

College Application Process

Step 1: Research Colleges & Financial Aid

Step 2: Create a testing plan for SAT/ACT

Step 3: Visit colleges & meet with college representatives

Step 4: Narrow down list

Safety/Backup vs. Target/Good Fit vs. Dream/Reach

Step 5: Submit Application

Step 6: Transcript Requests

Step 7: Request letters of recommendation (if required)

Step 8: Financial Aid & FAFSA

Step 9: Overall Status Check

“Where Should I Apply? Which Option is Right for Me?”

- Put down all schools you may be interested in and consider these factors:

- GPA
- Cost
- Location
- Deadlines
- Test Scores
- Freshman Profile
- Required Admission Materials

- Dream/Reach School (Less than 30% chance of admission)

- One or two schools

- Good Fit/Target Schools (30% to 60% chance of admission)

- Two to four schools

- Safety/Backup Schools (Greater than 60% chance of admission)

- One or two schools

Naviance can
help you sort
through these
factors!

Safety/Backup

- Greater than 60% chance of admission.
- Your GPA and test scores are higher than the average score range of admitted students.

Target/Good Fit

- 30-60% chance of admission; you stand a competitive chance of getting in.
- Your academic record and test scores are in the same range as admitted students.

Dream/Reach

- Less than 30% chance of admission.
- Your test scores and GPA are lower than the average range of admitted students.
- These schools may also have low acceptance rates.

Identifying College Resources

- College's Admissions Website
- Freshmen Profile
 - Snapshot of current admitted freshmen class, including average GPA & test scores
- Naviance
 - SuperMatch: Personalized "good match" list based on your unique criteria
 - College Match: Uses colleges on student's application list to give you similar schools
 - College Search: Advanced search tool based on college criteria students chooses
 - College Lookup: Specific information from college, including acceptance rate, etc.

“What’s it Take to Get In?”

Georgia State University Profile from Naviance:

How you compare with others who have applied to Georgia State University

This institution is a **Safety**: Your academic qualifications (GPA & test scores) **are above** the academic profile of students nationally who are typically enrolled at this institution.



Senior Tip: “When it comes to choosing your college, it’s not a competition. A degree is a degree. Sure, there are more prestigious schools that your friends are looking at or even being accepted to. However, at the end of the day, **it is necessary to look at what is best for you.**”

- JCHS Alumni