

# 10<sup>TH</sup> AND 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE COLLEGE & CAREER PREP MEETING

COLLEGE APPLICATION TIMELINE | COLLEGE TESTING INFO | NAVIANCE INFO |  
IMPORTANT DATES/WEBSITES | Q & A W/ STUDENT PANEL

# OBJECTIVE

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To make the college search and application process as smooth as possible,  
and thus minimize senior year stress.

## **IN A PERFECT WORLD.....**

100% of college applications would be completed before the first day of school  
senior year

## **THE REALITY.....**

50% - 75% of college applications are completed

# ADMISSIONS FACTORS

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## WHAT MATTERS??

Admissions Test Scores  
Grades in Core Courses  
Demonstrated Interest  
Teacher  
Recommendations



## WHAT MATTERS??

Strength of Curriculum  
AP/IB Test Scores  
Personal Essay /  
Writing Sample  
Counselor  
Recommendation



## WHAT MATTERS??

Class Rank  
Personal Interview  
Extracurricular Activities

# NACAC STATE OF ADMISSIONS REPORT

TABLE 7. PERCENTAGE OF COLLEGES ATTRIBUTING DIFFERENT LEVELS OF IMPORTANCE TO FACTORS IN ADMISSION DECISIONS: FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN, FALL 2017

Factor	N	Considerable Importance	Moderate Importance	Limited Importance	No Importance
Grades in All Courses	220	74.5	15.0	5.5	5.0
Grades in College Prep Courses	220	73.2	16.8	5.9	4.1
Strength of Curriculum	219	62.1	21.9	8.7	7.3
Admission Test Scores (SAT, ACT)	221	45.7	37.1	12.2	5.0
Essay or Writing Sample	220	23.2	33.2	24.1	19.5
Student's Demonstrated Interest	218	16.1	23.9	28.0	32.1
Counselor Recommendation	218	15.1	40.4	26.6	17.9
Teacher Recommendation	219	14.2	40.2	26.5	19.2
Class Rank	220	9.1	29.1	34.1	27.7
Extracurricular Activities	219	6.4	42.9	32.0	18.7
Portfolio	219	6.4	11.9	26.9	54.8
Subject Test Scores (AP, IB)	219	5.5	18.3	35.2	41.1
Interview	219	5.5	16.4	28.3	49.8
Work	217	4.1	28.6	36.9	30.4
State Graduation Exam Scores	218	2.3	8.7	18.8	70.2
SAT II Scores	216	1.9	5.6	14.8	77.8

SOURCE: NACAC Admission Trends Survey, 2018–19.

# APPLICATION TIMELINE

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Take SAT, ACT, or both. (Several prep course options are available)

Naviance *Super Match College Search* to identify 5-10 *Colleges I'm Thinking About*

Complete *College/Scholarship Recommendation Self Evaluation*

Sign up for college visits

**SPRING - SUMMER  
JUNIOR, PRE-SENIOR YEAR**

**FALL - SPRING  
JUNIOR YEAR**

Continue researching *Colleges I'm Thinking About*

Continue college visits

Identify *Colleges I'm Applying To* and create an organizational system w/deadlines

Begin completing college applications (including The Common App)  
on or about August 1

# APPLICATION TIMELINE

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Take SAT/ACT again if unhappy with scores

Continue college visits if necessary

Ask teachers for recommendations (1<sup>st</sup> few weeks of school or sooner)

Submit Transcript Request form and list of "Colleges I'm Applying to"

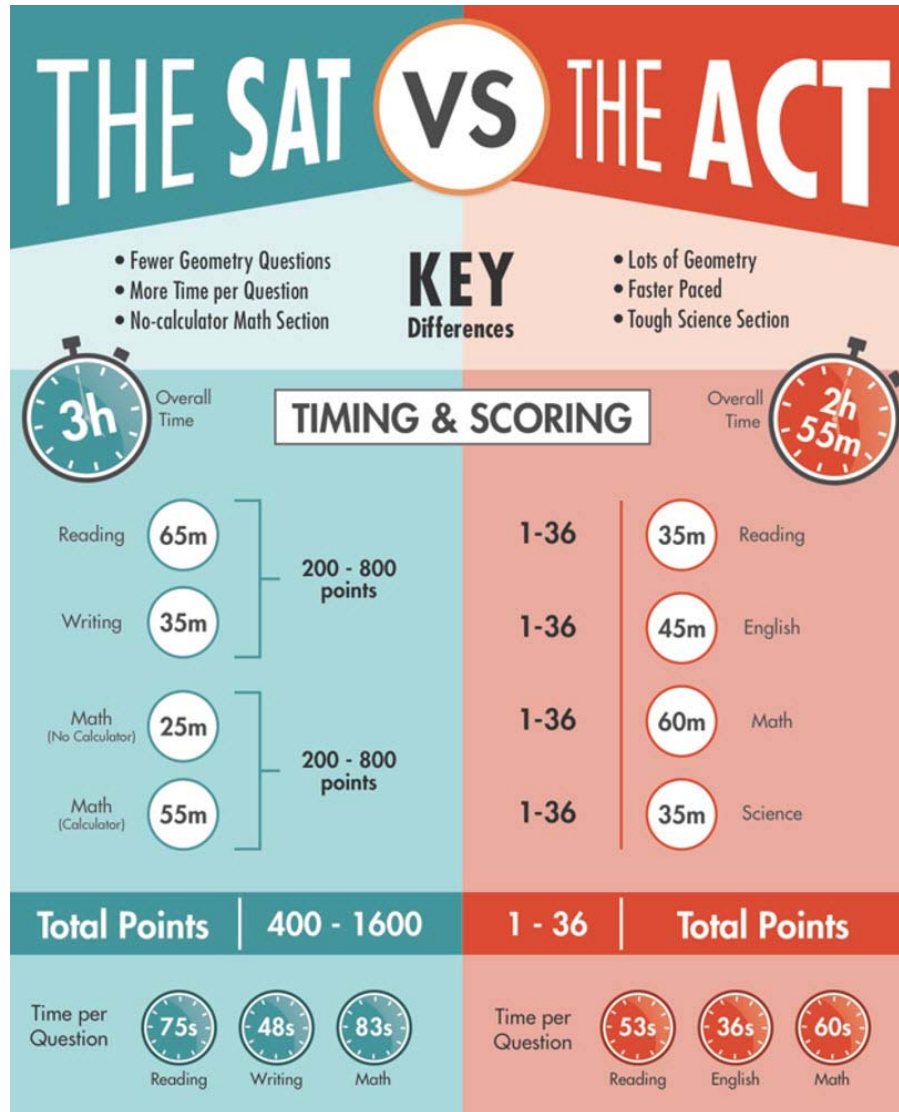
Finalize and submit college applications (before Early Action deadlines)



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**FALL  
SENIOR YEAR**

# TEST OPTIONS





## TEST OPTIONS

### CONTINUED.....

#### (NEXT GENERATION) ACCUPLACER

- Tests knowledge of HS ***content***. Arithmetic, Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics, Advanced Algebra and Functions, Reading, and Writing
  - Measures student readiness for credit bearing college courses.
    - Multiple choice
    - Determines course ***placement***, NOT admission
    - ***Untimed***
- ⦿ Students should take at least one test before the end of junior year.
- ⦿ Fee waivers are available - see Mrs. Lehman in the Career Center
- ⦿ Prep classes offered at Einstein – there are also free online tools





**TEST  
RESOURCES**

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**COLLEGEBOARD.ORG (SAT)**

**ACT.ORG (ACT)**

**PRINCETONREVIEW.COM**

**PETERSONS.COM**

**KHANACADEMY.ORG**

# WHAT IS NAVIANCE?

- ⊙ A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO HELP STUDENTS AND PARENTS WITH THE COLLEGE AND CAREER SEARCH PROCESS.
  - ⊙ [HTTPS://STUDENT.NAVIANCE.COM/EINSTEIN](https://student.naviance.com/einstein)  
(STUDENT NAVIANCE LOG-IN)
- ⊙ USER NAME = STUDENT ID #
- ⊙ PASSWORD = EINSTEIN(GRADUATION YEAR--E.G. THIS YEAR'S SENIORS EINSTEIN20)
- ⊙ PARENTS – CONTACT YOUR STUDENTS COUNSELOR TO HAVE YOUR ACCOUNT ACTIVATED

# FACTORS IN CHOOSING A COLLEGE

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## WHAT MATTERS??

Location  
Major  
Accreditation by major  
Size  
Cost



## WHAT MATTERS??

Graduation rate  
Activities/sports  
Diversity  
Campus Life  
Disability Services



## WHAT MATTERS??

Facilities  
Housing  
Retention rate  
Alumni job placement

# HOW MANY COLLEGES SHOULD I APPLY TO?

There is no magic number, however 5-9 schools are usually enough. This number should be a combination of reach (3), match (3), safe (2), and in-state (1) schools.



## REACH SCHOOL

A college you have a chance of getting into, but your test scores and/or high school grades are lower than the scores on the school's profile



## SAFE SCHOOL

A college you will *almost certainly* get into because your test scores and/or high school grades are well above the average when looking at the school's profile.



## MATCH SCHOOL

A college you are *pretty likely* to get into because your test scores and /or high school grades fall right into the middle range when looking at the schools profile



## IN-STATE SCHOOL

A college located in Maryland where students receive in-state tuition, and financial aide opportunities.



## HELPFUL WEBSITES

- ⦿ [HTTPS://STUDENT.NAVIANCE.COM/EINSTEIN](https://student.naviance.com/einstein)  
(STUDENT NAVIANCE LOG-IN)
- ⦿ [COLLEGEBOARD.COM](https://collegeboard.com)
- ⦿ [ACTSTUDENT.ORG](https://actstudent.org)
- ⦿ [COMMONAPP.ORG](https://commonapp.org)
- ⦿ [FINAID.ORG](https://finaid.org)
- ⦿ [FASTWEB.COM](https://fastweb.com)
- ⦿ MARYLAND HIGH EDUCATION COMMISSION  
([MHEC.STATE.MD.US](https://mhec.state.md.us))

# To DO .....

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Prepare for and take SAT and/or ACT

Answer 8 questions in the *Self Evaluation Survey* on Naviance

Conduct *Super Math College Search* and add 5-10 *Colleges I'm Thinking About* in Naviance

Attend MCPS College Fair (April 1-2, 2020)

College Visits



**PRIOR TO THE END  
OF JUNIOR YEAR**

# To DO .....

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Continue researching colleges and get organized

Continue to visit colleges / schedule campus tours

Begin college applications (including commonapp.org) which typically opens August 1st

Write personal essays for applications



**SUMMER BETWEEN  
JUNIOR/SENIOR  
YEAR**



**IMPORTANT  
DATES**

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⦿ **SPRING BREAK .... APRIL 6-13, 2020**

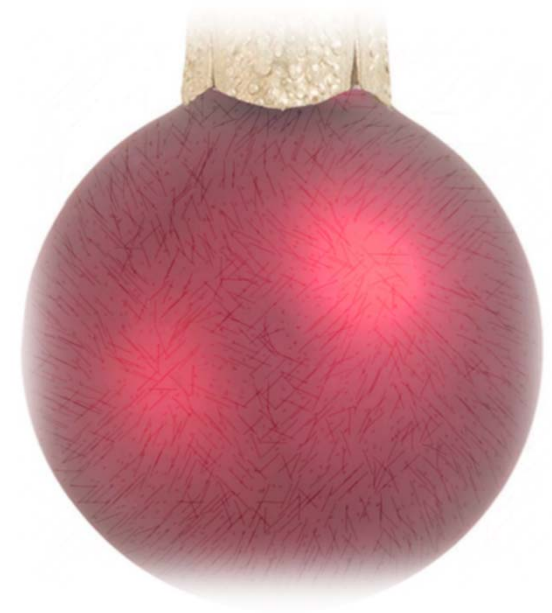
⦿ **COLLEGE FAIR .... APRIL 1-2, 2020**

⦿ **SAT/ACT TEST DATES .... SEE HANDOUT**

⦿ **RISING SENIOR PARENT NIGHT MEETING ....**

**MAY 27, 2020**





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# INSIGHT FROM ADMISSIONS COUNSELORS

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## APPLICATIONS

- ⊙ # of applications and quality of pool has increased.
- ⊙ Student profile dictated by applicant pool.
- ⊙ Institutional needs have changed.



## OTHER

- ⊙ Over-focused on athlete recruitment.
- ⊙ Heightened anxiety.
- ⊙ Use the admissions counselor for help. Don't be afraid to ask.



## STUDENT PANEL