

Junior College Planning Workshop

Thursday, February 7, 2019



Why go to college?



Types of Colleges

- ❑ Four Year State Colleges
 - ❑ 17 College Prep Units, SAT/ACTs, State College GPA
- ❑ Four Year Private Colleges
- ❑ Two Year Colleges
 - ❑ Transfer Options
- ❑ Technical Schools

Where should I apply?

- ❑ What to consider?
 - ❑ Majors
 - ❑ Acceptance Rates
 - ❑ Location
 - ❑ School size
 - ❑ Support Services
 - ❑ Sports/Activities
 - ❑ Financial Aid Reputation
 - ❑ General Feeling about the school
- ❑ Your student will be working on this list using the website **Naviance** with his/her Guidance Counselor
 - ❑ Your student can also make an appointment with her/his Guidance Counselor to compose and discuss this list

How many should I apply to?

- ❑ 6-8 Colleges
 - ❑ Reach
 - ❑ Realistic
 - ❑ Safety
 - ❑ Financial Safety

Timeline

□ Now!

- Create a list of potential schools with counselor and Naviance
- Start researching colleges on the list: GO visit!
- Follow the College Planning timeline
- SATs or ACTs(if needed): SAT prep – Starting in Feb.
- Think about Fall/Winter SAT Dates: October, November, December and January

Fall 2019 - Apply to college!

- ❑ Meet with Guidance Counselor to revisit college list
 - ❑ Make adjustments as necessary
- ❑ Attend Keefe Tech College Visits
- ❑ Create an account with Common Application*
- ❑ Take SAT/ACT (again)
- ❑ Compose personal essay in English class
- ❑ Update resume
- ❑ Ask teachers for letters of recommendation
 - ❑ At least two
- ❑ Attend Financial Aid Night at Keefe
- ❑ Create a FSA ID and password on the FSA website
<https://fsaid.ed.gov>

Decisions, Decisions, Decisions...

- ❑ There are different types of admissions policies.....BE AWARE!
- ❑ Early Action - Apply early, receive a decision early. Not Binding!
- ❑ Early Decision - Apply to one school early and if accepted....YOU MUST ATTEND (if provides adequate financial aid).

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- ❑ Rolling Decision
 - ❑ Decisions are made when students application is complete. No specific deadline.
- ❑ Regular Decision
 - ❑ Applications must be complete by designated date by college.

What the Application Consists Of:

- ❑ Completed Application (3 Types)
 - ❑ paper, **online, common application**
- ❑ Essay
 - ❑ Autobiographical, original, or application specific
- ❑ Letters of Recommendation (2 recommended)
 - ❑ At least one academic teacher recommendation*
- ❑ Resume
- ❑ Transcript
 - ❑ Sent through the Guidance Office using Naviance*
- ❑ 1st trimester grades
- ❑ SAT or ACT scores
 - ❑ Sent from Collegeboard or ACT
 - ❑ Additional information if requested by a college
 - ❑ Additional Essays, Letters of Rec, or other materials

Paying for College

- ❑ Financial Aid (FAFSA)
 - ❑ Keefe Tech Financial Aid Workshop
 - ❑ MEFA Representative presents
- ❑ Scholarships
 - ❑ Students attended Workshop at Keefe
 - ❑ Complete Scholarship Packet (February)

January - March 2020

- ❑ Look out for financial aid deadlines.
- ❑ FAFSA will be looking at 2018 tax year.
- ❑ Complete FAFSA according to earliest financial aid deadline.
- ❑ Some private schools may require the CSS Profile.

Accessing Support in College

- ❑ If your student is on an IEP, he/she can still access support at the postsecondary level
- ❑ The IEP will end when a student graduates high school
- ❑ Disabilities are protected in college by the ADA not IDEA.
- ❑ Every school has an Office of Disability Services
- ❑ It's your responsibility to provide documentation, e.g. most recent SPED testing.
- ❑ Different colleges offer more than others, e.g. PAL Program, Landmark College, etc.
- ❑ Your student must seek out these supports*

College Planning is A Lot of Work

- ❑ Start Now
- ❑ We are here to help with each of these steps
- ❑ Students should schedule an appointment with their Guidance Counselor
 - ❑ Parents are welcome
- ❑ Parents may call or email.
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Good Luck!