



Senior Evening Program

College Information Night

MEET YOUR COUNSELORS

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THE SENIOR YEAR COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

Fit

Research

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Financial Aid
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HOW DO YOU KNOW IF A COLLEGE “FITS?” FOUR FACTORS



ACADEMIC



FINANCIAL



PHYSICAL



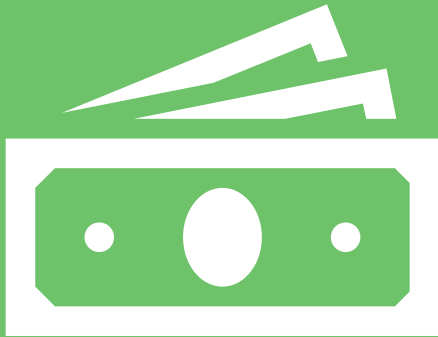
SOCIAL

ACADEMIC LENS



- Is it the right type of college for your career goal?
- Have you met the requirements for admission?
- How likely are you to be admitted?
- Will this college be the right academic challenge for you?
- Does it have the resources to support you academically?

FINANCIAL LENS



- Is it affordable FOR YOU?
- How do you know what you are likely to have to pay?
- HINT: Don't necessarily be discouraged by a high sticker price. Depending on your grades and your financial situation, an expensive private school could end up being comparable or even cheaper for you than the state school nearby.

PHYSICAL LENS



Location

Size

Campus Style- Urban, Suburban, Rural

On or off campus living

Cultural climate

Local activities



SOCIAL LENS

- Is this a campus where you will connect with people who share your interests and goals?
- Will you be comfortable being you?
- Will you have an opportunity to meet leaders?
- Is it important for you to be around people from different places and with different experiences?
- What will you be doing when you are not in class?
- Will you have opportunities to become a leader yourself?
- Is the campus likely to have other students who share your interests?

BEST ADVICE ABOUT FIT

“To understand whether a school is a good fit, students will want to learn as much as they can about a school’s institutional priorities and campus culture. But don’t use that information to tailor yourself to fit into their priorities. Instead, figure out the schools that will be good fit for YOUR personality, abilities, interests, and aspirations. Read the mission statement on the school’s website. Look at the recent public statement from the school’s leaders. Visit the campus if you can. The most important thing is to present yourself **AUTHENTICALLY.**”

SOURCE: Mamlet and Vandeveld *College Admission*

HOW DO I
BEGIN THE
SEARCH?





COLLEGE RESEARCH

- Naviance
- <http://student.naviance.com/inclinehs>

- USDOE College Navigator
- <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

- White House's College Scorecard
- <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

- College Board's Big Future
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

- Ed Trust's College Results
- <https://edtrust.org/college-results-online/>

IS THE SCHOOL A MATCH...?



COLLEGE LIST

Use your GPA and test scores to see where you land compared to other students



2 SAFETIES

You're above the average



3 TARGETS

You are at the average



1 REACH

You're below the average

APPLICATION TIMELINES

Early Action (EA)

- Early timeline typically around November 1st but can be earlier
- Students may apply to as many schools with an EA deadline as they wish

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

- Same as EA however can only apply to **one** private school as REA
- Non-binding

Early Decision (ED)

- Early deadline similar to EA however students can only apply ED to one school
- Requires a binding contract to apply- if accepted, students must withdraw all other applications and attend

Regular Decision

- Winter deadline, typically around January 1st or February 1st

Rolling

- Applications are reviewed as they are received, and students learn outcomes around 2 weeks after applying

**Verify on school websites to alternate variations of these and those that meet schools' scholarship opportunities or special program deadlines

WHY APPLY A CERTAIN WAY?

Early Action

- * Complete your college application process early and learn your outcome around winter break
- * Students who are deferred will have a second review during the regular admissions cycle and can supplement their application with updated grades and awards

Early Decision

- * Since contract is binding, colleges may be more likely to admit a student on the cusp
- * Apply ED to dream schools and those you can safely afford

Regular Decision

- * Winter timeline gives student 1st semester to raise grades and receive honors/awards

APPLICATION TYPES

Common App

- Used by over 800 colleges
- Streamlines your application process so you can complete less paperwork and have everything located on one site
- Links with Naviance so streamlines your organization

Coalition App

- Used by approximately 140 schools
- Required by a select few as only application option

College Portals

- Required application method for a select group of schools
- Can be eligible for fee waivers through this application method

***Always review options on the school website prior to choosing an application type*

APPLICATION PIECES



Essay

- Opportunity to show colleges another side of you
- Make it unique from other parts of your application and get creative
- Topic is less important than delivery but avoid common topics- <https://www.fastweb.com/college-search/articles/college-admissions-essay-topics-to-avoid>
- Seek out secondary readers but stay true to your identity and personal voice



Activity Resume

- Located on Naviance—About Me—My Stuff—Resume
- Can include work, clubs, athletics, awards, community service, lessons
- List in order of commitment time, evidence of leadership, and honor
- If you have limited activities due to time spent with family or other extenuating circumstances, you can provide explanations in addition info sections of application
- Colleges want a well-rounded class—not everyone can be school president so just as important to be a reliable member of a club/team/job



Recommendations

- At most, 2 teacher and one counselor recommendation needed
- Colleges will not necessarily read extra documents so submit carefully
- Consider your major and program—some require recs from specific people
- Must use the Counselor Recommendation Request Form



FINANCIAL AID

FAFSA:
FREE APPLICATION FOR
FEDERAL STUDENT AID

**All students must complete FASFA to get federal aid

- Students submit:
 - Demographic information
 - Enrollment plan information for the next year
 - Income and assets from tax returns (both parents and student) of prior-prior year
 - Opens October 1
 - Generates EFC – Expected Family Contribution
 - Gets passed along to the college or university, which is then responsible for calculating which aid programs the student qualifies for and notifying the student of their available funding for the year
 - Support Workshops listed at end of presentation
- Website- studentaid.ed.gov

- Institutional aid
- College specific deadlines
- It costs \$25 to complete the application
- Each additional report costs \$16
- If student receives FRL, initial \$25 fee and one \$16 report can be waived

CSS PROFILE

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP SERVICE

Nearly 400
colleges require
this application in
addition to FAFSA

WHY BOTHER IF I KNOW I WON'T QUALIFY?

MERIT

YOUR KID
EARNED IT!

SCHOLARSHIPS

[Naviance -- Colleges -- Scholarships and Money](#)

[Fastweb.com](#)

[Scholarships.com](#)

[Studentaid.ed.gov](#)

[Bigfuture.colleboard.org](#)

NEVADA SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS



Nevada Promise

Covers the gap between
community college tuition/fees and
federal/state aid for NV residents

Application due October 31st



Millennium Scholarship

Merit based- no application needed

Pays up to \$10,000 award

9 eligible institutions in NV



IHS Scholarship Program

Offers local community scholarships
to students. We will facilitate this
application during second semester.

STANDARDIZED TESTS



Families are responsible for sending official scores directly to colleges

SAT- four free score reports up to nine days after exam date

ACT- four free score reports up to 5 days after exam date



Test Prep

Focus on individual subjects to improve scores and review previous exam outcomes

Local prep center- Tahoe Tutoring



COVID-19 Response

University of CA schools temporarily suspended standardized test requirements

Many schools are temporarily test optional

TEST OPTIONAL SCHOOLS

Allows for a more holistic review of a student's application

May want to submit test scores if you scored higher than the average

Some schools will still require scores to be eligible for merit aid

Find a complete list on [fairtest.org](https://www.fairtest.org)

IHS PROCEDURES

NAVIANCE



2020-2021 College Application Procedures found on Counseling Website > Seniors > College Forms



Register on Naviance



SuperMatch College Search



Add Schools to Colleges I'm Thinking About List



Move schools to Colleges I'm Applying To List-choose accurate deadline



Do not request transcripts until after meeting with your counselor and officially applying to the school

IHS PROCEDURES

Counselor Recommendation Packet

****Submit to your counselor at least 4 weeks prior to your earliest deadline**

- Print and attach:
 - Counselor Recommendation Request Form
 - Draft of college essay
 - Resume (from Naviance) -- About Me – My Stuff -- Resume
 - Recommendation Questionnaire (from Naviance)- About Me – My Surveys – Surveys Not Started
- Forms are located in the counseling office **AND** on the Counseling Website > Seniors > Senior Forms
- If students do not need a recommendation, they should still submit the Counselor Recommendation Form and note this

INDIVIDUAL SENIOR PLANNING MEETINGS



We invite families to make an appointment for an Individual Senior Planning meeting through email

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **FASTOBER through TMCC**
 - October 5th through October 9th
 - 4 pm to 7 pm
 - One on one FAFSA help sessions with Financial Aid Staff!
 - Students and parents are encouraged to RSVP for the event
- **College Awareness Week**
 - District run college focused break-out sessions
 - October 20-22nd
- **WACAC Virtual College Fair**
 - Wednesday, October 21st- 5:30 to 8:15 pm- 105 institutions represented
 - Breakout sessions on scholarships. essay writing and financial aid on Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 8pm.

QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

