

Duke Ellington School of the Arts
2009-2010 College Summit Class Syllabus

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Course Overview:

The goal of the College Summit course and experience is to provide students with the opportunity (within the course of the school day) in which to explore, apply to, and prepare for a variety of postsecondary options. Through participation in the College Summit class, students will create a **Senior Portfolio**, which includes all of the planning milestones and products that seniors need in order to apply to and succeed in formal and informal postsecondary learning opportunities.

Senior Portfolio:

Students will utilize a variety of resources including the “Navigator” class information guide, the World Wide Web (including the CSNav online portal), course activities, and material provided by the school’s guidance department to compile a comprehensive **Senior Portfolio**. The Senior Portfolio will consist of the following deliverables:

- Ultimate, Long-Term, and Intermediate Goals
- Senior Year Plan
- College List
- Resume
- Personal Statement
- Letters of Recommendation
- College Applications
- FAFSA and State Financial Aid Forms
- Scholarship Applications
- Postsecondary Budget
- Transition Issues Research Project
- Commitment Statement
- Transition Plan

Please Note: (i) Students will submit Senior Portfolio deliverables via College Summit’s CSNav online portal, a resource students will be provided with access to during the first week of school. (ii) Students will be provided with **at least one week’s notice** in advance of a Senior Portfolio deliverable due date.

Grading:

Student grades will be determined based on the following grading categories:

- Student Portfolio Deliverables -- **60%**
- Class Participation -- **20%**
- Journal Activities – **20%**

Materials:

Students will be required to bring the following materials to each College Summit class period:

- 3-ring binder with loose-leaf paper OR dedicated College Summit notebook
- 1 Composition Notebook
- 2 Pens (blue or black ink only)
- 2 Pencils
- *Navigator* text

Class Policies and Procedures:

- Grade scales and the consequences of tardiness and truancy are consistent with DCPS policy, as outlined by the most current DESA student attendance policy.
- The consequence for late Student Portfolio deliverables is 5% per class period up until 50% off the final grade. Lateness may be excused at the teacher's discretion.
- In the case of all absences, students are expected to contact a friend and/or contact the teacher prior to the commencement of the next class, to find out what assignment is due. There are very few acceptable reasons for unpreparedness.
- Parents and students please feel free to contact Mr. Brecher with any questions related to the College Submit class specifically, or the postsecondary transition process generally.

Parent/Guardian and Student Signatures:

I have read the course requirements as outlined above. I understand the class Grading Policy including the list of Senior Portfolio deliverables, Materials Requirements, Class Policies and Procedures, and agree to adhere to the policy as outlined.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date