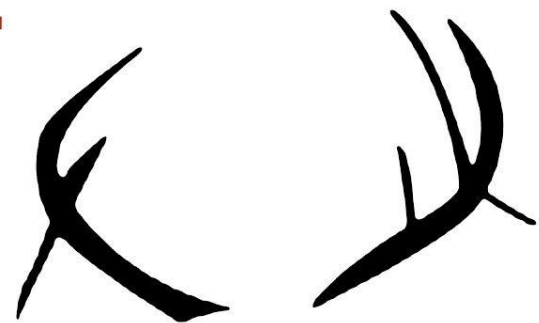


ELKHORN ANTLERS



Welcome to The Junior Meeting

Elkhorn High School Counseling Department

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Counseling Administrative Assistant

- **Have Chromebook on desk for later**

Top Junior Priorities

- Current classes and future classes
- Career planning
- College planning
- College entrance exams
 - Naviance Test Prep



Classes

- Study, study, study!
- Importance of junior year grades
 - Most colleges will use the cumulative GPA from the end of junior year
- Importance of rigorous classes senior year
 - Taking AP classes can help with scholarships
 - Junior Pre-Registration will take place in November
 - Final Registration will take place in January/February



To Encourage students to take rigorous coursework, and explore careers, EPS offers the ACHIEVE AP/CTE Scholarship.

Minimum Requirements for AP ACHIEVE (listed on back of worksheet):

| ACHIEVE Level | AP Classes Taken (3.0 Average) | AP Tests Taken | Years in Extracurricular Activities | Hours of Community Service | Career Exploration Experiences* | Scholarship Amount |
|---------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Gold | 7 | 4 | 4 | 100 | 4 | \$1350 |
| Silver | 5 | 3 | 3 | 75 | 4 | \$900 |
| Bronze | 4 | 2 | 2 | 50 | 4 | \$500 |

** Career Explorations (cannot use the same category twice)

- Career tour
- Career/College Camp
- Career Exploring Program
- College Visit
- Eat with an Expert
- Elkhorn Technology Team
- Internship
- Job Shadow
- Job with Bonafide employer
- Meet with military rep (see Naviance for sign-ups) **OR** ASVAB
- Teacher Cadet
- Other: Meet with college rep (see Naviance for sign-ups) **OR** College Fair at EHS on Sept. 9th at 6 pm



Community Service Opportunities–Click [Here](#)

Visit <http://www.elkhornfoundation.org/> for more info on Achieve

Achieve Career/Tech Ed Scholarships

| Elkhorn Foundation Achieve Career and Tech Ed Scholarship Award Requirements. | | | |
|---|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Requirements: | Gold \$1350 | Silver \$900 | Bronze \$500 |
| Semesters of Courses in One Designated Elective Program of Focus* (Grade of 3 or higher) | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Years of Math | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Years of either Social Studies OR Science | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Different Career Explorations** | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| Hours of Career Experience over a minimum of two years during high school. | 200 | 175 | 150 |
| Years in School-Based Extracurricular Activities | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Community Service Hours | 100 | 75 | 50 |
| <u>Resume</u> and Cover Letter | x | x | x |
| Enroll at post-secondary educational Institution | x | x | x |

*PROGRAMS OF FOCUS

1. **Accounting:** Accounting I (Semester 1), Accounting I (Semester 2), Accounting II OR Financial Wealth
2. **Business Administration:** Business Mgmt, Personal and Business Law, Economics OR Financial Wealth
3. **Culinary:** Foods/Nutrition I, Foods/Nutrition II, Culinary Arts
4. **Education:** Child Development, Human Dev. & Relationships, Introduction to Education
5. **Engineering:** Introduction to Design, Eng and Design OR Civil Eng & Architecture, Eng and Design OR Civil Eng & Architecture OR Capstone – EDD
6. **Health Care:** Anatomy (Sem 1), Anatomy (Sem 2), Health Care Careers
7. **Information Technology:** Programming I, AP Computer Science A (Sem 1), AP Computer Science A (Sem 2)
8. **Journalism:** Journalism, Photojournalism, Newspaper Convergence OR Yearbook
9. **Marketing:** Marketing I (Sem 1), Marketing I (Sem 2), Sports & Entertainment Marketing
10. **Small Engines:** Small Engines I, Small Engines II, Any Skilled or Technical Science Class*
11. **Welding:** Welding I, Welding II, Any Skilled or Technical Science Class*
12. **Woods:** Woods I, Woods II – Furniture, Woods III - Cabinets

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- To earn a scholarship, you **must** meet all requirements for the respective level. (Listed on back of worksheet.)
- You **must** apply for this scholarship through the EPS Foundation—opens 12/1
- Click [Here](#) for detailed Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation Scholarship Information
- Community Service Opportunities—Click [Here](#)



Elkhorn Public Schools

Career Awareness Program



Where do I go to see what opportunities are available?

- Go to the school's homepage
- Academics
- Career Awareness

Through partnerships with local businesses, students can link their core curriculum with the world of work and develop skills, habits, and attitudes that will prepare them for future employment success. Students engaging in Career Awareness Program activities with these business partners can enhance their personal growth and gain assistance with making wise career choices. The Career Awareness Program is a natural partnership between the classroom and the workplace.

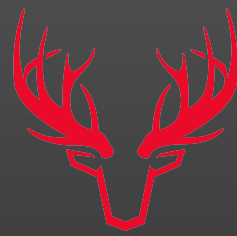
[Link to Career Awareness Program](#)

[Link to Career Awareness Day](#)

All students get one free career day a year.

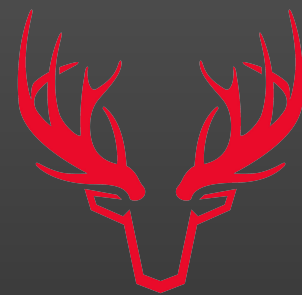


Career Experiences



- Job Shadow (outside of school day)
 - Link to form: [Job Shadow Form](#) (click to show form)
- Career Exploration Day (during school day)
 - All students are allotted 1 excused career exploration day per year.
 - Fill out the linked form to start the process:
 - [Career Exploration Day Form](#) (click to show form)
 - Then, see your counselor for Activity Absence/Liability Waiver/Verification Forms
 - If you don't know what you want to do, see your counselor for help
- Eat with an Expert (Once a month in library via zoom)
 - Must sign up on [link](#) (click to show form)
- Career Camps, Fairs, & Tours
 - Link to [Calendar of Events](#) (click to show calendar)

College Planning



What should you be doing now?

- Junior/Senior Parent Planning Night (September 9 from 6-7:30 pm--EHS)
 - Meet with college reps and military branches
- The College Search Process
 - Naviance--Class link
- Admissions/Military representatives visit EHS
 - Sign up through Naviance one day in advance
- Plan to visit campus of top 2-4 choices
 - Parent must request "College Visit Form Link" from Mrs. Frevert in counseling center before visiting and it will not count against attendance (max of 2 days) (email tfrevert@epsne.org)

You Have to talk about cost!

Being in debt right out of college is something you really need to consider.



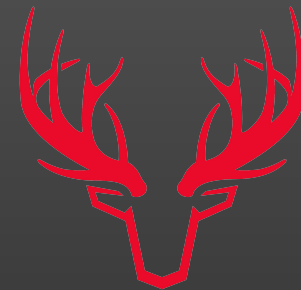
| Examples of Annual Cost to Attend College | | | | |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Institution Type | Cost of Tuition | Cost of Room/Board | Cost of Attendance | 4 (or 2) Year Cost of Attendance |
| 4-Year In-State (UNL) | \$10,434 | \$14,120 | \$24,554 | \$98,216 |
| Average 4-Year Out-of-State | \$28,386 | \$17,322 | \$45,708 | \$182,832 |
| 2-Year In-State (SCC) | \$3, 690 | \$11,820 | \$15,510 | \$31,020 |
| 4-Year Private (Creighton) | \$48,856 | \$13,652 | \$62,508 | \$250,032 |

College Preparation



- Create and update your resume
 - (Naviance has a resume builder/Career TA Lesson)
 - Education
 - Activities/Clubs/Organizations
 - Leadership Roles
 - Work Experience
 - Awards/Honors
- Some college applications require a resume
- Resumes can be given to teachers/counselors to help with letters of recommendation

Start now, it will save you time next year!



College Entrance Exams:

ACT or SAT (can take multiple times)

- Each junior will take the ACT at EHS on April 8, 2025
 - Practice ACT on November 26, 2024
- [ACT Link](#) for further dates and information
- [SAT Link](#) for further dates and information

Optional College Exam:

PSAT: National Merit Scholarship Competition

PSAT: Friday, October 18 at Elkhorn High School

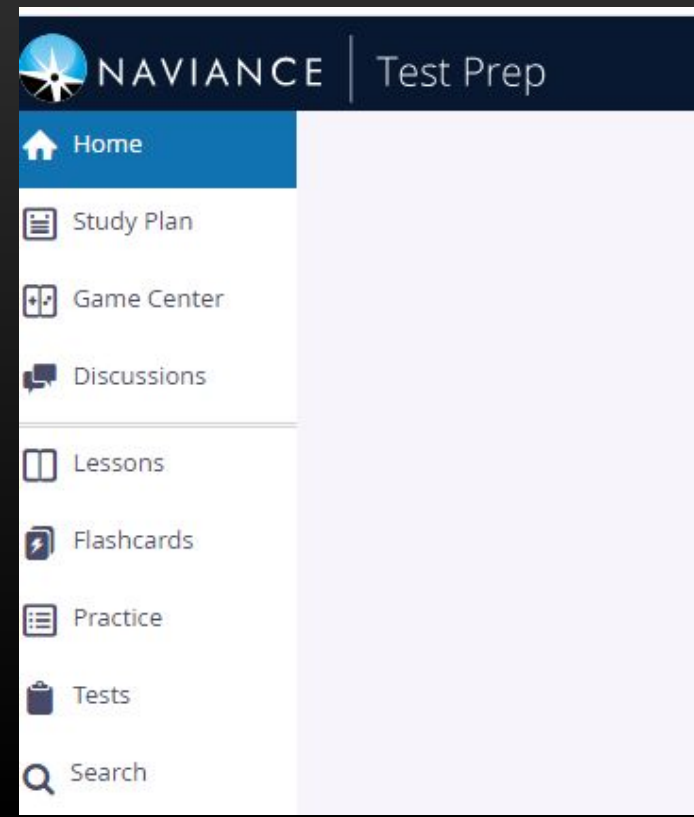
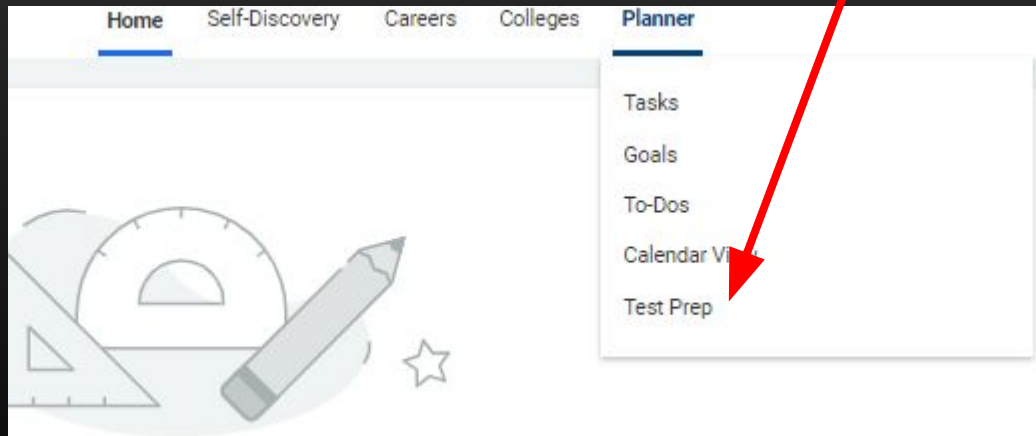
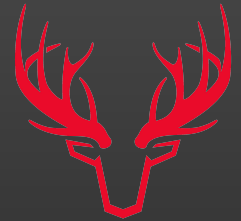
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HOW DO YOU SIGN UP?

- There is a \$35 fee for the PSAT
- To be guaranteed a PSAT test, you must bring your \$35 cash or check to the counseling center by 3:30pm on Friday, September 13th.

College Entrance Exam Test Prep

- Take rigorous courses
- Outside test preparation courses
 - ACT/SAT Resources
- Free online practice through Naviance
 - Go to Planner, Test Prep





Thinking about the Military

- **Junior/Senior College/Military Night:**
Sept. 9 from 6-7:30 pm, EHS Cafeteria
- **Military:** Sign up on Naviance to see recruiters
 - (Under College Visits)
- **ASVAB – October 11—sign up in Counseling Center (deadline is Oct. 2)**

If you are playing collegiate sports, register with the appropriate clearinghouse.

NCAA

Students interested in playing D1 or D2 sports

- Register/pay at www.eligibilitycenter.org by the end of junior year

NAIA

Students interested in playing NAIA sports

- Register/pay at www.playnaia.org by the end of junior year

Request a transcript be sent to NCAA/NAIA



College Preparation



Fall of Senior Year:

- Begin online college application process
- FAFSA-Free Application for Federal Student Aid
 - Opens Approximately December 1st
 - Education Quest's Financial Aid Webinars (Juniors can watch webinars to plan ahead)
 - Educationquest.org
 - WEBINARS click [Here](#) for dates, times, registration
- Begin Scholarship application process
 - Counselors will get you started in August/September

Junior Worksheet

- For the remainder of the period:
- Log into classlink and click on Naviance to open your account.
- Follow the steps on the worksheet.
- Keep worksheet as future reference.
- Refer to powerpoint in email for useful links and information.

Have a Great Junior Year!!




Junior Meeting Worksheet

Join the Class of 2026 Google Classroom if you haven't already.
Code if you need it: [nwhjh6p](#)

NAVIANCE LOGIN DIRECTIONS:

- Click on class link
- Naviance

Click on your initials on the upper right side of the screen



See your class rank. 2026 CLASS SIZE: **Approx. 191 STUDENTS**

COLLEGES


Click on [Colleges I'm Thinking About](#)

- Click on add colleges to your list and type in your first college
- Click the heart icon to add college (continue for remaining colleges)

Click on [Colleges-college visits](#). (Includes both College and Military reps.)

- Sign up **ONE DAY** (24 hours) in advance to be excused from class and visit a college/military rep in the Counseling Center; sign up for colleges of interest. Note time and date [in agenda](#).

Click on [Additional Information from Your School](#):



- Click to find important links shared throughout the presentation
 - Eat with An Expert
 - Military Options
 - Apprenticeship Opportunities
 - Volunteer Options

CAREERS

Click on [Careers-Explore Careers](#)
Type in careers you are interested in and click the heart icon.

ACT TEST PREP: [Home](#)

- Planner
- Click on Test Prep
- Enter test date: **April 9, 2024**
- Click on Game Center
- By Card Picker, select "Start Playing"
- Explore other games as time allows