

Getting ready for Senior Year

Class of 2022

OBJECTIVES FOR TODAY

Learn

Students will learn important information as a focus during the summer (prior to Senior Year)

Understand

Students will understand different postsecondary options

Understand

Students will understand graduation requirements

Graduation Requirements

Credits required for graduation: 22

Graduation required coursework:

- *English: 4 years*
- *Math: 3 years*
- *Science: 2 years*
- *Social Science: 2.5 years*
- *Health: 1 semester*
- *Art/Career & Technical Education/Foreign Language/Music: 1 year*
- *Physical Education: Enrolled all 4 years*
- *Consumer Education: 1 semester*

For further info on grad required coursework, please [click here](#).

**Successfully pass the
U.S. Constitution Test**

**Take the mandated State
assessments**

**Complete 40 hours of
community service**

**Complete either FAFSA,
Alternative Application,
or ISBE waiver**



SIMPLIFY THE POSTSECONDARY PLANNING PROCESS

Opportunities exist for everyone!!

These five steps can help simplify the planning process:

1. Understand your situation & your goals
2. Understand admission factors
3. Learn about College Admission tools (Naviance)
4. Explore postsecondary options
5. Develop a **plan** & Create personal email

Steelman Counseling - Junior Class

Class code dhe3afc

Meet link <https://meet.google.com/lookup/gdbqjwph3g>



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See Junior Timeline for list of steps to get you ready to apply to college this summer

Key Factors that colleges look for in applicants...



Grades in college prep courses and strength of curriculum



Standardized test scores (keep in mind that some colleges are Test Optional due to COVID)



Extra curricular activities, athletics, summer experiences, work experiences



Community Service (did you go beyond the required 40 hours?)



Application essays (personal statement), recommendations, interviews



Level of interest, potential fit, diversity, legacy, ability to overcome obstacles

Which Institution is Right for You?



College “Match” vs. College “Fit”

College Match

- Describes your ability to earn admission at a college or university that equals your academic qualifications

College Fit

- Finding a place that fits your educational and social needs that will best support your intellectual and social development

College Match

► Safety Schools

- Schools with flexible admissions requirements; student will most likely receive acceptance.

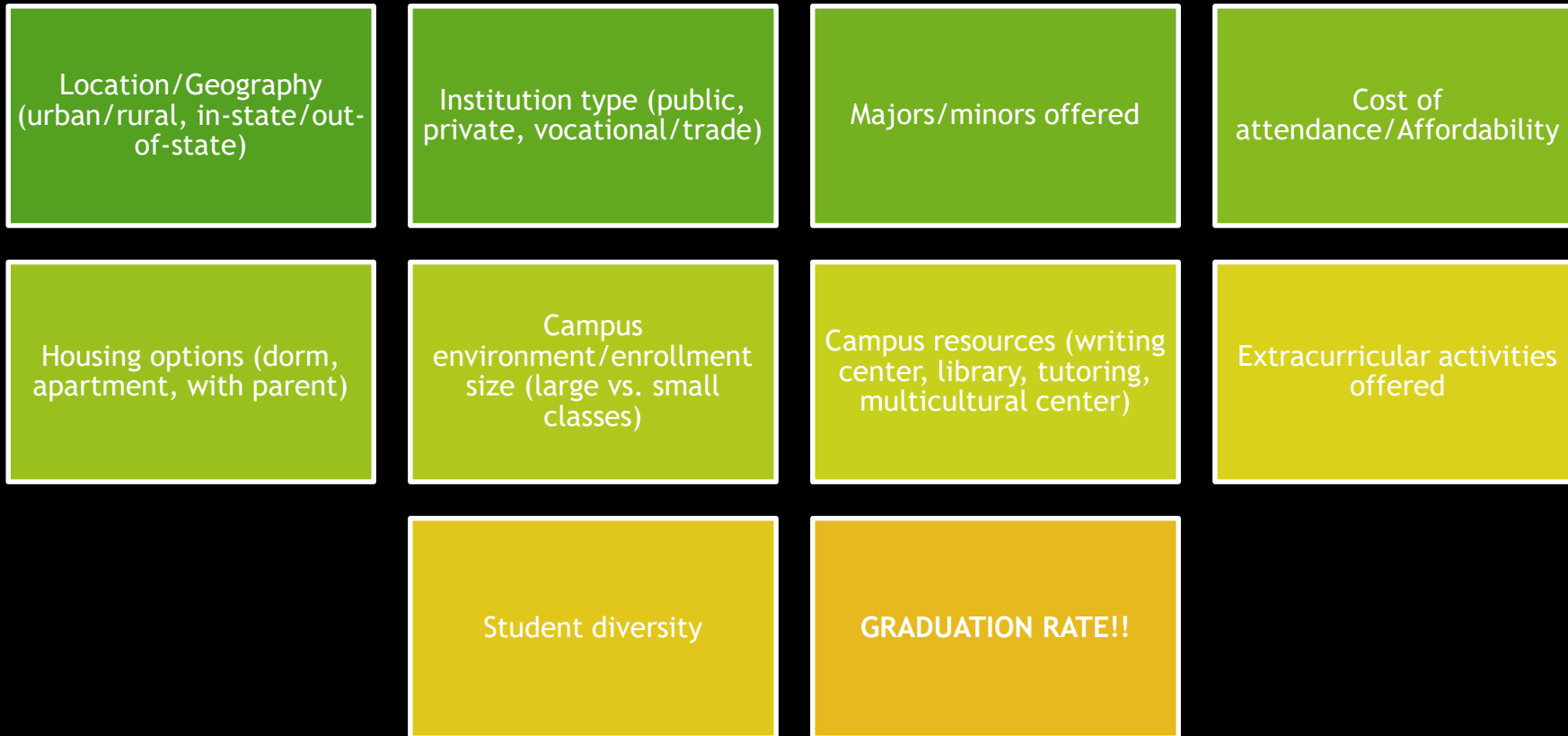
► Match Schools

- Schools that are a good fit for the student; student meets all the general academic requirements.

► Reach Schools

- Schools which may be the student's top choice but admittance to the school is difficult; student may fall short of academic requirements or competition is high for freshmen acceptance.

Finding the Right College Fit



Above all, think about where you will be the most happy and successful in your college life!!

College Options

2 Year College (Community College)

- Earn Associates Degree
- May transfer to a 4-year college or university to earn Bachelor's degree
- Fulfill general education requirements
- Admission requirements:
 - HS diploma, application, transcript, placement test



4-year college

- Earn Bachelor's degree in 4-5 years
- Can be Public or Private
- First two years are general education courses
- Admission requirements:
 - Require a minimum GPA and/or SAT score
 - Includes essay, letters of recommendation, activities, honors and awards



Northern Illinois University



Starting The College Application Process



Choose your top 5-7 college choices.



Identify admission requirements. GPA, ACT/SAT, etc.



Note the college's application deadlines

Early Acceptance/Commitment/Action

Early Application

Regular Application



Writing and Proofing College Essays.

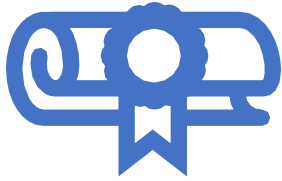


Letters of Recommendation (if needed).



Transcript sent, along with ACT/SAT.

Types of Application Deadlines



Early Decision - *Early decision* plans are binding — a student who is accepted as an ED applicant must attend the college.



Early Application & Early Action Deadline - *Early* action plans are nonbinding — students receive an *early* response to their *application* but do not have to *commit* to the college until the normal reply date of May 1. The hard sell is coming.



Regular Application Deadline - The deadline for regular decision applications is normally between January 1 and May 1, depending on the college. Get the bulk of your essays done and confirm who will write your recommendations in November, so you won't have a lot of last-minute work to do during the holiday season.

**NO BAN. NO WALL. NO HATE.
SANCTUARY FOR ALL!**



**YOU ARE
WELCOM
HERE**

Undocumented/Dacamented Students

- ▶ Students who are undocumented/have DACA do have options for college. Colleges have a specific person/department who will work with undocumented students in order to help get them enrolled
- ▶ Undocumented students are not eligible to fill out the FAFSA but can fill out the [Alternative Application](#) for financial Aid
- ▶ Some states and colleges are more “friendly” than others. [IACAC College Advising Guide for Undocumented Students](#)

Contact your counselor if you have additional questions

Contact Ms. Cardenas (mcardenas@jths.org) or Mrs. Ruiz (aruiz@jths.org) if you are interested in participating in an Undocumented Support group

- ▶ JJC has a page with information pertaining to how to register at JJC as well as contact information for [Undocumented Students](#)

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How to pay for College

- ▶ After October 1st, FAFSA and Alternative Application (for undoc/daca students) will be available to complete
- ▶ It's never too early to begin your research of scholarships available to college bound students
 - ▶ Joliet Central Scholarships: visit Joliet Central's page to see some of the scholarships posted specifically for Central students
 - ▶ College and University Scholarships: begin researching the college/university that you wish to attend to see if they offer scholarships based on grades (merit) or need (income)
 - ▶ Other reliable scholarship sites:
 - ▶ www.fastweb.com
 - ▶ <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- ▶ Figure out the cost of college based on your family's circumstances, fill out the Net Price Calculator

How can you work with your counselor?

- ▶ Counselors will hold senior interviews from the start of the school year through October 31 (we review graduation status/requirements and cater the conversation to each individual student)
- ▶ Counselors present information during English classes & email blast important information (CHECK YOUR EMAIL!)
- ▶ ISAC rep visits school every other week and meet in the College and Career Center- Room 279



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