

COLD SPRING HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE KICKOFF

Current 11th Grade: Steps for Successful College Admission



Presented by the Counseling Center

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TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- Timeline
- Stakeholders
- What do you want in a college?
- What do colleges want in an applicant?
- What does this all mean?
- Resources

11TH GRADE TIMELINE

When	What
January 9	College Kickoff Night Event
January-February	Course Requests – Senior year matters! GPA freezes end of 11 th Grade!
Winter-Spring 11 th Grade	SATs/ACTs
February Break	Great time to visit colleges!
March-May	Junior Conferences with Counselor (must have completed Junior Bio)
April 7	Junior Bio Deadline for Spring Junior Conference
April Break	Great time to visit colleges!
May-June	Consider retaking SATs/ACTs/SAT Subject Tests
June	Ask teachers for Letters of Rec
Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit Colleges• Draft Essay and Supplemental Essays for each college• Draft Resume (optional)• Refine college list• Complete CommonApp

12TH GRADE TIMELINE

When	What
Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit Colleges• Draft Essay• Draft Resume (optional)• Refine college list• Complete CommonApp
September 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete Applications• Attend 12th Grade College Application Workshop• Attend College App Bootcamp
September-November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply Early Action / Early Decision I / Rolling / Priority• Final re-takes for SAT/ACT/SAT Subject Test (if necessary)
January - April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply Early Decision II / Regular Decision• Application decisions and financial aid packages arrive
May 1, 2021	National Decision Day (deposits due)

STAKEHOLDERS

College

- Notify student of decision
- Answer questions
- Educate student about their school

Student

- Complete Junior Bio
- Complete Applications/Essay
- Send Official SAT/ACT Scores
- Request LORs from teachers
- Engage with college reps
- Maintain grades
- Confirm material is received by colleges

Parent

- Provide direction
- Hold student accountable
- Set boundaries
- Complete Parent Statement

Counseling Center

- Provide access to resources
- Thoroughly explain the process
- Offer individualized feedback
- Send official documents

JUNIOR BIO & JUNIOR CONFERENCE

Junior Bio completion is Required before a Junior Conference can be scheduled with your counselor

Junior Bio

- **Provides** detailed information about the student so the counselor can...
 - **Help** the student identify potential colleges
 - **Educate** the student on majors/concentrations
 - **Write** the student's letter of recommendation

Junior Conference

- **Individualized** meeting for student and parents to discuss how the college application process applies directly to you. We discuss many topics, some of which include:
 - College **entrance exam** schedule
 - College **majors, interests,** and **extracurriculars**
 - Feedback from the completed **Junior Bio**
 - Personal approach to **selecting colleges**
 - Development of a **college list**

****Your Junior Bio must be completed by **April 7** to guarantee a Spring Junior Conference with your counselor****

KEY FACTORS

When reviewing potential colleges, be sure to prioritize:

- Academic expectations and support systems
- Programs and majors of interest
- Successful graduation and job placement rates (preferably, in field of study)
- Athletics, clubs, Greek life, and other extracurriculars
- Campus culture
- Proximity to home – how far away is okay?
- Campus size and accessibility
- Financial commitment

COLLEGE VISITS

- First: Identify desired **characteristics**
- Second: Search for schools that embody those characteristics
 - Look for college clusters
- Third: Adjust your list to reflect your new learning experiences

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② ~~~~~	2) ~~~~~
③ ~~~~~	3) ~~~~~

Hint: Using Virtual Campus Tours is a quick and easy way to identify if a school has many of the surface level characteristics you are looking for

UNDERSTANDING COLLEGE CLUSTERS



All (except one) are very large state schools

Mostly in the Midwest

Spirited college towns

Strong academic reputation



Small New England schools

Liberal Arts

DIII Athletics

Often referred to as, "Baby Ivy"



COALITION for ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY, and SUCCESS

Strong academic reputation

Very high 4-year Graduation Rate

Meets almost all demonstrated financial need

A COLLEGE THAT CHANGES LIVES

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COLLEGES THAT CHANGE LIVES

"Hidden Gems"

Smaller in size

Beautiful campuses

Uncommon college experiences

THE EVOLUTION OF YOUR COLLEGE LIST

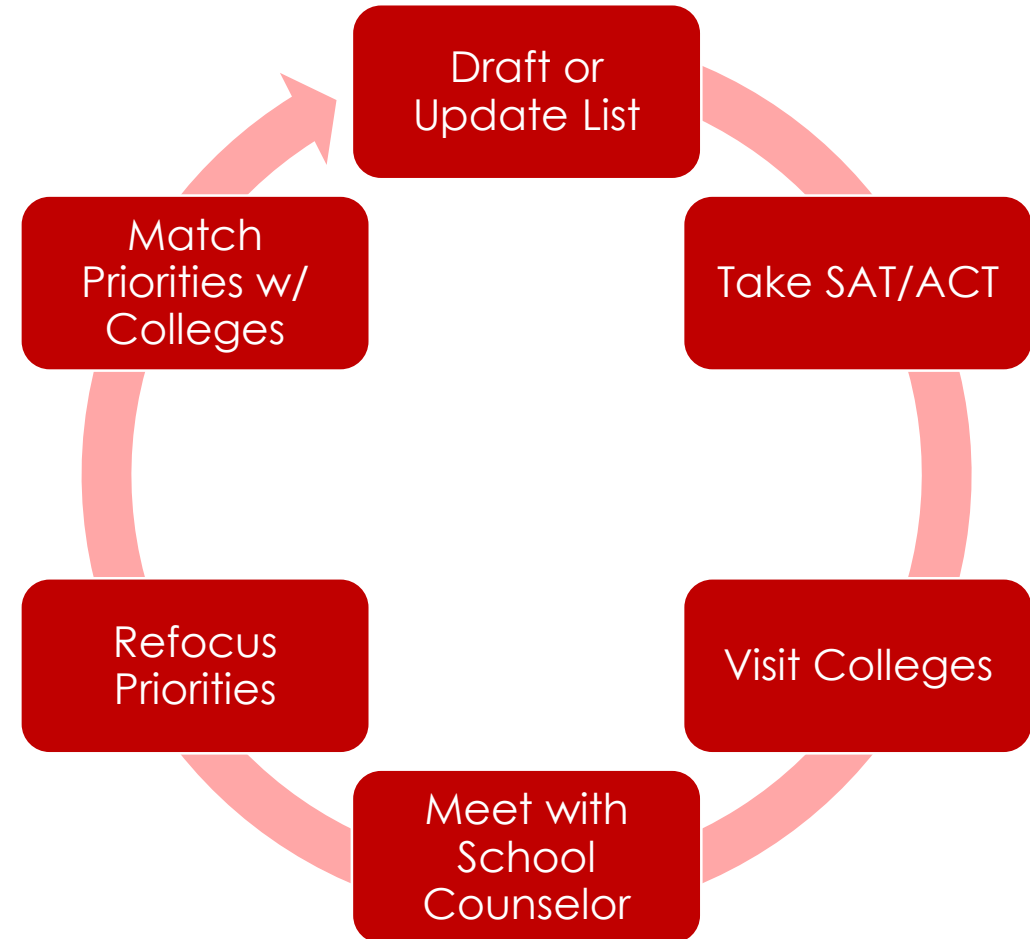
How Many Colleges?

Between 8-12 Schools

Aligns with academic strengths

Meets social expectations

Must include some schools with high acceptance rate



THE EVOLUTION OF YOUR COLLEGE LIST

Your GPA and test scores are...

2-3
Schools

Likely

...well above their criteria
(60%-100% Acceptance Rate)

3-5
Schools

Target

...at or around their criteria
(30-60% Acceptance Rate)

3-4
Schools

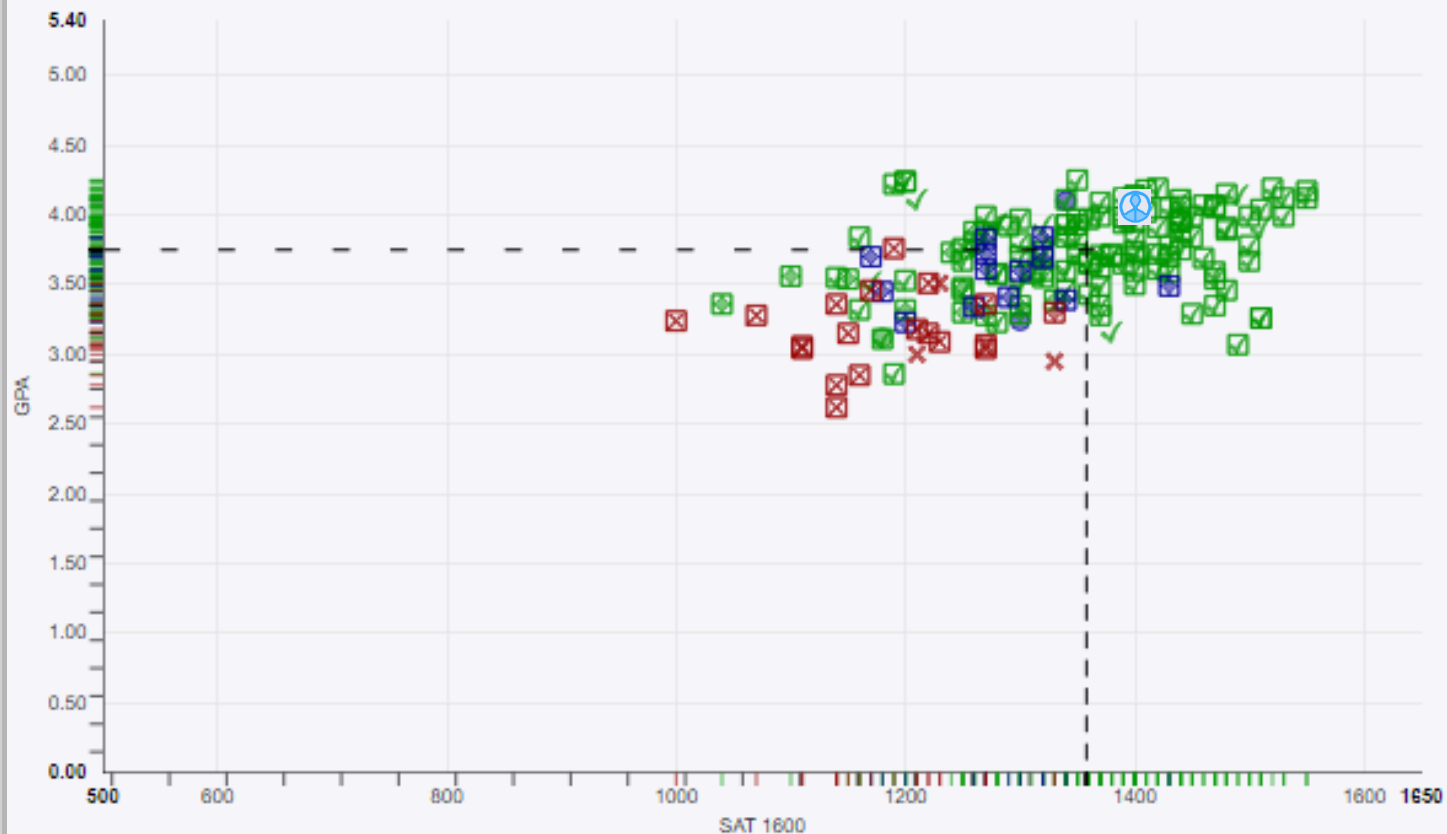
Reach

...below their criteria
(5%-30% Acceptance Rate)

REACH schools also include highly selective schools where **ALL** applicants meet the standard criteria (e.g. Harvard, MIT, Duke, etc.)

Scattergrams | Applications for Cold Spring Harbor High School

Comparing Weighted GPA with SAT (1600 Scale)



Legend

	Accepted	Waitlisted/Accepted	Waitlisted/Unknown	Waitlisted/Denied	Denied
You	Regular Decision	Regular Decision	Regular Decision	Regular Decision	Regular Decision
Average GPA	Early Decision	Early Decision	Early Decision	Early Decision	Early Decision
Average Score	Early Action	Early Action	Early Action	Early Action	Early Action

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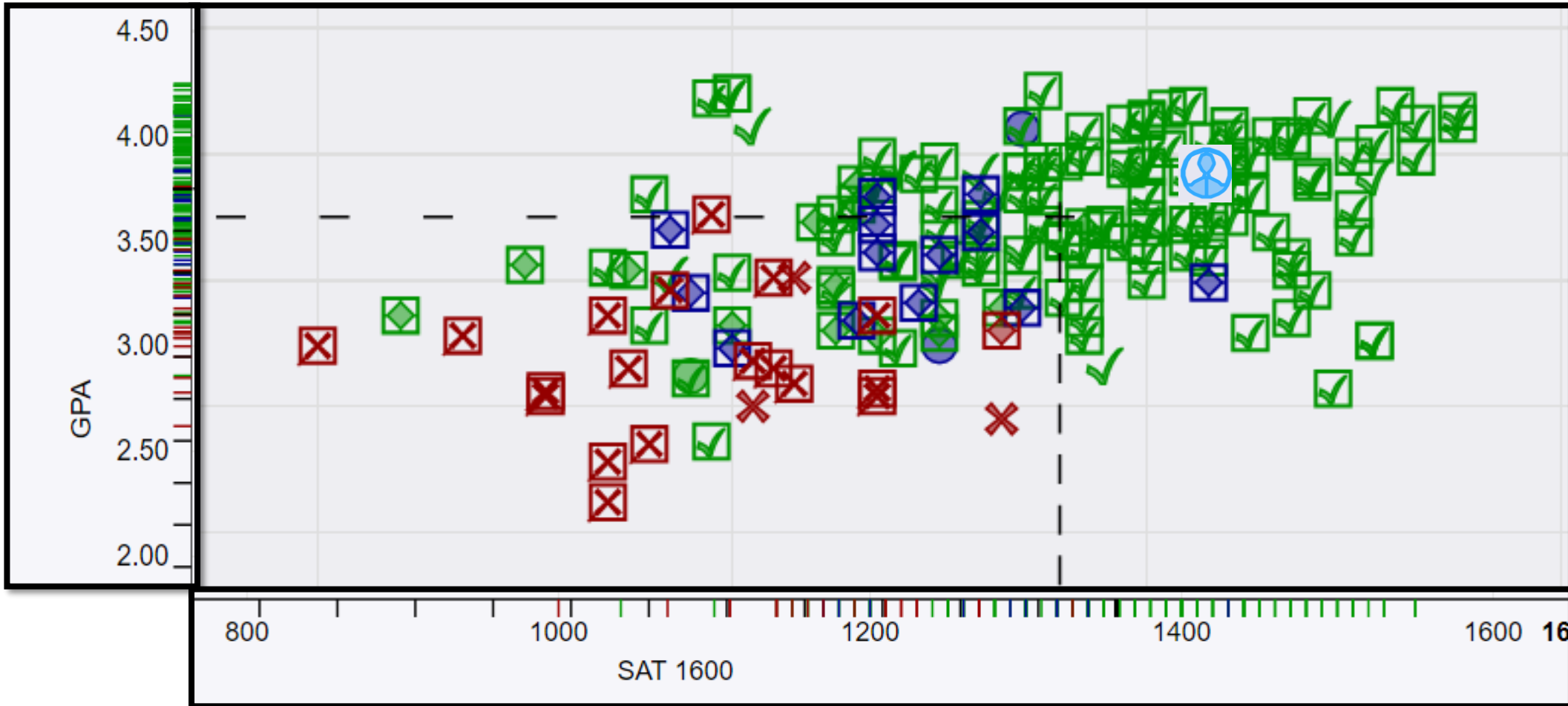
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WHAT DO COLLEGES WANT?

Each college will prioritize these elements differently, but most schools are considering the following for admission:

- Weighted and Unweighted GPA
- Grades in specific courses
- Course rigor
- SAT/ACT Scores
- Demonstrated interest
- Leadership qualities, extracurriculars, and special interests
- Community engagement
- Letters of recommendation
- College essay
- Interview (only some colleges conduct interviews)

What unique qualities do you bring to their campus?

What will you be a part of while attending?





What does it
all mean?

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

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

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll and withdraw all other applications. 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.

SAT AND ACT EXAMS

- All colleges accept either SAT or ACT exam
- Some colleges are test optional – www.fairtest.org
- **SAT** – www.collegeboard.org
 - Assess Math, Reading Comprehension, and Essay writing (optional)
 - Each section out of 800 points (Essay scaled 1-4 points)
 - Often considered strategy based
 - Recommendation: Take at least once with Essay
- **ACT** – www.actstudent.org
 - Assess Math, English, Reading, Science, and Writing (optional)
 - Each section out of 36 points, with a composite score representing the average of the four sections (Writing is excluded and scaled 2-12 points)
 - Often considered content based
 - Recommendation: Take at least once with Writing

CHANGES TO ACT FOR FALL 2020

- **ACT Section Retesting** – Once a student takes a full ACT test, they may retest on one or more sections to improve their results. Students will no longer be required to sit for the entire exam.
- **ACT Superscoring** – ACT will calculate a “superscore” for students including their highest results on each ACT section, regardless of which test administration date the student tested.
- **Faster Results** – Students who choose to take the ACT online will receive their scores in as few as two business days. Student’s will need to choose a testing center that supports online testing when registering.

SAT SUBJECT TESTS

- **Required by very few colleges, but strongly recommended by some others** and often depends on major
 - Those that require or recommend, usually ask for 2-3
- **Best taken in May or June** of the year you take the subject
 - Always consult with your teacher to ensure proper preparation
- **Ideal score:** 700 is the general benchmark, but may vary depending on exam taken and/or college applied

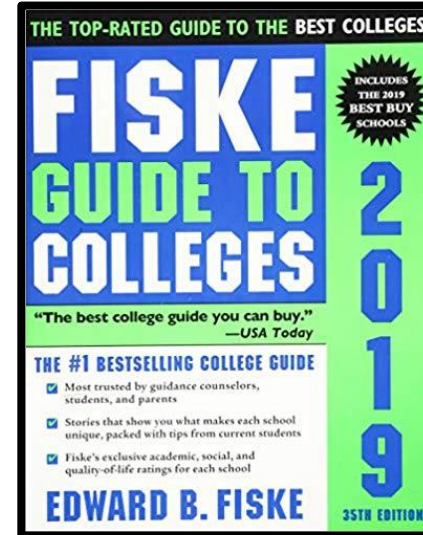
NCAA INFORMATION

- Core Course GPA – helps you track your NCAA GPA
<https://www.clearinghousecalculator.org/login.php>
- Grades and SAT/ACT scores matter!
- Understand the recruiting process for your sport
- Talk to your coaches and counselor!
- Register with the NCAA at the conclusion of 11th Grade

RESOURCES



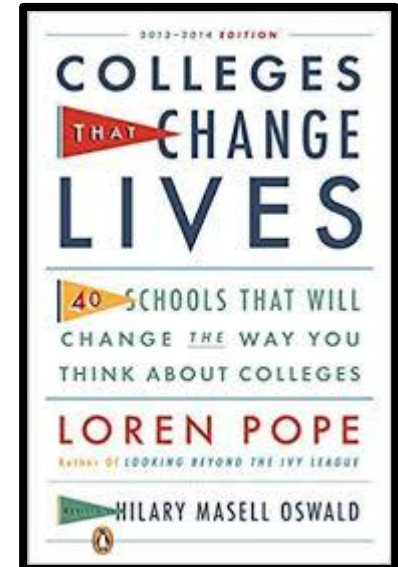
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THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING

**We hope to see you soon in the Counseling
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