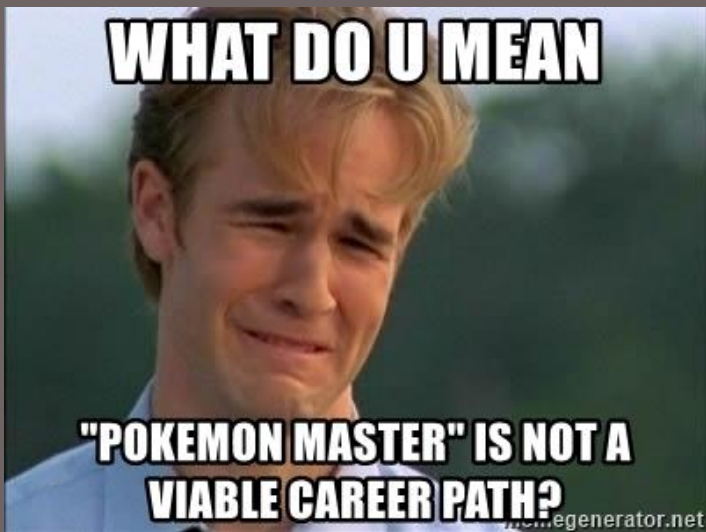


Crestwood High School Counseling Department Presents...

Future Planning for Underclassmen

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Choosing a Career Path:



1. Assess Yourself- what are your interests, skills and goals
2. Make a List
3. Explore your options!

Career Resources:

So many websites!

Occupational Outlook Handbook

- <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

CollegeBoard Big Future

- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/majors-careers>



What's the difference?



- Trade/ Technical School
- Associate's Degree
- Bachelor's Degree
- Master's Degree
- PhD

What is a trade school?

(Technical/Vocational School)

- Trade schools frequently offer certificates or diplomas indicating that students have completed a specific course of study.
 - Certifications can help you get a job with an organization that recognizes the certification.
 - Training programs/ classes are usually 1-2 years depending on the occupation.

Some Trade Schools in our area:

1) **Northcoast Training Academy**

Location: Kent, OH

Programs: Phlebotomy, Nursing, Medical Assistant,
Veterinary Assistant

2) **Ohio Technical College**

Location: Cleveland, OH

Programs: Automotive Technology, Auto Diesel Technology,
Classic Car Restoration Technology, Collision Repair &
Refinish Technology, Diesel Equipment Technology,
Manufacturer Training, Motorcycle and Powersports
Technology, High Performance and Racing Technology, Rod
& Custom Technology & Welding and Fabrication Technology

Some Trade Schools in our area:

- 3) **Cuyahoga Community College** Location: Several campuses
Programs: Construction, Health Care, Information Technology,
Manufacturing, Public Safety & Welding

- 4) **Raphael's School of Beauty** Several locations
Programs: Cosmetology, Massotherapy

- 5) **Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics** Vienna, OH
Programs: Airframe and Powerplant FAA Licensed mechanics

COMMUNITY COLLEGES:

Advantages:

- Technical degrees
- Transfer degrees and coursework
- Costs, proximity to home
- Almost half of all U.S. college students attend community colleges

PUBLIC COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES:

Advantages:

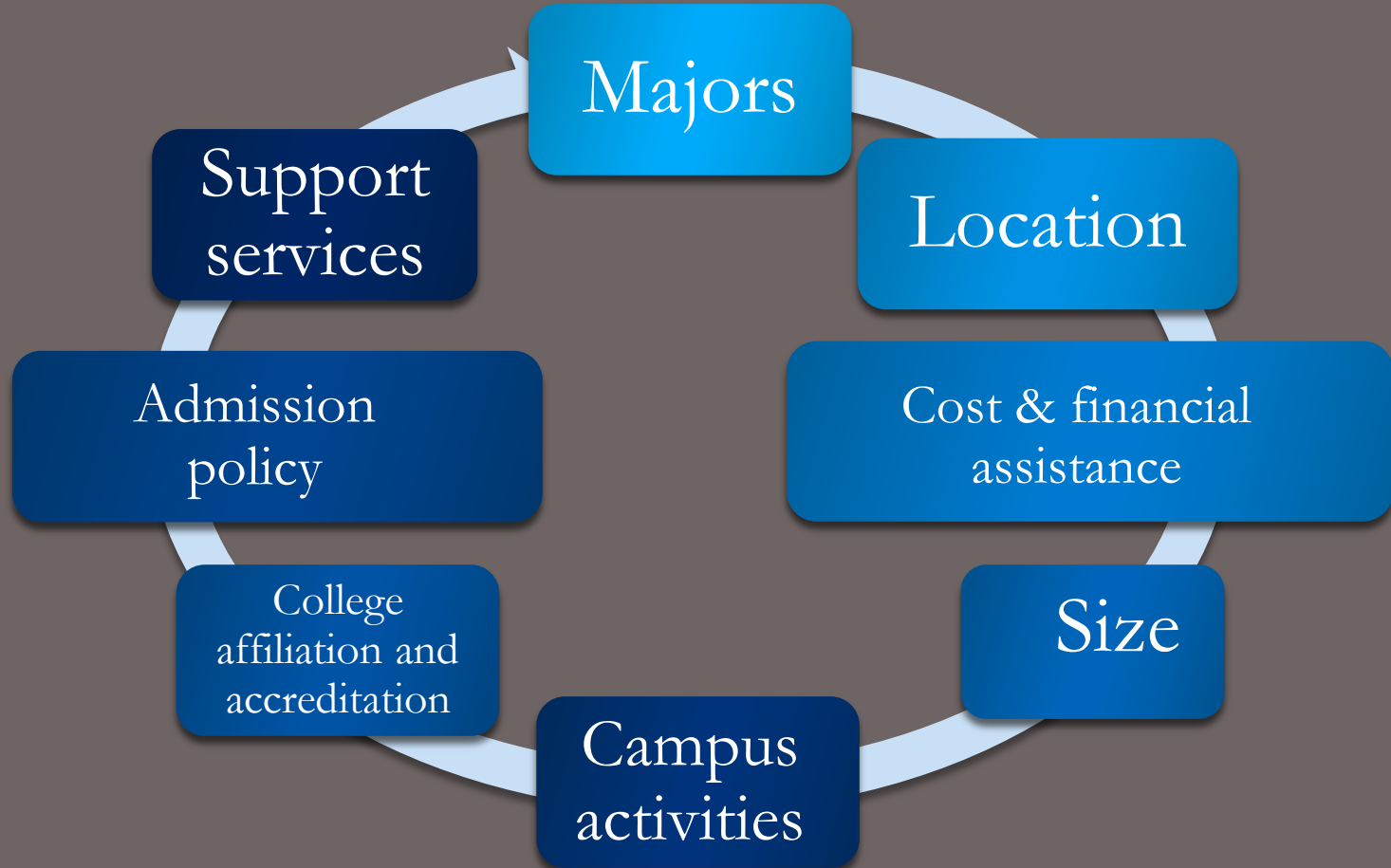
- Wide range of academic programs
- Affordable tuition
- Broad range of student life experiences and opportunities
- Diverse types of institutions from which to choose
 - Metropolitan, urban, rural, selective, moderately selective, open, large, medium, small

PRIVATE COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES:

Advantages:

- Small size of classes
- Low faculty/student ratio
- Strong financial aid and scholarship opportunities
- Wide range of locations, affiliations, and costs

CONSIDER COLLEGE CHARACTERISTICS



IS GETTING INTO COLLEGE HARD?

- **Open Admissions:**
 - Almost all students are accepted
 - Example: Kent State-Tuscarawas, Stark State, Wayne College
- **Selective Admissions:**
 - Certain GPAs, ACT/SAT scores are required. Also, an essay and/or interview are often required.
 - Examples: The University of Akron, College of Wooster
- **Competitive Admissions:**
 - Space is very limited. High school course selection, test scores, and extracurricular involvement are evaluated very carefully.
 - Examples: The Ohio State University, Oberlin College, Harvard University

GPA & ACT/SAT SCORES

- ***Important now....**
 - GPA and test scores not only influence college admission, but scholarships!
 - Most colleges look at a student's cumulative GPA at the conclusion of his/her junior year

ACT

www.ACT.org

- Multiple choice tests in English, math, reading, science reasoning, and optional writing test.

SAT

collegeboard.org

- Tests in evidence based reading and writing and math
 - **ACT offered at Crestwood HS for juniors for free**
 - **March 14, 2023**
 - **Take more than once**
 - **Practice tests online**

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY VISITS:

- Contact the Admissions Office to schedule a campus visit
- Make arrangements to attend an information session, take a campus tour, schedule an interview, visit classes, and meet with faculty
- If possible, visit when school is in session

Types of visit opportunities:

- Large open house visit programs
- Bus tours to campuses
- Individual visits
- Overnight visits
- Students can get an excused absence for attending a college visit

Financial Aid

Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) starting October 1. *Does not cover all expenses.*

- 1) Grants- Funds give that are “need based” and are not paid back
- 2) Scholarships-- Based on a student’s merits and are not paid back (check the college financial aid page and Crestwood’s counseling page for local scholarships)

<https://www.crestwoodschoools.org/1/Content2/20480>

- 3) Loans-- Paid back

Financial Aid

- 1) What is EFC? Estimated family contribution
 - a) The lower this number, the larger amount of GRANT money and loan money you are offered
 - b) It is possible that you could pay \$0 to a school like Tri-C or a branch campus of Kent State if your $EFC = 0$

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION:

Narrow your choices:

- Review college admission test requirements
- Know application fees and deadlines
- Know scholarship requirements

Application for admission:

- Most schools have an online application/common application
 - High school transcript
 - Admission test results (ACT or SAT)
 - Essays/Recommendations
- Apply Fall of Senior Year

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION:

- Apply Fall of Senior Year
- Goal: Before November 1
 - this ensures you are eligible for ALL scholarships. Some scholarships have deadlines even though you can still be admitted and accepted later.

WHAT CAN YOU BE DOING NOW?

- Focus on achieving great grades each year.
- Go on college visits!
- Start saving \$\$\$
- Get Involved!
- Have a **PLAN!** What courses will you take?

