

THE GILBERT SCHOOL

SENIOR PLANNING NIGHT

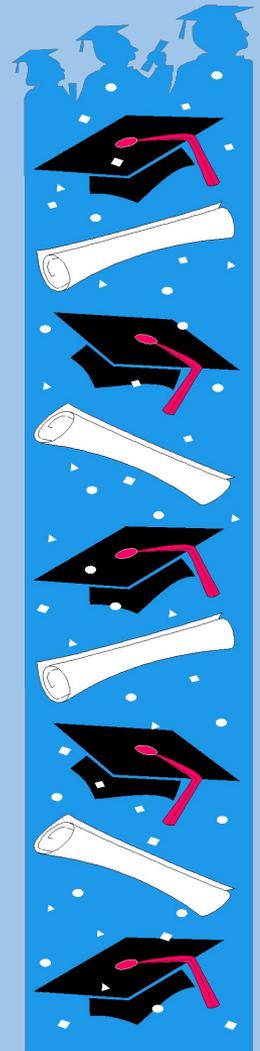
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Post Secondary Options

- Employment
- Military
- Technical/Vocational School
- College
 - www.ct.edu
 - 4 year colleges - 5 CT State Universities
 - 2 year colleges - 12 CT Community Colleges



Military

Steps to apply:

- 1) Take ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test) - at TGS 9/25/19
- 2) Begin working with military branch recruiters and Explore specific career pathway opportunities
 - a) Pass physical fitness exam
 - b) Get medically screened
 - c) Sign contract of employment (to military branch)



TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Practical Career Training (CT)

- ❖ Trade-schools.net (search by zipcode)
 - Bristol Tech (Bristol, CT)
 - Automotive Technology
 - Culinary Arts
 - Precision Machine Technology
 - Lincoln Tech (East Windsor, New Britain, Shelton)
 - Occupational Therapy Assistant
 - Dental Assistant
 - Business Administration
 - Universal Technological Institute
 - Automotive Technology
 - Specific trades offered at various branches

Focus on passion and practicality!



CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

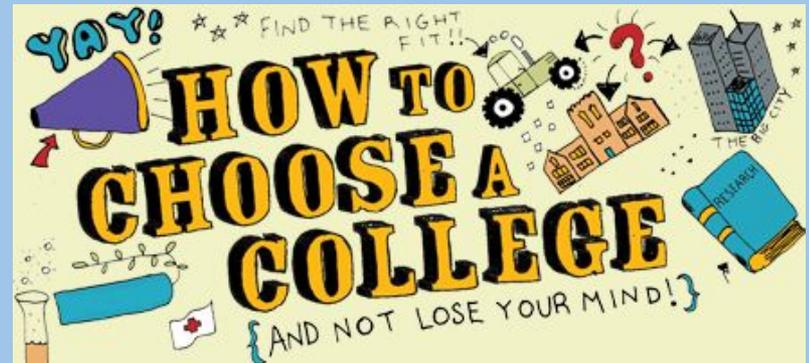
- Computer Programming
- Webmaster and internet design
- Home child care
- Digital publishing
- Graphic design
- Photography
- Medical assisting
- Therapeutic recreation
- And many more!



COLLEGE: FINDING A 'GOOD FIT'

Factors to Consider

- Cost
 - Tuition Cost vs Total Cost
- 4 year vs. 2 year
- Public vs. Private
- Location
 - Distance, setting (rural, urban)
 - Number of students
- Campus Life
 - athletics, activities, housing
- Test Optional (www.fairtest.org)
- Programs/Majors
 - New England Tuition Break (www.nebhe.org/tuitionbreak)
 - CCSU Transfer Ticket Program



SEARCHING FOR THE RIGHT COLLEGE

There are a variety of search tools available to help you. They include:

1. Naviance SuperMatch College Search (naviance.com)
2. College search engines (www.collegeboard.org, www.college.niche.com, www.cappex.com, google “college navigator”)
3. College websites (any college website with “.edu” ending)
4. College handbooks available in guidance office



FINDING A GOOD FIT - CONSIDER: COLLEGE ADMISSION FACTORS

What do admission officers look at?

- Transcript – rigor of high school classes
- G.P.A. (weighted: H= +.5, AP= +1)
- Rank in Class
- Standardized Test Results (SAT, SAT subject test, ACT)
- Letters of recommendation
- Essay
- Extracurricular Activities (school, community, honors, awards, employment)
- Early Decision vs. Early Action

EARLY DECISION VS. EARLY ACTION

Early Decision:

- ❖ Early Decision is a **commitment**; student promises that, if accepted, student will definitely attend that school.
- ❖ Student can only have one Early Decision application pending.
- ❖ Upon acceptance, student must withdraw all other applications.

Early Action:

- ❖ Indicates to school the student has strong preference.
- ❖ Students receive decision well in advance of regular response date.
- ❖ Student not obligated to accept offer of admission.

STANDARDIZED TESTS FOR COLLEGE

- SAT www.collegeboard.com
 - Fee: \$47.50 without essay or \$64.50 with essay (fee waivers available)
 - *Essays specific for college majors
 - Sections for General SAT (Reading, Math)
- *SAT SUBJECT TESTS - required by most competitive colleges*
 - Fee: \$26 (For registration) and \$22 (per subject test)
 - must be taken on a separate test date
- ACT Test - \$52 (no writing) or \$68 (with writing)
 - 4 or 5 sections – English, Math, Reading, Science, Writing (optional)
 - www.act.org

What does the completed application look like?

- ***Student will send:***
- Application & Supplement
- Application Fee
- Essay
- Resume
- Link Naviance to Common App
- **!! Standardized Test Scores (via College Board or ACT)!!**
- ***School Counselors will send:***
- Letters of Recommendations
- Transcript
- School Report
- School Profile



Financial Aid

Three Main Types of Financial Aid

- Loans (Must be repaid with interest)
- Grants/scholarships (No repayment)
- Work Study program (can help supplement college costs)

Visit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid website:

fafsa.gov - Opens on Oct. 1st!

-Click "Start a New FAFSA"

-Answer all questions

-Utilize the most recent Tax income report

DEVELOPING A COLLEGE LIST

Pick at least 6, narrow and categorize your choices:

- “Reach” schools (1 or 2)
 - Entrance requirements are above your qualifications, a few “long shots”
- “Realistic” schools (2 to 4)
 - Your qualifications match, meet criteria
- “Safety” schools (1 or 2)
 - You are more than likely to get accepted





www.connection.naviance.com/gilbert

Every student at The Gilbert School has his/her own Naviance Family Connection account. This comprehensive guidance tool is **mandatory** for the College Application Process and can also be used for:

- College searches (supermatch search under COLLEGES tab)
- College and Trade School representative visits at The Gilbert School (under COLLEGES tab)
- Career Planning (find interest inventories under CAREER tab)
- Scholarships (find “scholarship list” under COLLEGES tab)
- Creating a Resume (find “resume” under ABOUT ME tab)

*Parents should have access to Naviance as well!!

- Ask your child for the username and password

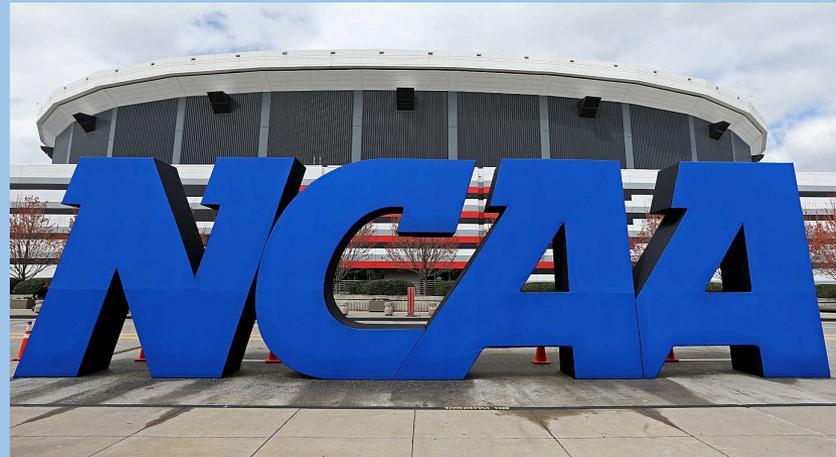
WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?

After you develop your list of colleges:

- ✓ Update your college list on Naviance “colleges I’m applying to” list”- **required*
- ✓ Create your Common App account (www.commonapp.org)
- ✓ Apply for the FAFSA
- ✓ Ask your teachers for letters of recommendation soon!
- ✓ Sit in on college rep visits at Gilbert (fall)
- ✓ Attend college open houses and tours (fall)
- ✓ Make a great FIRST IMPRESSION!

ARE YOU A DIVISION I OR II ATHLETE?

- All Division I & II athletes *must register* with the NCAA in order to determine your eligibility.
 - Core Courses, Test Scores, G.P.A.
 - Register for NCAA at:
- www.eligibilitycenter.org



Questions? Don't hesitate to speak to...



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