

College Planning 101

Finding the Right Match

What is considered in the college admissions process?

- Rigor of academic program
- GPA
- SAT and ACT scores
- SAT Subject Tests
- Letters of recommendation
- College essays
- Demonstrated interest
- Extracurricular activities (sports, community service, clubs, work experiences, etc.)



SAT	vs.	ACT
Reasoning test Aptitude	TEST	Content-based test Achievement
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Math (Calculator and No-Calculator portions) Essay (optional)	FORMAT	English Math Reading Science Writing (optional)
Reading Test Writing and Language Test Math Essay (optional)	CONTENT	Grammar & Usage Math Reading Science Reasoning Writing (optional)
Math and Evidence-Based Reading & Writing ranges 200-800; total score ranges 400-1600	SCORING	English, Math, Reading, and Science ranges 1-36; Composite ACT is average of four sections, ranges 1-36.
Yes	SCORE CHOICE	Yes
Arithmetic Data Analysis Algebra I & II Functions Geometry Formulas are provided in test booklet	MATH LEVELS	Arithmetic Algebra I & II Functions Geometry Trigonometry No formulas provided

Every four year college in the United States will accept the SAT or ACT.

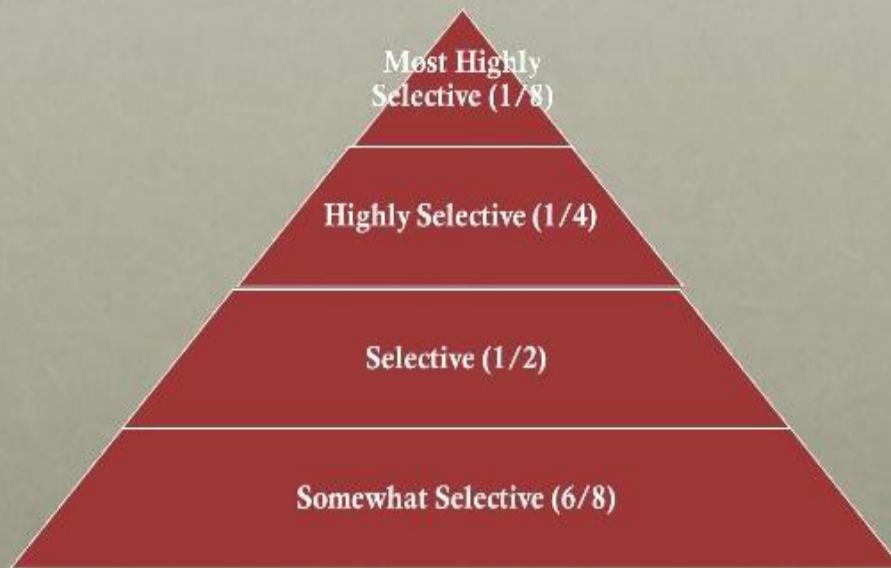
How do I begin to research colleges?

- Internet
 - [Guidance Website](#)
 - Open houses/College Fairs
 - Scholarships
 - College Search Links
 - College Representative Visit Schedule
 - Summer Programs and Other Opportunities
 - NAVIANCE- Naviance Student
- Contact Colleges
- Network



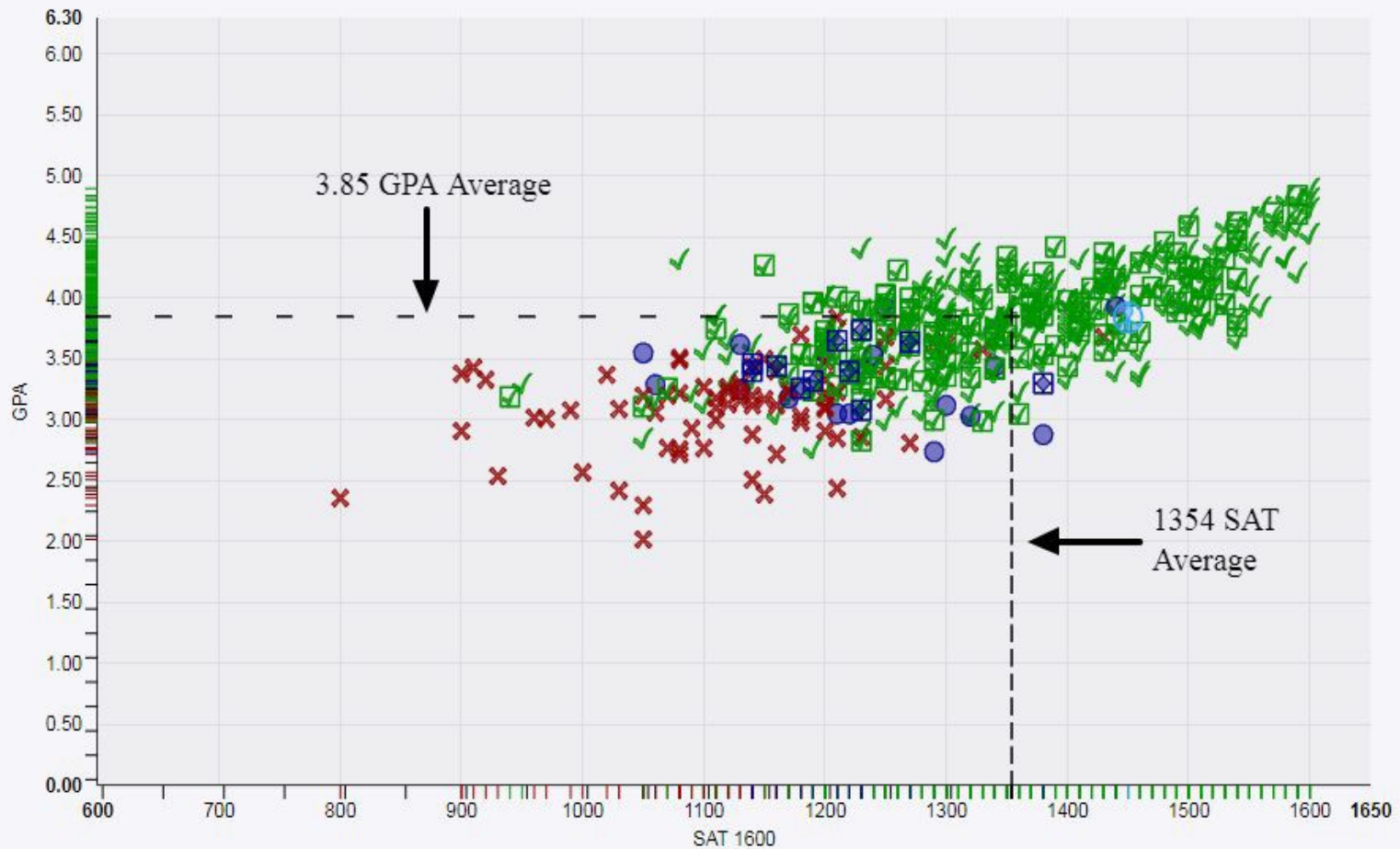
Selectivity

Pyramid of Selectivity



Courtesy: Peter Van Buskirk -
www.theadmissiongame.com

- Reach schools
- Target schools
- Safety schools



Scattergram plot for Rutgers University - New Brunswick



Scattergram plot for Saint Joseph's University



Scattergram plot for University of Pennsylvania

What are my options?

DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION



National Association for
College Admission Counseling
Guiding the way to higher education

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Non-Restrictive Application Plans

Regular Decision

DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Rolling Admission

DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Action (EA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Restrictive Application Plans

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

COMMITMENT:

BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

For a copy of this flyer, please visit www.nacacnet.org

How do I define my list of college choices?

View Matches Start Over

Type Location Students Admission Athletics Majors Costs Special Programs

School Type

Two-Year vs. Four-Year

Two-Year

Four-Year

No preference

Public vs. Private

Public

Private

No preference

Campus Surroundings

Large City

Small City

Large Town

Small Town


Rural

Coed vs. Single-sex

All Male

All Female

College Groups

No Preference 

Religious Affiliation

Naviance Student “Advanced College Search”

- Location
- Setting
- Size
- Academic Major
- Cost
- Sports
- Social Life
- Selectivity

How do I demonstrate interest?

- Visit Colleges
 - Open Houses
 - Information Sessions
 - Tours
- Talk to college representatives
 - Visits at MHS during 12th period
 - Admission Offices
- Go to College Fairs
- Check out summer opportunities



Athletics/NCAA Eligibility Center

- A student planning on attending an NCAA Division I or II institution who wishes to participate in intercollegiate athletics must register with NCAA Eligibility Center at www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Registration should occur during your junior year



JUNIOR TIMELINE

Winter

- Meet with your school counselor to discuss your post-secondary goals
- Continue to explore Naviance & research post-secondary opportunities
- Research and apply for summer college programs, internships, and/or employment positions
- Register for college admissions tests (SAT/ACT)
- Think about the rigor of your senior year schedule & review the Program of Studies

Spring

- Build a resume
- Register for college admissions tests. Take AP exams and SAT Subject Tests, if applicable
- Visit colleges & universities. Many students visit colleges & universities over the Spring Recess
- Sign up for Mock Admissions Interviews
- Ask for letters of recommendation from two core academic teachers
- Register on the NCAA website if you would like to participate in Division I or II athletics (www.eligibilitycenter.org)

Summer

- Continue to visit college campuses and network with admissions counselors, potential employers, and recruiters
- Create an essay and finish your resume
- Create a Common Application account (www.commonapp.org) and begin your college applications
- Register for college admissions test (SAT/ACT)

Test Dates – register online

- **SAT & Subject Tests** (www.collegeboard.org)
 - May 4, 2019 (Deadline: April 5)
 - June 1, 2019 (Deadline: May 3)
 - August 24, 2019 (Registration Deadline: TBD)
- **ACT** (www.actstudent.org)
 - April 13, 2019 (Deadline: March 8)
 - June 8, 2019 (Deadline: May 3)
 - July 13, 2019 (Deadline: June 14)

MHS College Planning Evening Events

Randy Levin: The College Application Essay - March 6, 2019

College Admissions Panel - March 20, 2019

MHS College Fair - April 11, 2019

Peter Van Buskirk: THE ADMISSION GAME - April 15, 2019

Mock Admissions Interviews - May 22, 2019

Questions?

