***Magruder High School***

***College and Career Ready with Naviance***

**Naviance is an on-line K – 12 tool that assists each grade level in becoming College and Career Ready. Magruder’ s Counselors use several of these tools to support students in matching their strengths and interest to long term career goals while making the connections between leaning and life.**

**9th Grade Lessons**

As freshman in high school most students are unsure of what they want to pursue in the world of work. The Strength Explorer is a strength-based assessment which is administered first. As a result, students receive a list of 3 of their *Emerging Talents* and matching careers. Parents can then work with their children with the assessments summaries that helps student capitalize on their success and discover what they need to do next to continue building on their strengths. College Compare is used to compare the students current GPA to search for colleges that require similar criteria. This helps to send the first message to the freshman students about “What colleges are looking for?” Students can also retrieve a sample 4 year academic plan of study based on various careers. My Planner is used to set long and short term goals. SMART goals are created and saved to support the students’ personalized academic portfolio that will be presented to colleges for admission. Each quarter students are encouraged to check their Smart goals and make appropriate adjustments.

**10th Grade Lessons**

As sophomores, the students have already identified their strengths and are busy working in and outside of school to present as “The Well-Rounded Student,” that so many colleges and universities are eager to enroll. Students are then administered the Career Interest Profiler which is a more extensive assessment based on Holland’s interest codes. The message of long term job satisfaction is discovered as students begin to see the compatibility of their personality with specific career clusters. The students are guided to colleges that match their Career Cluster search. Parents can work side by side with their children as they view Road Trip Nation. This video documentary consists of thousands of archived interviews of professionals from all over the world. These professionals share their personal journey to success as they unpack their inspirational life challenges. These tools allow students to begin to picture their future and it encourages them to become more engaged and invested in school.

**11th Grade Lessons**

Juniors year, these student have researched their most compatible majors and are now ready to identify colleges. Students are shown how to search for colleges and scholarships using Super Match and Scholarship Search. Using Naviance automatically pulls the students’ demographic information to be considered for several scholarships. Parents can begin to work with their children by viewing the thousands of virtual college tours to help them make one of the most important decisions in their lives. Once 5 to 6 colleges have been identified we strongly recommend families visit the colleges to finalize

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decisions. Students are encouraged to search Enrichment Programs as an additional resource to enhance the student’s college application. Thousands of opportunities located in this data base and sorted by subject and interest. These summer programs can be a final opportunity to increase the competitiveness of the college application.

**12thGrade Lessons**

Seniors year, students have chosen their colleges and are ready to start the college application process. The seniors are shown how to use Naviance to compile most of the required documents for college admission. Official transcripts, teacher and counselor letters of recommendation, school profile and secondary reports are electronically sent to colleges through Naviance. Student can pinpoint their college choices by comparing their individual academic profile to other students who have been admitted to their colleges they are applying by using Scatter gram. This tool allows student to exam a chart of their admissions criteria in comparison to others. Students can also create accounts for their parents so they can be intimately involved in the college process and make this senior year a smooth transition for their children. Once the accounts are created, parents and student are sent personal emails to inform them of important dates related to the college progress (Financial Aide Night, College Information Night, Assessments Dates, Essay and Resume Workshops, College Fairs, Montgomery College Night, SAT/ACT Seminars, and Summer Enrichment opportunities) Bilingual presentations are available for certain events. Students and parents are also sent personal reminders of when the 75 or more college representatives will be visiting Magruder.

***Please see any counselor for additional information***