



Junior Meeting The Search for The Perfect College

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Juniors, please sit with your parent(s).
Make sure to pick up Junior Packet in the back.



Class Rings

JDR Grad will have flyers available for ordering class rings.



Disclaimer:

- *Some examples are general & will not apply to every college.*
- *Please read emails from the school, especially Mrs. Cobb. They could be very important.*
- *All dates are always subject to change.*



Naviance & MobileServe

- *Make sure to able to login into your account*
- *Search for colleges & request transcripts senior year*
- *New students will get their code to log into Naviance & MobileServe in Theology*



Junior Packet

- Transcript & Transcript Request
- Transcript Check-Off
- MobileServe Hours
- School Profile
- Info ACT Prep (will send sign up sheets by email)
- College Visit (2 Junior year & 3 Senior year)
- ACT/SAT Test Dates
- Definitions of Admission Options
- Get The Most Out of A Campus Visit
- JuniorTimeline Online in Naviance as well



Transcript & School Profile

- Check to make sure items are correct on transcript
 - Name
 - Address
 - Credits
- **Service hours are now on the transcript**
- Check graduation requirements 28.5
- Copy of profile included with transcript to all colleges
- **ACT/SAT Tests are not displayed on transcript**
- All transcript requests will go through Naviance
- **We are a non-ranking high school**
- **We are on a 4.5 scale**

REPORT CARD				
GRADING PERIOD				
	1	2	3	4
READING				
WRITTEN COMMUNICATION				
MATHEMATICS				
SCIENCE/HEALTH				
SOCIAL STUDIES				
ART				
MUSIC				
PHYSICAL EDUCATION				

Attendance: ☐ Grade Average: ☐

Parent: ☐ Student: ☐

Teacher: ☐



To Think About

- Clean-up social media sites – Instagram, Twitter, etc...
- Email addresses - choose an appropriate email name - do not use hotbikinimomma@ymail.com or cooldude@gmail.com
- Do not be afraid to email college reps
- Name used on testing information & applications needs to remain consistent
- Start organizing college information (Parents are great with helping organizing your info)
- Use Naviance to help with college search
- Take advantage of college admissions reps visits & local college fairs





Service Hours

- **Need 100 hours by end of 1st semester Senior Year**
- You need at least 50 hours and a plan for obtaining the rest if you are applying for membership to the National Honor Society
- If less than 100
 - Loss of Sr. privileges
 - Will not walk at graduation
- Service hours show a pattern of your likes and interests; they tell colleges/universities something about you
- Many scholarships/awards are directly related to service
- Community Service Hours are prorated based on years attending JP II
- 75% of your service hours before you return to school in your Senior year to have a Senior privilege.



National Honor Society

- Bylaws are in place and used to select its members – Mr. Jones
- GPA criteria: 3.75
- Students complete an application
- Need to have at least 50 hours (entered into MobielServe) of service completed with a plan for obtaining the remaining hours by end of 1st semester
- Watch demerits! There is an emphasis on character as well as GPA!
- Invitation to apply will be issued in mid-January 2023



PSAT/NMSQT

- October 15th.
- May need to split the start times for all students testing.
- Speak with Mrs. Ehemann if you need to borrow a laptop. Cannot use a chromebook!
- All juniors are tested in the same area of school; in classrooms of about 15-16 students
- Prepare for the SAT®
- Enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program & Other Scholarships
- See which AP® courses you might be ready for
- Get admission and financial aid information from colleges through Student Service Search



Beware of Shiny Envelopes!!

- Juniors often receive many invites or envelopes from various colleges, leadership opportunities, college summer experiences, etc...
 - From Various Colleges
 - Leadership Camps/Conferences Invites
 - National High School Scholars

When in doubt, check out the NASSP website to find out if programs are legit. www.nassp.org



Leadership & Extracurriculars

Junior Year

- NHS, Mu Alpha Theta, Rho Kappa, or other Honor Societies
- Arts (theater, band, choir, dance, etc.)
- Clubs
- Athletic teams
- Community service/volunteering
- Employment (after school jobs, internships, etc.)
- Peer tutoring
- Model U.N.
- Yearbook
- Link Crew
- House Leadership
- Leadership Greater Huntsville Challenge Program
- MOWW and RYLA



Where do you plan to go to college?

In-State University/College



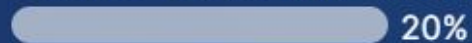
Out-of-State University/College



Top Tier University/College



Catholic University/College



Other



Liberal Arts or Private University/College

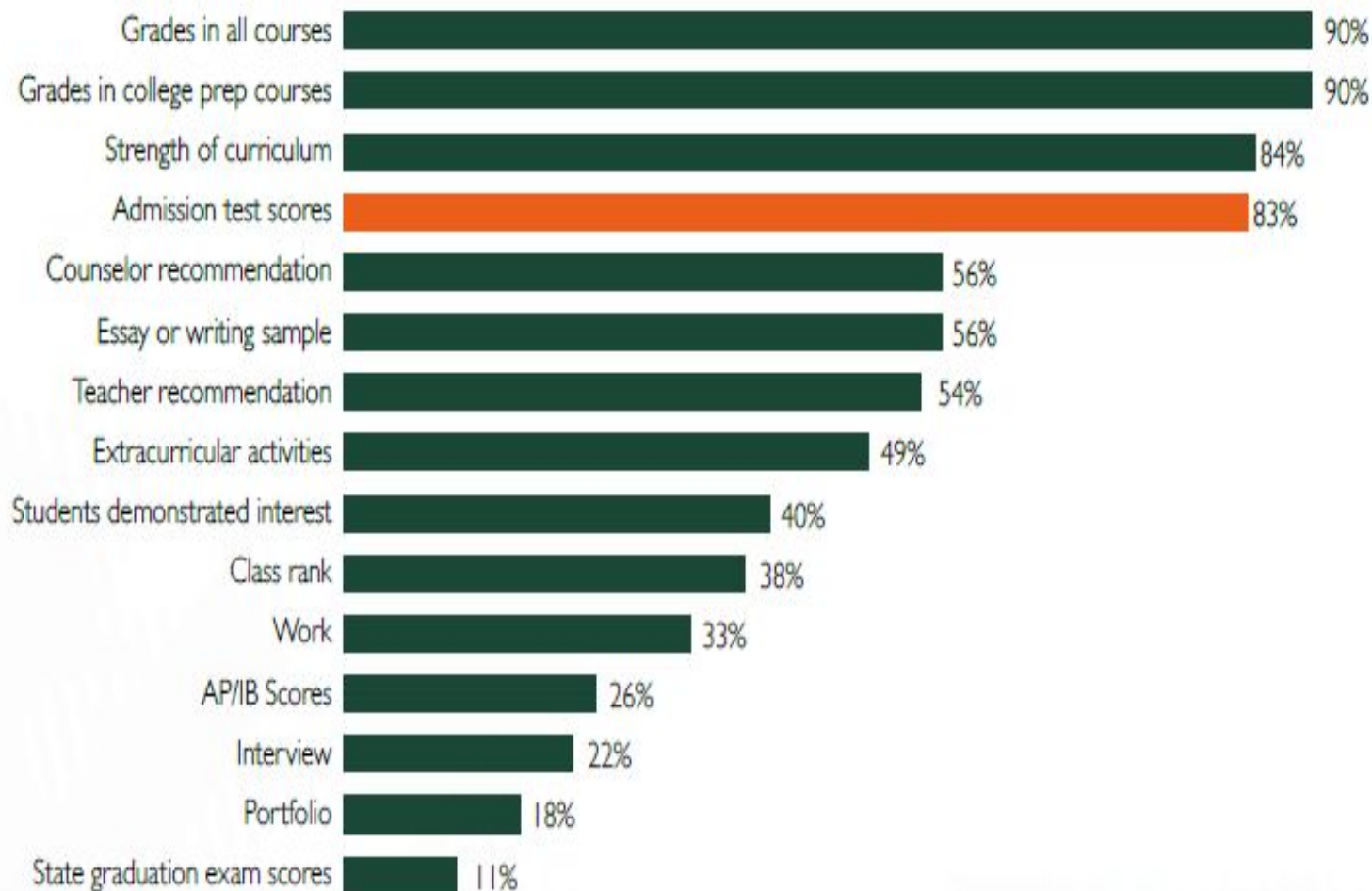


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slido.com
#S539

School Name	Applicants	Admitted	Enrolled	Acceptance Rate	Admission Yield
Brown University	50,649	2,532	1,696	5.00%	66.98%
Columbia University	60,879	2,435	1,558	4.00%	63.98%
Cornell University	69,195	4,844	3,294	7.00%	68.00%
Dartmouth College	28,336	1,700	1,054	6.00%	62.00%
Duke University	50,016	3,001	1,651	6.00%	55.01%
Harvard University	61,221	1,837	1,525	3.00%	83.02%
Johns Hopkins University	37,844	2,649	1,351	7.00%	51.00%
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	33,767	1,351	1,148	4.00%	84.97%
Princeton University	38,019	2,281	1,574	6.00%	69.00%
Stanford University	56,378	2,255	1,894	4.00%	83.99%
University of Notre Dame	26,509	3,446	2,068	13.00%	60.01%
University of Pennsylvania	54,588	3,821	2,598	7.00%	67.99%
Vanderbilt University	46,377	3,246	1,688	7.00%	52.00%
Yale University	50,060	2,503	1,702	5.00%	68.00%

ADMISSION FACTORS

Percentage of Colleges Reporting “Considerable or Moderate Importance”





How to Select a College – Where to Begin?

- Near or Far?
- Big or Small?
- Hot or Cold?
- Public or Private?
- 2 year or 4 year?
- Selective, Somewhat Selective, or Not Very Selective
- Where will you cast your net?



College Search is the Focus of the Junior year

- Visit websites of Colleges & Universities
- Two excused absences your Junior year
- Your most valuable resource now is Naviance

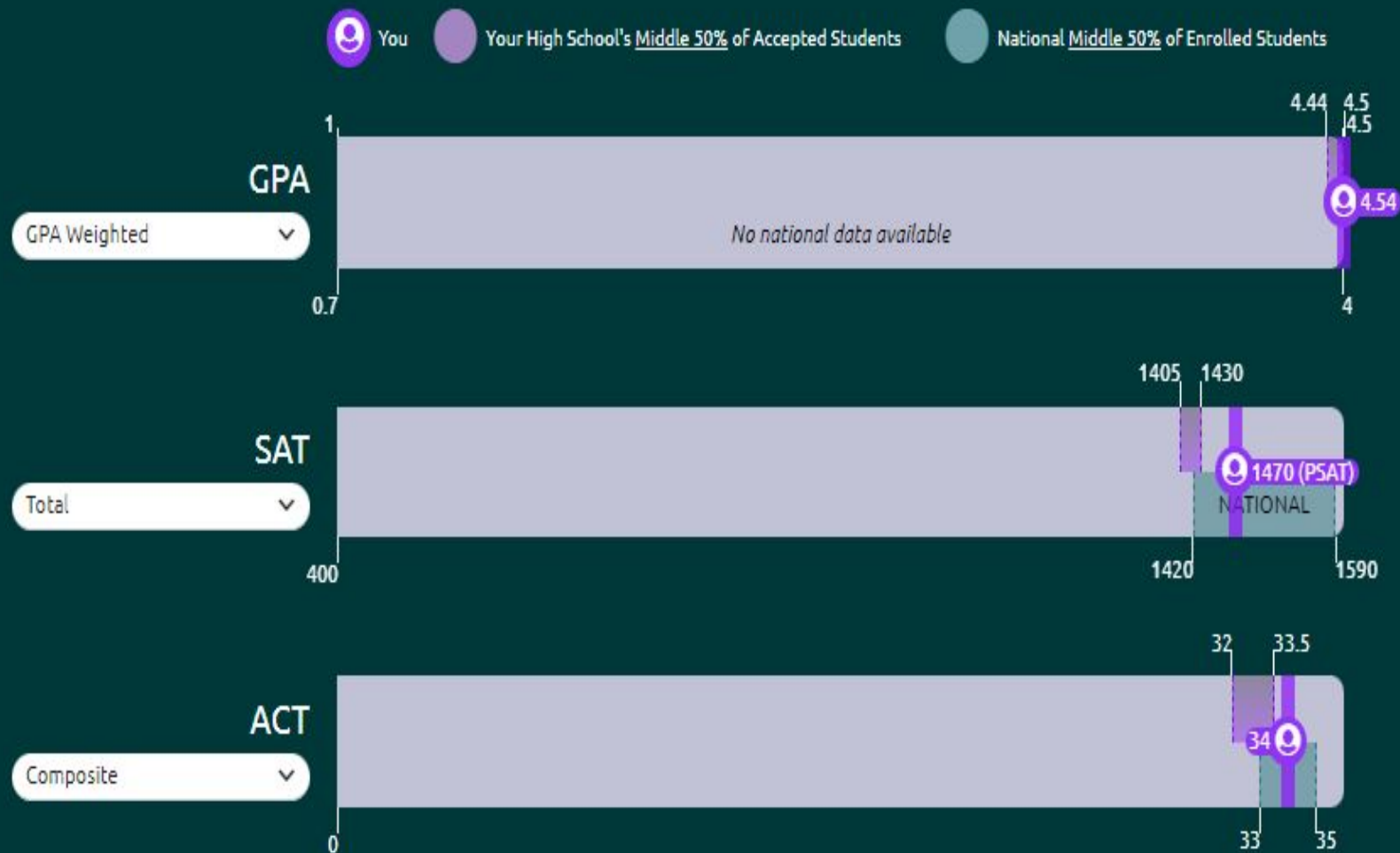


Other Online Tools

- Naviance, College, & University Websites are your BEST resource for learning more about a school
- College Factual - www.collegefactual.com
- Take a Virtual College Tour - <https://www.apply.com/virtual-college-tours?refinementList%5Bselectivity%5D%5B0%5D=Very%20Selective%20%2810%25%20-%2025%25%29>
- College Board – www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- CollegeView – www.collegeview.com
- College Forums – www.collegeconfidential.com

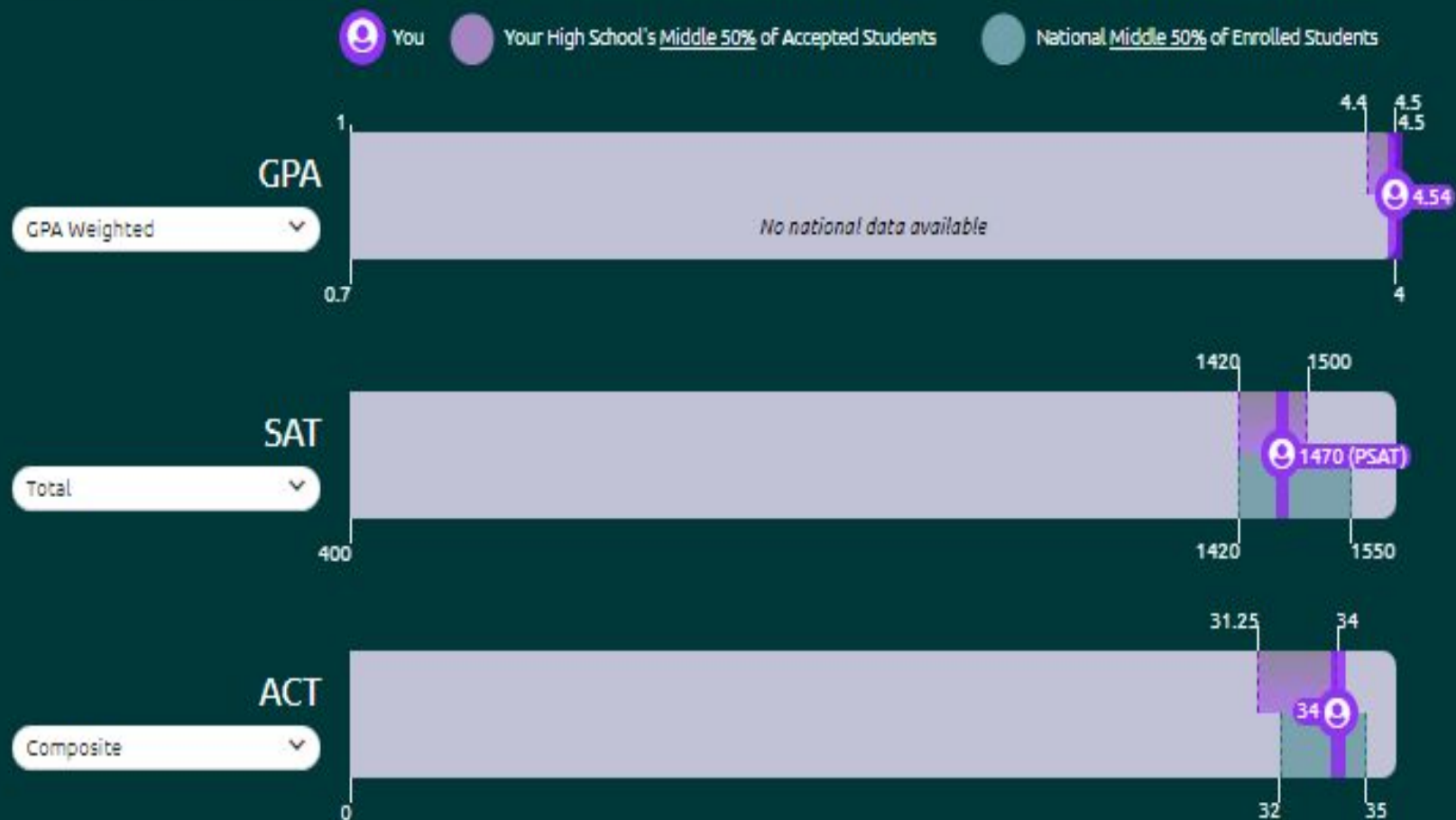
How you compare with others who have applied to Vanderbilt University

This institution is a **Match**: Your academic qualifications (GPA & test scores) **are similar to** the academic profile of students nationally who are typically enrolled at this institution.



How you compare with others who have applied to University of Notre Dame

This institution is a **Match**: Your academic qualifications (GPA & test scores) are **similar** to the academic profile of students nationally who are typically enrolled at this institution.





Things to Consider

- Be careful using college ranking lists – it should be guide
- Don't let friends influence your college choices
- Try not to limit yourself to one college choice for applications
- Visit the college
- Who is initiating the college search?



College Rep Visits at JP2

Please make sure to stop by to visit with college representatives either before or after school or during Falcon Flight outside the MPR.



College Campus Visits

- Turn in college absent form to Counseling Office
- Juniors have two college visits
- Must make-up any worked missed
- Have a list of questions
 - Use the Campus Visit Checklist
 - College Workbook in Naviance Student in links
- Try to stop by financial aid/scholarship office for more info.
- Some colleges have Saturday group tours



Madison County Private School College Fair

August 20, 2024, 6:00 - 8:00 pm CDT at
Madison Academy. ***Students must
register in the link below through Strive
Scan.*** This is a free event for all
JPPI students.





When do I take my ACT/SAT

- **Everyone should take at least one test their Junior year!!**
- Security measures are in place (Must upload a picture, must have admission ticket, & ID when arriving at test center)
- JP II is not a test center
- For test accommodations, must have copies of diagnosis on file; current up to three years
- For fee waivers, please see Mrs. Cobb
- For accommodations on the ACT/SAT speak with Mrs. Cobb

	SAT	ACT
Why Take It	Colleges use SAT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.	Colleges use ACT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.
Test Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading • Writing & Language • Math 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Math • Reading • Science Reasoning Essay (Optional)
Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 hours, 55 minutes (without essay) • 3 hours, 40 minutes (with essay)
Reading	5 reading passages	4 reading passages
Science	None	1 science section testing your critical thinking skills (not your specific science knowledge)
Math	Covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arithmetic • Algebra I & II • Geometry, Trigonometry and Data Analysis 	Covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arithmetic • Algebra I & II • Geometry, Trigonometry, and Probability & Statistics
Calculator Policy	Some math questions don't allow you to use a calculator.	You can use a calculator on all math questions.
Essays	None	Optional. The essay will test how well you evaluate and analyze complex issues.
How It's Scored	Scored on a scale of 400–1600	Scored on a scale of 1–36

Send scores to state schools now.

We do not send tests scores on transcripts senior year.

The essay is no longer available on the SAT.



Make sure to enter your high school
when you register for the ACT/SAT

CEEB Code 011-483



Advantages of Test Prep

- Admission in to College
- Scholarships
- Local ACT/SAT Prep Classes:
 - Achievement Plus - 2005 Gallatin St SW, Huntsville, AL 35801 (256) 539-8910 (3 prep classes offered at JP2)
 - NGENIUS - (256) 325-0441
 - North Alabama Center of Educational Excellence
 - Rocket City Learning - 1540 Hughes Road, #11, Madison, Huntsville, AL, 35758, 256-251-5447
 - The Learning Team—Grove Academy - 301 Longwood Dr. SW, Huntsville, AL 35801 (256) 924-6028
- Online Prep
 - March2Success - <https://www.march2success.com/>
 - Khan Academy – Free with your PSAT scores
<https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat/new-sat-tips-planning/new-sat-how-to-prep/a/full-length-psat-nmsqt>
 - KAPLAN - ACT Prep
<http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation/act-kaplan.html>



How to Avoid Running Out of Time on the SAT/ACT

Consider applying these time-management techniques to maximize your score on the SAT or ACT:

- Dedicate just 60 seconds to each math question.
- Skim passages and question stems first, then reread as needed.
- Go with your gut on the language sections.
- Practice and take a prep class



Test Optional Colleges

The **National Center for Fair & Open Testing (FairTest)** works to end the misuses and flaws of standardized testing and to ensure that evaluation of students, teachers and schools is fair, open, valid and educationally beneficial.

Many colleges are test optional since the pandemic - <https://www.fairtest.org/>



AP Classes

- CHECK WITH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY FOR ITS POLICY ON CREDIT FOR AP CLASSES (SEE CATALOG or WEBSITE)
- WHAT SCORE IS REQUIRED
 - GENERAL CURRICULUM
 - HONORS COLLEGE/PROGRAM
- HOW IS CREDIT AWARDED
 - ACTUAL CREDIT HOURS
 - PREREQUISITE FOR HIGHER LEVEL COURSES
- CLEP EXAMS FOR ADDITIONAL COLLEGE CREDITS
- CONSIDER POTENTIAL DANGER IN SKIPPING THAT COLLEGE COURSE



AP Credit Policy Search

Find colleges and universities that offer credit or placement for AP scores. Begin your search by entering the name of the institution below. For the most up-to-date AP credit policy information, be sure to check the institution's website.

Find a college's credit policy

Please enter at least two characters to view a preliminary list of matches. Click Search to see a complete list of results. The number in parentheses is the school's College Board code.

Have your AP Exam scores sent to a college or university.

[Send your scores](#)

Explore scholarships

[Visit Big Future](#)

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies>

Use the college's website to get the most accurate information.



Dual Enrollment Opportunities

We have a Dual Enrollment agreement with the following colleges:

- University of Alabama Early College
- University of Alabama in Huntsville
- Calhoun Community College



Scholarships & Financial Aid

- Need to frankly discuss with your student about affordability
- Online tools can help
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.finaid.com
 - www.collegeboard.com
 - www.act.org
 - Use Naviance Scholarship Search Tool !!!!!
- Check out scholarship board, it is a great resource for colleges that offer scholarships.



2025-2026 Freshman In-State Academic Scholarships

Test Scores	ACT	Test-Optional No Score	21-23	24-26	27-28	29-30	31-36
	SAT		1060-1150	1160-1250	1260-1320	1330-1380	1390-1600
High School GPA	4.0+	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$5,500	\$7,000	\$8,500	TUITION
	3.75 - 3.99	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,500	\$7,000	\$8,500
	3.5 - 3.74	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$7,000
	3.0 - 3.49			\$2,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000

2025 UNA ACADEMIC AND PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

	ACADEMIC AWARDS						PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS	
Test Scores **ACT / SAT	No ACT	20 - 21 1030-1090	22 - 23 1100-1150	24 - 25 1160-1220	26 - 27 1230-1290	28 - 29 1300-1350	30 - 32 1360-1440	33 - 36 1450-1600
High School Unweighted GPA	AMOUNTS AWARDED *						AMOUNTS AWARDED *	
3.00 - 3.50	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,750	\$ 4,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,500	\$9,000 + Housing	\$10,500 + Housing
3.51 - 4.00	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,500	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,500	\$10,000 + Housing	\$12,000 + Housing

2025 Award amounts subject to final funding October 1, 2024. No refunds on excellence scholarships. **Highest composite or superscore.
As of June 1, 2024, Housing Scholarships are equivalent to \$4,000 for residence halls only.

DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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.



NCAA/NAIA

- Start registration by end of Junior year
- Will send transcript end of Junior year to NCAA/NAIA

For any NCAA/NAIA question come see Mrs. Cobb or Mr. McManus



Types of Colleges & Universities



Public

vs

Private

- Funded by local and state governments (your taxes!)
- Offer lower tuition rates than private colleges for students who reside in the state where the college is located

Example:

University of Alabama

Total Cost = \$33,452

Direct/Indirect Cost

- Funding is mainly through tuition, fees and private sources.
- Private donations can sometimes provide generous financial aid packages

Example:

Spring Hill College

Total Cost = \$34,822.00

Direct/Indirect Cost

Vanderbilt University Direct/Indirect Cost Cost \$98,426



Indirect and Direct Cost of College

- **Direct costs** are billed costs that are paid directly to the institution, and typically include your student's tuition, fees, housing, and meal plan charges.
- **Indirect costs** are student expenses associated with college attendance that are not paid directly to the institution, and may include your student's books and supplies, travel, living, other bills, etc.



Community Colleges

- Offer associate's degrees designed to transfer to a four year college/university
- Offers associate's degrees and certificates designed to prepare students for a vocational/technical career
- Most schools have open admissions but may have required prerequisites for specific programs.
- Typically public colleges with affordable tuition and options for students to be full or part-time
- Often career driven.



Liberal Arts Colleges

- Offers a broad base of courses in the liberal arts which includes: literature, humanities, languages, mathematics, life sciences
- Offers mostly undergraduate degrees
- Most are private and lead to a four-year bachelor's degree
- Traditionally emphasize interactive instruction
- Have smaller enrollment, class size, and higher student-teacher ratio than universities
- Prepare students for a variety of careers or graduate study



Universities

- Larger schools offering more majors and degrees options than colleges
- Students can obtain bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees
- Tends to be more research based
- Larger classes that may be taught by graduate assistants or TA's
- Contain several colleges within the university such as colleges of liberal arts, engineering, or health sciences.



Art Colleges and Conservatories

- Focus is on visual, performing, and/or creative arts
- Applications may require a portfolio of your work
- Conservatories place an emphasis on practical performance training and experience, not academics.
- Lower number of general education requirements in both the art colleges and conservatories



Military Academies

- Five Academies: Naval, Air Force, Army, Merchant Marines, & Coast Guard
- High standard for admission - physical and academics (Most rigorous courses & grades)
- Must be nominated by a senator, congressman/woman, VP or the President of U.S.
- Military service required upon graduation
- Tuition is free!
- Less freedom than other schools and incorporates physical training and discipline



Special Programs or Accommodations

While colleges and universities in the United States are required by law to offer certain services for students with disabilities, these services only guarantee the bare minimum regarding academic assistance and accommodations.

- Lynn University
- Landmark College
- Beacon College
- Curry College



Gap Year

What are your gap year options?

- Volunteer Abroad - You can save the world as a volunteer.
- Intern Abroad - Another way to do a gap year is as an intern.
- Study Abroad
- Work Abroad
- Hit the High Seas with Seamester at Sea.
- See Mrs. Cobb about various programs.



What to think about as you explore different types of colleges:

- The pro's and con's of each type of school
- Your learning style and where you will thrive academically
- Graduation rates (four year, six year)
- Job placement - Where are graduates getting jobs and what employers are recruiting at the school?
- Overall, how does each school fit with your goals and needs
- Try to have college list (8-10 schools) ready by the end of Junior year



Student's Role

- Should be initiating the college search
- Should be the ones asking questions at college visits or college fairs
- Should email a thank you to a rep after meeting with them
- Speak with Mrs. Cobb if you need help
- Be proactive!

Parent's Role

- Be supportive, try not to nag
- Help student make a calendar with important dates
- Have that financial discussion now, if you haven't already
- Be careful of forcing your or their siblings alma mater upon your child, it might not be the right fit for them



Tentative - Rising Senior Meeting
May 1, 2025 4:30-5:30 PM MPR
Have a great year - Class of 2026!!

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Sources

- www.act.org & www.collegeboard.org
- Lynn O'Shaughnessy
- www.thecollegesolution.com
- NACAC - www.nacacnet.org
- Naviance - <http://connection.naviance.com/pjp>