



College Admission Testing 101

Presented by Alicia Williams
Interlake HS Counselor





Super Wednesday October 13, 2021

"Super Wednesday" – Wednesday, October 13	
Seniors	"Financial Aid Advising Day"– College and Career Advisors* <i>(Financial Aid Survey- HSBP task)</i> College Application/College Essay help- Counselors & Senior teachers
Juniors	PSAT
Sophomores	HSBP task- Career Interest Inventory & Game Plan Survey, Finish 4-year Course Planner College and Career Advisors* & Sophomore teachers
Freshmen	SBA English (75 minutes) and Math (60 minutes)



SAT School Day Thursday, October 28, 2021

- BSD will offer the SAT during the regular school day on Thursday, October 28.
- All Seniors and Juniors will have the opportunity to take the test and there is no cost.
- Scores will be released on the College board website on Nov 19th,

****All 11th & 12th grade students will be automatically registered to take the SAT on October 28.

Other options on that day at Interlake might include: (ASVAB, college essay writing, resume writing workshop, etc.).

Some of the options are student driven (internship, job shadowing, college visit, etc.).



Considerations SAT School Day

- Students typically take the SAT in Spring of their 11th grade year and fall of their 12th grade year.
- Some students choose to take the SAT or ACT earlier.
- Qualifying SAT scores (Math- 430 and English- 410) will meet the Graduation Pathway requirement for graduation.
- BSD will host the **Saturday SAT on behalf of the College Board** at their Bellevue High School testing site on **March 12, May 7 and June 4.**
- BSD families of 11th grade students will get an e-mail notification when these test dates are open for registration on the College Board website.



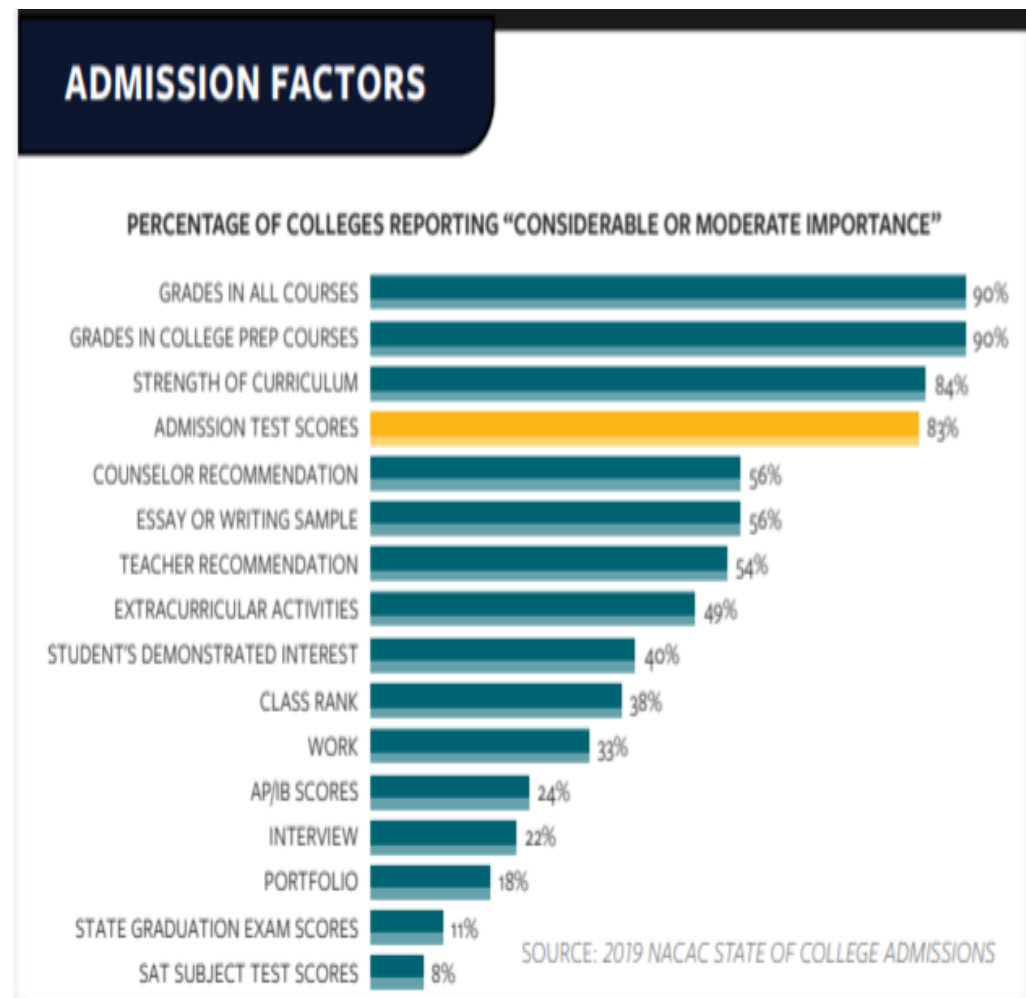
Considerations SAT School Day

- Roughly two-thirds of undergraduate institutions will not require SAT or ACT scores during the Fall 2022 admissions.
- Research shows up to 60% of scholarships require an SAT or ACT score to be submitted as part of the application process.
- While many colleges and universities suspended their SAT and ACT testing requirement for Fall of 2021 and 2022 admissions, some colleges and universities continue to require the SAT or ACT and/or allow students the opportunity to utilize these scores for these scores in the review process.



Do Admission test scores matter?

- There are approximately 2,300 accredited, non-profit, four-year colleges and universities in the United States.
- Their admission protocols have never been uniform, and even prior to the pandemic, applicants faced an increasingly complex range of requirements and expectations.
- With the Covid Pandemic- how important are test scores now?





Components of a College Application

Essay

Strength of
Curriculum

Extracurricular
Activities

Grades in College
Prep

Grades in All
Courses

Optional
Admissions Test
Scores
(SAT/ACT)

Teacher
Recommendation
(Private schools)

Counselor
Recommendation
(Private school)

Student's
Demonstrated
Interest

AP/IB Test Scores

Interview- (rare)



FAQ's SAT and ACT



Many students and parents begin the college prep process by comparing the ACT and SAT tests.



The [SAT](#) and [ACT](#) generally cover the same topics.



Both ACT and SAT scores can be used for college admissions decisions and awarding merit-based scholarships.



Important for students to take a practice test to decipher which test is a better fit.



Colleges do not typically prefer one test over the other.



Neither the SAT or ACT is harder than the other.



Different students tend to do better on one test over the other.

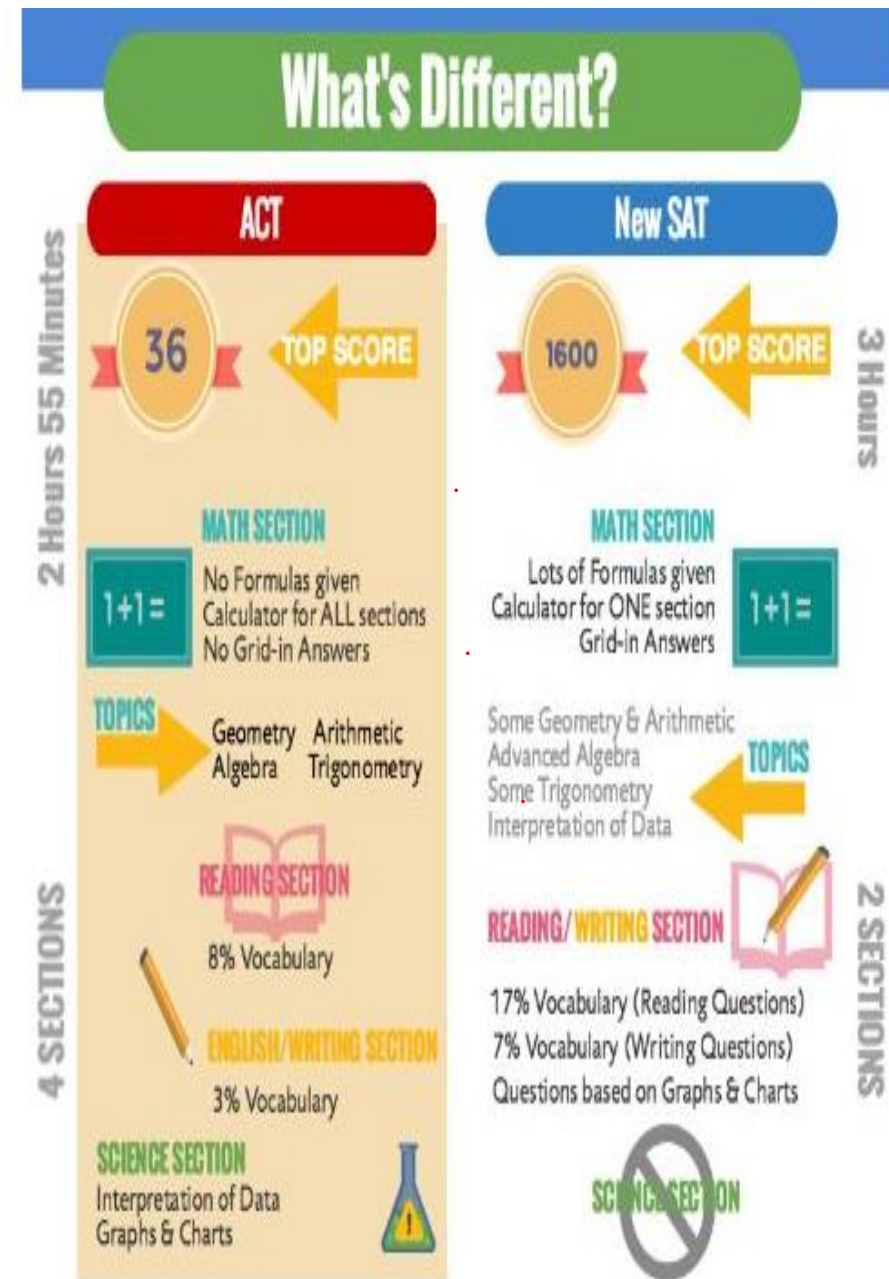


FAQ's SAT and ACT

ACT vs NEW SAT

What's the Same?

No penalties for guessing
Curriculum-focused content
Score choice
~~Optional essay~~





Test optional or Test flexible?

Test optional colleges accept scores, but do not require scores. If a student's score is above average, they might choose to submit. If student's score is below average, they might choose to not submit.

Text flexible colleges place limitations on who can apply without test scores. (like a minimum GPA) Or, they might accept AP or IB scores in place of your SAT/ACT.

The ACT and SAT are now optional at a majority of US colleges and will likely remain so.

The trend at selective colleges is toward more flexible testing requirements even as the competition to gain admission to these schools continues to intensify.

SAT Subject Tests and the SAT Essay have been discontinued by College Board. ACT does offer an essay but colleges do not use it in admissions.

Check out the list of test optional schools here: <https://www.fairtest.org/university/optional>



Test blind?



University of Washington (Seattle) will not use SAT or ACT scores for admission decisions. If scores are submitted, they might be used for wait list decisions. Washington State University is test blind.



The University of California system- which includes Berkeley, LA, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Irvine, Davis, Merced & Riverside are test blind



Cal State Campuses (23)- including Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and San Diego are test blind.



Fees & Fee waivers

- I'VE HEARD ABOUT FEE WAIVERS. WHAT ARE THEY, AND HOW DO I GET THEM?
- A student who receives a fee waiver from College Board can sign up for two SATs for free. They can also send those scores to an unlimited number of colleges at no cost.
- A student who receives a fee waiver from ACT can take two ACTs and send scores to four schools as part of registration and up to 20 additional schools later.
- Fee waivers cover basic registration costs and include the writing, but they do not cover late or change fees.
- Fee waivers come from Interlake. Students must qualify for free or reduced lunch to access a waiver.



SAT®

POLICIES AND FEES

The following chart lists the basic fees and policies for SAT and ACT.

Policy or Fee	SAT	ACT
Standard fee	\$55	\$60 + \$20 for Essay
Late Registration Fee	add \$30	add \$35
Change test date	add \$25	add \$35
Change test center	add \$25	add \$35
Standby / Waitlist	add \$53	add \$56



Test Dates and Score Requests

TEST DATES

You can register for the SAT at collegeboard.org and the ACT at actstudent.org.

SAT			
2021–22 Test Dates	Registration	Late Registration	Anticipated Multiple Choice Score Release [†]
August 28, 2021	July 30, 2021	August 17, 2021	September 20, 2021
October 2, 2021	September 3, 2021	September 21, 2021	October 15, 2021
November 6, 2021	October 8, 2021	October 26, 2021	November 19, 2021
December 4, 2021	November 4, 2021	November 23, 2021	December 17, 2021
March 12, 2022	February 11, 2022	March 1, 2022	March 25, 2022
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022	April 26, 2022	May 20, 2022
June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022	May 25, 2022	July 13, 2022

ACT			
2021 Test Dates	Registration	Late Registration	Anticipated Multiple Choice Score Release [†]
September 11, 2021	August 6, 2021	August 20, 2021	September 24–October 8, 2021
October 23, 2021	September 17, 2021	October 1, 2021	November 5–November 19, 2021
December 11, 2021	November 5, 2021	November 19, 2021	December 21, 2021–January 4, 2022
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022	January 21, 2022	February 25–March 11, 2022
April 2, 2022	March 11, 2022	March 25, 2022	April 15–April 29, 2022
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	May 20, 2022	June 24–July 8, 2022
July 16, 2022 (Not offered in NY)	June 17, 2022	June 24, 2022	July 29–August 12, 2022

[†] Dates are not yet official.



Self Reported Scores?

A screenshot of a web form titled "Testing" with a "Preview" button in the top right corner. Below the title is a maroon header bar with the text "▼ Tests Taken". The main content area contains the text: "In addition to sending official score reports as required by colleges, do you wish to self-report scores or future test dates for any of the following standardized tests: ACT, SAT/SAT Subject, AP, IB, TOEFL, PTE Academic, and IELTS? *". The phrase "do you wish" is highlighted with a red rectangular box. Below this text are two radio button options: "Yes" and "No". At the bottom left of the form is a blue "Clear" link.

Testing Preview

▼ Tests Taken

In addition to sending official score reports as required by colleges, do you wish to self-report scores or future test dates for any of the following standardized tests: ACT, SAT/SAT Subject, AP, IB, TOEFL, PTE Academic, and IELTS? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

[Clear](#)

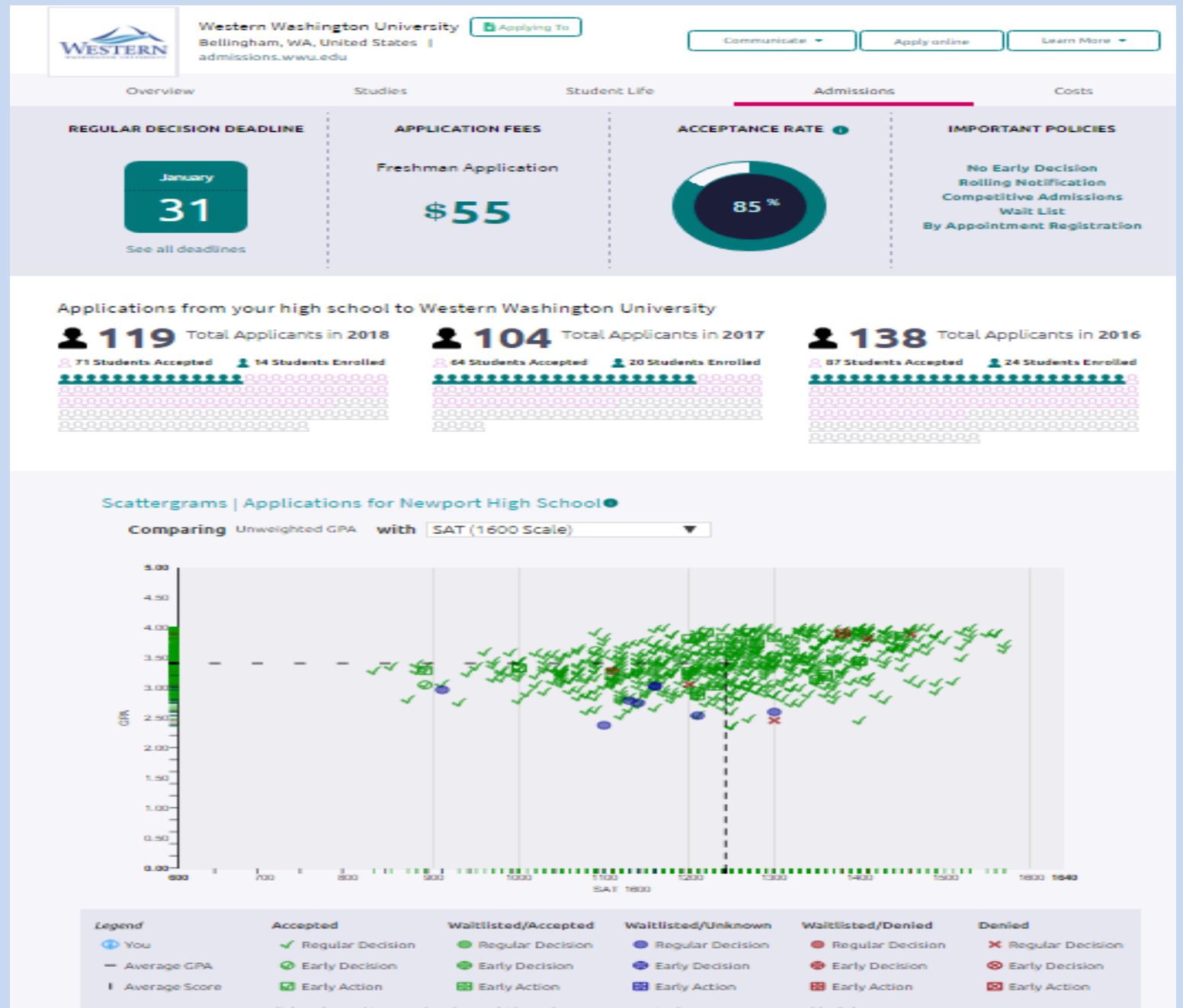
WHAT DOES IT MEAN WHEN A COLLEGE ACCEPTS SELF-REPORTED SCORES? Over the past few years, efforts have been made to encourage more colleges to accept self-reported SAT and ACT scores from students during the application process and only require official reports when a student actually enrolls.

Among the many expenses that add up in the college admission process are application fees, test registration fees, and official score report fees.

Many students are eligible to have these fees waived, but students who don't qualify for waivers may still find the costs to be a burden.

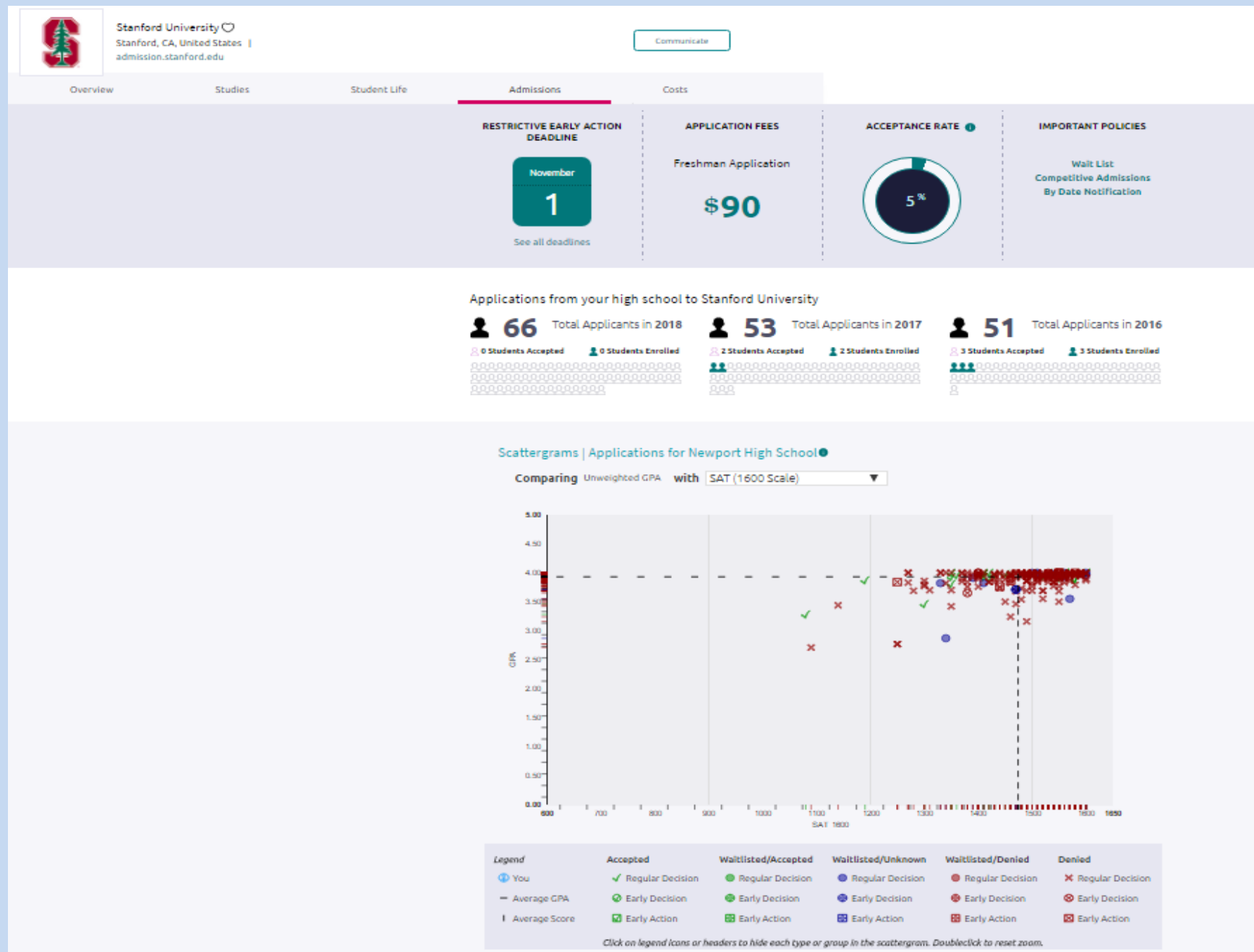


Naviance Scattergrams





Naviance Scattergrams





- Our College & Career Specialists work closely with the School Counselors at the four comprehensive high schools:
 - Meeting with students to discuss post high school options
 - Answering questions about college application process/Testing
 - Assisting with Naviance
 - Help with the WANIC career classes
 - Arrange for all of the college representative visits to the high school
 - Help students with looking for scholarships and financial aid





- Career counseling to assist students in identifying future careers and potential areas of study in college

- Assisting students in finding and applying to vocational programs
- Resume, Cover Letter and Interview guidance
- Job search and job boards
- Local volunteer opportunities





IHS Class of 2021: College Destinations

University of Washington- Seattle & Bothell	108
Bellevue College	50
University of California system	18
Washington State University	16
Western Washington University	8
Seattle University	8
Northeastern University	6
San Diego State University	5
Gonzaga University	5
Indiana University-Bloomington	3
Central Washington University	4
Duke University	3
University of Arizona	4
University of British Columbia	4
University of Oregon	5
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	5
Montana State University	3
Stanford University	4
Carnegie Mellon University	3





thank you

tenki takk kam sah hamnida dhanyavadagalu tack dhanyavad
 дзякуй hvala blagodaram mési xièxie tanemirt dank je
 gracias arigatô djere dieuf mochchakkeram trugarez
 ačiū manana diolch shukriya ありがとう kia ora dankon dēkuji
 dhanyavad gratias ago tau barka mamnun gràcie kiltos spas
 teşekkür ederim şukriya şaş ευχαριστώ obrigada tapadh leat chnora
 sagolun murakoze taiku mahalo didi madioba bayarlalaa obrigada
 sukriya chokrane rahmat dakujem
 terima kasih misaotra welain mercé najis tuke اركش
 asante grazie nandri 謝謝 mersi kőszönőm sobodi nanni vinaka
 mauruuru maitondo cam on ban go raibh maith agat merci paldies ngiyabonga