



Goals of the College Planning Program:

The goal of the college planning program at Pine Lake Preparatory is to help students identify their interests, abilities and goals in order to find the right college match and fit. All Upper School students utilize the Naviance system to track their activities, interests, and interact with their grade-level college planner.

Grades 9 and 10 are focused on creating college awareness, emphasizing the importance of earning good grades, and getting involved in activities that reflect the student's interest. It is important for students to understand that the work they do throughout high school will be part of the transcript sent to the colleges they choose. It is also important for underclassmen to find a balance between academics and extracurricular activities of merit.

Grades 11 and 12 are focused on narrowing the college search, exploring schools that match the individual student's interests, goals and family considerations. Students have the opportunity to work one-on-one with a counselor to plan testing, college visitations, and college applications.

[Naviance](#) is a web-based college and career readiness platform that helps students connect their academic achievement to post-secondary goals. Its college and career planning solutions optimize student success, enhance college planner productivity, and track results for school and district administrators. When logged in students will be able to develop their college or career pathway. Through self-discovery, and collaboration with parents and the college planning team; students will:

- Set personalized goals
- Learn about their skills and interests
- Explore career options based on interests
- Search & match colleges based on the student's skill sets and interests
- Request teacher recommendations and transcripts
- Track their college applications, acceptances, and admissions
- Search for scholarships
- And much more

In order to better meet the needs of students, all additional forms and links to important websites used in the college planning process are posted in the Naviance system. This includes notes from planning sessions, visitation checklists and permission forms, and information on testing, reporting AP scores, financial considerations, and much more. Included within the **Naviance** service is access to the PrepMe for ACT Test preparation. As all high school juniors in North Carolina take the ACT in March, the PrepMe ACT resource will allow PLP students to pace themselves and prepare for all sections of the exam. PrepMe's adaptive platform diagnoses each student's individual strengths and weaknesses to create an individualized study plan. The Naviance system is currently available for Upper School students only and parents may access it through their child's username and password.