

Checklist for College Planning

WHEN TO BEGIN	WHAT TO DO	HOW TO DO IT
<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman and Sophomore years	Become familiar with college entrance requirements and continue career exploration activities. Which courses in your high school curriculum satisfy college requirements? Do you have a plan for extracurricular involvement?	Work with parents, teachers, and counselors to create a four-year high school curriculum plan to satisfy your goals. Try job shadowing. Get involved at school and in your community.
<input type="checkbox"/> September-March of junior year	Think about your reasons for going to college. What are your goals? What learning opportunities are most important? Do your college plans include career plans?	Talk with your parents, counselors, teachers, and friends. Investigate possible career options and degree level required.
<input type="checkbox"/> January-March of junior year	Identify important factors in choosing a college. Two-year or four-year? Location? Cost? Kind of atmosphere? Variety of study programs available? Entrance test requirement?	Focus on your goals and career interest. Consult college guidebooks. Explore colleges on the internet. Prepare for your college admission test.
<input type="checkbox"/> March-August of junior year	List colleges you are considering and collect information. Have you included all possible choices? What information do you need? How can you get it?	Attend college fairs and college night programs. Prepare for and visit colleges. Take appropriate college admission test.
<input type="checkbox"/> August-December of senior year	Compare the colleges on your list. Have you weighed pros and cons carefully? Which colleges will meet your needs?	Continue visiting colleges. Organize information into detailed, useful comparisons.
<input type="checkbox"/> September-December of senior year	Apply to your "choice" colleges. Do you have all the necessary forms? Are you sure of the application deadlines?	Obtain application forms. Observe deadlines. Submit transcript and test scores (retest if necessary).
<input type="checkbox"/> January-February of senior year	Apply for financial aid. Have you investigated all possible sources of aid? When should you apply?	Consult financial aid office. Secure forms and note deadlines. Complete the FAFSA after January 1.
<input type="checkbox"/> November-May of senior year	Make some final decisions. What additional preparation might be helpful? Should you consider summer school? Do you feel comfortable with your final choice?	Confer with parents and counselors. Confirm your decision, and decline other admission offers. Show initiative.

Resources to Help with College / Career Planning

College Search and Application:

- Log on to www.act.org and check under Quick Tools
- Log on to www.Collegecost.ed.gov or www.collegegrazing.com

Students at Mt. Healthy Junior-Senior High School have access to **NAVIANCE** to assist in navigating all of the questions and concerns that you may have about planning for post-secondary education and work. The platform helps students to research careers and take career assessments, create plans for the future, review information from colleges, and take ownership of their post-school goals.

Please speak with your teachers, advisor, school counselor and administrator if you have questions or need additional information.

Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development

Career and Technical programs are available to juniors and seniors of all ability levels who have an interest in and need for certified job entry training. Students planning on college are advised to examine the college preparatory curriculum. Mt. Healthy students will have opportunities to visit different Great Oaks Career Campuses. **Interested students are encouraged to apply early (application review begins in early February of the sophomore year) as programs fill quickly.** Please speak with your school counselor and administrator if you have questions.

Students who attend Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development are eligible for athletics, extra-curricular activities, and will graduate from Mt. Healthy High School. Students are also encouraged to become involved in clubs and activities offered at the Great Oaks campuses.

Transportation is provided to and from Mt. Healthy High School to Diamond Oaks and Scarlet Oaks. Arrangements can be made for students to participate in programs only offered at Live Oaks and Laurel Oaks.