

Science Park High School



JUNIOR PARENT NIGHT

09/23/2021

Counselor Assignments

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Guidance Class of 2023 Google Classroom

Google Classroom Code: **ktzse54**



<https://classroom.google.com/c/Mzc50TMyNDU5MDFa?cjc=ktzse54>

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Graduation Requirement

Newark Public Schools



STATE/DISTRICT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (EFFECTIVE WITH THE CLASS OF 2022)

To accumulate the 130 credits required to earn a high school diploma, students must successfully complete the following courses as required by the New Jersey State Department of Education and the Newark Public Schools.

CONTENT AREA	COURSE	YEARS	CREDITS
Language Arts Literacy	English I, II, III, IV	4 years	20 credits
Mathematics	Mathematics	4 years	20 credits
Science	Science	4 years	20 credits
Social Studies	World History	1 year	5 credits
	US History I, II	2 years	10 credits
	Financial Literacy	½ year	2.5 credits
	Semester Course	½ year	2.5 credits
World Language	World Language I, II	2 years	10 credits
Visual and Performing Arts	Visual and Performing Arts	1 year	5 credits
Health, Safety and Physical Education	Physical Education/Health I, II, III, IV	4 years	20 credits
21 st Century Life and Careers, or Career-Technical Education	Career-Technical Education Course	1 year	5 credits
Electives	Electives	2 years	10 credits
Total Credits			130 minimum credits
Additional Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Senior Thesis; b) Demonstrated mastery on State Assessments; c) 80 hours of Community Service; d) FAFSA/NJFAAA. 			

WHAT'S IMPORTANT ABOUT JUNIOR YEAR ?

- Review Transcripts
 - Check graduation credits
 - Review for errors
- Continue to do their best in classes
- Get to know their teachers
- Get involved and take on leadership roles
- Take College Entrance Exams (SAT/ACT)
- NHS



PSAT

PSAT/NMSQT®
Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

www.collegeboard.com

The PSAT will be administered on Wednesday,
October 13, 2021 at Science Park HS.

- ▣ The PSAT/NMSQT is a shortened version of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) which is a standardized test used as part of the admission requirements for college. It measures reading, math problem solving, and writing and language skills. It consists of four sections: one reading section (60 minutes), one writing and language section (35 minutes), one math section without the use of a calculator (25 minutes) and one math section with the use of a calculator (45 minutes). The PSAT does not include a written essay. Students are advised to bring a calculator (four function, scientific or graphing only), and two number two pencils.
- ▣ **The Junior year scores can be used for the National Merit Scholarship Competition.**

PSAT Scores



- Once the students receive their PSAT/NMSQT scores, counselors will assist students to link College Board and Khan Academy accounts to access free, personalized practice on Khan Academy. Start practicing for the SAT with a focus on the areas you need the most help. Learn more at satpractice.org

- **How to Link Your College Board + Khan Academy Accounts (watch the following YouTube video)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=patbkNnnAQ4>

PSAT/NMSQT®

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SAT

WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.COM

**The district plans to administer the SAT to ALL juniors on
March 3, 2022 at Science Park High School.**



ACT

act.org

The ACT college readiness assessment is a standardized test. Many students and parents begin the college prep process by comparing the ACT and SAT. For more information, please visit this link:

<https://www.princetonreview.com/college/sat-act>



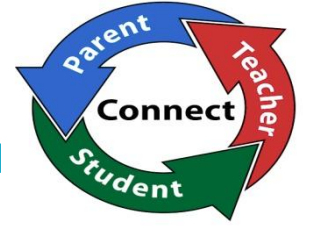
Fee Waivers for ACT and SAT

We will have fee waivers for the ACT & SAT based on the household income-If your child receives free/reduced lunch, then they are eligible for fee waivers for SAT, ACT and College Applications.

MAKE SURE YOU SUBMIT A LUNCH APPLICATION !!!



Naviance



<https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=epark>

- ▣ **Family Connection will allow you and your child to:**
- ▣ **Get involved in the planning and advising process**
- ▣ **Explore Careers**
- ▣ **Research colleges – Sign up for college visits**

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

- Beginning with the Class of 2022 (and beyond), each graduating high school senior in Newark is required, as part of the district's new graduation requirement, to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or the NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application.
- You will be utilizing 2021 Tax returns for the class of 2023 (prior-prior tax year)



How Colleges Select Students...

They consider the following:



- ❑ Grades / Overall GPA
- ❑ Strength of high school course selections
- ❑ Admission Test Score
- ❑ Essay
- ❑ Teacher and Counselor recommendations
- ❑ Class rank
- ❑ Extra-curricular Activities/Community service
- ❑ Student's demonstrated interest
- ❑ Personal accomplishments
- ❑ Neatness of the college application
- ❑ Personality characteristics/personal interview
- ❑ Courses in progress Junior and Senior year



Junior Parent-Conferences

Sign-up form for junior conferences with the counselors will be available in January 2022.



*Looking
forward to a
wonderful
year!!!*



Useful Links

- SAT: (www.collegeboard.com)
- ACT (act.org)
- 200 “Top Tier” Schools which **Deemphasize the ACT/SAT in Admissions** Decisions per U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges Guide (2016 Edition) from <http://www.fairtest.org/university/optional> (<http://www.fairtest.org/sites/default/files/Optional-Schools-in-U.S.News-Top-Tiers.pdf>)
- <https://www.collegehunch.com/>
- <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>
- NAVIANCE (<https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=sciencepark>)

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

<http://netpricecalculator.collegeboard.org/>

[Fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)

<http://www.finaid.org/>

[Fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com)

[Scholarships.com](http://scholarships.com)

<https://succeed.naviance.com/scholarshipsmain/scholarships.php>