# WELCOME TO SENIOR SEMINAR!

## Meet the Counselors:

- Tracy Frevert — Admin Assistant
- Desiree Merrihew — A-G
- Theresa Crnkovich — H-O
- Megan Scobie — P-Z

- Have Closed Chromebook on desk
- Need a writing utensil

# Senior Seminar Documents

- Senior Interview Form—**Return to Counselor**
- Transcript (Purple–take home)
- AP/CTE Achieve Information Sheet (Pink-take home)
- PowerPoint Slides link on Naviance

# Senior Interview Documents

All seniors will meet individually with their counselor in the next few weeks

- Copy of Senior Interview—will be sent home after interview
- Educationquest College Planning Guide
- Additional Information as Needed

# Your Senior Year Agenda:

1. Make sure you you earn the necessary credits to graduate from EHS!
2. Plan what you would like to do after high school:
   a. Continue to research Career Options.
   b. Apply to colleges/trade schools online.
3. Sign up for college admissions testing if you want to increase your score.
4. Research Athletic requirements if you plan to play in college.
   a. It is your responsibility to make sure you are eligible for whatever college division you are interested in pursuing.
   b. EPS Graduation requirements differ from college sports requirements.
   c. NCAA will recalculate your GPA using core courses only.
      **YOU must plan ahead!**
5. Work with parents to complete the FAFSA (Financial Aid).
6. Apply for scholarships (**Gears up after Thanksgiving**).
7. Sign up for AP Testing.
8. Take RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR FUTURE.

GPA:
Credits:
Rank:
**Credits Left:** _____

# Senior Interview

| | Credits Required for graduation | Credits needed for graduation | Credits Recommended for many Colleges | Credits needed for many colleges |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| English | 8 | | 8 | |
| Social Studies | 6 | | 6 | |
| Math | 6 | | 6 | |
| Science | 6 | | 6 | |
| PE | 2 | | | |
| Personal Finance | 1 | | | |
| Electives | 13 | | | |
| Foreign Language | 0 | | 4 | |

| Plans for post-high school Circle all that apply | | Details | Possible College Options |
|---|---|---|---|
| Military | Branch: | | |
| Work | Field: | | |
| 2-yr college/technical school | Major: | | |
| 4-yr college/university | Major: | | |
| Athletics (NCAA.NAIA) | Sport | | |

**General College Application Steps:**
1. Sept-Oct: Student completes online application. (Watch for deadlines, see Counselor for Common App.)
2. If a transcript is needed, follow these steps to request a transcript from EHS. On the Naviance home page, click on: **Colleges I am applying to, search for and add your college. Click the pink plus button and fill in accordingly.**
3. If requested, send ACT scores by logging into **act.org**.
4. It was suggested that the students use their school email and Eps12345#! (12345 should be YOUR student number).
5. Fill out FAFSA. This is now a Nebraska High School **REQUIREMENT**.
6. Nov-End of year: Apply for Scholarships.

**How to Find Scholarships:**
1. Once you submit your college applications, colleges will look at you for their scholarships.
2. Classlink—Naviance--Colleges—Scholarships & Money—Scholarship Search.
3. Elkhorn Foundation Scholarships & Achieve: www.elkhornfoundation.org. Opens Dec. 1.
4. Set up a ScholarshipQuest Account: educationquest.org—tools–ScholarshipQuest. Set up account.

**Reminders:**

- Each senior gets **two college visit** days that don't count against their attendance.
  - To get excused for college visit days, parents need to email tfrevert@epsne.org to fill out a form.
- Each student gets **one free career day** a year. See your counselor for more information.
- All students can sign up to meet with college reps at EHS. See Naviance for sign-ups.

Counselor will explain what the numbers mean.

NOTE: Any class beyond the requirement for graduation turns into an elective credit.

EXAMPLE: You have had 3 years of Social Studies–if you have current problems, it is considered an elective for high school graduation, but a social studies for college purposes.

Complete plans for next year and fill in any blanks necessary.

Important Reminders

## AP and CTE Achieve Scholarships:

| Please answer the following questions. Your Counselor will discuss the details at your Senior Interview: | Answers |
|---|---|
| How many AP Classes will you have taken by the end of this year? (Need 7 with a grade of 3 or higher for the highest AP Achieve Scholarship). | |
| How many AP Exams will you have taken by the end of this year? (Need 4 for the highest AP Achieve Scholarship). | |
| How many hours of volunteer service do you have? (Need 100 for highest scholarship.) | |
| How many more hours of volunteer service do you plan to get? | |
| Do you have a job or do you plan to get a job? | |
| If you have a job, how many months have you been employed? * | |
| How many school years have you been involved in an activity or club? | 1 2 3 4 (including this year) |
| If you are applying for the CTE Achieve, which Program of Focus are you completing. (Choose from Programs below, must complete the three exact semesters following the Programs of Focus with a grade of 3 or higher.) | |

| *Programs of Focus | 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 | Woods III - Cabinets |

| Circle the Career Experiences you have completed or will complete this year. You need 4 experiences for the AP Achieve Scholarship. You need 6 for the highest CTE Achieve (*One MUST be Job, Cadet, Internship, Tech Team for CTE). | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Eat with an Expert | Meet with College Rep | *Have a job | Academic Camp/Program |
| College Campus Visit | *Tech Team | *Teacher Cadet | Job Shadow |
| Career Fair | Meet with Military Rep | *Internship | Other approved by counselor |
| College Fair | Take ASVAB | | |

| Please answer the following: | | |
|---|---|---|
| Do you plan to apply for the AP Achieve Scholarship? | Yes | No |
| Do you plan to apply for the CTE (Career) Achieve Scholarship? | Yes | No |

* **ACHIEVE CTE Scholarship Applicants** – Please make sure that you have met the time/duration requirements for the level 1 requirement for the level you are applying for (Bronze: 4-month minimum, Silver: 5-month minimum, and Gold: 6-month minimum).

# Achieve Scholarships

Can receive one/both scholarships if you meet the criteria and apply on time.

Please fill out the back of the senior interview sheet in its entirety.

You will take home the pink sheet for your own reference and tracking.

You are responsible for knowing what the criteria is, meeting the criteria, and submitting the application on time.

NOTE: Please make the following changes on your sheet.

1. See Journalism Track:
   a. Journalism, Photojournalism OR Yearbook or Newspaper.
2. Tech Team has been added to Level 1 career experiences.

# Explore Careers

EHS Career Website (All links are on the EHS Career Website.)

- Explore Apprenticeships
- Job Shadow (outside of school day)
- Career Exploration Day (during school day)
- Eat with an Expert (Once a month in lecture hall via zoom)
- Career Camps, Fairs, & Tours

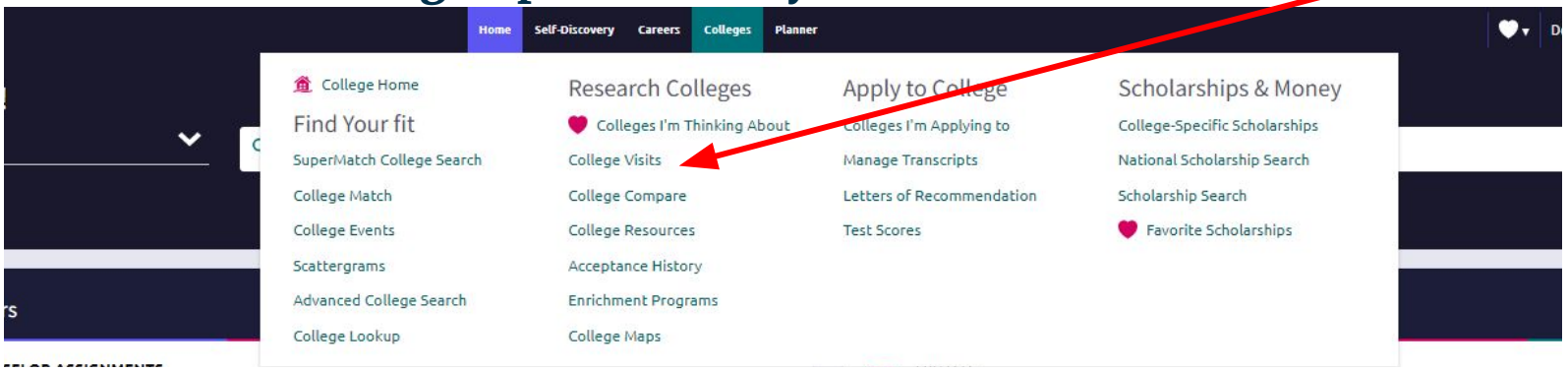
# Explore Military Options

- **Click Here to view Military Opportunities**
- **ASVAB: October 9th at EHS (9 am to noon)**
  - Test is free
  - Sign up in Counseling Center by **October 2nd**
- **Military will be available during Jr/Sr College Planning Night on Sept. 14 @ 6 pm EHS**

# Explore Colleges

## Meet with college reps at EHS during the school day!

- **To sign up: Click on College-Research Colleges-College Visits**
  - **You can also sign up for Military Visits**

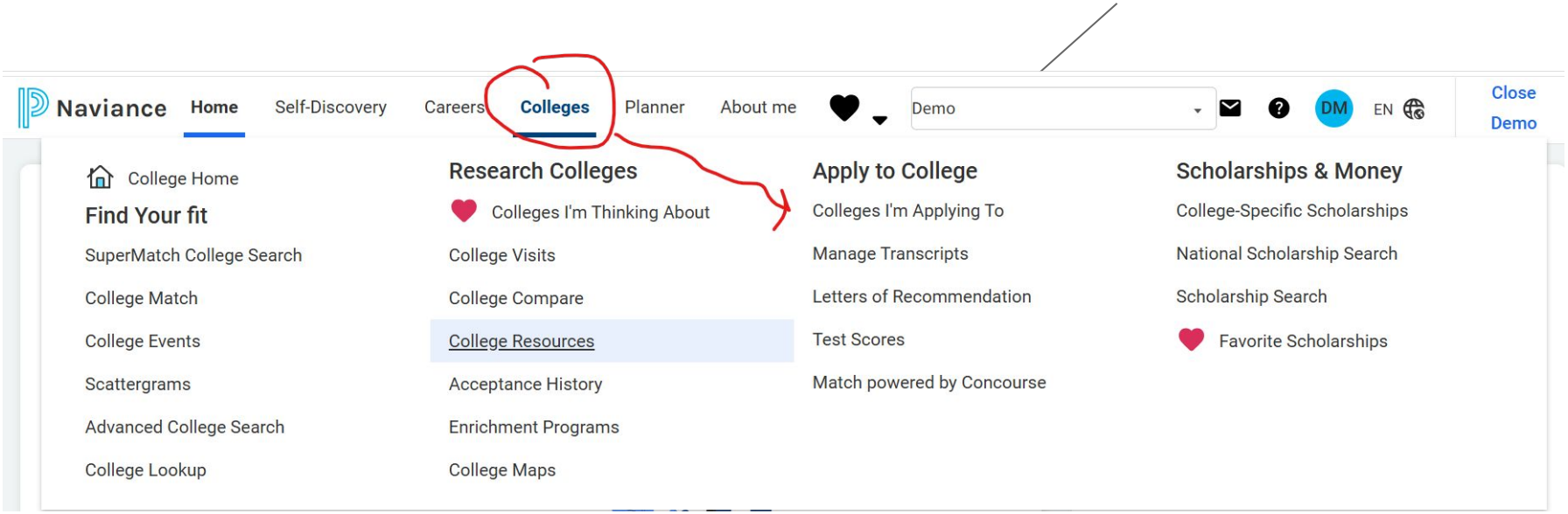


**Or plan to visit campus of top 2 choices**

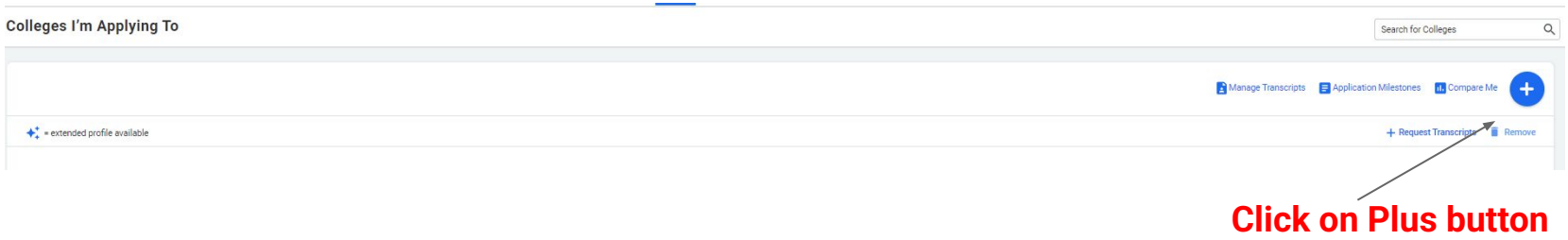
- Parent must request "College Visit Form Link" from Mrs. Frevert in counseling center before visiting so it will not count against attendance (max of 2 days) (email tfrevert@epsne.org)

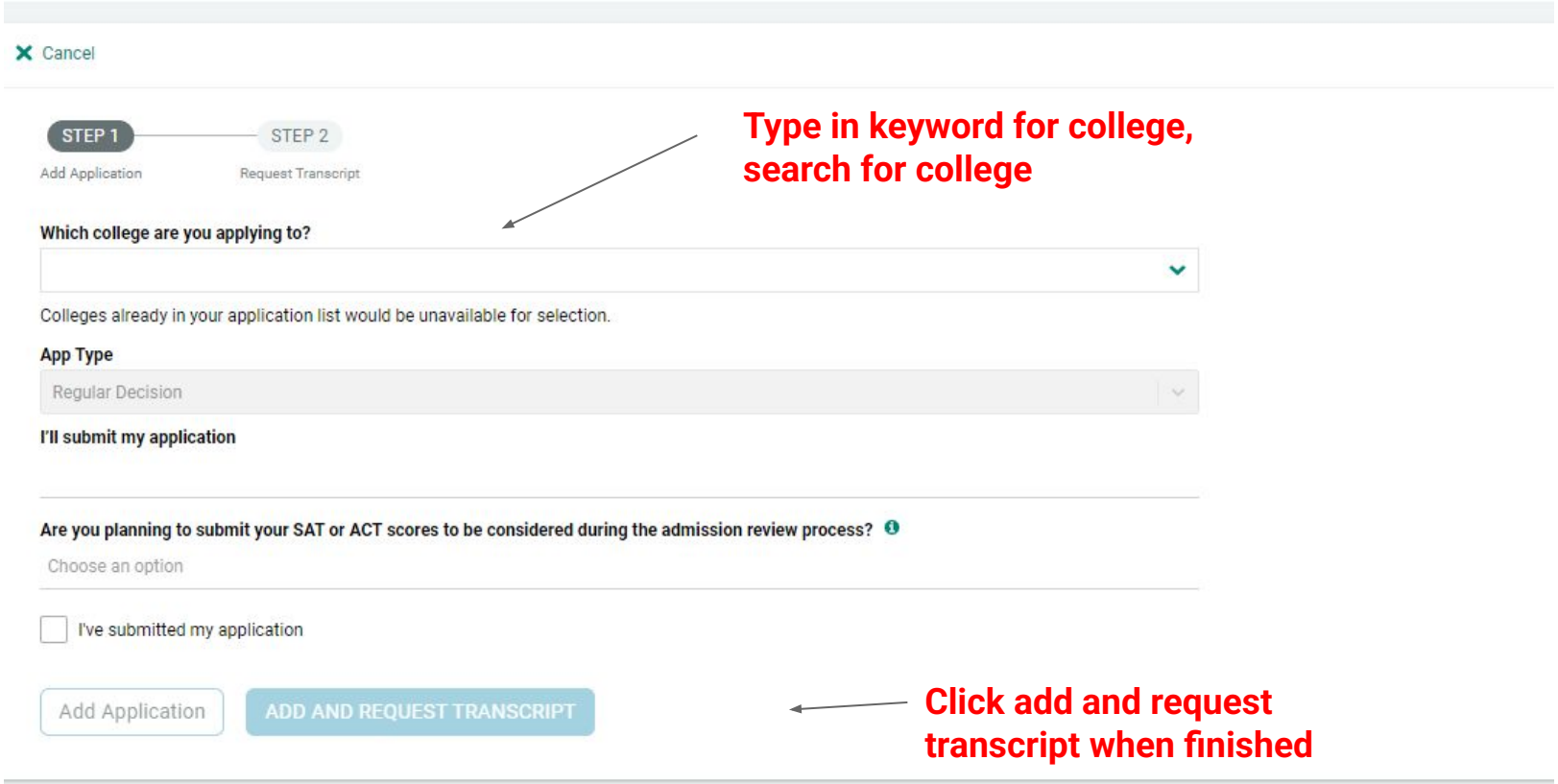
# Naviance

# Seniors should review, update or add to their list of colleges you are applying to.



# Seniors must request transcripts to be sent to colleges through Naviance and the college must be in your “applying to” list.



# College Testing

**To sign up for college admissions testing or to request to have scores sent to colleges:**

(December tests are usually the last used for scholarships)

Click **ACT** OR **SAT**

To Login to ACT: Recommended email–Elkhorn Student Email

Recommended password–Eps12345#!

*12345 should be your student number

## Test Prep

Class Link: Naviance–Planner–Test Prep

Other options: Educationquest

# Explore College Athletics

- 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 have to continuously check your account for eligibility updates.
- Register ASAP with your respective college division so you are aware and have time to fix any discrepancies.

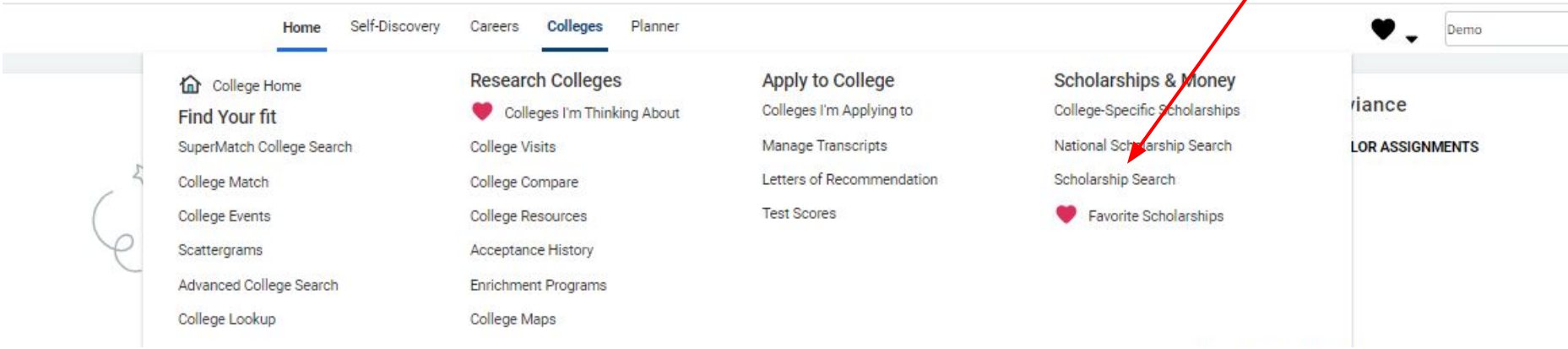
- NCAA Schools - https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/
- NAIA Schools – www.Playnaia.Org
- Division 3 schools have their own paperwork/but utilize NCAA

# FAFSA: Financial Aid

- **This is a Nebraska Graduation Requirement:**
  - **All seniors MUST complete the FAFSA**
  - **There may be a few exceptions, see your counselor.**

1. Educationquest is a free service in Omaha that will help parents fill out financial aid paperwork.
2. October: Fill out FAFSA
   a. Create a Federal Student Aid Account
   b. Complete the FAFSA

# Seniors should begin exploring scholarships Will really gear up after Thanksgiving




Elkhorn Foundation and Achieve Scholarships open on Dec. 1.
Due Feb. 1
Create a ScholarshipQuest account at EducationQuest.org to create a scholarship account.

# AP testing

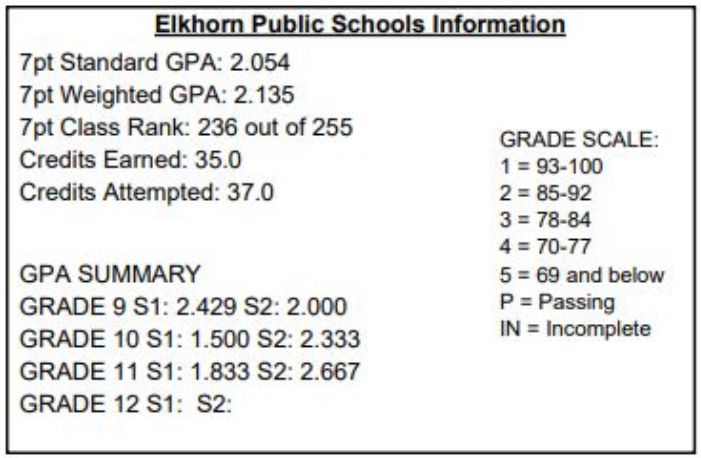
- You will register for the exam in your AP class by joining the AP Classroom
- **You will need to pay $59 by October 23rd as instructed by your AP teacher**
- If you dual enroll in the class through UNO and take the exam in June EHS will reimburse you the $59

# School Transcript Update:

- EHS utilizes a 7-point grading scale.
- Starting with the Class of 2027, Elkhorn Public Schools' official transcripts will add a converted 10-point standard GPA and a converted 10-point weighted GPA.
- These figures are provided specifically to **assist in the college admissions and scholarship application processes ONLY**.

# Please Note:

- **Grading Standards:** EPS continues to utilize its traditional 7-point scale for daily classroom grading and for determining student matriculation to the next course sequence.
- **Calculation Methodology:** Both standard and weighted 10-point GPAs are calculated directly from the course percentages achieved by the student.
- **Weighting:** In accordance with district policy, one additional mark point is awarded for grades of 1, 2, or 3 in Advanced Placement (AP) courses.
- Counselors will report the student's 10-point GPA and 10-point rank.
- Students may report whichever GPA and rank is most advantageous to them.

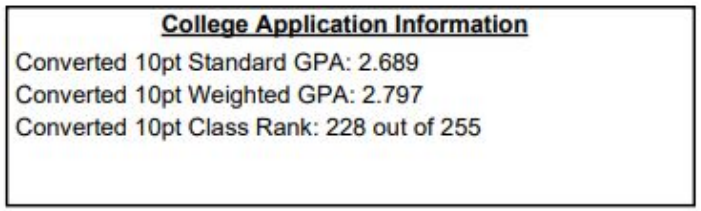


**Elkhorn Public Schools Information**

7pt Standard GPA: 2.054
7pt Weighted GPA: 2.135
7pt Class Rank: 236 out of 255
Credits Earned: 35.0
Credits Attempted: 37.0

GRADE SCALE:
1 = 93-100
2 = 85-92
3 = 78-84
4 = 70-77
5 = 69 and below
P = Passing
IN = Incomplete

GPA SUMMARY
GRADE 9 S1: 2.429 S2: 2.000
GRADE 10 S1: 1.500 S2: 2.333
GRADE 11 S1: 1.833 S2: 2.667
GRADE 12 S1: S2:



**College Application Information**

Converted 10pt Standard GPA: 2.689
Converted 10pt Weighted GPA: 2.797
Converted 10pt Class Rank: 228 out of 255

Date of Graduation: 2027
Accredited by the State of Nebraska

Principal/Counselor _____

## Reminder:

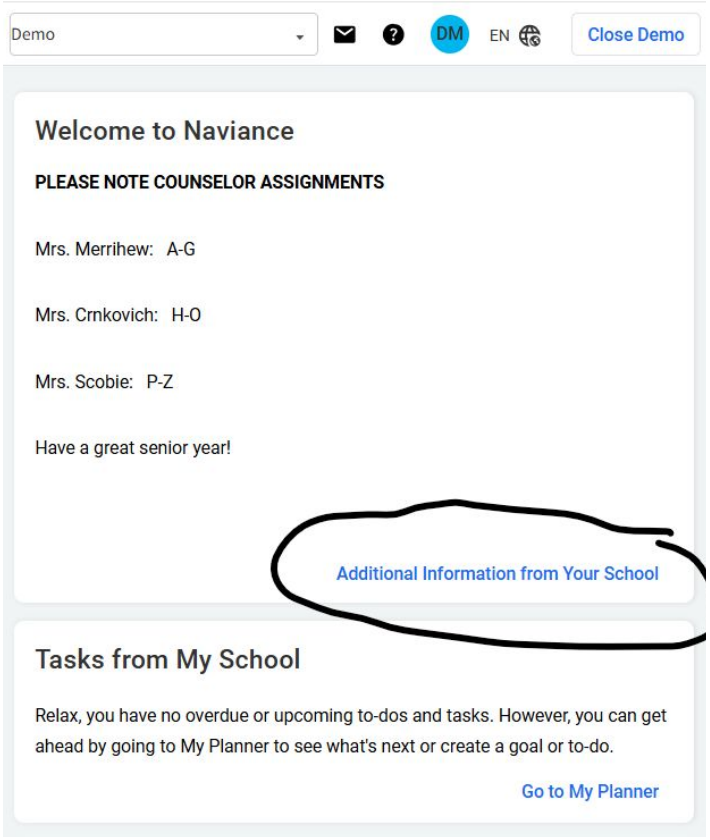
## Junior/Senior College Planning night:

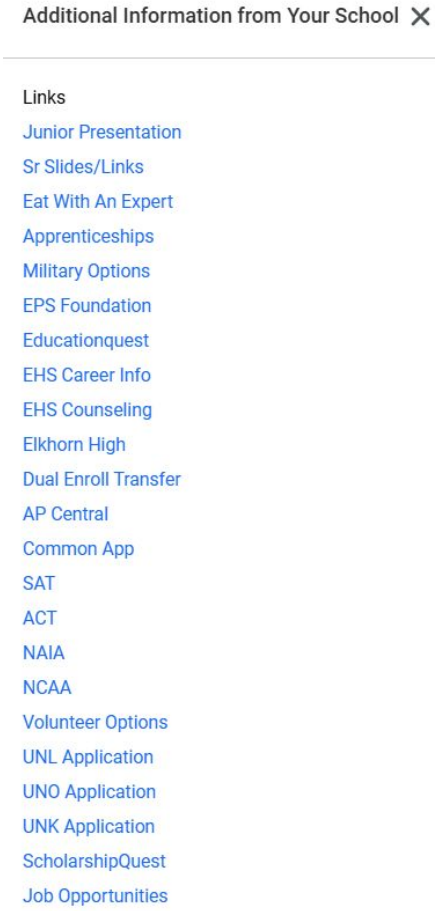
- **Monday September 14th 6:00pm to 7:30pm**
  - Several Colleges will be present
  - Several Military Branches will be present
  - Parents and students invited
  - Counts as a Career Exploration for Achieve Scholarships

# Save the Date!

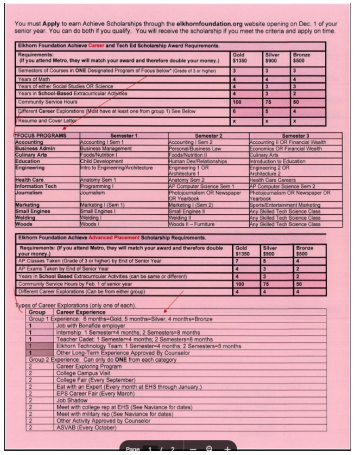
# To Access Helpful Info on Naviance:

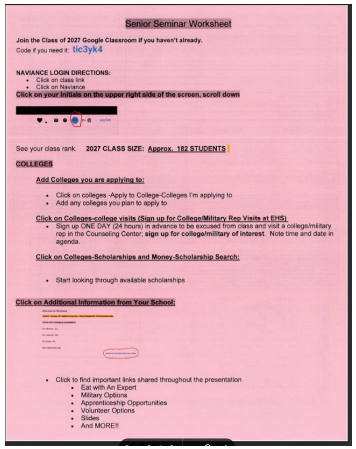
- Classlink–Naviance Icon
- On the Right Side of the Homescreen–
  - Click on Additional information from your School-see links



# Items to work on in class right now



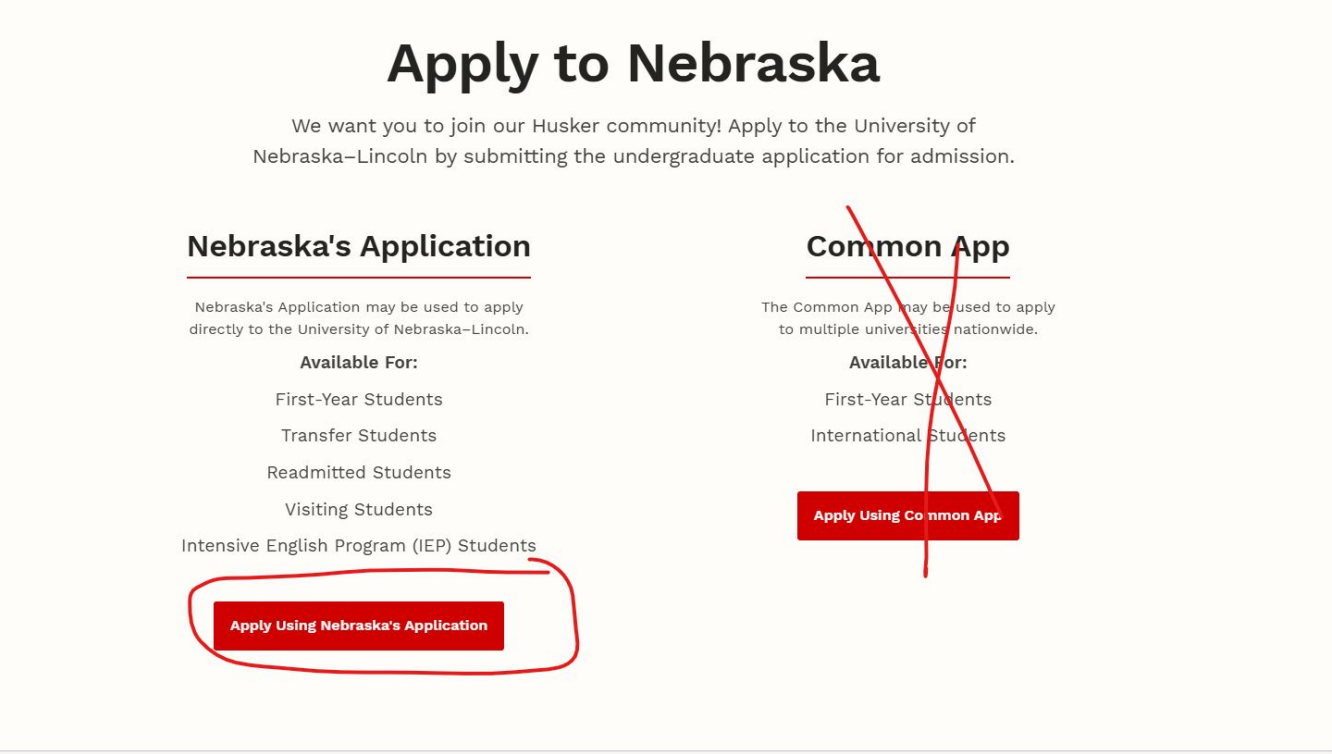


**Sheet 1 will help with CTE and AP Achieve Requirements, Sheet 2 will help you get started.**

- Join EHS Class of 2027 Google Classroom: **tic3yk4**
- Access Naviance: Classlink, Click on Naviance Icon.
- Open This Presentation on Naviance to gain access to links
- Add colleges to your “Applying to Colleges List” in Naviance
- Start online college application process
- Prepare a resume to give to teachers or counselors for letter of rec.
- Sign up to meet with college reps on Naviance:  Colleges/College Visits
- Research Careers/Access Career page from Naviance
- Create an athletic account and follow all steps to check your eligibility
- Explore Apprenticeships/Access from Naviance
- Search for Scholarships on Naviance/Create a scholarshipquest account
- Look over AP and CTE Achieve Requirements
- Explore the military/Access from Naviance
- Sign up for AP Testing
- Register for additional ACT/SAT-Access from Naviance
- Make sure you save your usernames/passwords this year in a special place

# Class of 2027!

## Have a GREAT YEAR!

To apply to college online (Example)

- Google the college:  University of Nebraska Lincoln Application
  - **You can apply to UNL, UNO, UNK at the same time**
    - **Free from August 1st-November 1st.**
    - **UNL Code=HUSKER; UNO Code=MAVERICKS; UNK CODE=LOPERS**
- Click on the link to get to the website
- Click on Apply
- Follow the screen instructions
- Make sure you save your usernames/passwords this year in a special place
  - Don't use Elkhorn Student Email