

Anne Hutchinson Program
Student & Parent Planning Night

Agenda

- Introductions
- Did You Fill Out Your Survey?
- Planning For Next Year
 - Course Selection, Capstone Project, and the Advanced Regents Diploma
 - Summer Plans and SYEP (see Ms. Torres)
 - A four-year plan for college
- Clubs and Student Opportunities
- An Overview of the College Process
- An Introduction To the College Process

Course Planning for Next Year: Keep It REAL

- **Rigor:** Take the most rigorous college prep program you can handle. You should be attempting the Advanced Regents Diploma.
- **Engagement:** Make sure to set aside part of your day for something that you enjoy! This will help keep you engaged in all that Lehman has to offer.
- **Alignment:** Colleges want to see a sequence of classes. So you should make sure that your course selections align year to year, and that you take coursework, where possible, that builds upon what you've learned previously in a coherent sequence.
- **Leisure:** What are you doing outside of school? Sports? Family Commitments? Make sure to select a program that will allow you to pursue your commitments outside of school. Colleges want to accept well-rounded students!

THE COLLEGE PROCESS- TIMELINE

Senior Year

September

Register for the SATs
Meet with counselor

October

Complete FAFSA
Attend college fairs/ trips/ open houses
Complete CUNY application
Follow up on letters of rec

November/December

Complete Common app/ other apps
Look into scholarships

January-March

Inform your counselor of college decisions

May

Make your decision!

Sophomore Year

Fall

Evaluate schedule
Explore majors/careers

Winter

Sign up for PSAT prep
Meet with counselor

Spring

Look for summer jobs/ internships

Junior Year

January/February

Memorize SSN

March/April

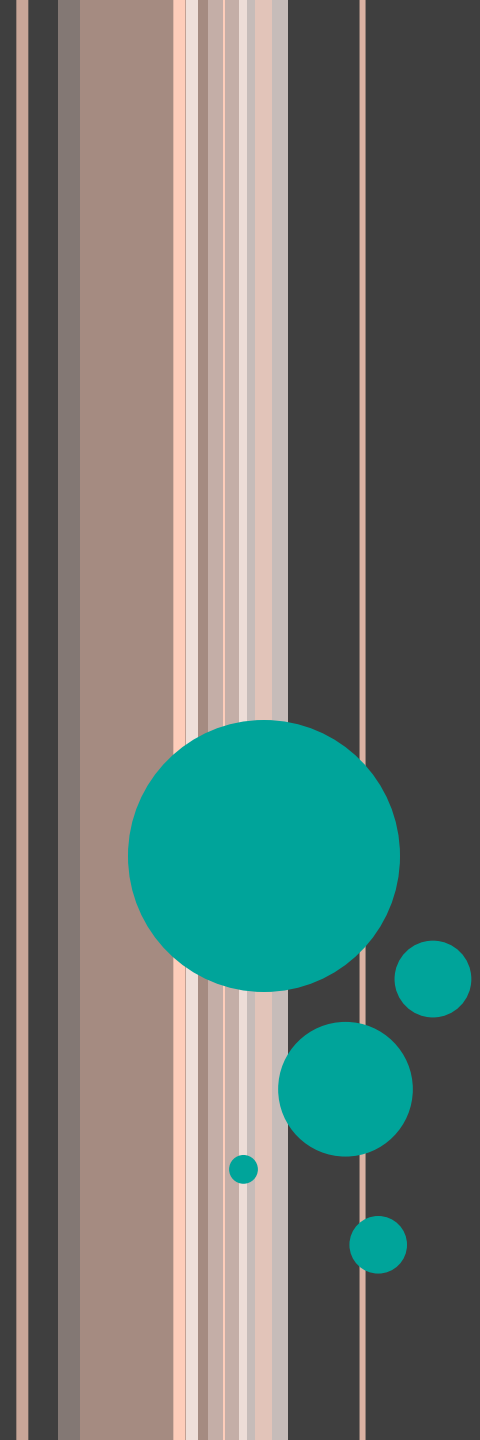
Meet with counselor
Research colleges/ careers
Register/ Take the SAT
Attend college fair(s)

May/June

Narrow down college list
Think of teachers for letters of rec

Summer

Visit colleges
Work on college essay
Get summer job/internship



THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

What are the
components?

THE TRANSCRIPT

- What are the colleges looking at? GPA?
 - Juniors have seen copies of their transcript with their Guidance Counselor.
- Continue to challenge yourself senior year; senior year **DOES** count!

THE COLLEGE ESSAY

- Students will complete essays in English class
- Submitted with application
- Check with colleges to see essay topics
- Common Essay Prompts (will be distributed in English Class)

MORE THAN JUST A NUMBER

Resume / Activity Sheet

- Include all activities grades 9-12:
- In-School and Out-of-School Activities
- Sports
- Church
- Volunteer Work
- Jobs (summers included)
- Include: Grades Involved, Brief Description, Position Held

Letters of Recommendation

- Two Teachers
 - Academic teachers preferred
- One Guidance Counselor
 - **Brag sheets**

COLLEGE RESEARCH

College Visits

- Importance of Your College Visit
- Make the Most of Your Visit
 - Talk to students
 - Ask questions
 - Eat in cafe
- Take Notes (and pictures)
- Bring parents

Private Visits

- Individual Colleges come to Lehman to meet with Students
- Check with guidance counselor for dates

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FINANCIAL AID INTRODUCTION

FINANCIAL AID TIMELINE

SUMMER BETWEEN 11TH AND 12TH GRADE

- Organize your family income documents (1040's, W2's, SSI, SNAP, or income estimates for non-tax filers)
- Determine your immigration status (if applicable); locate your documentation
- Determine your financial eligibility for Opportunity Programs (SEEK/EOP/HEOP)
- Edit your college list to academically and financially balanced list of schools
- Determine whether your schools require the CSS Profile
- Determine school priority filing deadlines for CSS Profile

Summary

- Register for SAT or ACT
- Ask teachers for recommendation letter
- College Essay
- College Search
- Student Profile
- Financial Aid Document