



PLAINEDGE HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE
SENIOR SUMMER ASSIGNMENT



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And Much, Much More!!

- 1) **Complete your resume.** Your resume is an organized activity sheet highlighting what you have been involved in. Items that can be included on your resume: work experience, volunteer work, even personal hobbies and interests. The resume should include only activities you have been involved with grades 9-12 (you can include anything you plan to continue in senior year). The resume can also include summer activities, travel experiences and internships.

For sample resumes visit ****[Naviance Family Connection](#)**, use Microsoft Word resume templates and/or refer to the [Guidance Website Sample Resume](#).

- 2) **Continue visiting/researching Colleges and/or Trade Schools.** Our goal for you is to see as many schools as you can before applying! If you need assistance planning a trip or learning about colleges that are surrounding an area you might be visiting, please reach out to the Guidance Office over the summer. Ask your parents, “Would you buy a house without going to see? Buy a car without a test drive?” This is the same concept; make sure you are comfortable with where you are going to school.
- 3) **Start to finalize your list.** Make sure you come back to school in September with a list of schools that you plan on applying to. Your list should be varied and fit into one of the following categories: **Target, Safe and Reach**. You will meet with your Guidance Counselor within the first few weeks of school to go over this list and discuss what the next steps are. Keep in mind you want to have a Plan A, Plan B and Plan C when it comes to college options.

- 4) **Work on your college essay.** Essays will be due upon applying to college. Applying begins in September of senior year and is (ideally) over by October 31. Essay questions are available on your individual college applications. For sample essay questions/most commonly seen essay questions, please visit the High School Guidance Website.
[2017-2018 Essay Prompts](#)

**If you need your Naviance/Family Connection username and/or password, please contact the Guidance Office at 516-992-7570.

When you formally meet with your counselor (you will be notified in September about an appointment date and time) you should have the following:

- **A list of colleges you are applying to (you can create that list in Naviance)**
- **Your completed resume**
- **Rough draft of your college essay**