I’m A Senior At East Providence High School

Now What?????
EPHS

High School Graduation Requirements

PBGR

24 Credits
Specifically....

English credits

Math credits (3+1)

Science credits (ESP/Chem/Bio)
Social Studies credits...

And / Or

Civics

World History

US History

Social Studies Elective
P.E. / Health credits
Also Need to Demonstrate Proficiency....

1/2

Technology credit

Fine Arts credit
- Studio Art
- Performing Art
1/2 Credits

Electives

Your Choice........
Not a graduation requirement…
But

- Most 4 Year Colleges require a minimum of 2 years of a World Language

East Providence High School offers French, Spanish, Portuguese and Latin.
Common Tasks/Portfolio

- 4 proficient common tasks grade 9 (ELA/Math/Science/Social Studies)
- 4 proficient common tasks grade 10 (ELA/Math/Science/Social Studies)
- 4 proficient common tasks grade 11 (ELA/Math/Science/Social Studies)

What if I don’t take a social studies class in grade 9?

Don’t Worry..... You are exempt!!
- Annotated Bibliography
- Digital Project
- Physical Project
- Presentation
Community Service

Total hours over 4 years of high school

Any Non-Profit Organization: School/Library/Hospital/Nursing Home

Can’t get paid
Can’t work for free for someone
No Relatives (i.e. Babysitting)
What Am I Going To Do With My Future...
HOW DO YOU CHOOSE YOUR SCHOOL?

- Know your options
  - 4 year Institution
    - University - (Big School)
    - College - (Smaller School)
      ** Make sure the school offers the major you are interested in.
  - Community College
    - 2 year program
    - Gives time to decide what to major in
    - Can be cost effective / easier transition to college
  - Technical School
    Programs vary in length up to 2 years+
    Many Specialize in specific trades
Community College of Rhode Island
Rhode Island Promise
ccri.edu/ripromise

- Tuition FREE Program at CCRI for RI Residents younger than 19 years old
- Students must:
  - Enroll full time
  - Submit the FAFSA
  - Complete the CCRI online orientation
  - Take the ACCUPLACER exam
  - Maintain at least a 2.5 GPA (Approximately a B-)
  - Earn 30 credits each year
  - Enroll each semester for two years (Fall & Spring are required)
Applying to College

- When to Apply???
Early Action

- Allows a student to submit an application early and receive an early admission decision.
- Student is NOT legally bound to enroll.
- Students are not required to notify the college of their enrollment intentions until May 1.
- Some colleges offer a penalty if you apply to other schools early action. **Check with each individual school.**
- Take your SATs/ACTs early!!!!
- Some schools offer Restrictive Early Action (cannot apply to other schools early action - but can apply regular decision). More binding than Early Action.

If You’re motivated to get moving early and want to find out sooner than later... Early Action may be your option.
Early Decision

- An early application process that binds you to attend the school should you be accepted.
- Student and parent must sign an agreement that unless the financial aid is inadequate, the student MUST attend the school.
- You MUST withdraw ALL other applications if you are accepted early decision.
- SATs or ACTs should be taken early!!!
Apply Early... Particularly if you are interested in a Competitive Major!!!
Types of Admission Processes

- Regular Admission - Specific deadline date for regular admission

- Rolling Admission - College accepts or denies a student shortly after the application is complete (No solid deadline date)

- Open Admission - Students are accepted to the institution if they have earned at least a high school diploma or GED (i.e. CCRI)
I’m ready.... Sign Me up!!!!!

- **Paper Application** - Some schools have their unique paper application which must be completed. All materials are mailed.

- **Electronic Application** - Most schools allow you to apply on-line and submit all your supporting documentation on line

- **The Common Application** -
www.commonapp.org

More than 600 Colleges......

only 1 application!!!!

1. Go to the website
2. Click on “Create an account”
3. Enter your profile, family and education information
4. Enter your activities
5. Include your writing sample(s)

CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT NOW!!!!!
CEEB code for East Providence High School

400050

**Note
Class rank is weighted. (From 9/2015 - present date)
GPA is NOT weighted. (From 9/2015 - present date)
GPA is based on 100 scale
Invite those you would like to write letters of recommendation....

- School Counselor - Include E-mail and phone number
- Teachers - Include E-mail and phone number

- Who writes your letter(s) of recommendation?

1. Don’t Exceed the number of letters colleges ask for.
2. Ask Grade 10/11 teachers who know you well.
3. Don’t ask someone you think won’t give you a good recommendation.
4. Specific programs require specific recommendations.
5. Give your counselor and teachers plenty of time to get your recommendation complete.
Permission to release records......

- Students MUST sign a permission to release records form and return to the guidance secretary prior to transcript/recommendation upload.
- If under 18 years old, parent must also sign the form.
- This was included in the beginning of the year packet. Check with your counselor if you are unsure if it was returned.
ESSAY

- Critical component of your application.
- It allows the admissions counselor to get to know you.
- Topic should be relevant and uplifting.
- Proofread!!!
- Don’t list a specific school in your essay.

The Common App lists its essay prompts online!!
Standardized Testing

- Know the test dates for the SAT
- School-Site Testing - April, 2018
- Other SAT DATES: August 25; October 6; November 3; December 1
- Know the test dates for the ACT: September 8; October 27; December 8

ESSAY: To Do or Not to Do
Which Test Should You Take?

- SAT - Scholastic Aptitude Test - Measure overall aptitude
  - Math
  - Reading
  - Writing

*Given at East Providence High School
Score range 200-800

*Students who receive free/reduced lunch qualify
For fee waiver - See your counselor.

*Waivers also available through Upward Bound / ETS
ACT - Achievement Test - Measures knowledge

- Reading
- Math (includes up to and including some trigonometry)
- English
- Science
- Writing is optional

- Not offered at East Providence High School. Test Centers all over the state
- Score range 1-36
SAT Test Preparation

Free..... It really works!!!

Link your KHAN account with your collegeboard account for personalized tutorials

www.khanacademy.org

Private Companies also offer SAT Prep: EXPENSIVE
What Do I Do With My Scores?

- You can submit your scores for free when you take the SAT if you include the schools on your registration form.

- If you wait to send your scores - You have to order them from the college board and have them sent to the schools (Cost $$).

- If schools don’t require them... Don’t send them AND Don’t list them on the Common Application!

- You can select which scores to send, but some schools require ALL your test scores.

- ALL schools that REQUIRE test scores, want to receive them DIRECTLY from the college board. Listing them on your common application is not enough!

About Score Choice

- Score Choice is a score reporting feature that gives students the option to send the test scores they feel best represent their abilities to colleges.
- Score Choice is designed to reduce student test anxiety and enable students to feel more comfortable on test day.
- Colleges will continue to set their SAT score-use practices.
SAT Subject Tests

- Some of the ‘Elite’ schools require students to take up to 3 SAT Subject tests.
- These tests are offered on the same dates as the SAT
- They are offered in a variety of subject areas....

Math - Level 1 and Level 2 / Biology / Chemistry / Physics
US History / World History / Literature
French / German / Spanish

**Make sure you know what tests your colleges require!!**
Remember to complete your FAFSA (on-line) beginning 10/1/2018

EPHS Guidance Department sponsors a Financial Aid Information Night on September 26th and a Completion Night on December 4th

All students qualify for student loans - so everyone should complete the FAFSA.

Many scholarships require a completed FAFSA form.
Many competitive schools require students to complete the CSS Profile through the College Board. This is in addition to the FAFSA.

- Make sure you meet the college deadline for submission of the CSS profile. Failure to meet the deadline could seriously jeopardize your financial aid package.
Create an Activity Sheet

List....

- Activities / Sports you have been involved with
- Community Service you have been involved with
- Leadership positions
- Work Experience

Figure out what your niche is and market yourself!!
BEWARE!!!!

- You want to present yourself in the best possible way to the college you apply to....
- Colleges get to know you through....
  - Your Application
  - Your Essay
  - Your Letters of Recommendation
  - Social Media
    - Be cognizant of screen names.
    - Be cognizant of what you post/tweet.
Get Ready to Push the Submit Button....

Make sure you know the application deadline for the colleges you are applying to.

Post Marked - Some schools will accept your application as long as it is post marked (by the postal office) by the deadline.

Set Deadline - Some schools require your application to be submitted and all supporting documents received by the actual deadline - I.E. URI
You’ve Applied to Your Colleges..... Now What???

What are the possible outcomes of your application?
ACCEPTANCE

The college you have applied to has decided to offer you admission to their school. Now you have to decide by a certain date whether you will commit to that school.
DEFERRED ADMISSION

- This pertains to students who applied Early Action / Early Decision

The college has decided not to admit you early; however, they have sent your application to be re-evaluated with the regular deadline applications.
Although the college has not outright offered you admission, they see you as a potential candidate and place you on a waitlist. Depending on how their accepted students respond, the college may or may not have room to admit you.

* There is no guarantee when it comes to being waitlisted. It can be a frustrating experience. Many schools have a final date at which time they will notify you. You will only be notified if they decide to offer you admission.
DENIAL

For a variety of reasons, the college has decided against offering you admission. Try not to take it personally. The application pool is very competitive and sometimes schools are looking for a specific student.
You Have Your Acceptance Letters Now What.......
Make An Informed Decision!

- Visit the campus (if you haven’t done so already)

- Examine your financial aid package.

- Do a cost analysis.
  - Remember to include...
    - Tuition
    - Room and Board
    - Books
    - Travel costs
    - Incidentals

Are you comfortable with living away from home?
RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU!!

Know Your School Counselor

1. Mrs. Newman  knewman@epschoolsri.com  
   (401) 435 - 7806 x4160

2. Mr. O’Brien  pobrien@epschoolsri.com  
   (401) 435-7817

3. Mrs. Santos  psantos@epschoolsri.com  
   (401) 435-7806 x4107

4. Mr. Traverse  rtraverse@epschoolsri.com  
   (401) 435-7806 x4106
EAST PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE – www.eastprovidencehighschool.com

- Click on academic tab and scroll to Guidance Department
  - Community Service Opportunities
  - College Open House Dates
  - Scholarship & Grant Directory
  - Links to....
    - Choices360
    - College Planning Center of RI
    - NCAA Clearinghouse
    - Additional scholarships & Financial Aid
COLLEGE FAIRS

- East Providence High School College Fair
  - Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 8am

- Johnson & Wales University, Wildcat Center
  - Sunday, October 21, 2017
  - 11am - 1pm

www.RIAAO.com
COLLEGE PLANNING CENTER of RI

https://www.risla.com/college-planning-center

All services are provided free of charge by RI Student Loan Authority.

- Help with conducting college searches
- Guidance through the college admissions process
- Instruction on financial aid procedures and policies, including financing options
- Assistance in completing admission and financial aid applications
- Help with reviewing financial aid award packages
- Information on researching scholarships and careers
- Financial education for students
NOW ITS ALL UP TO YOU!!