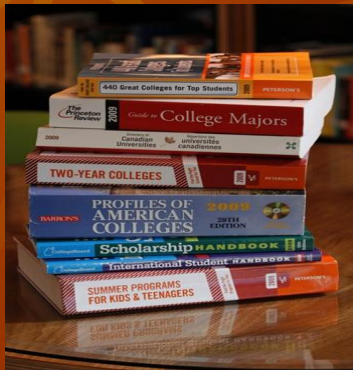


# Welcome to the Morris Knolls Counseling Department's College Planning Night



The Start of College Planning

# Planning

- The Perfect Fit
- College Visits
- PSAT
- SAT vs. ACT
- Preparing for Testing
- Test Optional
- Khan Academy



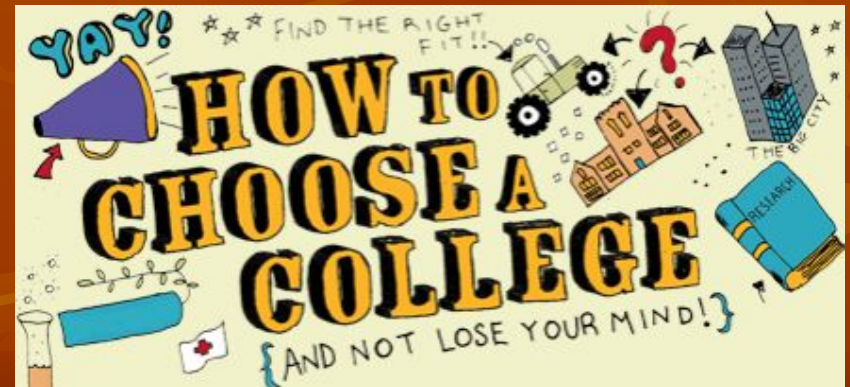
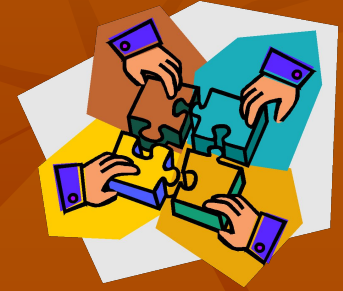
# College Visits - \*\*Virtually

- Register for a tour/visit - still the best option to show interest
- Show interest – colleges often track your contact with them
  - tracking social media/emails (being opened/researching their site)
- Take a walk on your own – ask questions
- Consider travel time/expenses



# Finding the Perfect Fit – Naviance

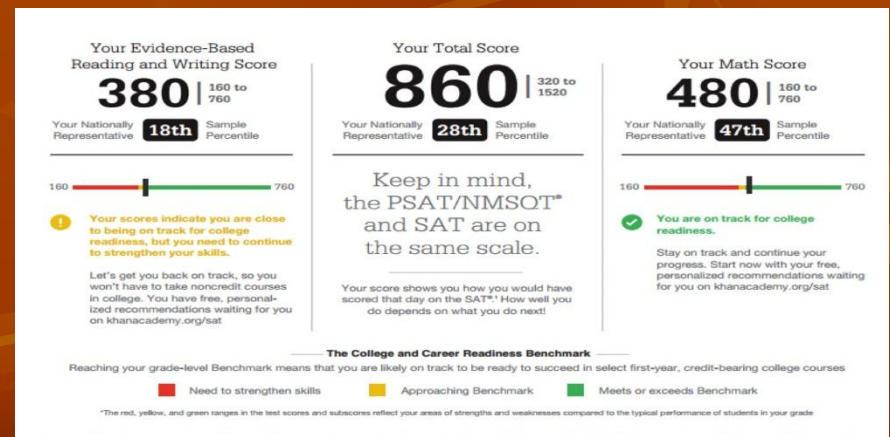
- Competitiveness
- Size of campus and student body
- Student/Teacher Ratio
- Setting – City/Rural
- Geographical/Climate
- Majors Offered
- Campus Life/Clubs/Athletics/Intramurals
- Housing
- Campus Security
- Special Programs
  - Counseling
  - Honors programs
  - Study abroad
  - ROTC
  - Internships



# PSAT

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

- PSAT/NMSQT – Score Report
  - Math – Reading/Writing – scores 160-760
- Online score report
  - Available November (virtual test) – to your cell phone
    - or you need to create an account on Big Future/College Board
  - SAT Suite of Assessments – all scores together (PSAT, SAT, AP)
  - Personalized review questions by your own strengths/weakness



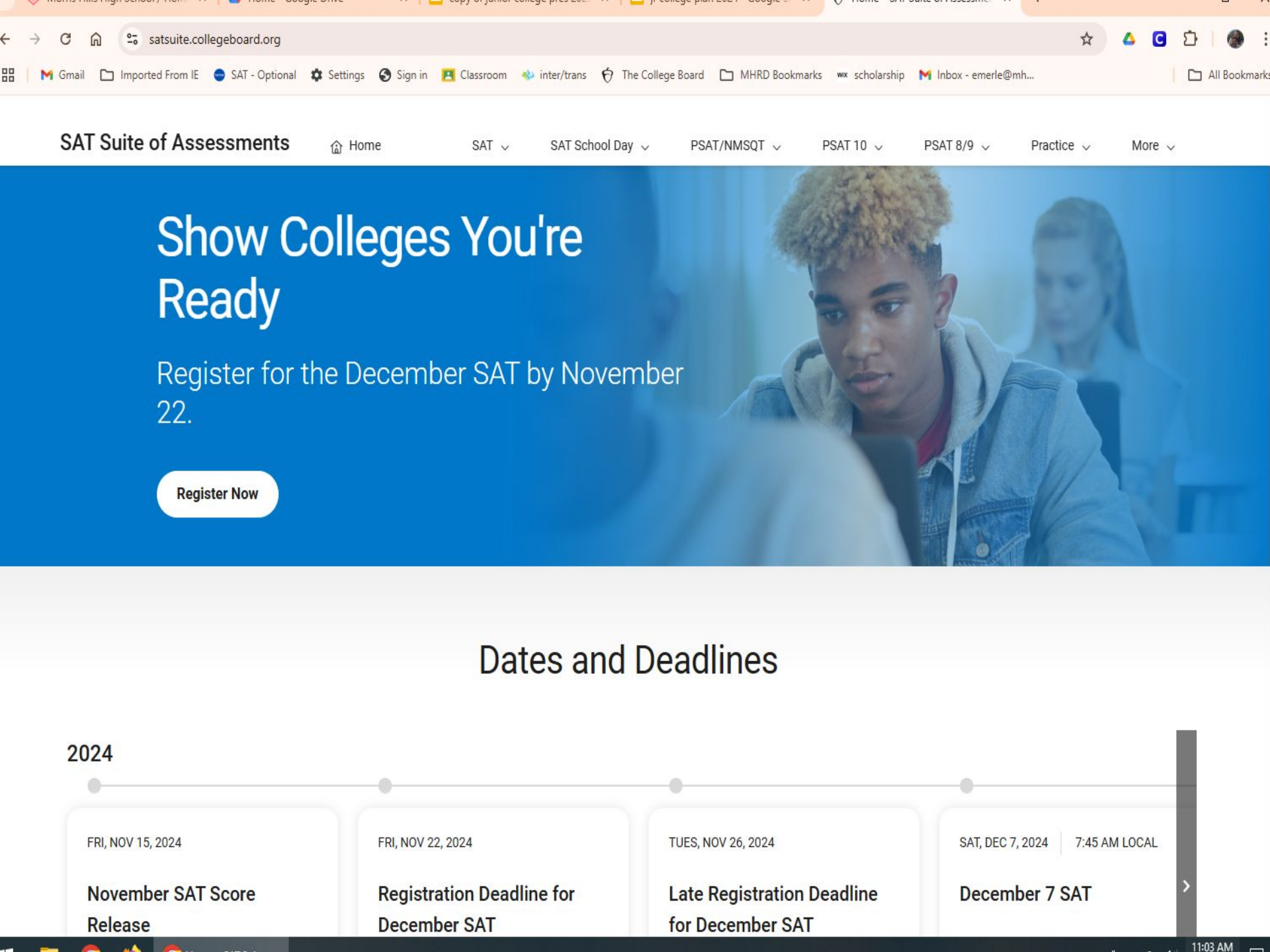


# Preparing for Testing



- Kaplan, Princeton and C2 offer preparation review courses (\$\$/Fee)
- MK offers after school Boot Camps (Free)
- Independent Studying
- Free Practice Tests Online
- \*Khan Academy
  - Link with your PSAT report





## SAT Suite of Assessments

Home

SAT

SAT School Day

PSAT/NMSQT

PSAT 10

PSAT 8/9

Practice

More

# Show Colleges You're Ready

Register for the December SAT by November 22.

Register Now

## Dates and Deadlines

2024

FRI, NOV 15, 2024

November SAT Score  
Release

FRI, NOV 22, 2024

Registration Deadline for  
December SAT

TUES, NOV 26, 2024

Late Registration Deadline  
for December SAT

SAT, DEC 7, 2024 7:45 AM LOCAL

December 7 SAT



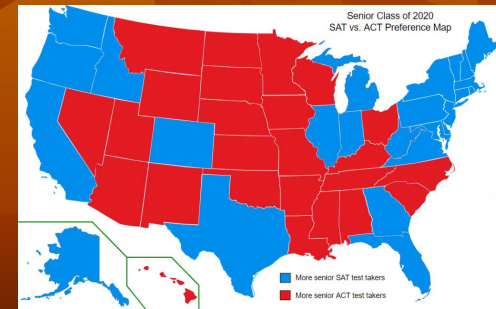
# SAT vs. ACT



- Colleges accept either the SAT or ACT
- Here is a link with the breakdown of the specific differences
- SAT – creative questions - critical thinking skills
  - Based on 1600 score - 800 each Math/Reading-Writing
- ACT – straightforward - testing knowledge
  - 1-36 score
- We encourage you to take at least one test in the spring of your Junior year.



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- Colleges do “Superscore”
  - Some are cross referencing SAT/ACT





# Test Optional ?

Majority of schools are now Test Optional. (about 80%)

Test Optional - Student decides if they want to send or not

Test Blind - The school does NOT consider scores, even if they are sent.

Test Flexible - (newer) - can opt to send other tests (AP/IB)

Common Data Set - Each school publishes yearly data of admissions information (school site) Ex: Rutgers

	23-24	21-22	20-21
	<u>25% - 75%</u> (50%)	<u>25% - 75%</u> (45%)	<u>25% - 75%</u> (90%)
E-	630—720	610 - 710	580 - 680
M-	640-760	630 - 760	600 - 730

- 43,347 - applied - 28,326 accepted - 7,681 enrolled
- Effects - colleges look to be more selective, so only send if they benefit you!

# College Testing.....cont.

- It is recommended to take either SAT/ACT at least twice
- Enclosed in the handout are the test dates for 2024-2025
- When registering for the SAT/ACT – you can select four schools to receive scores at no extra charge, after it is \$14.00/19.00 per school
- SAT/ACT both require a picture to be uploaded when registering



# Get Ready to Apply

- Naviance
- College Search
- Application Time



# What is Naviance Family Connections?

- Career/Interest Inventories
- Search College Majors - Careers
- College Planning Tool
- *Naviance is used to send all materials for College Applications*



# Accessing Naviance

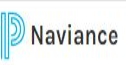
- Your child is registered and can log in using their school email
- Go To - Morris Knolls Website → School Counseling Department → MK Naviance Students or APA Students
- Parents can request to have their own access by emailing their child's school counselor



NAVIANCE


College Connection for High School Students





[Back](#)

Welcome Student!



Login to Naviance

Email

Password

☒ Remember me [Forgot your password?](#)

CONTINUE

[Need additional help?](#)  
[I'm new and need to register!](#)

Student's School Email



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# Colleges

🔍 Type a college name

SEARCH

Most of your time will be spent here

Find Your Fit

🔍 SuperMatch®

🧩 College Match

📅 College Events

Scattergrams

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Research Colleges

❤️ COLLEGES  
I'm Thinking About

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# Junior Year Cont'd

- Students will also be directed to utilize “*Supermatch*” or “*Advanced College Search*” accessible under the ‘College’ tab to begin exploring colleges.



student.naviance.com/colleges/applying-to

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All Bookmarks

Hit College Tab to access

HomeSelf-DiscoveryCareersCollegesPlanner

Log Out

Colleges I'm Applying To

✔ You have matched your Common app a

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✔ FERPA completed

College Home

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Manage Transcripts

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Test Scores

Scholarships & Money

College-Specific Scholarships

National Scholarship Search

Scholarship Search

♥ Favorite Scholarships

Search for Colleges

Application MilestonesCompare Me

✦ = extended profile available

McGill University	Priority	Jan 15	N/A	No request	Initial materials submitted	Unknown	More
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	Regular Decision - Fall 2024 - Fall 2022	Feb 1	N/A	No request	Initial materials submitted	Unknown	More
✦ New York University	Regular Decision - Class of 2028	Jan 5	N/A	No request	Initial materials submitted	Unknown	More
✦ Northeastern University	Early Action - Fall 2024	Nov 1	N/A	Requested	Initial materials submitted	Submitted	More
✦ University of Pennsylvania	Regular Decision - Fall 2024	Jan 5	N/A	No request	Pending	Unknown	More

# During Junior Year

- Students will develop a list of *reach*, *target* and *safety* schools in their - “Colleges that I’m Thinking About” tab (consider acceptance rates and financial means)







Pennsylvania State University-  
Penn State Main Campus  
University Park, PA, United States  
psu.edu

Virtual Tour

Communicate

Apply Online

Learn More

Overview

Studies

Student Life

Admissions

Costs

Spotlights



AVERAGE NET PRICE  
\$21,514

GRADUATION RATE  
67%

ACCEPTANCE RATE  
56%

COLLEGE OVERLAPS  
10

NEXT DEADLINE  
November  
1

Search by College Name

152 INTERESTED IN YOU 6 THINKING ABOUT 12 APPLYING TO MORE



Hit the Heart button to add to your “Colleges I am Thinking About”

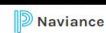
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## Colleges I'm Thinking About

Search for Colleges

Compare Me

✦ = extended profile available

College	Delivery Type	Added By	Expected Difficulty*	Application Deadlines	Interest
✦ Bucknell University	CA	Student	N/A	Deadlines	N/A More
County College of Morris	CA	Student	N/A	Deadlines	N/A More
✦ Misericordia University	CA	Student	N/A	Deadlines	N/A More
✦ Muhlenberg College	CA	Student	N/A	Deadlines	N/A More
Princeton University	CA	Student	N/A	Deadlines	N/A More
✦ Rutgers University-New Brunswick	CA	Student	N/A	Deadlines Restrictive Early Action - Fall 2024 term Regular Decision - Fall 2024 term	N/A Deadline Nov 1 Deadline Jan 1 More

# Needed for Senior Year

- Students are required to complete:
  - “*Senior Brag Sheet*”
    - Can complete over the summer
  - “*Parent Brag Sheet*” (Parents may access this sheet using their own Naviance account)
    - These will be referenced when writing letters of recommendation.

Create Your  
**Brag Sheet**  
Don't Be Humble!



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# Colleges I'm Applying To

- ✓ You have matched your Common app account using the name Abinal Mackev.  
CA match email: a
- ✓ FERPA completed

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About me home

Documents and notes

Document resources

Resume

Goals

Portfolio

Journal

Test scores

Documents shared with me

Surveys

Surveys from your school

Game plan survey

College	App Type <sup>1</sup>	Deadline	Expected Difficulty*	Transcripts	Office Materials	Submission <sup>1</sup> Type	Application
✦ University of Delaware	Regular Decision - Fall 2025	Jan 15	N/A	No Request	Pending	CA	Unknown ▾
✦ Florida Atlantic University	Rolling - Fall 2025	Mar 14	N/A	No Request	Pending	CA	Unknown ▾
✦ University of Maryland-Baltimore County	Regular Decision - Spring 2025	Dec 1	N/A	No Request	Pending	CA	Unknown ▾
University of Maryland-College Park	Regular Decision - Fall 2025	Jan 20	N/A	No Request	Pending	CA	Unknown ▾

Senior Survey

# Senior Year – Applications

- By senior year – update Naviance by moving the college from “Colleges that I’m Thinking About” → “Colleges I’m Applying To”
- Letters of Recommendation (2)– teacher requests need to be entered - “*Colleges Home tab*”





### Colleges I'm Applying To

- You have matched your Common app a
- CA match email: [redacted]
- FERPA completed

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### Find Your fit

- SuperMatch College Search
- College Match
- College Events
- Scattergrams
- Advanced College Search
- College Lookup

### Research Colleges

- Colleges I'm Thinking About
- College Visits
- College Compare
- College Resources
- Acceptance History
- Enrichment Programs
- College Maps

### Apply to College

- Colleges I'm Applying To
- Manage Transcripts
- Letters of Recommendation
- Test Scores

### Scholarships & Money

- College-Specific Scholarships
- National Scholarship Search
- Scholarship Search
- Favorite Scholarships

### Letters of Rec

- Application Milestones
- Compare Me

College	App Type	Deadline	Expected Difficulty*	Transcripts	Office Materials	Submission  Type	Application
American University	Regular Decision - Fall 2024	Jan 15	N/A	Requested	Initial materials submitted	CA	Unknown
Boston University	Regular Decision - September - September	Jan 4	N/A	Requested	Initial materials submitted	CA	Unknown
Fordham University	Regular Decision - Fall 2024	Jan 3	N/A	No request	Initial materials submitted	CA	Unknown
University of Maryland-College Park	Early Action - Fall 2024	Nov 1	N/A	Requested	Initial materials	CA	Submitted



✓ FERPA completed

# Colleges I am Applying To

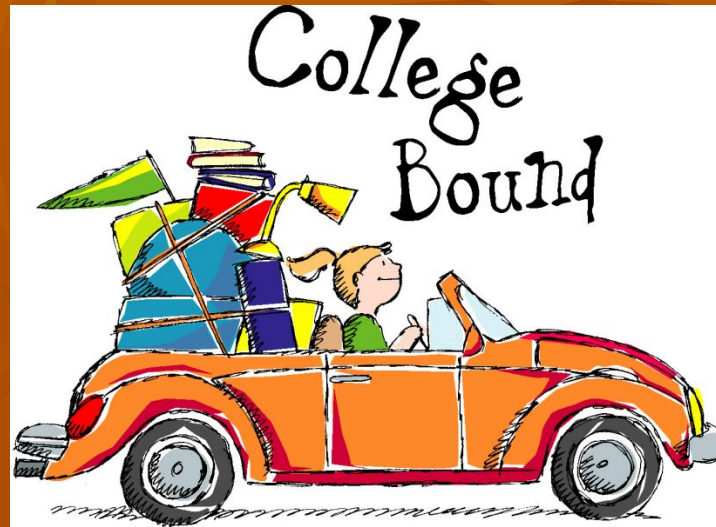
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✦ University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus	Rolling - Fall 2024	Jul 14	N/A	Requested	Initial materials submitted		Unknown ▾	More ⋮
Princeton University	Regular Decision - Fall 2024	Jan 1	N/A	No request	Initial materials submitted		Unknown ▾	More ⋮

Transcripts





- What are colleges looking for?
- Letters of Recommendation
- Applications
- Calendar

# What are colleges looking for?

- This will vary – depending on how competitive and how large
  - Transcript - academic achievement – growth – GPA
  - Standardized Test Scores (if not sending - other parts of application will be scrutinized more, like academic rigor/grades)
  - Class Rank
  - Rigor of Schedule – and Senior Year schedule
  - Activities – consistency - commitment - leadership
  - Volunteer work etc.
  - Showing Interest
  - Essays - Supplements
  - Recommendations
  - Interview – only a few private require



# The Application



- No set rule, 6-9 applications is average
- Safety, target and reach
- Refer to Freshman Class Profile, Data Sets and compare yourself on Naviance
- Common Application or college website
- Each college has separate deadlines/requirements/fees  
- be aware of each
- If they request “Official Test Scores” *even if you self report in the CA - you must send them*
- Counselor will submit: School Profile/Transcript  
School Report/Letters of Rec

# Common Application

- One application can be used for more than one college
  - Many schools have supplemental questions/essay
- Payment made right on the website
- One required essay for the application (max 650)
  - Start your essay before school begins in September
- Application can be started early! (It will roll-over to your senior year application on August 1 and automatically populate information)





# Junior Year College Calendar

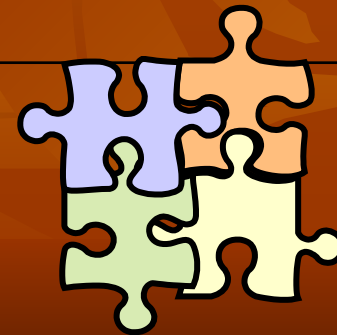
<b><u>September</u></b> Attend Mini-College Fairs  Virtual College Fairs	<b><u>October</u></b> Attend College Fairs    <b>Take PSAT</b>	<b><u>November</u></b> PSAT Results  Consider taking ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)  Attend Fall Open Houses	<b><u>December</u></b> Link Khan Academy to College Board to prep for SAT's    <b>SAT</b>	<b><u>January</u></b> <b><u>Naviance</u></b> – Begin college search  Register for the spring SAT and/or ACT  Plan senior year schedule
<b><u>February</u></b> Visit college campuses during winter break  Continue search on <b><u>Naviance</u></b>    <b>ACT</b>	<b><u>March</u></b> Mini College Fair  Start to organize an Activity Resume  Begin planning for 2 teachers to write letters of recommendations  Attend Spring Open Houses  <b>SAT</b>	<b><u>April</u></b> Meet with school counselor for college planning.  Visit college campuses during spring break  Continue college search  Register for Spring Testing  <b>ACT</b>	<b><u>May</u></b> Check admission requirements  Update Activity Resume  AP/IB Exams    <b>SAT</b>	<b><u>June</u></b> Ask for 2 teacher letters of recommendation and enter requests on Naviance  Visit college campuses  Complete Senior & Parent Brag Sheet on Naviance before school starts  <b>SAT</b> <b>ACT</b>

## **ONGOING:**

- \*Use *Naviance*
- \*Visit college campuses/go on tours
- \*Meet with military representatives
- \*Maintain academic performance
- \*Volunteer

## **SUMMER**

- \*Get a head start on college essays
- \*Research information via college websites
- \*August SAT - if needed
- \*Check out summer opportunities at college



*“It’s all about the Perfect Fit”*

# Thank you....

Good Luck and please feel free to contact us with questions throughout the process.

