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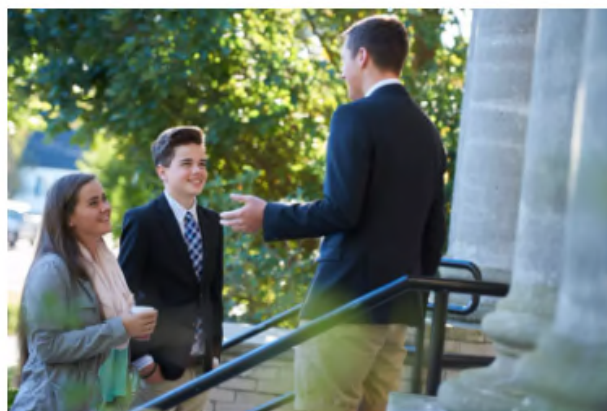
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Brewster’s curriculum is developmental in nature. This means that the courses in a department are linked and build your skills incrementally over time. The curriculum is also designed to meet individual needs. We do this by differentiating what we expect students to do based on who they are as learners. Thus, there is a place for you to find success in each of your classes, not just the ones in which you are strongest.



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- ▼ 9th and 10th Grade
- ▼ 11th Grade
- ▼ 12th Grade/Postgraduate

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### ✓ 9th and 10th Grade

We meet with our 9th graders and discuss the important factors in the admission process and how they can set themselves up for success in regards to grades, curriculum, involvement, testing, and more.

10th Grade:

- Continue the discussion related to the important factors in the admission process
- Full team presentation about course selection for 11th grade
- Individual meetings pertaining to course selection for 11th grade
- Consider visiting colleges in the summer after 10th grade

### ✓ 11th Grade

#### October

- PSAT testing
- Naviance (college planning portal) registration

*Instruction seminar for 11th grade parents occurs during Family Weekend*

#### December

- PSAT test results/review
- SAT/ACT testing (optional)

#### January

- College Kickoff Workshops
- Register for spring SAT/ACT dates

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- Complete student questionnaire
- Set up first college meeting with college counselor
- Develop initial college list

**February**

- ACT Testing
- Continue meeting with college counselor
- Set up college visits for March break
- Register for spring SAT/ACT dates

**March**

- SAT testing
- College visits during March break
- Begin College Office Curriculum
- Continue meeting with college counselor

**April**

- ACT testing
- Continue meeting with college counselor and researching colleges
- Continue College Office Curriculum
- Attend Lakes Region Independent School College Counseling Association College Fair

**May**

- SAT testing
- Continue meetings with college counselor and researching colleges
- Continue College Office Curriculum
- Plan college visits for the summer
- Take AP exams (if applicable)

**June**

- SAT/ACT testing
- Continue visiting colleges
- Finish remaining pieces of the College Office Curriculum

**Summer Months**

- Visit Colleges
- Finish remaining pieces of the College Office Curriculum
- Register for fall SAT/ACT test dates (as needed)

**College Office Curriculum**

The College Office works with our Juniors during our Social and Emotional Learning blocks from March to May in order to fully prepare them for the college process heading into the summer. Throughout the curriculum, our juniors will accomplish the following:

- Fill out the Common Application
- Request Teacher Recommendations
- Complete a resume
- Discuss and begin the brainstorming process for their college essay
- Complete the Major Recommendation Questionnaire which assists their College Counselor and teachers in writing their recommendations
- Go over requirements for international students, athletics, art/music/theater school, or any specific programs students may be interested in.

## ✓ 12th Grade/Postgraduate

### September

- ACT testing
- Meet with College Counselor to discuss summer visits
- Finalize college application list
- Complete the Common App and any other supporting documents
- Register for fall SAT/ACT test dates
- Attend college meeting for Seniors and Postgraduates
- Touch base with teachers about recommendations
- Meet with College Admission Representatives visiting Brewster
- Work with family to complete Financial Aid Forms (FAFSA/CSS Profile)

### October

- SAT/ACT testing
- Continue everything from September

### November

- Submit applications by November deadlines
- SAT testing
- Register for December SAT/ACT test dates
- Continue meeting with College Counselor and College Admission Representatives
- Ensure Teacher Recommendations have been submitted
- Plan final college visits for Thanksgiving break
- Finalize your college application list
- Work with family to complete Financial Aid Forms (FAFSA/CSS Profile)

### December

- SAT/ACT testing
- If accepted to a college Early Decision withdraw all other applications
- Submit applications for December deadlines
- Continue meeting with college counselor

- Submit final college list and all applications for early January deadlines prior to holiday break
- Work with family to complete Financial Aid Forms (FAFSA/CSS Profile)

**January**

- Submit applications by January deadlines
- Work with family to complete Financial Aid Forms (FAFSA/CSS Profile)
- Begin scholarship research at local high school counseling office, state education offices, and online

**February**

- Submit applications by February deadlines (if applicable)
- Visit colleges during February break
- Work with family to complete Financial Aid Forms (FAFSA/CSS Profile)

**March**

- Visit colleges during March break
- Work with family to complete Financial Aid Forms (FAFSA/CSS Profile)

**April**

- Notify College Office of final decisions from all colleges
- Finalize your college decision and financial aid forms

**May**

- Submit college deposit by May 1
- Inform all other colleges of your decision
- Take AP exams (if applicable)
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**June**

- The College Office will send your final transcripts to the college you plan to attend

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