

Junior College Night Reflection Sheet
Please use the space below to take notes

Expectations/Questions you have for tonight: _____

Student: What motivates you to go to college? What are your personal goals for life after SHS? _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): What do you hope for your child? _____

What benefits could a smaller school (less than 5,000 students) provide for you/your student? _____

Students: How do you think you will choose a college? _____

College Visit Questionnaire

Questions to consider asking during an official college visit

Academics

1. Which academic programs are the most popular or are they most known for?
2. Do they offer your major? How easy is it to change majors? What kind of career advisement is available?
3. What criteria do they look at for admission purposes (i.e. mid 50% ACT, GPA,)?
4. Do they accept AP college credits? If so, what scores are needed? Do they accept transfer classes from a community college or dual credit courses?
5. Who teaches the freshman level classes (teacher assistants, professors, etc.)?
6. What is the average class size for an introductory course? For an advanced course? What would be the largest size you would take?
7. What type of internships, co-ops, and study abroad opportunities are offered? How does the school help with job placement?
8. What percent of graduates have a job within a few months after graduation? In the field they studied?
9. What is the percentage of students who graduate within 4 years? 5 years?
10. What kind of academic support is in place for a student who may need assistance?

Housing

11. Are students required to live on campus? What is the percentage of students who live on campus? Is housing guaranteed for all 4 years if needed?
12. What are the styles of residence halls (suites, doubles, coed, etc.)? How are roommates and residence halls assigned?
13. What are the meal plans like? What is the food like?

Social

14. What do most students do on the weekend? What percent stay on campus? Where is the central gathering place?
15. Are cars allowed? What is parking like? What are other transportation options?
16. How diverse is the campus? What percentages of the students are from other states? Countries?
17. Are there fraternities/sororities? What percent of students belong?

Other

18. What are the school's basic costs (tuition, fees, room and board, supplies, books, transportation expenses)?
 19. What activities and services are available to help students get settled academically and socially?
 20. How many students return for sophomore year? What type of reasons do students give for not returning?
 21. Will I feel safe walking around campus at night? What are the safety concerns of the campus?* Community?
- *Note: Federal law requires schools to provide safety info to students.
22. Where do students go if they have a medical emergency?

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITIES
2019-2020 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
[WE RECOMMEND THAT ALL PUBLIC UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS
BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 15!]

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY, Chicago

Requirements: Average GPA: 3.1 and Average ACT: 19. Personal interview if below requirements. Minimum 2.5 GPA and ACT 18. If lower, 6-week **summer bridge** program available for optional pathway.

Size: 2,027 undergrads

Cost: \$22,600

Required Courses: 4 English, 3 Social Studies, 3 Math, 3 Science, 2 years of foreign language, fine arts or vocational education.

Worth noting: Pharmacy, criminal justice, STEM, nursing, computer sci & art & design & gaming. Reserves many scholarships for band members. Particular interest in social justice. Debt forgiveness program. Students with 23 ACT or 1130 SAT & 3.5 GPA and above, and a history of service activities, may now apply for **direct admission** into health science programs.

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, Charleston

Requirements: Holistic review. Looks at courses, GPA, ACT or SAT, grade trends & essay. If GPA is less than 2.5 and ACT is less than 18 or SAT less than 960, include a letter of recommendation & personal statement. For 2019: middle 50% GPA: 3.19 & ACT: 20.7. **Gateway program** for programs with students with GPA of 2.0 & 17 ACT.

Size: 6,012 undergrads

Cost: \$21,670

Required Courses: 4 English, 3 Math, 3 Social Sciences, 2 Sciences, 2 years of foreign language.

Worth Noting: Business and technology, education, health and human services. Thriving Greek life & D1 athletics. Impressive graduation rate for public university. Both school and Charleston are known to be affordable. Textbook rental system saves money. New electrical engineering program in 2020. Anticipate full nursing program in 2021. Guaranteed tuition rate for 4 years.

GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY, University Park

Requirements: Average GPA: 2.75 and ACT: 17.8. Unconditional admission for 19 ACT or 980 SAT and 2.75 GPA. Optional personal essay encouraged if below. Conditional admission requires participation in **Smart Start**, a two-week tuition free program beginning before the start of the fall semester.

Size: 3,262 undergrads

Cost: \$19,718

Required Courses: 4 English, 2 Social Studies, 3 Math, 2 Lab Science, 2 years of foreign language or fine arts, and 2 years of electives.

Priority filing date of November 15.

Worth Noting: Psychology, health and human services & computer science. Has reinstated the teacher's education program. A metamajor philosophy. Students go into 1 of 7 larger groups for gen eds. These 7 are: STEM, education, humanities, business, social & behavioral, arts & discovery (or undecided). Starting a forensics team this fall. Most students qualify for financial assistance. Counselor-in-residence program specifically for students needing mental health support.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY, Bloomington/Normal

Requirements: Looking at students individually. Mid-range ACT between 21 and 26 or SAT between 1,030 – 1,200; GPA is 3.1 to 3.8. Optional personal statement explaining why ISU is a good fit for student is recommended with ACT < 21 and GPA < 3.0. Middle 50% GPA: 3.07 – 3.83.

Size: 18,107 undergrads

Cost: \$24,482

Required Courses: 4 English, 3 Math, 2 Social Science, 2 Natural Science, 2 Foreign Language or Fine Arts, plus 2 electives. (Must have 2 years of same language or 2 years of any Fine Arts.) Students self report transcript and test scores.

Priority filing deadline for all materials is November 15th

Worth Noting: Education, business, nursing, speech pathology, athletic training, cyber security. Freshmen with 3.0 GPA and 1200+ SAT or 25+ ACT receive merit based scholarships. New bachelor's of science in sustainability. New bachelor's of art in studio art. Will have Varsity E-sports within the year. This is for gamers and is a D1 sport.

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, Chicago

Requirements: Top half **AND** 18 ACT Composite. Admission Decision Score GPA times (200) and ACT times (10) (if above 649 or higher = automatic admission). A variety of **summer bridge** programs are available for students who need to enhance both academic and social skills and confidence.

Size: 6,390 undergrads.

Cost: \$11,462 (Housing costs an additional approximately \$11,350).

Required Courses: 4 English, 3 Social Science, 3 Math, 3 Lab Science, 2 years of Foreign Language or 2 years Fine Arts or any combination of 1 Foreign Language/1 Fine Art.

Deadline: July 15, 2020

Worth Noting: Retention and student success are priorities. Regarded as most diverse public university in midwest. Hispanic institution "designation." Students of color make up 60% of population. Extensive support for undocumented students. Apartment-style housing on campus. Campus safety is ranked high. Affordable.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, DeKalb

Requirements: 2.75 GPA and 19 ACT or 990 SAT OR 2.5 GPA and ACT 23 or 1140 SAT; It is recommend that students apply by 11/15 for best consideration. Priority deadline of 2/1 for financial aid. For 2019: Middle 50% GPA 2.86-3.71; Middle 50% ACT: 19-25. Personal statement is recommended only for students below priority admission standards. Students can self-report grades. *Huskie pledge:* IL students with a 3.0 or higher and family income less than \$75,000 may qualify for a tuition free grant.

Size: 12,788 undergrads

Cost: \$24,000

Required Courses: 4 English, 3 Math, 3 Science, 3 Social Studies, 2 electives. (Must be Foreign Language, Art or Music).

Worth Noting: Business, nursing & engineering, including biomedical and mechatronics. New minor in addiction studies. Rare major of sports management. Actuarial program. A place for students to be undecided. 50% of students enter undecided. 5 exploratory tracks offered. Celebrate bilingualism and offer certificates earning close to a minor in world languages. Test optional merit scholarships. Social mobility is a goal of university. Holmes Student Center undergoing total revitalization to increase supports for all students. Great school to consider for students who may be late in application process.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, Carbondale

Requirements: Holistic review. Students with a 2.0 GPA and an ACT 23 or 1130 SAT or 3.0 GPA and ACT 18 or 960 SAT are admitted. Individual review of application is available for marginal students. Optional personal statements & letters of recommendation. Middle 50%: 2.73-3.56 GPA and ACT: 20-26.

Size: 9,552 undergrads

Cost: \$25,326

Required Courses: 4 English, 3 Math (4 Math highly recommended), 3 Lab Science, 3 Social Science, 3 Electives (foreign language must include 2 semesters of the same language).

December 1 fall priority deadline (for maximum scholarship consideration).

Worth Noting: Business, communications, engineering, aviation, & automotive technology. New bachelor of science in business analytics. There is a secondary application for the BSN program. There are 2 new doctoral programs in occupational therapy and physical therapy. Pre-professional tracks for undergraduates in OT and PT. Opened a new E-sports Arena this fall for those interested in gaming. New women's soccer team this fall. First Saluki Center was created to support including mentorship for **first generation** college students. 40% of students identify as first gen.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, Edwardsville

Requirements: Middle 50%: ACT: 20-25 or 940-1160 SAT. Looking for 2.5 GPA and ACT 18 or 960 SAT. If below, send personal statement and/or 7th semester grades. A 5-week **summer bridge program** for credit is available.

Size: 10,833 undergrads

Cost: \$22,100

Required Courses: 4 English, 3 Math, 3 Science, 3 Social Studies, 2 Electives.

Priority filing deadline is December 1st

Worth Noting: Offers direct admit into nursing, business, education and engineering. School of pharmacy offers conditional admit. Developing a cyber security engineering program that should be offered in 2021. Bio processed chemistry is for those students who want to be brewmasters.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, Chicago

Requirements: Sliding scale. Look at admission grid online for guidelines; however, individual review is utilized. Last year, middle 50% ACT: 20-27 and 3.0-3.9 GPA. Use Common Application.

Size: 20,783 undergrads

Cost: \$26,800 (tuition varies by academic program)

Required Courses: 4 English, 3 Math, 3 Lab Sciences, 3 Social Studies, 2 Foreign Languages (Recommended), 1 elective.

November 1 is Early Action. November 1st for scholarship consideration.

Worth Noting: Business, engineering, nursing, health sciences, architecture, education, social work. New academic residential complex is available for 3,800 students on a first-come basis. Opened an engineering innovation building or 50,000 square feet of new space. This space is run by students in the business program. A campus that prides itself on being inclusive. Diverse student population. New programs are BA in design studies and BS in human resource mgmt. Fastest growing college is applied health sciences.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, Champaign/Urbana

Requirements: Varies from college to college; see online bulletin accompanying application; 2019 admitted profile was 1280-1490 SAT or 27-33 ACT with 3.45 – 3.92 GPA; admits “best qualified students in state”.

Students self-report grades and test scores. Recommends that students take more classes than the minimum requirements. See website.

Size: 33,700 undergrads

Cost: \$31,000-\$36,100 (Varies depending on program of study)

Required Courses: 4 English, 3-3.5 Math, 2 Science, 2 Social Studies, 2 Foreign Language (same language), 2 Electives; also 2 required essays if choosing 2 majors (highly recommended).

Priority filing deadline is November 1st with notification in mid-December.

Worth Noting: Engineering, business, liberal arts and fine arts. Now 3 pathways to pursue computer science (engineering, CS + X & information science). Admit students by college & academic major. Students should explore “**Program explorer**” or U of I’s online tool to explore majors, admission criteria and potential career interests. Will have largest and most diverse freshman class in history. Students should sign up for myillini account.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, Springfield

Requirements: Use holistic review. Middle 50%: ACT: 20-27 or 990 – 1218 SAT; GPA: 2.91-3.8. If below 2.75 or 18 ACT or 960, students should submit a personal statement. Letters of recommendation are considered. No minimum criteria.

Size: 2,814 undergrads

Cost: \$23,323

Required: Look at courses, GPA, test scores, personal/academic statement and letters of recommendations strongly recommended. 4 English, 3 Science, 3 Social Studies, 3 Math, 2 Foreign Language OR 2 years of Fine Arts.

Priority deadline is December 1 but accepts applications thru May 1.

Worth Noting: Business, education, biology, computer science, psychology, criminology & criminal justice. Campus radio for experiential learning. Division 2 athletics. Diversity on campus with many non -traditional students. Inclusion and diversity center. Generous scholarships. Affordable.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, Macomb

Requirements: Primarily considers high school GPA and ACT or SAT score. If lower than middle which is

ACT 21 or SAT 1060 and 3.0 high school GPA, students are encouraged to write a personal statement that addresses academic goals and how to realize those goals at WIU; Letter of recommendation will be considered. Middle 50%: 2.76 -3.71 GPA; ACT: 18-23 or SAT: 940-1100.

Size: 5,957 undergrads

Cost: \$21,000

Required Courses: 4 English, 3 Social Studies, 3 Math, 3 Science, 2 Electives

Priority deadline for financial aid is February 1.

Worth Noting: Broadcasting, sports broadcasting, multimedia journalism; engineering, law enforcement, nursing, sociology, education, forensics. Meteorology has new doppler system. New environmental geology major includes field trips to Yellowstone. Criminology program has new lab. New majors in electrical, civil and mechanical engineering. Speech pathology and audiology. Nursing offers direct admit style option with 1160 SAT or 24 ACT or 3.0 GPA. Costs locked for 4 years. There is a reach program and 2 offices for student development.

Timeline for Juniors: College Admissions Countdown 2019-20

www.d125.org/college

We look forward to navigating the post-secondary process with you and your family over the next two years! Below is a list of college and career websites that students and parents might find beneficial:

www.d125.org/college	- Stevenson's College/Career Center website
www.collegeboard.org	- College Board-related testing information, plus college search resources
www.act.org	- ACT registration, practice tests, etc.
www.campustours.com	- virtual college tours
nces.ed.gov/ipeds/	- multi-faceted site sponsored by the federal government
www.isac.org	- IL Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) financial planning website
www.finaid.org	- comprehensive and objective resource for financial aid information
www.fastweb.com	- a free national database scholarship search site
www.studentaid.ed.gov	- U.S. Department of Education financial aid website
stats.bls.gov/ooh/	- U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Outlook Handbook website

College Representative Visits at Stevenson:

Dates, times, and locations are posted in Naviance. Below are just a few of the more attended visits. How to attend:

- 1) Sign-up in Naviance and print the sign-up confirmation page. Please include your ID# on the page.
- 2) Please have your teacher sign the confirmation page at least 2 school days prior to the visit.
- 3) Bring the signed page to the College Career Center on the day of the visit.

Sept. 3rd	4 th period	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – West Auditorium
Sept. 5th	5 th period	Indiana University – West Auditorium
Oct. 10th	1 st period	Boston University – CCC
Oct. 10th	3 rd period	Vanderbilt University – CCC
Oct. 10th	5 th period	Michigan State University – CCC
Oct. 23rd	6 th period	University of Iowa – CCC

Students and families should also consider **visiting college campuses** during junior year. Students should refer to Office of Admission website to schedule a visit.

Standardized Testing:

The class of 2021 will receive a free SAT with Essay on April 14th, through Stevenson High School. Students can register for additional tests online (either ACT at www.act.org and/or the SAT at www.collegeboard.org/testing). Students should check with colleges to see if they require the writing/essay section respectively. Both websites offer free practice tests. Students can connect their College Board account, with a Khan Academy account for free, to receive customized test prep.

Career Resources:

Investigate our Career Exploration Program: <https://www.d125.org/academics/career-exploration>

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

September

Sept. 9 North Suburban NCAA Evening, 7:00 pm, Wauconda High School

Sept. 21 *National Portfolio Day in Milwaukee* for students interested in studying fine and performing arts.

<https://nationalportfolioday.org/>

October

Oct. 2 Meet with counselors during Activity Period

Oct. 3 **Financial Aid Information Night**, 7:00 pm, Performing Arts Center

Oct. 5 *National College Fair*, 11:00-3:00 at McCormick Place in Chicago (Saturday)*

Oct. 6 *National College Fair*, 12:00-3:00 at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee (Sunday)*

**(list of exhibitors & directions for either college fair, go to www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs)*

Oct. 5 SAT @SHS

Oct. 10 *Illinois Regional College Fair*, 6:00 – 8:00 pm at College of Lake County Grayslake. Register at www.clcillinois.edu/events/collegefair

Oct. 16 PSAT/NMSQT at SHS. All juniors will take this test during the school day. Scores also used for National Merit Scholarship eligibility (approximately top 1% qualify)

Oct. 20 *National Portfolio Day in Chicago* for students interested in studying fine and performing arts.

<https://nationalportfolioday.org/>

- Oct. 22 CHOICES**, 6:00 – 8:30 pm, New Trier High School, *Northfield Campus*. Special Education Post-Secondary Planning Night. Area-wide event for students with 504s or IEPs and their families. For more information see www.postsecondarychoices.org/choices-fair-2019
- Oct. 24 Chicago Performing and Visual Arts Fair**, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, University of Illinois at Chicago (list of exhibitors & directions for either college fair, go to www.nacacfairs.org/attend/pva/chicago-performing-and-visual-arts-college-fair/)
- Oct. 26 ACT**, (off campus)
- Oct. 30 First Generation to United States Undergraduate Admission Night**, ****NEW**** 6:30 – 9:00 pm, PAC

November

- Nov. 2 SAT**, (off campus)
- Nov. 20 College Night for Junior Families**, 7:00 pm, Performing Arts Center. This program for juniors highlights the entire college selection process.

December

- Dec. 7 SAT**, (off campus)
- Dec. 14 ACT**, (off campus)

January

- Meet with counselors during activity period to review course selection procedures for senior year courses.
 - Meet with counselors through English classes to select courses for the 2020-21 school year.
 - **“Post Secondary SCoPE Meetings”** information mailed to junior families. Junior SCoPEs are forty-five minute college counseling appointments with a Stevenson post secondary counselor that runs February through June.
- Jan. 25 GAP Year Fair**, 12:00 – 3:00 pm, New Trier High School, *Winnetka Campus*.

February

- Feb. 8 ACT @ SHS**

March

- Mar. 14 SAT**, (off campus)
- Mar. 12 Illinois Regional College Fair**, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, College of Lake County Grayslake.

April - College Focus Seminars. Meeting in the CCC during math classes with post secondary counselors and college rep.

- Apr. 4 ACT @ SHS**.
- Apr. 14 SAT + Essay**. All juniors will take this test during the school day.

May

- May 2 SAT** (off campus)
- May 4 to 15 - Advanced Placement Exams** at SHS.


Summer

- June 6 SAT, @ SHS**
- June 13 ACT**, (off campus)
- July 18 ACT**, (off campus)
- Aug. 29 Anticipated SAT**, (TBD)

Instructions for Naviance (Post Secondary Exploration Resource)

Naviance and Family Connection

1. www.d125.org/college, click on “Naviance” located on the right rail.
2. *Student log-on*: 1st initial of first name + 1st six letters of last name + last digit of grad year + @students.d125.org (For example, Steven Patriot (Class of 2021) = spatrio21@students.d125.org)
3. Password is your SHS network password.

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