

College Readiness

Davies Guidance Department

Help your Child Prepare for College

Graduation Requirements

- 4 credits Math
- 4 credits English
- 3 credits Science
- 2 credits Social Studies
- 2 credits Foreign Language (for a 4 year college)
- 1.75 credits of Health and Physical Education
- 10 Shop Credits

Total 26.25 credits needed to Graduate from Davies

Admissions Criteria for College/University

- GPA
- Test Scores
- Extracurricular Activities
- Recommendations

Paying for College

- FAFSA online forms for financial aid (Start filling out in October 2021)

Financial aid comes in 4 ways

- Scholarships (money awarded for academic achievement or outstanding talent)
- Grants money given, usually because of financial need
- Work study money earned by working at a part-time job provided by the college
- Loan money that must be repaid

Timeline

11th Grade

- Research possible college/universities
- Take SAT (1 time at Davies for free)
- Take ACT (optional)
- Meet with counselor to discuss college plans
- Make college visits over summer and early fall

Timeline

12th Grade

- Work hard all Senior year to get to Graduation
- Take SAT or ACT in Fall (if needed)
- Register on Common App
- Write essays
- Ask people to write letters of recommendation for your Common App
- Complete college applications
- Fill out FAFSA online beginning Oct 1, 2021
- In Spring 2022, compare offers and select college
- Graduate June 2022!!!!

Important SAT Dates

Test Date

Registration Deadlines

May 8th

April 8th

June 5th

May 6th

October 2nd

TBA

November 6th

TBA

Other Dates available at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines>

Important ACT Dates

Testing Dates

- September 11th
- October 23rd
- December 11th

*More information go to

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

FAFSA Checklist

- Social Security Number or Resident card Number
- Driver's license
- Latest W-2 forms for parents and students living in household
- Latest Federal Tax Return
- Latest bank records

*** FAFSA Begins: October 1, 2020**

Choosing the Right College

- 2 or 4 year college
- Size of college
- Location
- Academic Programs offered
- Cost
- Admissions Requirements

College Checklist

- Narrow college list down to 3-5 applications
- Apply
- Current resume
- Recommendation letters (at least 3)
- Test Scores (College Board charges for test scores sent to schools)
- Essay
- Transcripts (Contact Guidance Counselor 1-2 weeks in advance)
- Application Fees
- Be Mindful of DEADLINES!

Resources

- www.fasfa.ed.gov
- www.collegeboard.org
- www.act.org
- www.risla.com
- www.rislarships.org (Search for hard-to-find local scholarships)
- <https://rifoundation.org/> (Scholarships)
- www.collegeplanningcenter.org (Contact for free online assistance with college searches, essays and financial aid forms)

FREE - Seminars and Workshops

College Planning Center - 2 Locations

- Warwick Mall, Warwick, RI (401)736-3170
- 652 George Washington Highway (Route 116) Lincoln, RI (401) 475-3544

Any Questions?

Feel free to contact the Class of 2022 Guidance Counselor:

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