

College Planning Presentation

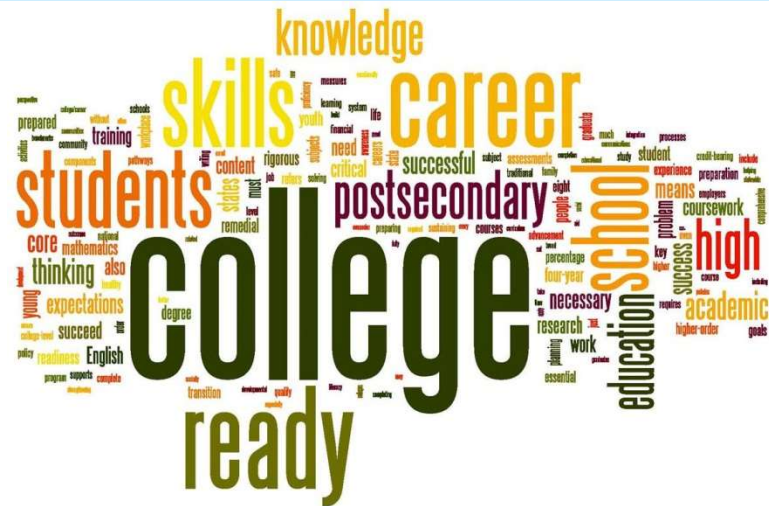
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Types of Colleges

- * Community College
- * Technical School
- * Apprenticeship
- * Military/Military Academies
- * Four Year University



Community College

- * Public institution
- * Preparation for technical careers
- * Credits transfer to 4 year college or university
- * No admission requirements
- * Economically Priced
- * Many programs offered
 - * Apprenticeship
 - * Associate Degree
 - * Certificate
 - * Journeyman Programs



Washtenaw
Community
College

Technical/Trade School

- * Provides certificates of completion
- * Cannot provide degrees
- * Must be licensed by the state
- * **Certifications = License** for specific careers
 - * Automotive
 - * Cosmetology
 - * Heating/cooling

Apprenticeship

- * Hands-on job training
- * Classroom Study
- * Completion time varies



- * Registered Apprenticeships—U.S. Dept of Labor
 - * goo.gl/yS1brN
- * MAT²
 - * mitalent.org/mat2



Military

- * Military Academy—tuition free.
 - * Must have Strong GPA and Strong ACT/SAT scores
 - * Be physically fit
 - * Nominated by a Congressman, Senator, or Vice President
- * ROTC program at many colleges—may provide full ride scholarships
- * Enlisted
 - * Learn a Trained Skill
 - * Tuition Reimbursement

Four Year College and University

- * Public or Private college or university
- * Specific admissions requirements
- * Room & Board typically available
- * **Degrees:**
 - * Associate Degree: 2-4 years to complete
 - * Bachelor Degree: 4-6 years to complete
 - * Masters Degree: 6 or more years to complete
 - * Doctorate Degree: 8 or more years to complete



... more facts about Four Year College and University

- * Most schools accept most applicants—68% of applicants in the United States are accepted
- * Highly selective schools are well known, but small in number (fewer than 100)
- * Approximately 150 schools have more than 20,000 students
- * Most colleges have less than 2,500 students!

What do Four Year College/University look for in an applicant?

- * A rigorous high school curriculum through senior year that challenges the student. With a strong GPA!
- * Solid scores on standardized tests (SAT/ACT)
- * A well-written essay, if required, that is proofread
- * Highlight special talents or experiences
- * Genuine curiosity and interest in leadership
- * Demonstrated leadership in activities—*begin a running record of all activities*
- * Active enthusiasm shown through college visits and contacts

What you should look for in a College/University

- * **Size:** Small, Medium, or Large
- * **Type:** Public or Private
- * **Location:** Urban, Suburbs, or Rural
- * **Distance from home:** Close or Far
- * **Cost:** Scholarships, Financial Aid
- * **Majors:** Field of Study
- * **Athletics/Activities:** Specific sports or activities of interest
- * **Access to Professors**
- * **Percentage of students who graduate in 4-5 years**
- * **Percentage of students who find employment in chosen career within a year of graduation**
- * *See College Comparison Worksheet for more items to consider*

Planning Junior Year



November—December

- * Participate in College Visits at SHS
- * Meet with your counselor
- * Start a list of potential colleges
- * Start/update academic resume (honors, awards, classes,... etc.)
- * Start/update activity resume (sports, clubs, leadership positions, community service... etc.)

January—February

- * Prepare for the April SAT
- * Consider and/or take the April or June ACT
- * Complete a list of possible colleges/careers
- * Work with parents/guardians in your planning
- * Visit College Planning websites (i.e. www.knowhow2go.org or www.collegeboard.org)
- * Visit Career Planning websites (i.e. www.careercruising.com or www.bls.gov/ooh)

March—April

- * SAT test in April (can send scores up to 4 schools)
- * ACT test in April or June (can send scores up to 4 schools)
- * Set a strong senior schedule
- * Visit colleges during February and Spring Break
- * Prepare a list of questions to ask on campus visits (*see College Comparison Worksheet*)
- * Plan to attend the NACAC College Fair in March
- * Set up your Parchment Account for Transcripts (*students will set up their account when they schedule. Parents can set up a parent account at www.parchment.com*)

May—June

- * Check out online college applications for specifics
- * Investigate scholarship opportunities & deadlines (www.fastweb.com and counseling web page for local scholarships)
- * Talk with teachers about recommendation letters **if required** for college application/scholarship
- * Consider a summer job, volunteering, or internship
- * Consider a college summer academic program
- * If a possible Division I or II athlete, register with NCAA (www.eligibilitycenter.org) or NAIA (www.playnaia.org)

Planning for Senior Year



August—September

- * Continue to Participate in College Visits at SHS
- * Re-take ACT or SAT if needed
- * Begin completing online college applications (*regular decision, early decision, early action?*)
- * Request teacher recommendation **if required**
- * Once online application is submitted, order transcript to be sent to college (www.parchment.com)
- * If SAT or ACT test scores have not already been sent, order scores to be sent (www.act.org or www.collegeboard.org)
- * Begin gathering previous year's tax return in preparation for FAFSA

October — January

- * Work with parents to complete the FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov
- * Continue to participate in College visits at SHS
- * Re-take SAT or ACT if needed
- * Continue completing online college applications, ordering transcripts, and, if necessary, sending test scores
- * Continue looking and applying for scholarships
- * Continue visiting college campuses
- * Continue Pursuing Academic Excellence

February—April

- * Compare schools and their financial aid offers (use the various cost calculators to help evaluate)
- * Commit to school and send in deposit

May—July

- * **May 1st**—National College Commitment Day. If you haven't committed, you must commit no later than this day
- * Request your final transcript be sent to your college (www.parchment.com)
- * Participate in College Orientation
- * **Breathe a huge sigh of relief. YOU MADE IT!**

Helpful Websites

- * www.act.org
- * www.collegeboard.org (SAT, AP, College Cost calculators, college searches, career searches... etc.)
- * www.parchment.com (transcripts)
- * stevenson.livoniapublicschools.org (click on Counseling)
- * www.careercruising.com (username: stevenson password: spartans)
- * http://milmi.org/ (Michigan's Hot 50 jobs for 2022)
- * www.michigancollegeguide.com
- * www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid
- * studentaid.ed.gov
- * fafsa.ed.gov

Thank You for Attending!

* Questions

