

# COLLEGE PLANNING WORKSHOP

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PORTAGE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

# AGENDA

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- Think about your goals for after high school.
- Know which career, college or trade school is right for you.
- Gather your academic information.
- Make a plan to start a career .
- Make a plan to pay for career plans, if necessary.
- The majority of the senior class at PCHS goes on to training beyond high school, so today we will talk about college and trade school planning.

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# HANDOUTS

- Power Point Notes
- College Freshman Class Profile
- Parchment and Admissions Options
- College Planning Resources Handout\*
- Common Application Handout
- Harvard/Facebook Article
- \*NACAC College Information Book is a resource on the white handout. This booklet is full of great information. Check it out! 😊

# **STEP ONE: KNOW YOURSELF**

## WHAT DO YOU HAVE AND NEED FOR EDUCATION BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL?

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- Personal goals
- Reasons for attending college or trade school
  - Certificate
  - Degree
- Interests and activities for career, college or trade school

# CAREER CRUISING

The screenshot shows the Career Cruising login interface for Portage Public School District. At the top, the 'Career Cruising' logo is displayed in a blue header. Below it, the text 'Portage Public School District' and 'My Plan Login' are centered. The login form includes a 'Username:' field with 'PPSD-' entered, a 'Password:' field, and a yellow 'Login' button. A link for 'Forgot your username and/or password?' is located below the login button. To the right of the form, a grey box contains instructions: 'Your Username is the prefix "PPSD-" followed by your Skyward Username.' and 'Your Password is the same as your Skyward Password.' Below the login form, there are three sections: 'Student Course Guide: Portage Public School District' with a 'Select ...' dropdown menu; 'Course Planner Video Student Demonstration' with a video player thumbnail showing a person reading; and 'Learn more about: Career Cruising Products' with a blue link.

- Career Cruising is on the PCHS Counseling home page.
- Your user name is your first.lastname.
- If your first and last name is longer than 14 letters, stop your username at 14 letters.
- Your password is your Student ID.

# CHECK YOUR ACADEMIC PREPARATION.

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- **Transcript: Grades and coursework**
  - Your transcript for freshman through junior year will be mailed home over the summer. Check for accuracy.
- **SAT: Check the College Board account for your most recent test. Be sure to send this score to your colleges via your College Board account.**

# STEP TWO: CONSIDER COLLEGE CHARACTERISTICS

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- Types of schools
  - Public
  - Private
  - Trade School
- Size of schools
  - (Large vs. Small)
- Cost
- Keep your options open
- Check admission standards
- Plan visits and tours

# SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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- Internet – college home pages
- Check your College Board account:  
[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- College representatives who come to PCHS in the fall
- Parents, students, and alumni
- School counselors and teachers
- Other professionals in the field



## STEP THREE: LIST, COMPARE AND VISIT COLLEGES AND TRADE SCHOOLS

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- Attend a college fair in the fall. KVCC has one every year.
- Meet with the college rep at PCHS in the fall
- Plan your visit to the campus
  - *Checklist for campus visit, see PCHS website for NACAC handbook.*
- Narrow your choices
- Here is where many PCHS students go.....

# WHERE THOSE BEFORE YOU HAVE GONE

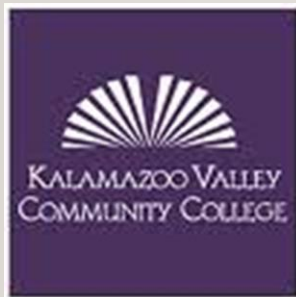
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# OPEN ADMISSIONS

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- Fill out the application completely and you are in!
- Applications are accepted all year.
- SAT results used for course placement not for admission.



# LIBERAL ADMISSIONS

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- Some college freshmen who rank in the lower half of their senior high school class are accepted.
- Applications are accepted all year.
- Transcript, GPA and SAT are used for admission.



# TRADITIONAL ADMISSIONS



- Majority of college freshmen rank in the top 50% of their senior class.
- Transcript, GPA and SAT scores are used for admission.



# SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS

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- Essay questions are utilized in addition to GPA, ACT scores, and transcripts.
- 3.5-3.9 GPA
- Watch deadlines!



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MINDS IN THE MAKING



**Hope** COLLEGE

# HIGHLY SELECTIVE

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- The majority of freshmen accepted rank in the top 10% of their high school senior class.
- Transcripts and SAT scores are used for admission.
- Essay is required.
- Letter of recommendation is required.
- Watch deadlines!
- Common Application is used.



# APPLICATION FOR COLLEGES

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Western Michigan University <http://www.wmich.edu>



Michigan State University <http://www.msu.edu>





# APPLICATIONS FOR COLLEGES

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- The Common Application

[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)



- Check the list of schools that use the Common Application.
- You may find more schools!

# PCHS CLASS OF 2019 U OF M PROFILE

- 97% of admitted students were in the 94<sup>th</sup>-99<sup>th</sup> Percentile of the SAT test.
- Literature, Science and Arts (LSA): GPA range 4.44-4.82
- SAT range 1240-1530
- Engineering GPA range 4.58-4.91
- Engineering SAT range 1390-1540



# CHECK YOUR TRANSCRIPT AND SAT SCORE FOR ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS.

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- Safety School.
  - Where you meet or exceed the requirements on the college website.
- Target School?
  - Where you are in the average range of the requirements on the college website.
- Reach School!
  - Where you knowingly fall short on some requirements, but it is still worth it to apply.

# SAT MINIMUM SCORES APRIL 2019

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## SAT range 400-1600

- MSU 1130-1300
- CMU 1140
- Calvin Average 1212
- Kalamazoo College scores optional
- GVSU 1050-1220
- WMU 1090

# OUR GUARANTEE

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All students who do not apply to college, do not get in to college.

That is a 100% guarantee.

Just apply!

# STEP FOUR: APPLY FOR ADMISSIONS

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- Know the process
- Plan and complete the required process
  - **Application!**
  - *Essay if required*
  - *Letters of Recommendation if required*
- Meet the application deadlines
- KVCC Admission at [www.kvcc.edu](http://www.kvcc.edu)
- WMU Admission at [www.wmich.edu](http://www.wmich.edu)

# STEP FIVE: SAT SCORES

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- Be sure to send your SAT scores to the colleges.
- Your scores may be sent via your College Board account.

# STEP SIX: SEND YOUR TRANSCRIPTS TO THE COLLEGES.

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- In August, you will be sent a registration code.
- You may request your transcript via Parchment.  
([www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com)).
- Keep in mind that your transcripts will not be sent until mid-September. (We have to update incomplete grades from the summer, which may adjust class rankings of the entire class.)
- Waiting until mid-September to send transcripts will NOT affect your admissions.





# STEP SEVEN: PAYING FOR COLLEGE

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- FAFSA – [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Scholarships –
  - Local: [www.portageps.org](http://www.portageps.org) PCHS Counseling tab
  - Regional: [www.kalfound.com](http://www.kalfound.com)
  - National: [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

Watch the deadlines for the  
FAFSA and for scholarships!

# FOLLOW-UP WITH YOUR COUNSELOR

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- Mr. Tarnutzer – A, B, F, M, N
- Mrs. Schippers – C, G, H, I, K, L
- Mrs. Jepson – D, E, O, P, Q, R
- Mrs. Kreis – J, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z