

College Night for Junior Families 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?

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): If you attended college, how did you choose it? How do you hope to support your child in this process?

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 PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES 2020-2021 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. No application fees. Partial test-optional policy, if a student has a 2.75 or higher, no test scores are needed. Test scores are not needed for scholarships but is required for the honors program.

Size: 2,108 undergrads

Cost: \$23,761

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. Rise Academy allows students to take a 3 credit hour course over summer, Rise Scholars will receive full-tuition scholarship and free laptop. New major in Supply Chain Management.

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. **Gateway program** for programs with students with GPA of 2.0 & 17 ACT. Waiving application fee until Oct. 15th. Honors program is looking for a 3.75 GPA. Test-optional, if a 3.3 will be automatically admitted. If GPA is between 2.5 - 3.29, applicant will be reviewed holistically. Scholarships start at a 3.3. Submitting a test score can only help applicants, it will never harm them.

Size: 6,229 undergrads

Cost: \$22,028

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 a public university. Both school and Charleston are known to be affordable. Textbook rental system saves money. New electrical engineering program. 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. Test-optional for students with a 2.75 (unweighted GPA) is anticipated for Fall of 2021 applicants.

Size: 3,163 undergrads

Cost: \$20,718

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 1st.

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. AIM High Scholarship starts at a 2.75 GPA.

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: 3.2 – 3.9. Test-optional including scholarships and honors programs. Scholarships start at a 3.3 GPA. If applying test-optional, official transcripts are required. Test scores can only help an applicant, it will not hurt them.

Size: 18,250 undergrads

Cost: \$24,978

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. Varsity E-sports is a D1 sport. New program: Creative Technologies.

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. Test-optional, if an applicant has a 2.5 or higher, guaranteed admission.

Size: 5,220 undergrads.

Cost: \$11,862 (Housing costs an additional approximately \$9,00).

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. New majors in Women's Gender and Sexuality and in Urban Community Studies.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, DeKalb

Requirements: Test-Blind for admission, scholarships, and honors program (except for nursing applicants need a test score), guaranteed admission with GPA of 3.0 or higher. 2.0 - 2.99 will undergo a holistic review.; It is recommended that students apply by 11/15 for best consideration. No application fee. Part of Common Application now. Priority deadline of 2/1 for financial aid. Personal statement is recommended only for students below priority admission standards. Students can self-report grades. Scholarships start at a 3.0 GPA. *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: 12,131 undergrads

Cost: \$24,222

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 major in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. New minor in Rehabilitation Counseling and Esports Industry Profession. 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. 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%: ACT: 20-26. Avg. GPA is a 3.24. Test-optional for students who meet 2.75 GPA and course requirements. Will also earn a minimum of a \$1,500 scholarship as well.

Size: 8,466 undergrads

Cost: \$25,726

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).

November 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. Apply between Oct. 5th - 18th, application will be free. Test-optional, if applicant has a 2.6 GPA or higher, will be automatically admitted. Applicants between 2.0-2.59 will undergo a holistic review. Direct admit programs, honors program, and scholarships are also test-optional (but must meet the minimum requirements). Test Scores will only help applicants, it will not harm if shared.

Size: 10,400 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 cybersecurity 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 Mid 50% SAT 1040 - 1400, and 3.0-3.8 GPA; varies by college. Use Common Application. Test-optional for 2021 including scholarships and GPPA program.

Size: 21,644 undergrads

Cost: \$26,638 (tuition varies by academic program) - \$15,462 for commuters

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. Test-optional for class of 2021, the decision is irreversible. Recommends that students take more classes than the minimum requirements. See website.

Size: 33,700 undergrads

Cost: \$32,814-\$37,908 (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).

Early Action filing deadline is November 15st with notification in mid-February.

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. New majors in Metropolitan Food & Environment, Brain and Cognitive Sciences, and Sustainable Design.

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. Test-optional for 2021 including Honors program. Now using unweighted GPA only.

Size: 2,674 undergrads

Cost: \$21,411

Required: Look at courses, GPA, test scores, personal/academic statement and letters of recommendation 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 based of GPA. Affordable.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, Macomb

Requirements: Test-optional, applicants with a 2.75 or higher are automatically admitted. Applicants with a 2.0-2.74 will be reviewed holistically and 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%: 2.72 -3.5 GPA; ACT: 18-25 or SAT: 940-1150. Students with a 3.3 or higher will have at least a \$3,000 scholarship.

Size: 4,498 undergrads on Macomb's campus

Cost: \$21,523

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. Newer environmental geology major includes field trips to Yellowstone. Criminology program has new lab. Supply Chain Management graduates have 100% job placement. 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 2020-21

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 and at <https://www.d125.org/academic/college>. Below are several of our most popular visits. Refer to our website on how to sign up. Please ask your teacher to attend a rep visit at least 2 school days prior to the visit.

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| Sept. 2nd | 5 th period | Indiana University |
| Sept. 10th | 4 th period | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign |
| Sept. 15th | 4th period | University of Chicago |
| Sept. 29th | 4th period | University of Michigan |
| Sept. 29th | 6 th period | Miami University (OH) |

Students and families should also consider virtual information visits and/or visiting college campuses during junior year (if option is available). Students should refer to the Office of Admission website to schedule a visit.

Standardized Testing:

The class of 2022 will receive a free SAT with Essay on April 13th and, through Stevenson High School. In addition, students can take an ACT on March 2 at SHS. Juniors will receive information regarding the March 2nd administration in January 2021.

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 - [Read e-Minuteman and Daily Digest for event information](#)

September

Sept. 10 North Suburban NCAA Evening (College Athletes), 7:00 pm, Stevenson High School

Sept. 13 NACAC Virtual College Fair, To learn more and register, visit <http://www.nacacfairs.org/virtual>

October

Oct. 1 Financial Aid Information Night, 7:00 pm

Oct. 3 SAT @SHS

Oct. 8 First Generation to United States Undergraduate Admission Night, 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Oct. 12 & 14 NACAC Virtual College Fair, To learn more and register, visit <http://www.nacacfairs.org/virtual>

Oct. 14 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 18 National Portfolio Day in Chicago/Milwaukee for students interested in studying fine and performing arts. <https://nationalportfolioday.org/>

Oct. 20 Choices College Fair for students with an IEP or 504 Plan, 6 – 8:30 pm, Maine South High

School. More information at <https://postsecondarychoices.org/choices-fair-2020>

Oct. 24 ACT, (off campus)

November

Nov. 7 SAT, (off campus)

Nov. 8 **NACAC Virtual College Fair**, To learn more and register, visit <http://www.nacacfairs.org/virtual>

December

Dec. 5 SAT, (off campus)

Dec. 9 **College Night for Junior Families**, 7:00 pm. This program for juniors highlights the entire college selection process.

Dec. 12 ACT, (off campus)

January

- Meet with counselors to review course selection procedures for senior year courses.
- Meet with counselors through English classes to select courses for the 2021-22 school year.
- “**Post Secondary SCoPE Meetings**” information mailed to junior families. Junior P-SCoPEs are forty-five minute college counseling appointments with a Stevenson post secondary counselor that runs February through June.

Jan. TBD **GAP Year Fair**, New Trier High School, Winnetka Campus.

February

Feb. 6 ACT @ SHS

March

Mar. 2 - ACT (in-school, only for SHS juniors, registration required in January)

Mar. 13 SAT, (off campus)

Mar. TBD **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. 13 SAT + Essay, All juniors will take this test during the school day.

Apr. 17 ACT (off campus)

May

May 8 SAT (off campus)

May 3 to 14 - **Advanced Placement Exams** at SHS.

Summer

June 5 SAT, @ SHS

June 12 ACT, (off campus)

July 17 ACT, (off campus)

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*: Student SHS Email address
3. Password is your SHS network password.

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