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# Class of 2026

# College Planning Night

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**March 13, 2025**  
**THS Guidance Department**

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# Where do we start?

Set up a conference with your school counselor

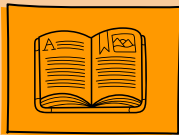
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Lip - Pere	<b>Ihn</b>
Perl - Sod	<b>Brown</b>
Simm - Z	<b>Thomas</b>

Conversations at home (distance, finances, programs)

Explore with Scoir - Use career assessment tool as well as College Search Tool



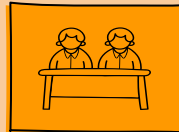
# Key Components of the Application Process



Transcript



Personal  
Essay



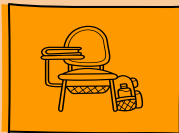
Letters of  
Recommendation



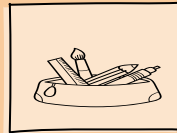
Resume/Activities



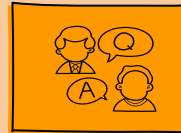
Application  
[Common App](#), [Coalition](#),  
College Specific



Test Scores



Portfolio/Audition  
For some programs/schools



Interview  
For some programs/schools



# Application Materials

- **Academic Profile/Rigor of High School Transcript**
  - Academic performance - Did you successfully challenge yourself?
  - Senior year **is** important. Mid-Year reports are sent
  - Grades/GPA from 9<sup>th</sup> grade-present
- **Standardized Testing – SATs & ACTs**
  - To test or not to test?
  - Test optional and test-blind policies ([fairtest.org](https://fairtest.org))
  - Some universities going back to requiring test scores - Dartmouth, Yale, UT Austin...must check websites to confirm
- **Recommendations** (2 from teachers, 1 from your school counselor)
- **Application and Essay**

The Authentic “YOU” **Your** voice needs to be heard!
- **Extracurricular Activities** – In-or-out of school/Community service/Jobs
- **Interview** (if offered)
- **Common Data Set** - Google Common Data Set and “school name” to obtain information about what schools consider in application process



# What Colleges

## Evaluate

- ☒ Academic Profile
- ☒ Rigor of Course Selections
- ☒ Personal Essay
- ☒ Letters of Recommendation
- ☒ Extracurricular Activities
- ☒ Standardized Test Scores
- ☒ Portfolio/Interview



# Standardized Testing

- To test or not to test? Yes, you should at least take one test and then evaluate your performance
  - Talk with your counselor & see where you fit in the 25th-75th percentile ranges
- Test optional and test-blind policies ([fairtest.org](https://fairtest.org))
- Some universities going back to requiring test scores - Dartmouth, Harvard, Brown, Yale, UT Austin, UPenn, Cornell, Ohio State



# Summary of the Application: Who does what?

## School Counselor

Recommendation

Transcript

Secondary School Report

School Profile

Mid-Year Grades

## Teacher

Recommendation

## Student

Submit Applications

Complete SRAR (Self-reported  
academic record)

Send your ACT/SAT Scores

Monitor application portals to ensure  
all documents have been received

*\*\*Everyone(student,counselor,teacher) is working at the same time, sending  
their materials to the college by the deadlines indicated\*\**



# How to Research Colleges

- Your Counselor- Junior Conference
- Follow-up meeting with College Counselor
- Scoir Website
- College Websites
- College Visits
- College Fairs- *Mini-Fairs every Tuesday and Thursday at THS in Fall*
- *Spring College Fair - April 2, 2024 6:30 PM*



# SCOIR

- . Transcript and other application materials
- . Historical Statistics from Tenaflly High School only
  - Scattergrams/Graphs
- . Up-to-date College information (costs, majors, clubs, athletics etc)
- . College Search Engine
- . Career Interest assessment & Principles You (CAREER TAB) assessment (can help guide on career path)



# Other SCOIR Tools

- **Search & suggest**
  - Research schools, view your student's MyColleges list, and make suggestions
- **Cost calculator**
  - Understand the true cost of college for your family for each college you search for
- **Direct messaging** - correspondence from schools about events and updates
- **Junior and Parent Surveys (Brag Sheets)**




# SCOIR SURVEYS

- *Junior Survey (both parent and student)*
- *Complete by end of school year*
- ***Login to SCOIR account....Survey is now located under “My Assignments”***

**My Assignments**Show archived assignments

Due in 102 days • Class of 2026 Junior Survey

✓ Junior Survey 

Go to Form

Due in 102 days

✓ **Request Letters of Recommendation**  
During the spring of this year, speak to at least 2 teachers and request letters of recommendation for your college applications.



# SCOIR Tools

Good Evening, Becky!

## Find Your College Match Quiz

Take 2 minutes to find your best-fit colleges

Start Quiz

## Discover best fit careers for you

Learn more about yourself and careers that could unleash your full potential. Take your assessments to be matched with best fit careers

### Your Assessments

#### PrinciplesYou Assessment

Not started



#### Career Interest Assessment

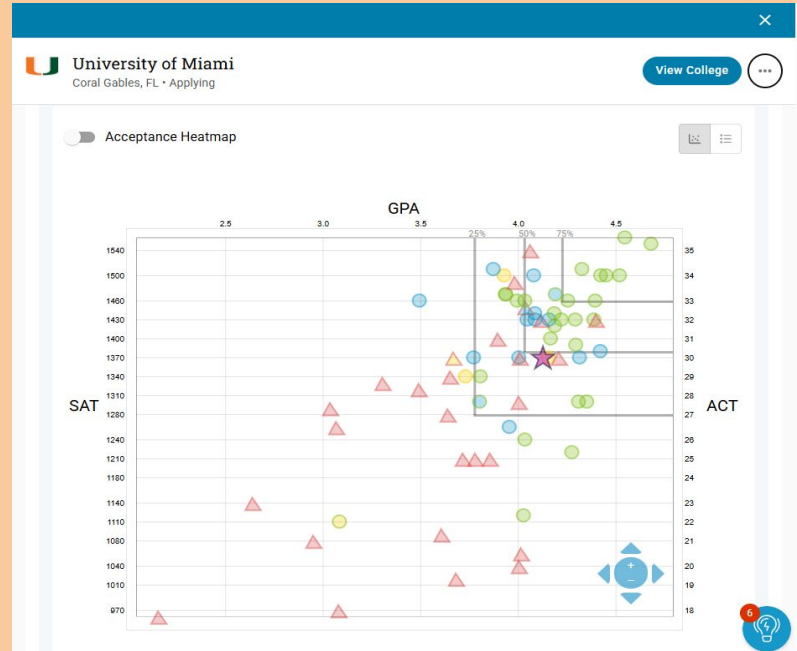
Completed! Retake assessment



Apply with Scoir

Accessing Principles  
You Assessment

Viewing Scattergrams





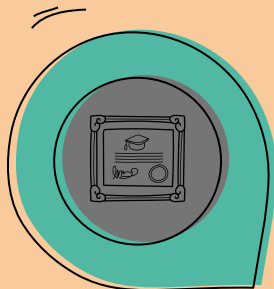
# Finding the BEST Fit



## Academic

Majors  
Minors  
Study Abroad  
Co-Ops

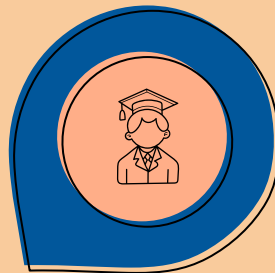
Internships  
Research  
Speciality



## Environment

Rural  
Suburban  
Size

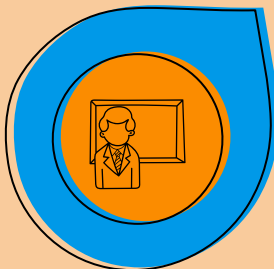
Urban  
Distance from Home



## Student Life

Athletics  
Organizations  
Diversity

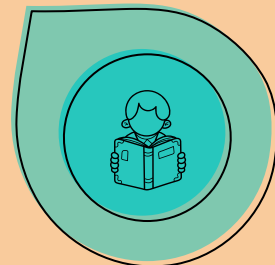
Dining  
Greek Life  
Housing



## Costs

Scholarships  
Fees  
Work Study

Tuition  
Grants  
Loans



# Structuring Your List

## REACH SCHOOLS

Student profile is below the typical admitted student

Highly selective schools are reaches for EVERYONE!!!

3-4 Reach Schools

## TARGET SCHOOLS

Student profile matches the stated profile of average admitted student

4-5 Target Schools

## Likely Admit Schools

Student profile exceeds the stated profile of average admitted student

4-5 Likely Admit Schools

[Scoir](#)

can help you identify your profile and school profiles!

DO NOT APPLY TO  
SCHOOLS YOU DO  
NOT WANT TO  
ATTEND

# Create a Balanced List

- Find out if the school is a good fit for you
- Create a balanced and realistic list of schools
  - 2-3 reach schools
  - 4-5 target schools
  - 2-3 likely-admit schools
- **Don't apply to schools where you have no intention of attending**
- Spend time on the application. The quality of the essays and supplementals matter! Make sure you give yourself adequate time for the potential supplemental questions

# Top Public Universities

## No longer Target/Likely Admits



Class of 2024

4.50 GPA 1500 SAT  
34 ACT

Class of 2025: As of 3/12

4.59 GPA 1490 SAT  
34.75 ACT

OOS Acceptance Rate:  
2024 Class

18%



4.37 GPA 1430 SAT  
32 ACT

4.51 GPA 1460 SAT  
33.5 ACT

18%



4.29 GPA 1380 SAT  
32 ACT

4.44 GPA 1430 SAT  
33 ACT

32%

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4.42 GPA 1500 SAT  
32 ACT

4.57 GPA 1530 SAT  
35.3 ACT

23%



4.55 GPA 1560 SAT  
34 ACT

4.58 GPA 1520 SAT  
34 ACT

11%





## 2 year admission trends

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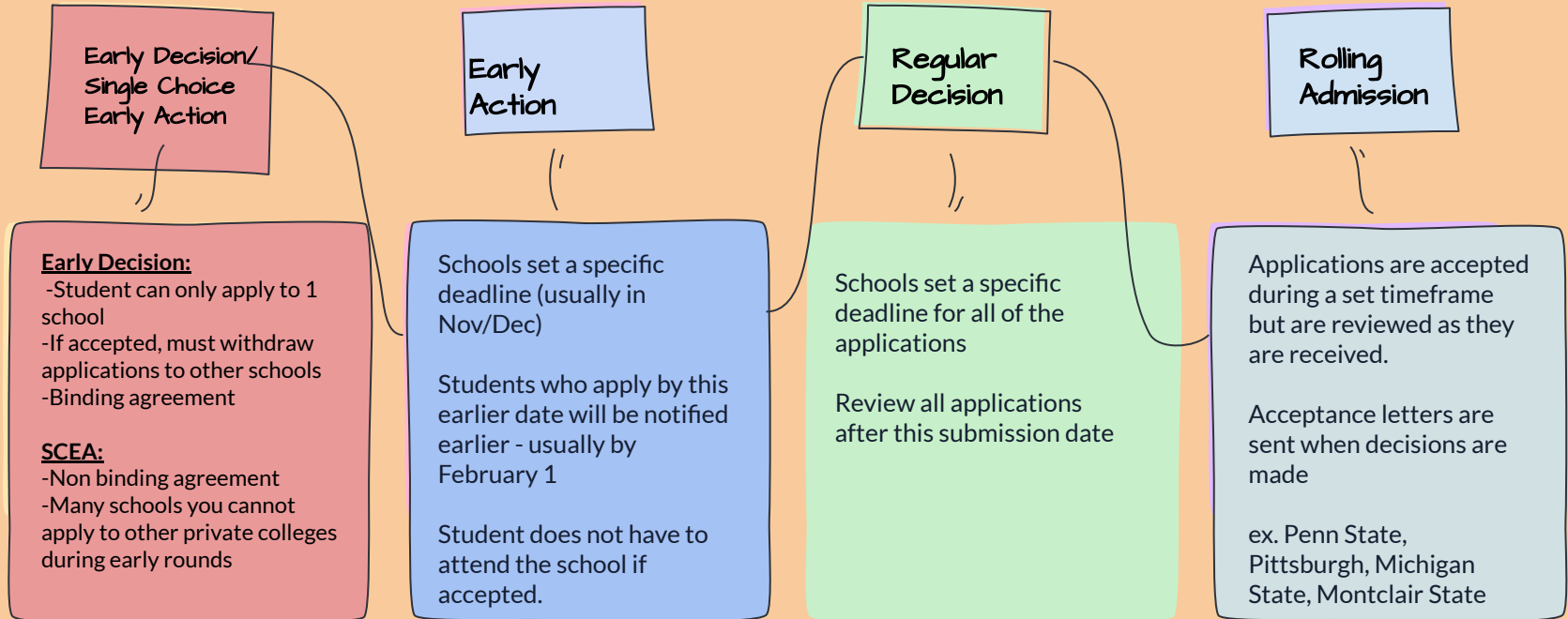
4.29 GPA	1430 SAT 31 ACT
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Class of  
2025

4.33 GPA	1445 SAT 33.5 ACT
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90% Increase in # of Applications since Joining Common  
APP

# Types of Admission



# *Student Driven Process*

The student should be leading this process from start to finish including:

- Completing Common App, Personal statement, and all supplemental essays
- Checking in and updating school counselor on their progress
- Communication with individual colleges if issues occur with documents
- Researching schools and checking on ALL requirements

# Summer 2025 TO - Do's

Complete  
Junior Survey  
in SCOIR by  
end of school  
year

Create Common  
App Account



VISIT COLLEGES

Write a  
rough draft  
of your  
college  
essay

Participate  
in the Essay  
Writing  
Workshop

Attend  
Common  
App  
Summer  
Workshops

# Important Factors to Remember

*TRUST THE PROCESS: You will end up where you are meant to be*

Colleges and Universities are more interested in 'who' students are and less so 'what' they do. Be sure to reflect on why and how the activities and experiences on your application make you unique

College admissions is all about finding a school that fits you. There are about 4,000 colleges & many paths students can take to reach their fullest potential.

As an applicant, you are looking for an environment where you can thrive academically and personally, and it is the job of an admission officer to identify students who will make great additions to a unique campus community.

# Future Important Events

- . Tenaflly High School Spring College Fair (April 2, 2025)
- . Spring Financial Aid Night (TBD)
- . **Summer/Fall 2025**
  - College Essay Summer Workshops (late August)
  - Common Application Support (August)
  - Fall College Kickoff Night
  - Fall Financial Aid Night
  - FAFSA Workshop(s)\*\* New graduation requirement\*\*
  - College Panel Night



# Support from THS Guidance

- Our counselors are experienced in the college process
- We are here for THS families - from academic counseling to knowing the ins-and-outs of the college process
- Our College Counselor has the time and knowledge to assist you in reaching your goals
- Visit our website!
- Mini fairs/Common App Support during Fall

