

Junior/ Senior Curriculum Night

- ▶ Introductions of Evening Presenters
- ▶ - Message from the Upper School Dean
- ▶ 6:10 pm -Five Minute Break- Senior Parents Adjourn to Main Gym
- Breakout: Academic Counseling Session/
Senior Parent Session
 - Academic Counseling Session:
 - Graduation Requirements
 - GPA/Ranking/ Communication of Rank
 - Junior Year Planning
 - College Admission Testing
 - Senior Parent Session
 - Senior Year 101
 - College Application Timeline
 - Roles for Scholars and Parents
- Conclusion



2019-2020

Meet This Evening's Presenters

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Diploma Program (DP)



- ▶ Both Junior/Seniors:
 - ▶ Are you a full DP Candidate or are you a Course student
 - ▶ Have you prepped for DP year-2?
 - ▶ Right classes:
 - ▶ APUSH
 - ▶ Which HL/SL are you pursuing?
 - ▶ Language Acquisition, Science, Math, Fine Arts
 - ▶ Can you name your 3 HL/SL?
- ▶ Is AP/IB listed next to your class name in PS?
 - ▶ If you decide to drop...
 - ▶ Are you prepared to give up quality points and transcript designation?

Diploma Program (DP) Assessment costs 2018 - 2019

Senior Parents LAST YEAR 2018-2019

- IB Payment:
- Pricing:
 - Full Diploma Student: \$925 (approx.)
 - Candidates:
 - Registration: \$175
 - Each Course: \$125



Diploma Program (DP) Assessment costs 2019 - 2020

Senior Parents THIS YEAR 2019-2020

- IB Payment:
 - Pricing:
 - Full Diploma Student: \$750 (approx.)
 - Candidates:
 - **Registration: \$0**
 - Each Course: \$125

Payment Plan

- Beginning September 2019
 - Deposit \$250
- Ending December 2019



Graduation Requirements

Math – 4 Credits (Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II, and Advanced Math)

English – 4 Credits (English I-IV)

Social Studies – 4 Credits

(World Geography, World History, US History, 20th Century World Topics)

Gov't/Econ – 1 Credit

Science – 4 Credits

(Biology, Chemistry, Physics, 4th Science)

Foreign Language – 3 Credits of the same language (must be in Upper School)

Fine Arts – 2 Credits of the same fine art

PE – 1.5 Credits

Professional Communications – 1 Credit

Technology – 1 Credit

TOK – 1 Credit

Other Electives – 2.5 Credits

TOTAL # of Credits = **29**

+ successful completion of the EOCs and TAKS tests + Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS) requirements

*** IB Diploma Candidates will have additional requirements based on the program***

AP Breakdown

► AP Exams are open to all students, meaning if students have completed the prerequisite courses, they may enroll; we do not have GPA requirements, nor do we require teacher recommendation.

► The following AP courses and exams are offered at UNHP:

► In grade 9, students may elect to take AP Human Geography.


► In grade 10, they may elect to take AP World History or AP Art (based on placement in Art 1 in 8th grade).

► In grades 11, students may enroll in the following AP classes:

- AP US History
- AP US Government
- AP Biology


► In grade 12, students may enroll in AP Macroeconomics

► Additionally, in grades 11 and 12, students may elect to take the following AP exams at UNHP if they are enrolled in the corresponding DP Course:



AP English Language	AP English Literature
AP Spanish Language (new in 19-20)	AP French Language (new in 19-20)
AP Calculus BC	AP Calculus AB
AP Statistics	AP Chemistry (new standalone* in 21-22)

► GPA Policy:

- Grading System is as follows: 
- Calculation of **weighted** GPA:
 - To weight the GPA, the semester grade in each course is added to the course weight.
 - All weighted courses are totaled and divided by the total number of courses to get the weighted GPA.
 - Weightings are based on the following scale:
 - Advanced Placement/IB: 1.0
 - Honors: 0.5
 - All other courses: 0.0
- Calculation of **unweighted** GPA:
 - Unweighted GPA is the sum of the unweighted grade points on a 4.0 scale divided by the total number of semester courses.
- Communication on transcript:
 - The student's transcript will show both
 - Weighted GPA on a 5.0 scale
 - Unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale

	On 100 Scale	On 4.0 Scale
A+	100-97	4.0
A	96-93	4.0
A-	92-90	3.7
B+	89-87	3.3
B	86-83	3.0
B-	82-80	2.7
C+	79-77	2.3
C	76-73	2.0
C-	72-70	1.7
F	69 and below	0.0

Ranking

- ▶ Rank will be calculated using all semester grades and will be based on weighted GPA
- ▶ Rank is calculated at the end of the first semester of 9th grade.
 - ▶ The system will automatically begin to rank students as soon as they have acquired credit in the 9th grade, and at the end of each semester.
- ▶ Graduating seniors with the highest and second highest cumulative weighted GPA as determined at the end of the 8th semester grading period and carried out 3 decimal places will be eligible to serve as Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Communicating Rank

► Internal Communication of Rank

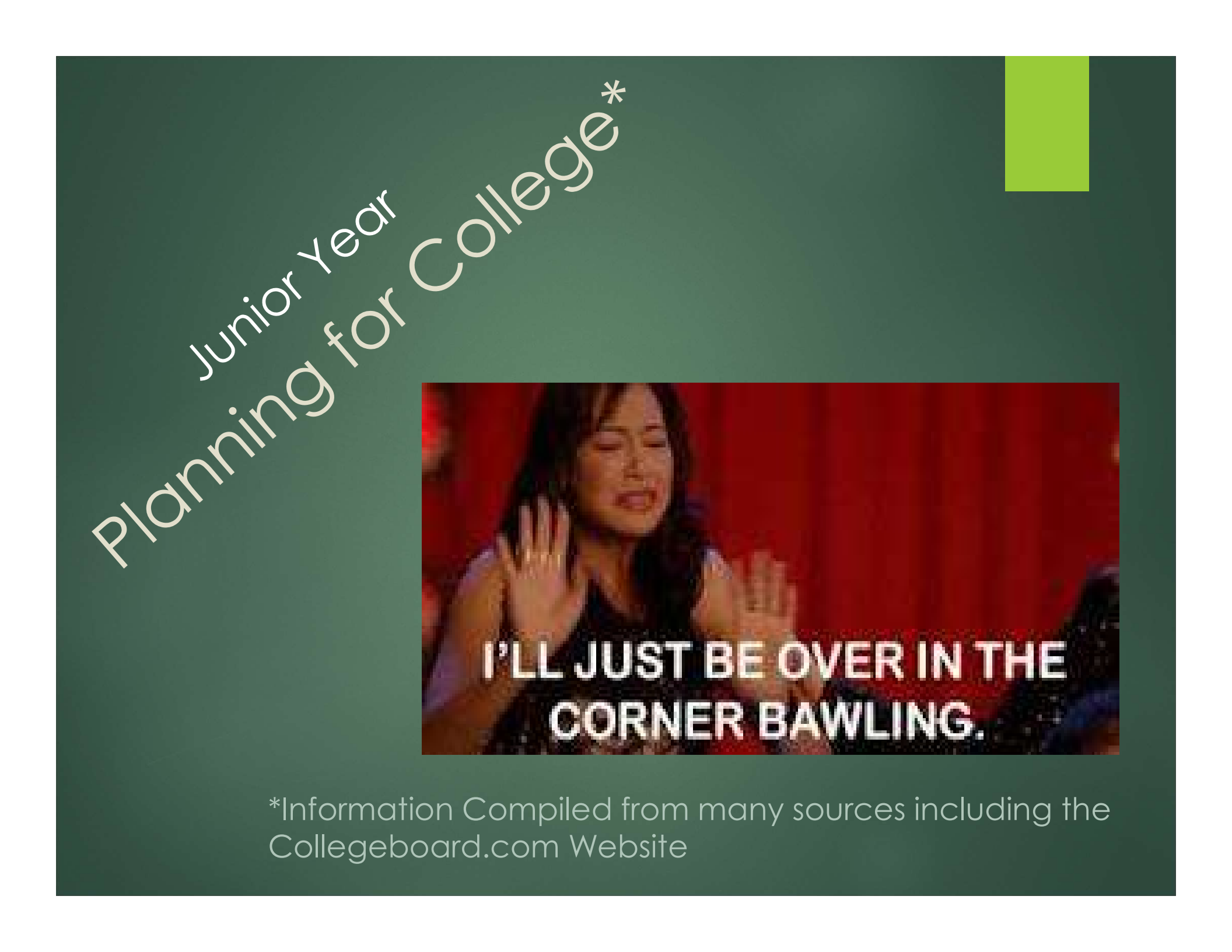
- Rank will be communicated to students and their families who are in the top 25% at the end of sophomore year, end of junior year, and at the end of every semester senior year.
- For those below 25%, students and their families will be told what quartile they are in during the times listed above.

► External Communication of Rank

- We will eliminate the rank field on the transcript
- Communication of ranks will only be shown on counselor reports in the form of a standardized letter/report, secondary school report, mid-year report, or final year report



- For students in the top 25%, counselors will note student as Valedictorian, Salutatorian, 'Top 10%' or 'Top 25%'
- For students not in the top 25%, counselors will note 'not ranked by Uplift' if asked to provide rank



Junior Year Planning for College*



*Information Compiled from many sources including the
Collegeboard.com Website

Fall



- ❖ Prepare for and take the following two tests:
 - ❖ ACT- September 4, 2019
- ❖ PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)- October 16, 2019
 - ❖ Payments are being accepted by your assigned counselor
- ❖ Begin your college search
 - ❖ Start with you: Make lists of your abilities, preferences and personal qualities.
 - ❖ www.collegeboard.com
 - ↓
 - ❖ Plan for College
 - ↓
 - ❖ College Search
 - ↓
 - ❖ College Match Maker
 - ❖ Research different colleges to begin developing a list of 8 colleges you are interested in applying to: 2 safety/4 target/2 reach
- ❖ Take every opportunity to visit colleges! Many colleges host fall and spring open houses. Start here.
- ❖ Attend college visits on campus as your schedule permits
- ❖ Create/Update your resume

Winter



Register to take the SAT
and/or ACT this Spring



Learn more about financial
aid



Stay involved with
extracurricular activities



Continue to fulfill community
service hours requirements

www.collegeboard.com

www.collegegreenlight.com

www.cappex.com

www.bigfuture.com

www.youniversitytv.com

www.unigo.com

Naviance Family Connection:

<http://connection.naviance.com/tnhs>

Additional College Search Resources

School Size

Type of School

Urban, Suburban,
Small Town, Rural

Distance from home

Cost

Scholarships

Financial Aid

Ethnic Diversity

Religious Affiliation

Campus Atmosphere

Student Population

Majors and Requirements

Faculty

Academic Rigor

Housing

Athletics

Social Activities

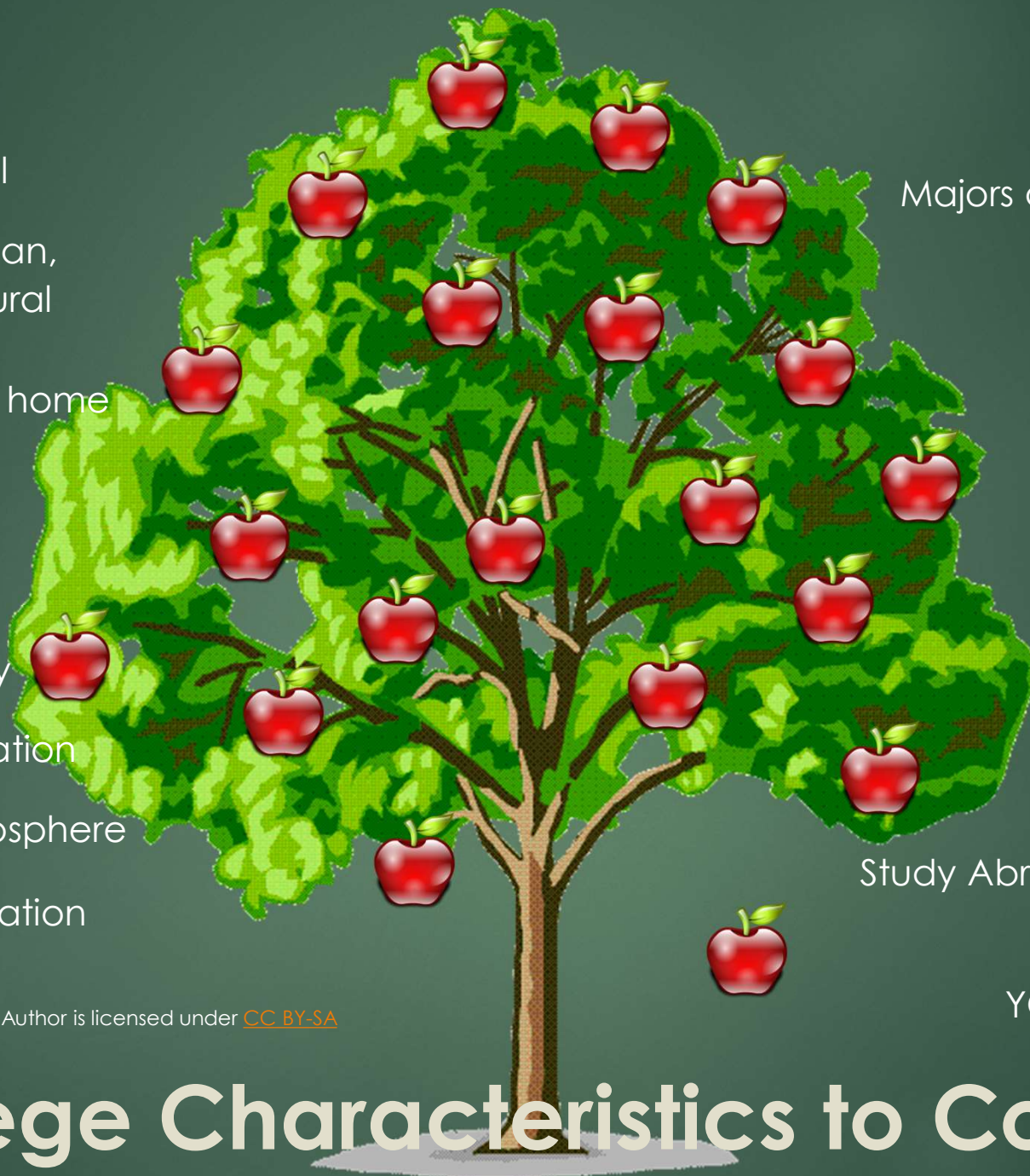
Organizations

Study Abroad and/or Other
Special Programs

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College Characteristics to Consider



College Admissions Testing

ACT Exam - September 4, 2019

- The ACT® college readiness assessment is a curriculum- and standards-based educational and career planning tool that assesses students' academic readiness for college.
 - The test uses the same score scale as Pre-ACT, making the system an effective tool to monitor academic progress and student growth.
 - Test scores reflect what students have learned throughout high school.
- ▶ The ACT measures:
- English
 - Mathematics
 - Reading
 - Science
 - Writing

PSAT/NMSQT- October 16, 2019

- ▶ The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)
 - ▶ A standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT.
 - ▶ Receive feedback on your strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study. You can then focus your preparation on those areas that could most benefit from additional study or practice.
 - ▶ A program co-sponsored by the College Board and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).
 - ▶ As an 11th grader, it gives you the chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools.
- ▶ The PSAT/NMSQT measures:
 - ▶ Critical Reading Skills
 - ▶ Math Problem-Solving Skills
 - ▶ Writing Skills

SAT vs. ACT

	SAT	ACT
Test components	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Reading (5 reading passages)•Writing and Literature•Math (arithmetic, Algebra I & II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Data Analysis)•Optional Essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•English (4 reading passages)•Math (arithmetic, Algebra I & II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Probability & Statistics)•Reading•Science Reasoning (testing critical thinking, not specific science knowledge)•Optional Essay
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•3 hours without essay•3 hours, 50 minutes with essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•2 hours, 55 minutes without essay•3 hours, 40 minutes with essay
Rules for Calculators	Calculators Allowed ONLY on the Math – Calculator section	Calculators Allowed
Rules for Essays	Essay tests comprehension of a provided text	Essay determines how well you evaluate and analyze complex problems
Scoring	Scoring uses scale from 400-1600	Scoring uses scale from 1-36

SAT Subject Tests

- ▶ Subject Tests are hour-long, content-based tests that allow you to showcase achievement in specific subject areas where you excel.
- ▶ These are the **only** national admission tests where **you** choose the tests that best showcase your achievements and interests.
- ▶ There are 20 SAT Subject Tests in five general subject areas:
 - ▶ English
 - ▶ Literature
 - ▶ History
 - ▶ U.S. History, World History
 - ▶ Languages
 - ▶ French, German, Spanish, Hebrew, Italian, Latin, Chinese, Japanese, Korean
 - ▶ Mathematics
 - ▶ Level 1, Level 2
 - ▶ Science
 - ▶ Biology E/M: Ecological or Molecular, Chemistry, Physics



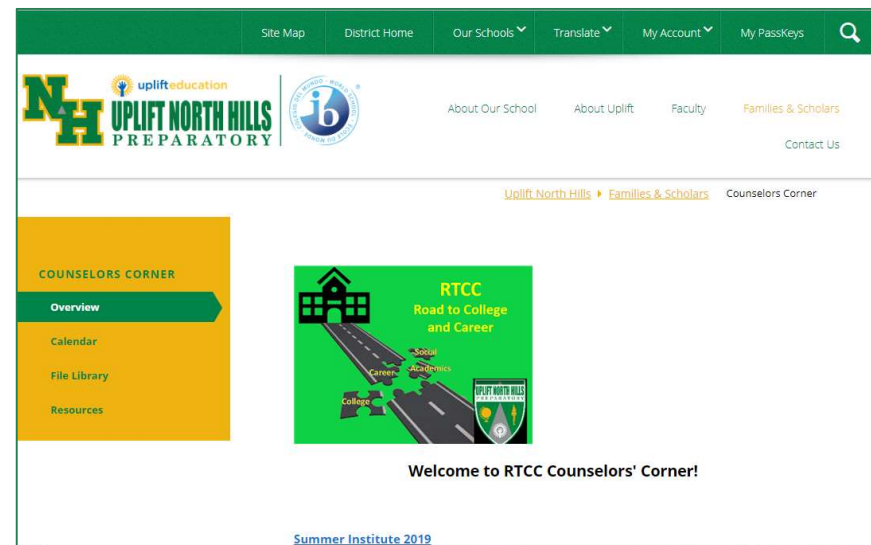
Counselor's Corner

► Items to Know:

1. College Visits are on the calendar and are being updated daily. Visits are limited to the junior and senior class only and all students must sign up and check-in and receive approval from teachers before attending. To access the college visit calendar go to:

www.northhillsprep.org

---→ Student Resources --
→ Counselors Corner



THANK YOU!

~UNHP Counseling Team