

Every Year Counts

Planning Success from Freshman Year and
Beyond



Future Planning, Now

Transition to high school

Start thinking about your long-term plans

- 4 year college
- 2 year college
- Military
- Gap year
- Employment



Keep your options open!

Academics Matter

Challenge Yourself

- Course levels
- Electives



Grade Point Average

- The stronger the GPA, more program options
- Merit money based on academic performance
- Study Habits
- Monitor your assignments and grades in Aspen
- In school supports/academic resources
- Communication

Additional Opportunities

New Hampshire Scholars

- Program that recognizes students for rigorous course of study
- Additional requirements for STEM & ARTS
- Many free in-state college applications
- Governor's Scholarship doubled-\$2000.00

NCAA (Clearinghouse for Student Athletes)

- Courses, GPAs, SAT scores required for Division I & Division II play
- Must register end of Freshman Year

Standardized Testing

Check out **collegeboard.org** and **ACT.org!**

- **PSAT-10**: Offered to sophomores, free at PA in March, preparation for SAT
- **PSAT/NMSQT**: Offered on a Saturday in October at PA, fee, merit scholarship consideration (intended for Juniors, can be sophomores)
- **SAT**: Required by many colleges, required at PA in March of Junior year
- **ACT**: Alternative to SAT
- **Test Optional Schools**

Colleges Want You!

- ☑ Academically motivated
- ☑ Proven track record of having participated in the school and greater community
- ☑ Extracurricular activities (hobbies, sports, work, etc)
- ☑ Potential leadership qualities
- ☑ Strong work ethic
- ☑ Perseverance and commitment
- ☑ Demonstrate interest by contacting the school



Career Exploration & Planning

When does career exploration begin?

What does Freshman career exploration look like?

- Naviance
- Career Interest Inventory
- 5-Year Course Planning



Career Exploration & Planning

How do we continue career exploration at Pinkerton Academy?

- Sophomore Economics Classes
- Junior College & Career Fair, April 6, 2022
- Senior Meetings, Workshops, College and Industry Visitors, Application support, Job Fair
- ELO Program
- Food-for-Thought Series



Career Development Trends

- More non-traditional/post-secondary alternative education and industry options available (e.g.: Apprenticeships) with tax credits available to companies.
- Financial benefits to setting a plan prior to college enrollment
- Professional Associations remain an outstanding connection to best practices

Questions

- Please contact your school counselor for general follow up questions
- Please contact an admissions office if you have questions specific to a particular school