

Junior Jive



Where am I going? How do I get there?

UNDECIDED?

Unsure of what your future holds for you?
Undecided about what kind of job you want?
Having trouble picking a college major?

Career Cruising is another option that will help you find a direction. Go to www.careercruising.com. Enter "fremont" as the username and "packers" as the password. From here, you will see the Career Cruising main page. A student's individual log in for their Educational Development Plan can be received at the counseling office.

Use this tool to help find a direction in life and for your future!

Or visit the counseling office today!

Junior Career Fair "2009" is April 16, 2009 from 9:15-12:15. It is held at the L.C. Walker Arena and costs \$2.50 per student. There will be career representatives from all pathways ready to answer your questions about your future. Sign up in the Counseling Office.

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Considering playing SPORTS in college



- NCAA guide for college bound Athletes can now be found at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. Student-athletes should click on "Prospective Student-Athlete" which will link the student to the necessary information. It is extremely important that prospective student athletes read the guide carefully and understand the NCAA initial eligibility requirements. If you plan to compete in college athletics, it is imperative that you file the appropriate forms. If you have questions, visit their website at www.ncaa.org.

Testing Information

- Attention all juniors...you must have attempted to take the complete MME this spring in order to be in good standing for graduation and possibly qualification for the Michigan Promise Scholarship.
 - Testing dates are March 10, 11 and 12.
- Want to prepare for the ACT (this is part of the MME). Here are some tools to help...
 - FREE booklet download and online support @ www.actstudent.org/testprep
This official ACT student website allows students to view sample questions, access test-taking tips and download a FREE copy of the "Preparing for the ACT" booklet which includes an ACT practice test.
 - ACT Online prep
This is an official guide to ACT prep online. The cost is \$19.95.
 - The Real ACT Prep Guide
This is the official guide to the ACT that includes actual retired test questions.

There are two ways to get the online prep or ACT prep guide...

- Order @ www.actstudent.org
- Call (319)337-1429

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...Financial Aid...Scholarships...

Need money for college...free scholarship search at:

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www.ed.gov

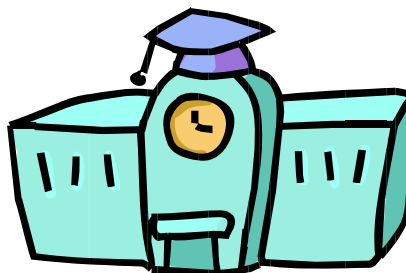
www.collegeboard.com
www.absolutelyscholarships.com
www.fafsa.ed.gov

www.studentservices.com
www.estudentloan.com

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) must be used to apply for aid from Federal student financial aid programs. (Federal student financial aid means Federal grant, loan and work study money for your education.) You must also use this form to apply for most state and some private aid. This form must be filled out if the student is eligible for the MICHIGAN Competitive Scholarship. Forms are available in December of your graduation year. Completed forms will not be accepted by the processor until January 1 of each year and must be received no later than February 22. Prior to your senior year, you can use a FAFSA estimator to get an idea of what financial aide you may be eligible for. Access this at www.educationquest.org/estimator/
- The mission of the Michigan Student Financial Aid Association is to coordinate services and funding information between educational support programs and to better provide access for students in their pursuit of education goals. MSFAA provides a help-line brochure @ www.msfaa.org.
- The Michigan Alternative Student Loan (MI-LOAN) Program offers a practical means to attaining success by delivering inexpensive, personalized financial assistance. To obtain further info. and a MI-LOAN application kit, visit www.Michigan.gov/mistudentaid

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www.collegeboard.org
www.clas.ufl.edu/CLAS/american-universities.html
www.act.org
www.embark.com
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College Visits

How to Schedule Your Campus Visits

Schoolwork, your job, your parents... choosing the right time to go on campus visits may seem like a complicated procedure. But when you're planning your trip, just be sure not to lose sight of the reason you're going: to see if the school is a good fit for you. This means you need to see the college when classes are meeting and day-to-day activities are taking place. In other words, go when the college is in session.

How to Pick a Date

There's more than one right time to make campus visits. The trick to picking the right dates for you is to plan well ahead of time. Check specific dates with each college so you don't arrive when the campus is deserted.

During the Week

Mondays through Thursdays are ideal since campuses are generally in full swing. Since junior and senior years can be busy for you, though, it's important not to let visits interfere with your schoolwork. If possible, try to visit during high school holidays that fall on Mondays, when most colleges are in session.

The Best Seasons

Late summer and early September before senior year are convenient times to visit, since many colleges begin their fall semester as early as mid-August. But generally, fall through winter, and sometimes early spring, are the seasons when seniors should conduct their explorations.

Spring of Junior Year

Juniors who have researched colleges should consider using spring vacations for college visits. Spring is also a good time of year if you play fall sports or are considering early action or early decision with application deadlines in November of senior year.

Campus Visit Checklist

-Here are things you shouldn't miss while visiting a college. Take a look at this list before planning campus trips to make sure that you allow enough time on each campus to get a sense of what the school—and the life of its students—is really like.

- Take a campus tour.
- Have an interview with admissions officer.
- Get business cards and names of people you meet for future contacts.
- Pick up financial aid forms.
- Participate in a group information session at the admissions office.
- Sit in on a class of a subject that interests you.
- Talk to a professor in your chosen major or in a subject that interests you.
- Talk to coaches of sports in which you might participate.
- Talk to a student or counselor in the career center.
- Spend the night in a dorm.
- Read the student newspaper.
- Try to find other student publications—department newsletters, alternative newspapers, literary reviews.
- Scan bulletin boards to see what day-to-day student life is like.
- Eat in the cafeteria.
- Ask students why they chose the college.
- Wander around the campus by yourself.
- Read for a little while in the library and see what it's like.
- Search for your favorite book in the library.
- Ask students what they hate about the college.
- Ask students what they love about the college.
- Browse in the college bookstore.
- Walk or drive around the community surrounding the campus.
- Ask students what they do on weekends.
- Listen to the college's radio station.
- Try to see a dorm that you didn't see on the tour.
- Imagine yourself attending this college for four years.