

News from the HHS Counseling Department

December 2019

Grades 9, 10 and 11

The Counseling Office would like to thank you for taking the time to read though the following information in an effort to collaboratively support student success.

PSAT:

PSAT scores will be released this month. Log in to or create a College Board account (cbaccount.collegeboard.org) to access scores, test performance feedback and free, personalized SAT practice, through Khan Academy, based on your test results.

Upcoming SAT dates: www.collegeboard.org

March 14, 2020 (at HHS), May 2, 2020 (at HHS) and June 6, 2020

Upcoming ACT dates: www.act.org

February 8, 2020, April 4, 2020 and June 13, 2020

Delaware County Technical School Presentation:

On December 9, 2019, during homeroom, there will be a presentation from the Delaware County Technical School for all 10th graders and interested 9th and 11th graders. The Delaware County Technical School has over 20 Career and Technical Programs, in which, Haverford High School students can participate. Haverford High School students typically attend the technical school during their junior and senior years, during the first two blocks of the day and earn 4 elective credits per year in their program.

College Representative visits:

Please sign up in Naviance to attend.

12/9/19 9:30 AM Hussian College

12/20/19 9:45 AM U.S. Air Force

Course Selection for the 2020-2021 School Year:

Students, their parents, counselors, and teachers should all be involved in the course selection process. An ideal schedule should challenge, but not overwhelm, students leading them toward an occupational or educational goal. Follow these steps to choose courses, which will interest you and fulfill your personal and academic goals:

1. Become familiar with the requirements of the occupation, technical school, or college in which you are interested.
2. Become familiar with the requirements for graduation from Haverford High School.
3. Review the Course Selection Guide which can be found on the Counseling website.
4. Listen and ask questions as your teachers discuss course selection in class.
5. Schedule a time to meet with your school counselor if you need assistance.

Graduation Requirements:

Twenty-six and a half (26.5) credits are required for graduation.

English	4.0
Mathematics	4.0
Social Studies	4.0
Science	4.0
Arts and Humanities	2.0
Physical Education and Health	1.5
Electives	7.0

Meet with your Counselor:

Make an appointment with your Counselor to review and/or create your four-year graduation plan, discuss your extra curricular involvement and your plan for after graduation.



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Grade Point Average (GPA):

Grade Point Average or GPA is calculated each semester as classes are completed. Each final course letter grade is assigned a point value. The unweighted GPA is calculated by taking the credit for the class and multiplying it by the point value assigned to the letter grade. Then, add up all of the multiplied values and divide by the total number of credits.

Classes taken at the honors or AP level have a different point value (unweighted point value x 1.25 = weighted point value). Students who take honors and AP classes will have a weighted GPA that differs from the unweighted GPA. There are no points awarded to classes that are taken Pass/Fail.

NCAA Eligibility:

If you want to play sports at an NCAA Division I, II or III school, please follow the timeline below:

Grade 9 Plan

- Start planning now! Take the right courses and earn the best grades you can.
- Find your high school's list of NCAA core courses at eligibilitycenter.org/courselist.

Grade 10 Register

- Register for a Certification Account (if you want to play sports at an NCAA Division I or II school) or Profile Page (if you want to play Division III sports or aren't sure where you want to compete) with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org.

Grade 11 Study

- Check with your counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate on time.
- Take the ACT or SAT, and make sure the NCAA receives your scores by using code 9999.
- At the end of the year, ask your counselor to upload your official transcript (six semesters).

Naviance:

Continue to utilize Naviance (<https://connection.naviance.com/haverfordshs>), a comprehensive post high school planning tool, to explore possible post high school options. Naviance helps students to identify their interests, research careers and colleges, and maintain a list of prospective colleges. Students will also use Naviance to complete assessments and perform tasks in preparation for career readiness.

How to log in to Naviance:

Email (ID): first initial, last name, homeroom (example: jdoe2021w). No spaces.

Password: first initial, last initial, five digit PowerSchool ID (example: jd12345). No spaces.

Create a personal email address: This email address will be used for post high school planning. Your school district email should not be used.

AP Exam Registration for 1st semester and year long classes was completed the week of November 4th-8th:

Thank you to all students for completing your AP Exam Registration forms. No payments are due at this time. Payments will be due in February 2020. Per CollegeBoard, if you register for a test but withdraw from taking the test, a \$40.00 fee will be charged. If you need accommodations, you must complete an application and receive approval through CollegeBoard prior to March 1, 2020. If you have accommodations, please provide your SSD code on the AP Exam registration form. AP Exam Registration forms can be found in the Counseling Office. Registration for 2nd semester courses will be in February 2020.

