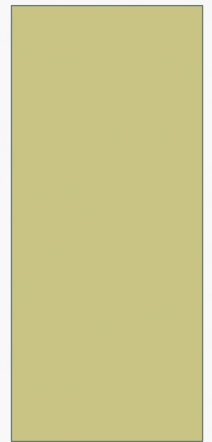


COLLEGE ADMISSION SEMINAR

THURSDAY MARCH 16, 2017 6:30 PM



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

TODAY'S TOPICS

- How do I begin the college search process?
- How do I decide which colleges I am interested in?
- What does the application process look like?
- Time-Line
- Factors/Details you need to know
- Breakout Sessions

GUIDANCE PROGRAMS

- SAT/ACT & SAT LAB
- Naviance Workshop- Completed in January
- 2 College Workshops-March 16 and June (Date TBA)
- College Fair-April 12th @ 10:17 AM in the Café
- Parent Night-March 16th @ 6:30PM
- Individual meetings
- In the Fall....workshops, college fair, FA Night in November

TIME-LINE

(SEE HANDOUT)

Spring/Summer Junior Year

- Begin the College List/Research colleges
- Attend College fairs and Visit Colleges
- Take the SAT/ACT
- Identify teachers for letters of recommendation
- Brainstorm essay topics

Fall Senior Year

- Finalize the college list/continue visits
- Begin Submitting Applications
- Re-take the SAT/ACT
- Secure letters of recommendation
- Research outside scholarships

Winter Senior Year

- Submit Applications
- Submit financial aid applications
- Send in mid-year grade reports
- Begin receiving notification

Spring Senior Year

- Receive admission and financial aid offers
- Last college visits/accepted student days
- Choose your college by May 1

TRENDS IN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

What are current trends?

- Students are applying to a greater number of schools
- Admission to public institutions has become more competitive
- The rise of EA/ED
- The rise of social media

FACTORS IN ADMISSION

(SEE HANDOUT)

- - Grades
 - Rank/GPA
 - Standardized test scores
 - Rigor of courses
 - Recommendations
 - Resume
 - Essay
 - Interview
 - Special Considerations

STANDARDIZED TESTS

(SEE HANDOUT)

SAT

- **Total testing time:**
3 hours (+50 minutes if taking the SAT with Essay)
- **2 sections (3 with SAT Essay):**
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Math
- **Essay:** Optional
- **No penalty for guessing**
- **Score scale:** 400 to 1600;
Essay scored separately

ACT

- **Total testing time:**
2:55 w/o Essay, 3:25 with essay
- **4 sections (5 with Essay):**
English, Reading, Math, Science
- **Essay:** Optional
- **No penalty for guessing**
- **Score scale:** 1 to 36; *Essay scored separately*

SAT MAY 6: Deadline to Register, April 7

SAT June 3: Deadline to Register May 9

ACT JUNE 10: Deadline to Register, May 5

SAT SUBJECT TESTS

- For competitive colleges only – MIT, Harvard, Brandeis, BC – CHECK COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS
- Subjects like Chemistry, Math 1 or Math 2, French, US History
- 1 hour per subject test / 3 per day max - not same day as regular SAT
- Take in June **if needed**
- (ACT plus Writing)

STATE UNIVERSITY STANDARDS

(SEE HANDOUT)

State University GPA	University of Massachusetts GPA
3.00	3.00

Sliding Scale for Freshman Applicants to UMass

Weighted High School GPA	Combined SAT-I V&M Must Equal or Exceed (ACT Equivalent in Italics)
2.51-2.99	950 (20)
2.41-2.50	990 (21)
2.31-2.40	1030 (22)
2.21-2.30	1070 (23)
2.11-2.20	1110 (24)
2.00-2.10	1150 (25)

Sliding Scale for Freshman Applicants to a State University

Weighted High School GPA	Combined SAT-I V&M Must Equal or Exceed (ACT Equivalent in Italics)
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2.00-2.10	1120 (24)

COLLEGE APPLICATION OPTIONS

- Early Action and Early Decision
- Regular Decision
- Rolling Admission

Deadlines are important! Make sure to keep track.

COLLEGE APPLICATION TYPES & COMPONENTS

College Application Types:

- Common App
- College website online app
- Paper

Your application may include:

- Application form
- High school transcript
- Standardized test scores
- Recommendations
- Activity list or resume
- Personal essay
- Interview
- Other

FINANCIAL AID

Research costs and financial aid to keep your goals in perspective.

What is the Cost of Attendance and Net Price?

Who qualifies for financial aid?

How and when should you apply?

Need-based vs. Merit-based and different deadlines

Financial aid deadlines are so important!

GPA MARK/WEIGHTING SYSTEM

CLASS 2018 AND BEYOND

GRADE	IAP	1	2	3	4
A	5.0	4.7	4.3	4.0	3.7
A-	4.7	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.3
B+	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.0
B	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.7
B-	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.3
C+	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.0
C	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.7
C-	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.3
D+	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.0
D	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.7
D-	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.4

WHAT TO DO NOW

- SAT/ACT Prep courses
- Make a college list on Naviance
- College visits
- College essay
- Ask for teacher rec
- Work on a resume
- Keep grades strong
- Guidance appointments

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Naviance
2. The College List and Visit
3. Roles & Responsibilities

FACTORS TO CONSIDER

- **Location:** NE, Mass., out of state
- **Size:** small, med, large
- **Setting:** near a city, in the country, suburbs
- **Majors-**
- Private vs. Public
- Competitiveness,
- Cost
- Athletics, theatre, music, clubs etc.

THE COLLEGE LIST

(SEE HANDOUT)

- Average student applies to 6-8
- Safety
- Match
- Reach

THE COLLEGE VISIT

Look beyond the brochures and websites.

Informal visits

Size

Setting

Formal visits

Academics

Activities

Housing

Campus culture