarship Competition

PSAT: Friday, October 16 at Elkhorn High School

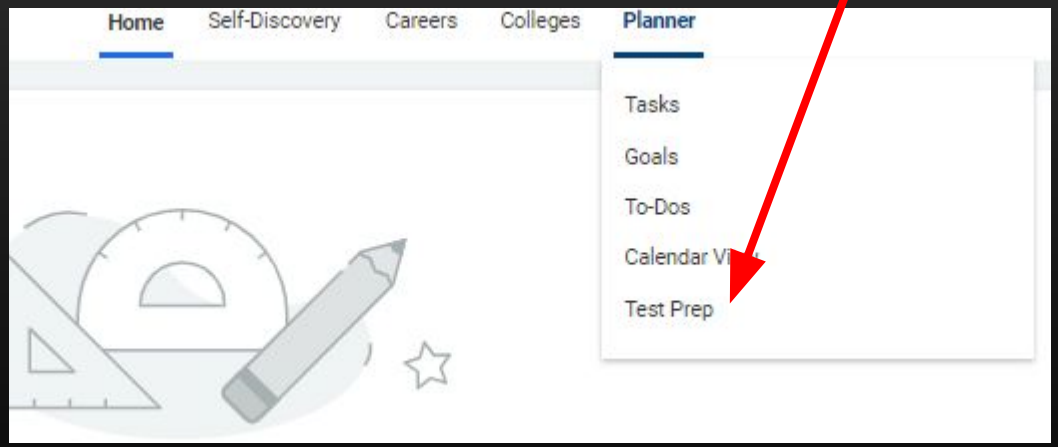
- (Approx. 7:45-11:15)

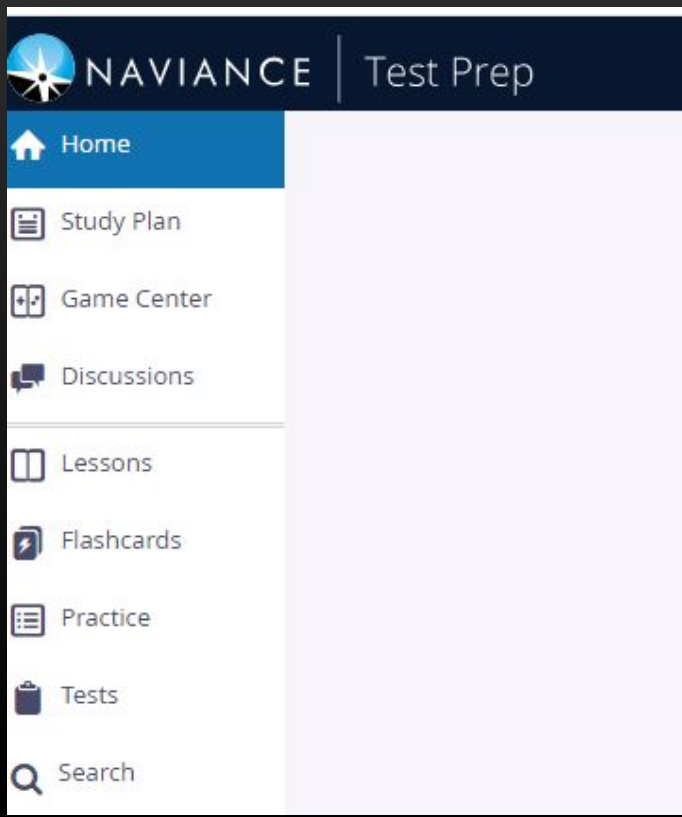
HOW DO YOU SIGN UP?

- There is a $35 fee for the PSAT
- To be guaranteed a PSAT test, you must bring your $35 cash or check to the counseling center by 3:30pm on Friday, September 4th.

College Entrance Exam Test Prep

- Take rigorous courses
- Outside test preparation courses
  - ACT/SAT Resources
- Free online practice through Naviance
  - Go to Planner, Test Prep





If you are playing collegiate sports, register with the appropriate clearinghouse.

- Find out all information necessary by visiting the specific site for the athletic division(s) you are interested in.
- Do this early if you have any question you might NOT be academically eligible whether for GPA or required credits.
    - EPS Graduation Requirements are not the same as NCAA Requirements.
    - EPS GPA is not the same as NCAA GPA (Electives are excluded)
- If credits/GPA are not complete by your graduation date, you are not eligible to participate.
- Athletic Eligibility is the sole responsibility of the student and parent.
- You must continue to check your status in the portal as that is the only way you will know.
- Register as soon as the end of junior year with your respective college division so you are aware and have time to fix any discrepancies.

    - NCAA Schools - https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/
        - Division 3 school recommend completing the free profile and coordinating directly with compliance officers at your target schools.
    - NAIA Schools – www.Playnaia.Org

Thinking about the Military

- **Junior/Senior College/Military Night:**
  Sept. 14 from 6-7:30 pm, EHS Cafeteria
- **Military:** Sign up on Naviance to see recruiters
  - (Under College Visits)
- **ASVAB – October 9—sign up in Counseling Center (deadline is Oct. 2)**

What's Ahead…..

Fall of Senior Year:

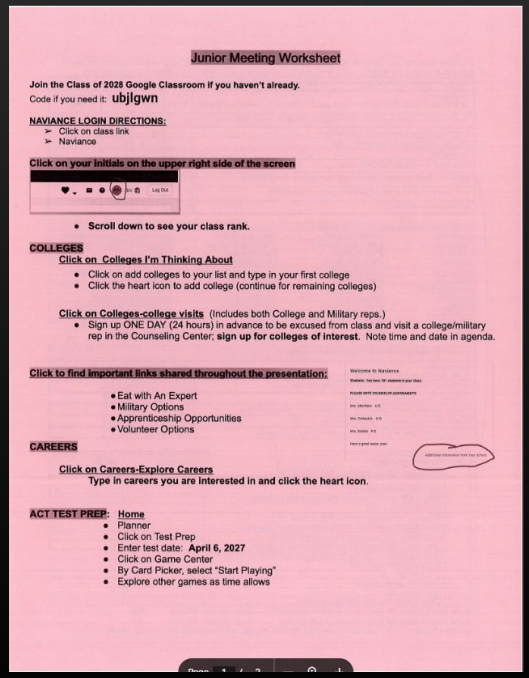
- Begin online college application process
- FAFSA-Free Application for Federal Student Aid
  - Completing the FAFSA is a Nebraska High School Graduation requirement.
  - Opens Approximately October 1st
  - Educationquest.org Free service to help with FAFSA
- Begin Scholarship application process
  - Counselors will get you started in August/September

Junior Worksheet

For the remainder of the period:

- Follow the steps on the worksheet.
- Keep worksheet as future reference.
- Review requirements for Achieve Scholarships.

Have a Great Junior Year!!



Junior Meeting Worksheet

Join the Class of 2028 Google Classroom if you haven't already.
Code if you need it: **ubjlgwn**

NAVIANCE LOGIN DIRECTIONS:
- Click on class link
- Naviance

Click on your Initials on the upper right side of the screen

- **Scroll down to see your class rank.**

COLLEGES

Click on Colleges I'm Thinking About
- Click on add colleges to your list and type in your first college
- Click the heart icon to add college (continue for remaining colleges)

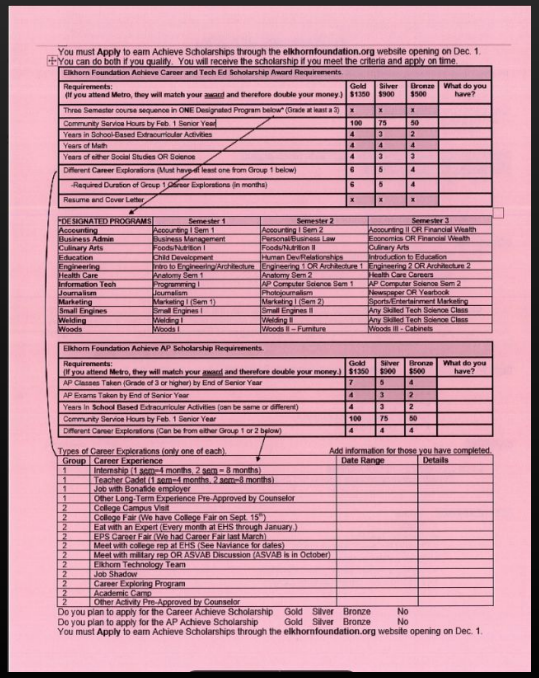
Click on Colleges-college visits (Includes both College and Military reps.)
- Sign up ONE DAY (24 hours) in advance to be excused from class and visit a college/military rep in the Counseling Center; **sign up for colleges of interest.** Note time and date in agenda.

Click to find important links shared throughout the presentation:
- Eat with An Expert
- Military Options
- Apprenticeship Opportunities
- Volunteer Options

CAREERS

Click on Careers-Explore Careers
Type in careers you are interested in and click the heart icon.

ACT TEST PREP: **Home**
- Planner
- Click on Test Prep
- Enter test date: **April 6, 2027**
- Click on Game Center
- By Card Picker, select "Start Playing"
- Explore other games as time allows



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Three Semester course sequence in ONE Designated Program below* (Grade at least a 3)	x	x	x	
Community Service Hours by Feb. 1 Senior Year	100	75	50	
Years in School-Based Extracurricular Activities	4	3	2	
Years of Math	4	4	4	
Years of either Social Studies OR Science	4	3	3	
Different Career Explorations (Must have at least one from Group 1 below)	6	5	4	
Required Duration of Group 1 Career Explorations (in months)	6	5	4	
Resume and Cover Letter	x	x	x	

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Elkhorn Foundation Achieve AP Scholarship Requirements.

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Different Career Explorations (Can be from either Group 1 or 2 below)	4	4	4	

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2	Job Shadow		
2	Career Exploring Program		
2	Academic Camp		
2	Other Activity Pre-Approved by Counselor		

Do you plan to apply for the Career Achieve Scholarship Gold Silver Bronze No
Do you plan to apply for the AP Achieve Scholarship Gold Silver Bronze No
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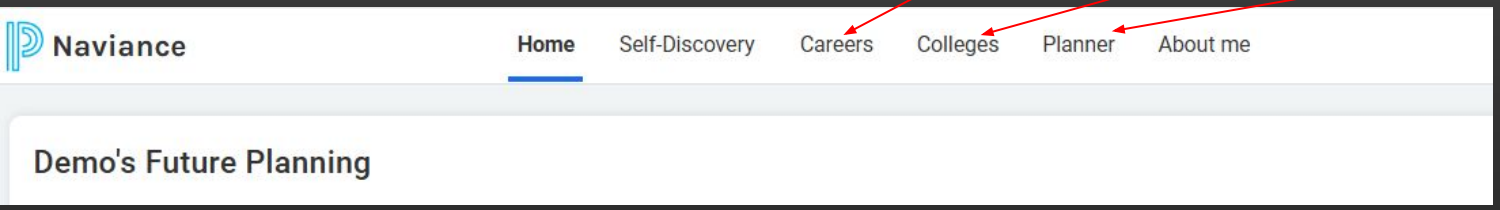
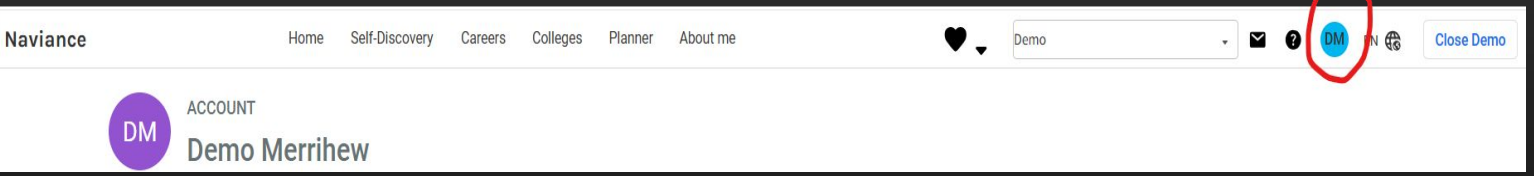
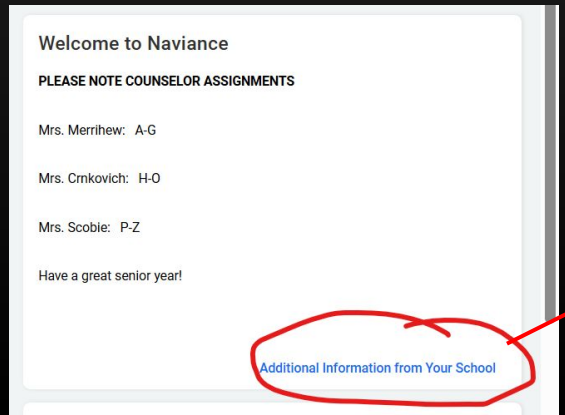
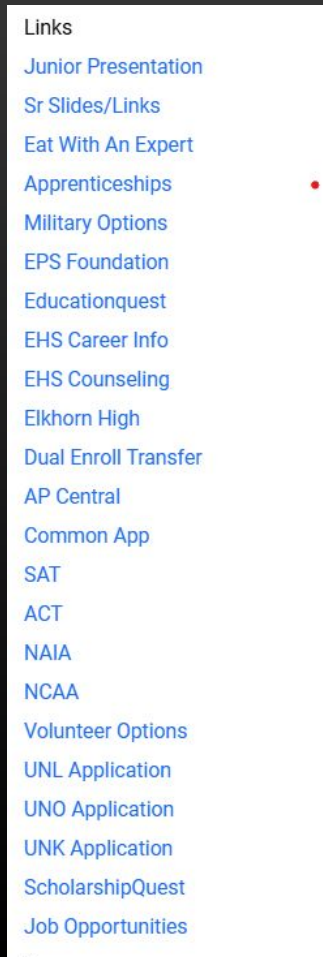
How to Access Naviance

- Go to ClassLink, Click On Naviance Icon
- Naviance Home Page
  - Use Menus below to explore careers, colleges, test prep, etc.



- Click on the circle with your initials and scroll down to find rank/GPA



- Click on the Home Menu to return to home page.
- Click on Additional Information from your School (right hand side) to access links