Please fill out the Panorama Survey before we begin!



YOUR VOICE MATTERS



CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE PANORMA SURVEY.



WHAT IS THE PANORAMA SURVEY?

Panorama is a survey platform utilized by several surrounding counties to radically improve education for every student in supporting schools with creating and strengthening partnerships with families.

The survey can be accessed online in a variety of languages and asks questions on the following topics:

- Barriers to Engagement
- Family Engagement
- School Climate
- Background Questions

DIRECTIONS FOR GREEN LEVEL FAMILIES:

- Use <u>this link</u> to access Panorama Survey.
 Or visit: <u>bit.ly/FamilySurveyGLHS</u>
- Once there, select "Green Level High School" from the drop-down menu.
- After you answer all questions, be sure to hit the blue "SUBMIT" button. You will need to complete this in one sitting; Surveys do not
- Once the "SUBMIT" button has been clicked, you should see a thank you screen to confirm completion.

PANORAMA SURVEY WINDOW OPEN UNTIL:

MAY 12, 2023

MORE INFORMATION ON: www.wcpss.net/greenlevelhs









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& student presentation



2 YEAR COLLEGE

- diploma
- placement test scores

4 YEAR COLLEGE

- diploma
- extra course requirements
- SAT/ACT test scores

MILITARY

- diploma
- research branches of the military
 - meet with a recruiter
 - take the ASVAB

WORK-FORCE

- complete career assessments and identify your top interests
- find and apply to internships or apprenticeships
- finish high school with a certification
- search for jobs during senior year at the latest

College PATHWAYS

HIGH SCHOOL/ 2 YEAR COLLEGE

4 YEAR COLLEGE

requirements

- -Complete North Carolina Residency Determination Service form
- -Apply to your community college of choice
- -Submit high school transcript

- Courses:
- -4 credits of Math: UNC System strongly encourages students to take at least one mathematics course unit in the 12th grade
- -2 credits of the same language other than English

Ex: French I & II, Latin I & II, or Spanish I & II

GPA:

-2.5 cumulative weighted GPA

Test Scores:

SAT of 1010 on new (verbal and math) OR ACT composite of 19

TERMS TO KNOW

- ACT/SAT: test designed to measure a student's knowledge and college readiness
- Associate's Degree: 2 year college degree
- Bachelor's Degree: 4 year college degree
- FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- GPA: grade point average (weighted and unweighted)
- Tuition: cost of classes (does not include room and board, books, other fees)
- Scholarships & Grants: money that goes to college that doesn't have to be repaid

- 🗜 Loans: financial aid that must be paid back
 - Early Decision: a binding application to one college, non-refundable deposit, deadlines as early as October 15/November 1
 - Early Action: not binding, hear back from colleges sooner, must decide by May I
 - Priority Decision: not binding, comes before regular deadline, may give you priority decision on things like housing
 - Regular Decision: deadline usually between November May
 - Rolling Admission: students are accepted all year long
 - Waiving My Rights: not having access to teacher/counselor recommendations

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Coming in with AP/dual credit from high school saves time & money
- Don't be afraid of the sticker price!

- Merit-based
- Need-basedUniversity scholarships
- Community based scholarships
 - Work-study
- FAFSA important application to complete October of senior year to see if eligible for additional need-based assistance
 - Check school scholarship list regularly

All colleges are required to have a net price calculator" on their website.

STATE SCHOLARSHIP 60° 2 and 4 year college

There are plenty of scholarship opportunities out there!

Please be sure to look on our Green Level website under Student Services for more information about scholarships.

Senior year, you will have access to our Scholarship Page.

Competitive Scholarships at local 4 year Universities:

- <u>Cheatham-White Scholarship Program</u>, NC Central University
- EC Scholars, East Carolina University
- Levine Scholars Program, UNC Charlotte
- Morehead-Cain, UNC Chapel Hill Due September 1st so we will have more before school ends if you are interested!
- Park Scholarships, NC State University

OLLEGE APPLICATION

What do colleges consider in the application process?

- High school transcript (from the end of junior year)
- GPA, class rank, high school requirements, rigor
- Test Scores • 4 year college: SAT/ACT (usually last test date that • Discipline
- most colleges will take is December of your senior year but check with the college)
- 2 year college: placement test scores

- Letters of recommendation
- Essay or personal statement
- Common App: new question about Covid-19
- Resume
- Application fee (waivers could be available for students on free/reduced lunch)

COLLEGE APPLICATION PLATFORMS

Be aware that there are multiple platforms used for college applications. Some of the more popular ones are listed below. Only apply to the college through ONE portal.

- Apply directly on college websiteCommon Application
 - Coalition Application
- Common Black College Application

Benefits of Using "Common App" Type Applications:

- One application for multiple schools
- Transcript, letters of recommendation, and essays all in one place (sometimes more essays included on these platforms vs. the school's website)

What are colleges looking for?

Strength of your transcript
Have you done the best you can in the most challenging classes you are capable of?

Trends on Your Transcript Is your GPA trending up?

Meaningful Classes During Senior Year Not taking the "easy" way out

Anything Sticking out? ... Like One Really Rough Semester? Could this be explained in an essay or personal statement? Explain academic or educational challenges

Interview Skills

Writing Skills
Your essays, your personal qualities can come out/shine here!

Extracurricular Involvement

Leadership in these Quality vs. quantity

Recommendations

Authentic personal insight

Not all schools require recs

Maturity, responsibility

Critical thinking skills, communication skills, general soft skills

PICKING THE RIGHT COLLEGE

Do your research!

- What are the admissions requirements?
- Consider majors/curriculum, location, cost/financial aid, student life, programs of study, size, public vs. private, housing, extracurriculars, study abroad programs, campus life, campus security, etc.
 - Become familiar with colleges' websites
 - Use research resources like College Board® Big Future

go on College Visits!

- Virtual campus tours are available for many campuses
 - · Check school's absence policy for college visits
- "Demonstrated interest" is often marked in your application file

Ask for Help!

- Your counselor is HERE to HELP! The more I know about you, the more I can help!
 - Ask family, friends, teachers, or others about their college experiences
- Contact the admissions counselor at the college(s) you are applying to for school-specific questions

SAT VS. ACT

- ACT has a science section; SAT does not.
- Some say ACT caters a bit towards general academic strengths.
 - SAT gives slightly more time per question than ACT.
- Neither penalizes for wrong answers, so you should always give your best guess!
 - Neither measure a student's intelligence... just how well they do at taking this company's test.
 - Sign ups for both are done through the testing agency: SAT: collegeboard.org and ACT: actstudent.org
 - Fee waivers are available for students on free/reduced lunch:
 2 waivers for SAT and 2 waivers for ACT.

SAT VS. ACT

- Test Blind: These schools won't look at test scores AT ALL.
- Test Optional: These schools will consider test scores. If a school you're applying to is test optional, check the school's middle 50% range of scores... if you scored in this range of higher, then submit!
- Superscoring: taking the highest score of each section to total your highest composite score, most schools do this for the SAT.
- Many schools take standardized test scores through December of senior year, but all schools are different. Check with the individual schools you're applying to if you're wanting to submit test scores after this date.

Create or update your resume.

Write a personal statement or brainstorm/start writing essays.

Get documents ready for FAFSA (opens October first).

Consider who to ask for letters of recommendation, so you are ready when deadlines approach.

• Ask at least 2 weeks ahead of deadline.

• Send recommender your resume.

Register for SAT/ACT (select schools to send scores to while you register to save \$\$\$).

Research, compile, and review scholarship lists.

- Create your college admissions list:

 Check admissions deadlines
 - Check admissions requirements

TAKING A GAP YEAR

Apply like you normally would and then ask for a deferment for a year.

(You'll want to check on financial aid and scholarships to

make sure they can be used the following year, too.)

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Wait and apply later.

Research Gap Year Programs or community based programs.

Consider what is best for YOU. Sometimes it can be challenging to go back to school once you take time off.

Career and Military PATHWAYS

college & career EXPLORATION

- Set goals: where do you want to be in 5 years? 10 years?
- Consider different pathways and which one is right for you
- Take advantage of career and personality assessments that your school counselor can offer or that are available online
- Apply for work-based learning opportunities to explore your own career interests

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- ☐ Take a career assessment
- ☐ Research your career
- ☐ Create your resume
- Try to secure a job shadow or internship in the field that you would like to pursue after graduation
 - ☐ Meet with our Career Development Coordinator, Ms. Cotton

Military

- Explore the different branches and decide which branch you would like to aim for
- ☐ Connect with a recruiter
- ☐ Plan when to take your ASVAB test during senior year
- Meet with our Career Development Coordinator, Ms. Cotton

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

Listen and Encourage

- · Be open-minded
 - Be realistic
- Be aware of your students' emotional needs (maybe post-secondary plans are not dinner table talk every night!)

Ask for Help

- Your counselor is here to help (have your student set up an appointment)
 - Ask your family, friends, or others about their college experiences

Facilitate Your Students' Independence

- Encourage THEM to set up meetings: including emailing their school counselor or college admissions representative, pick up the phone to ask questions to college admissions counselors, College Board®, or ACT®
- Don't be their secretary! Let them balance their deadlines, their search process, etc.

It will be time to launch before you know it!

Resources

Please don't forget you or your student has access to the following resources!



Stream

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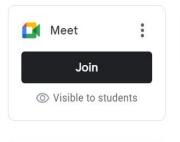
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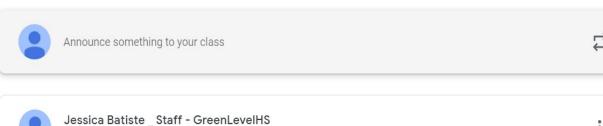
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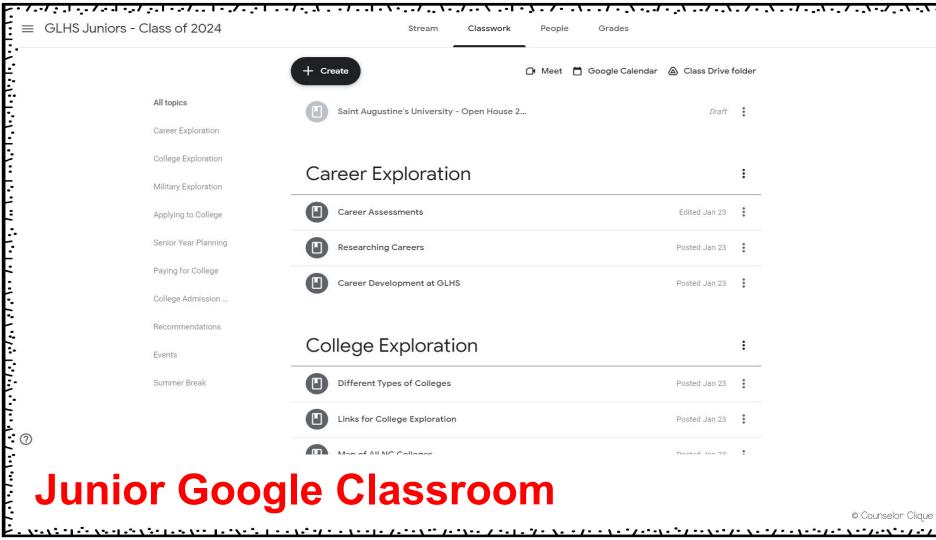


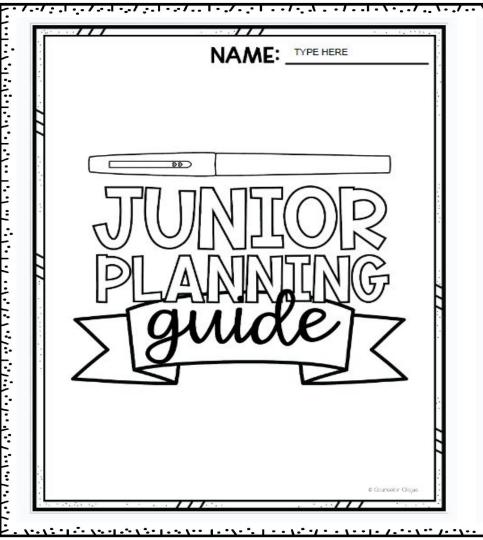


Just an FYI juniors -There are very big changes happening to the FAFSA. As a result, the **FAFSA will not be available until mid- December 2023**. We'll release more guidance as we get more information!

Junior Google Classroom







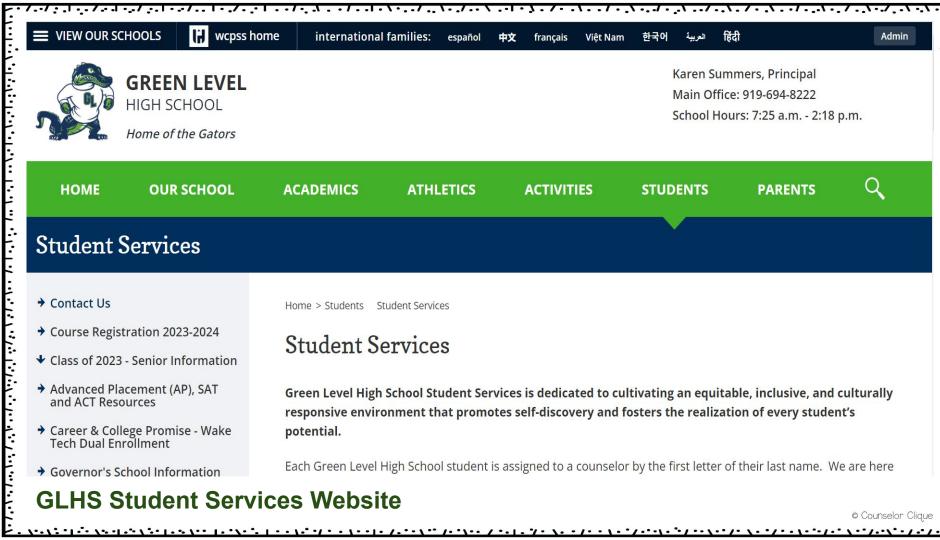
Welcome to the **Junior Year Planning Guide!**

In this guide, you will find interactive resources to help you brainstorm your post-secondary plans during your junior year.

> What's Included? Cover Page

- Goal Setting
- Career Pathways
- Questions for My School Counselor
 - Junior Year To-Do List
 - Scholarship Checklist
 - Application Brainstorm Test Scores Brainstorm

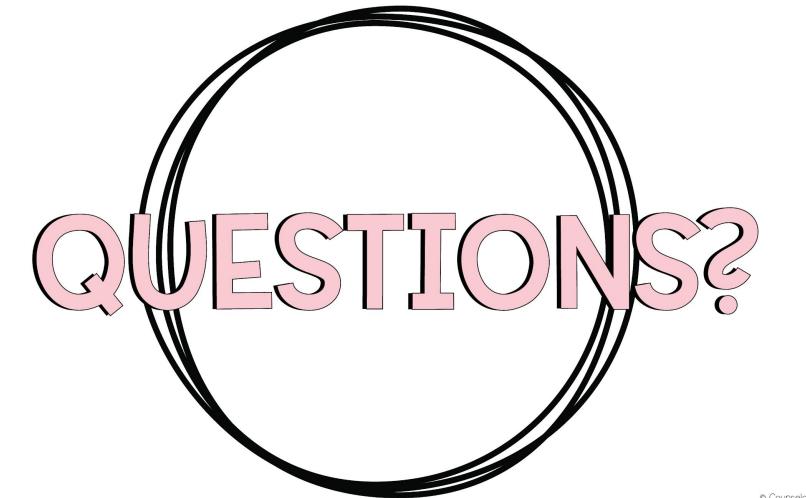
 - Support Team (2 pages) · College Visits
 - Doodle Page
 - Self Care



PAY IT FORWARD

- Find Your Path (2-year college, 4-year university, Enlistment, Career, etc.)
- · Senior Year Timeline
- Application Components
- Extra! Extra! Be Prepared!
- General Q &A

WEEK OF APRIL 24TH





Post-assessment

Please fill out the post-assessment before you leave! https://forms.gle/6oFAUV32WKuP7MPNA