

# WELCOME!

Please sit in a chair with a lap board, ensuring that there are four chairs in between you and the next attendee (other than your spouse).

Masks must be worn at all times.

Please practice social distancing and do not gather with others before or after the presentation.

If you have **individual questions** about your student please email or call us at a later date.

# THANK YOU!

# Senior Parent Night

Dr. Mike DiNardo (Principal)

Mrs. Kristin Overton, M.S. (A-K)

Mrs. Christine Paton, M.S. (L-Z)

Mrs. Wanda Monroe, M.S. (Non-Public Counselor)

Mrs. Diane Rahm (Registrar and Admin. Assistant)

# REMIND Texts

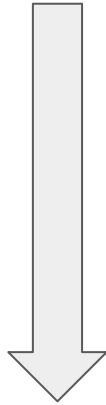
You and your student will receive pertinent information about upcoming events, college representative visits and college fairs, as well as important deadlines. If you have students in multiple grades you may want to subscribe to both of their classes as some texts will be grade-level specific. We promise not to overload you!

Here's how to sign up:

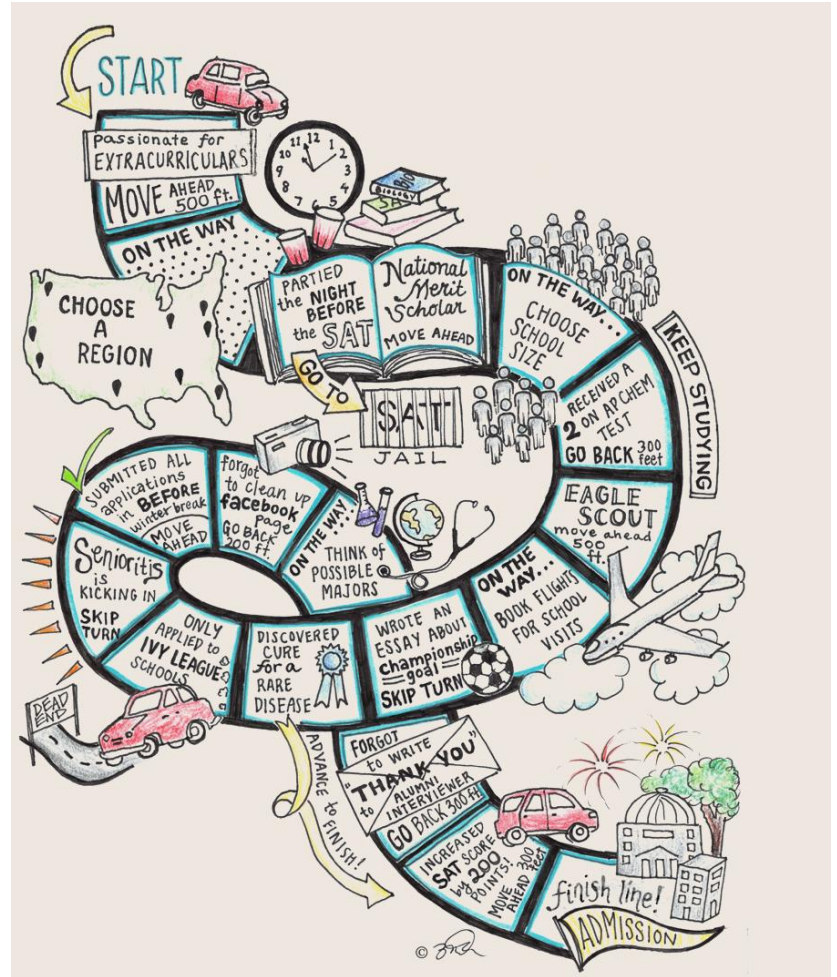
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- Class of 2021 - text @21overton or @21paton to the number 81010
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- Class of 2023 - text @23overton or @23paton to the number 81010

# Goal for Tonight

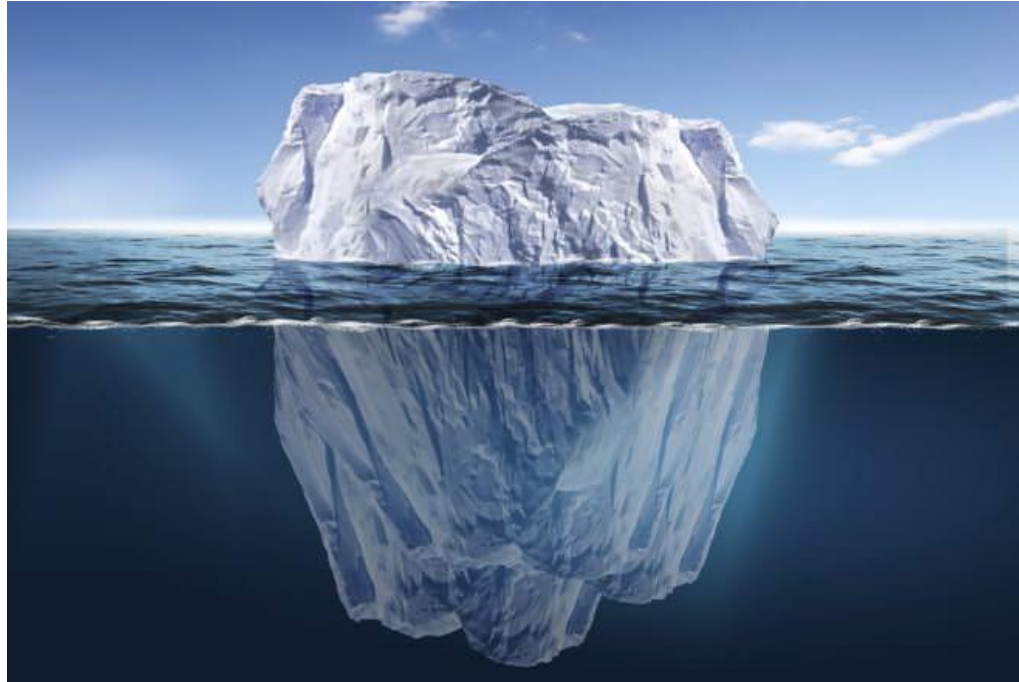
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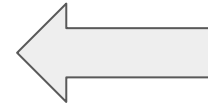
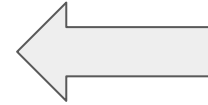
College



# College Application Process



**Stress &  
Competition**



**Fear and Anxiety**

# Inside the College Admissions Process



# Let the student own the process

- Happier with their choice
- Less likely to transfer
- More likely to graduate



# Adding Colleges/Transcript Request via Naviance

The screenshot displays the Naviance Student interface. At the top left, the Naviance logo is followed by the text "Naviance | Student". On the top right, there are navigation links for "Home", "Colleges", "Careers", "About Me", and "My Planner". Below the header, a welcome message "Welcome, Baxter!" is shown. To the left of the search bar is a link "Search for Colleges" with a dropdown arrow. The search bar itself contains the placeholder text "Type a college name" and a magnifying glass icon. To the right of the search bar is a "SEARCH" button. Below the search bar, the dashboard is divided into two main sections. The left section, titled "Welcome", features a dark blue header and a white background with the text "Welcome to Minnehaha Academy Naviance website!" in red. A "Read more" button is located at the bottom of this section. The right section, titled "My Favorites", also has a dark blue header and a white background. It contains three items, each with a red heart icon and a category label: "COLLEGES I'm thinking about", "COLLEGES I'm applying to", and "CAREERS AND CLUSTERS I'm thinking about".

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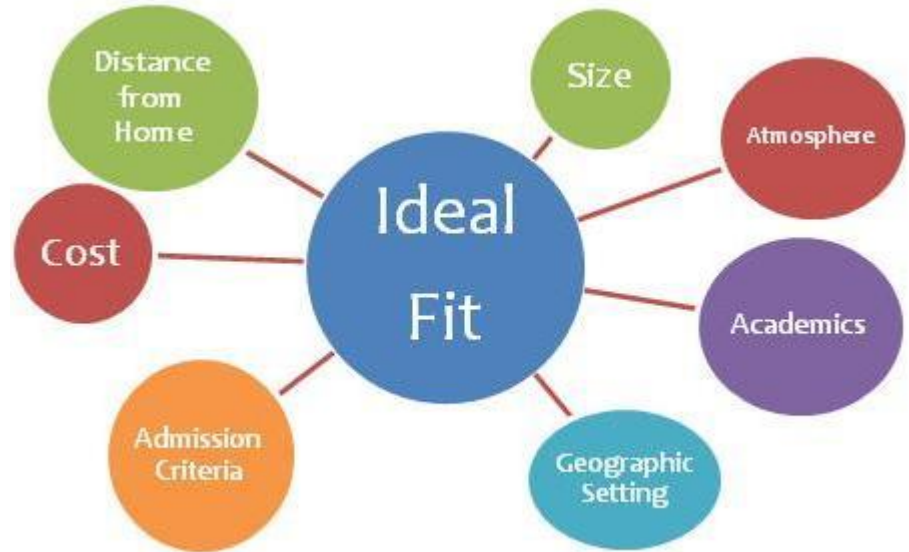
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# What makes for a good college “fit?”

- Academic
- Social
- Financial



# Postgraduate Paths - Class of 2020

- Public College/University - 27%
- Private College/University - 64%
- Community College - 4%
- Public/Private Technical College - 2%
- Gap Year - 3%
- Distinctively Christian College/University - 8%
- Selective College/University - 14%
- Out-of-State - 57%

**Malcolm Gladwell**

Perspective on Selective Schools

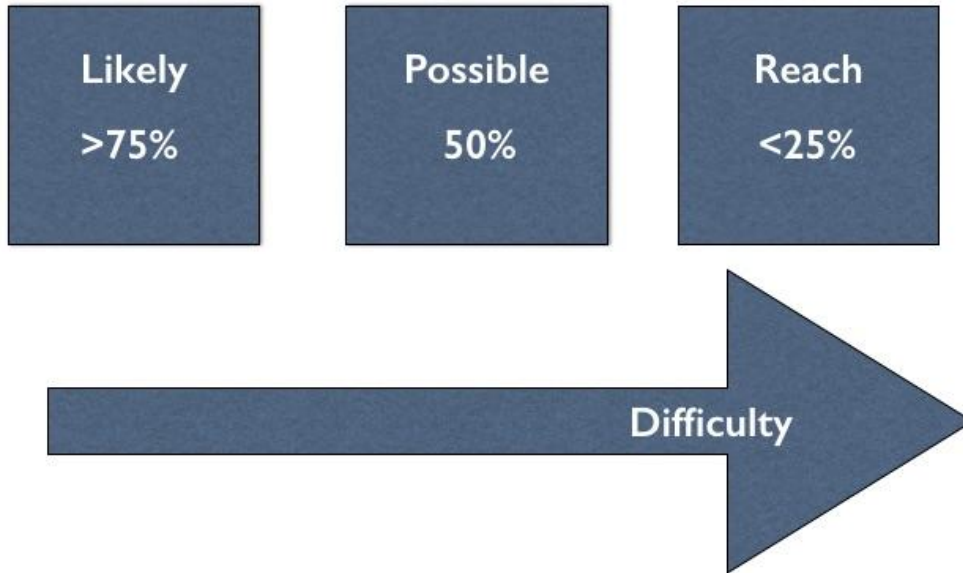


# Top Factors in Admissions Decisions

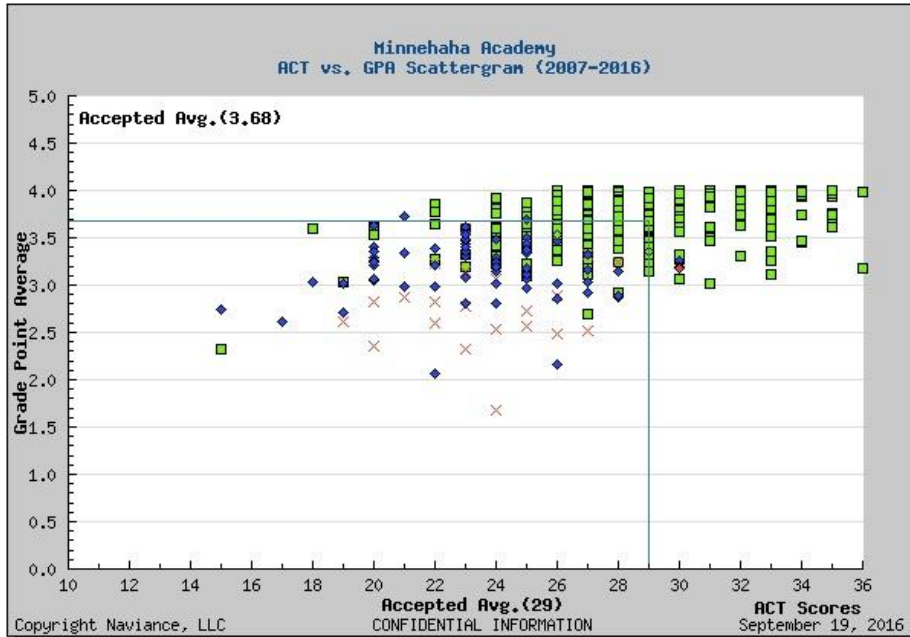
Factor	Considerable Importance	Moderate Importance	Limited Importance	No Importance
Grades in college prep courses	<b>79.2</b>	13.0	6.9%	0.9%
All grades	<b>60.3</b>	31.0	8.7	0.0
Strength of curriculum	<b>60.2</b>	26.8	10.0	3.0
Admissions tests	<b>55.7</b>	32.5	7.9	3.9
Essay writing	<b>22.1</b>	39.0	21.6	17.3

# Checking Your Student's College List

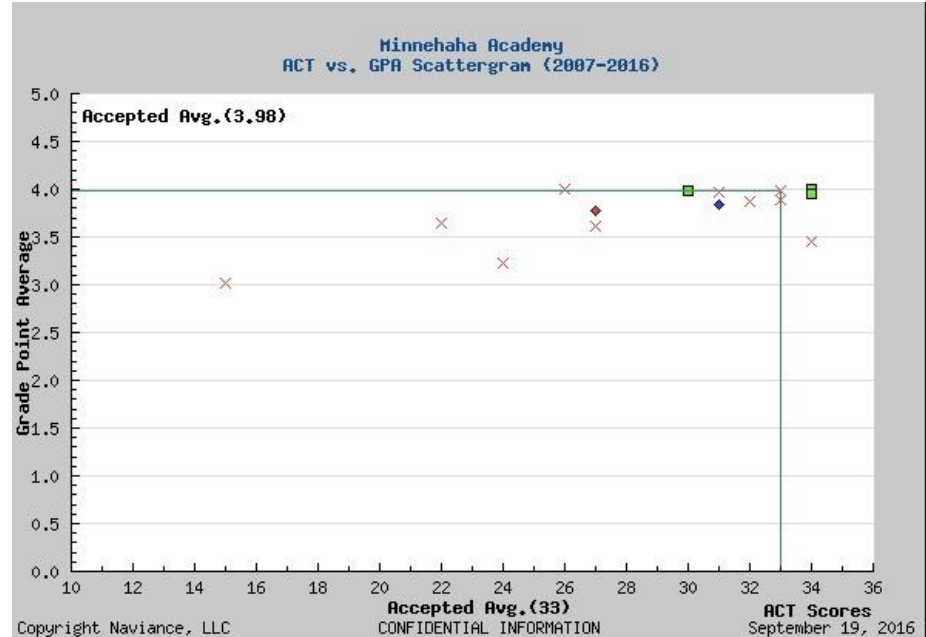
- Do they have a good balance of likely, possible and reach schools?
- Will they be truly happy attending any of the choices on their list?



# Naviance Scattergram



University of Minnesota - Twin Cities



Georgetown University

# College Visits (Vary by college - check with individual institutions via website or by calling admissions)

- Good times to visit are:

- MEA Weekend
- Long Weekends
- Spring Break

- Immersive Visits

- Eat in cafeteria
- Sit in on a class
- Sleep in dorm



# College Fairs

## NACAC Virtual College Fairs - [virtualcollegefairs.org](https://virtualcollegefairs.org)

- **Sunday, Sept. 13**  
12 - 8 p.m. ET
- **Monday, Oct. 12**  
1 - 9 p.m. ET
- **Sunday, Oct. 18**  
12 - 8 p.m. ET
- **Sunday, Nov. 8**  
2 - 10 p.m. ET

Each virtual fair is a free, one-day event. Attend as often as you like. Parents invited, too.

## MISP College Fair

- **September 27th**, 12 - 3 p.m. Look for more info by September 8th.



# Standardized Testing

List of schools going test optional for 2021 and beyond:

<https://www.compassprep.com/college-profiles>

## ACT

- September 12, 13 and 19, 2020
- October 10 and 17, 2020

## SAT

- September 26, 2020
- October 3, 2020

SEND IN TEST SCORES **TWO WEEKS** BEFORE  
COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINE.

## Sending Test Scores

- Remember: The STUDENT sends test scores!
- SAT/ACT - at least 2 weeks prior to application deadline.
- AP - Typically by July 15 after senior year
- Which scores? Talk to admissions rep and look on website to see if college superscores.

# Application Deadlines

- Early Decision
  - October 15, November 1, or November 15
  - Binding decision
  - You can only apply to one E.D. school (withdraw other apps if accepted)
- Early Action
  - October 15, November 1, or November 15
  - Non-binding decision
  - You can apply to as many E.A. schools as you like
- Priority Deadline - (Univ. of Minnesota Twin Cities, Univ. of Wisconsin Madison)
  - November 1
- Regular Decision
  - January 1 or March 15
- Rolling Admission
  - Accepts applications throughout the year

# Letters of Recommendation

- Who writes them?
- How many?
- Other sources?
- What is my role?



## A few more tips...

- Interviews/Meeting Reps
- Scholarship Applications
- Auditions/Portfolios
  - Arts Supplements
- NCAA Eligibility Center - Division I & II
  - Remember - the admissions office, not the coach, admits student

## Looking ahead...

- Decisions begin to arrive in mid-December
- Financial aid packages arrive by end of April
- Beware of the “Senior Slide”
- May 1st - Decision Day!

# One last thing...

## Parent Brag Sheet

- Will be emailed out tomorrow morning
- Complete and send via email as an attachment to your student's counselor ASAP
- The more anecdotal information and examples you share, the better
- Your brag sheet compliments the brag sheet your student is asked to fill out as well
- You know your child best - tell us all about them!

# ADVICE OR QUESTIONS?

