

10 ESSENTIAL TIPS & TOOLS FOR JUNIORS: CLASS OF 2025

September 6, 2023

1. REVIEW YOUR TRANSCRIPT

YOUR TRANSCRIPT

Your PGHS transcript is an important document for both high school graduation and college admission. All students should check over their transcript to make sure it is correct.

How do you get a copy of your transcript?

PGHS uses Parchment.com, an online transcript service, allowing you to order official and unofficial transcripts to be sent electronically. Please use the following link and instructions to enable you to create a Parchment account and order official or unofficial transcripts.

[**Create a Parchment Account**](#)

note: Please DO NOT use your school issued email address, as your school account will eventually become inactive

2. CONSIDER TAKING A DUAL
ENROLLMENT COURSE

DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE) COURSES

A DE course is a community college course in which you get both high school and college credit.

- Some MPC Culinary, Photography, and Computer DE courses are offered on our PGHS campus during the regular school day. Students sign up for these at PGHS during course selection.
- Some DE classes are offered at the MPC campus or online. Students sign up for these by going to the MPC website (mpc.edu) to see what courses are available.

BENEFITS & RISKS OF TAKING A DE CLASS

Benefits

- Tuition is waived for high school students.
- All DE courses of 3 credits or more are given an extra point in the grade point average.
 - An opportunity to get a head start on some required college courses.
 - Excellent advantage for college applications.

Risks

Remember that a DE class is a college class and the grade you earn will follow you to college as part of your college transcript. Make sure you are ready to study and do well in your college class.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR AN OFF CAMPUS DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSE

Instructions for enrolling in a Dual Enrollment MPC class:

<https://www.mpc.edu/academics/dual-enrollment/dual-enrollment-application-process>

QUESTIONS???

Contact dualenrollment@mpc.edu

FOLLOW UP & SEND YOUR MPC TRANSCRIPT TO PGHS

Your MPC classes can be included on your PGHS transcript only if you send us a copy of your MPC transcript after you finish the class.

Don't overlook this important step.

To add an MPC class to your PGHS transcript, email your MPC transcript to the PGHS Registrar, Mrs. Johanna Biondi:

jbiondi@pgusd.org

3. COMPLETE YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE

COMMUNITY SERVICE

48 Hours of community service is required for the
Class of 2025

Questions?

Contact Janet Light, jligh@pgusd.org

4. KEEP COLLEGE OPTIONS OPEN

KEEP COLLEGE OPTIONS OPEN

Continue to meet A-G requirements for 4-year college eligibility with the high school classes you choose even if you plan to go to a community college after high school.

Take advanced math, take a second year of language, take another science course. Even if you go to MPC these will help keep your academic skills sharp and it gives you the option to change your mind in senior year if you want to apply to a 4-year college.

5. EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS

EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS

Now is the time to start thinking about careers:

Considering a field in the trades: Carpenter, Electrician, Plumber, HVAC? ***Explore apprenticeships.***

Interested in other professional careers? ***Explore summer internships.***

Wonder what a day in the life of an Interior Designer is like? Or Accountant? Or Attorney? ***Consider planning an Informational Interview or Job Shadow.***

See Ms. Light in the Career & College Center to explore options; jligh@pgusd.org

6. START YOUR
COLLEGE LIST

COLLEGE LIST

It is definitely not too early to start thinking about what and where you'd like to go to college.

Use the College Board BIG FUTURE site to explore colleges and careers:

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

See Ms. Light in the College & Career Center

7. CHECK ADMISSION
REQUIREMENTS FOR
YOUR COLLEGES

CHECK THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COLLEGES YOU ARE INTERESTED IN

- The UC, CSU and California Community College campuses do not require or consider SAT/ACT test scores for admission. Other colleges may still have testing requirements.

To register for the SAT or ACT tests:

SAT: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/online-registration/registering>

ACT: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>

- Academic requirements vary for private colleges and public colleges outside of CA. Example: The U of Arizona requires 3 years of a lab science, but the UC/CSU campuses only require 2 years. ***Make sure you are meeting the requirements of the colleges you are planning to apply to.***

8. ATTEND COLLEGE
REP TALKS AT PGHS

GO TO SOME COLLEGE REP VISITS AT PGHS

College Representatives Visits - Fall 2023

[PGHS College Rep Visits 2023](#)

Hobart & William Smith

Hannah Rolfe HROLFE@hwf.edu

St. Mary's College

Mateo Buack mjb44@stmarys-ca.edu

Seattle University

Grace Franco gfranco@seattleu.edu

Chapman University

Desiree Recarte desiree.recarte@oregonstate.edu

Oregon State University

Loretta Klosterman lkloster@uoregon.edu

Tues, Sept 19

2:00 pm

Mon, Oct 23

2:00 pm

Tues, Oct 24

2:00 pm

Wed, Oct 25

2:00 pm

Tues, Oct 31

2:00 pm

To sign up, see Ms. Light in the library or email jligh@pgusd.org.

9. PLAN TO VISIT
COLLEGE CAMPUSES

COLLEGE VISITS

October Break, February Break, Spring Break are excellent times to visit college campuses in which you are interested.

Make sure to go to the college website and schedule a tour ahead of time. Campus tour slots fill quickly so sooner is usually better.

10. SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

SCHOLARSHIPS, FINANCIAL AID & FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can not be started until senior year.

As juniors, some scholarships may be available, although a majority are not available until senior year.

Search online for possible junior year options.

Check the PGHS Scholarship calendar frequently:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VHeIvKcJb0B9ok_tITfI3RnULNvn9-hl0CGvu4vSuo0/edit

LOOKING AHEAD...

INDIVIDUAL MEETING WITH COUNSELOR

I look forward to meeting individually with each junior during the school day, beginning next week.

Students, bring your questions!

COLLEGE FAIRS

Save the Date:

College Fair in the PGHS Library, Thursday, November 9th, 12 - 1PM

U of Arizona; Loyola University, Chicago; U of Oregon; U of Pittsburgh and more

Parents and students invited.

Carmel High School College Fair, November 9th, 6-8 PM

at Carmel High School

Parents/Students from all high schools invited

EXPLORING COLLEGE OPTIONS EVENING PRESENTATION

A presentation for juniors and their families will be offered at 6:30 PM on Tuesday March 19, 2024:

Exploring College Options for Juniors

QUESTIONS?????