
BRIARCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL



CLASS OF 2027

INTRODUCTION TO NAVIANCE & THE COLLEGE SEARCH PROCESS

NOVEMBER 2025

11TH GRADE COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS

If your last name begins with...	Your counselor is:
A-D	Mr. Muranelli
E-K	Ms. Alayo
L-Q	Ms. Isabella
R-Z	Ms. Safer

TIMELINE: NOVEMBER

- PSAT scores were released on November 7th
 - This classroom presentation!
 - Alumni Day is Wednesday, November 26th
 - Schedule your individual meeting with your counselor through **Microsoft Bookings** (an email with the link will be sent on Friday, November 21st @ 8:30am from Erin Ryan)
 - Complete questions 1-12 of your **Student Autobiographical Record in Naviance** before your individual counselor meeting
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TIMELINE: DECEMBER & JANUARY

– December:

- Attend **Junior Information Night** - Wednesday, December 3rd @ 7:00pm via Zoom (the link for the meeting will be sent on Monday, December 1st)
- Meet with your counselor to discuss preliminary plans for life after BHS

– January:

- Family conference with your counselor (**your individual meeting with your counselor must happen first!**)
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TIMELINE: FEBRUARY-JUNE

■ February:

- **Teacher course recommendations and 2nd quarter report card posted to portal on January 30th**
- **Meet with your counselor for a course selection meeting between February 2nd-February 13th**

■ March/April:

- **Criteria Review applications reviewed, if applicable**

■ March-June:

- **You may take the SAT and/or ACT, if you choose to do so**
 - **You should ask 1-2 teachers to write your letter of recommendation**
 - **The counselors will visit your English classes for another workshop in the spring: The College Essay**
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TIMELINE: AUGUST-NOVEMBER

- **Beginning of August: The Common App becomes available**
 - **Mid-August: You will receive an email from the Counseling Office with instructions for getting started on your Common App, linking Naviance to the Common App, requesting teacher recommendations, and returning the transcript release form**
 - **September-November:**
 - **Senior family conference with your counselor**
 - **Work on applications**
 - **Follow up with teacher recommenders**
 - **You may take the SAT and/or ACT, if you choose to do so**
 - **College Deadlines: October 15th-January 15th, November 1st is the most common deadline**
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WHAT MAKES UP A COLLEGE APPLICATION?

Transcript:

Courses taken & courses in progress

Final course grades (unweighted)

Cumulative GPA (weighted)

**College essay: personal
statement & individual
college supplements**

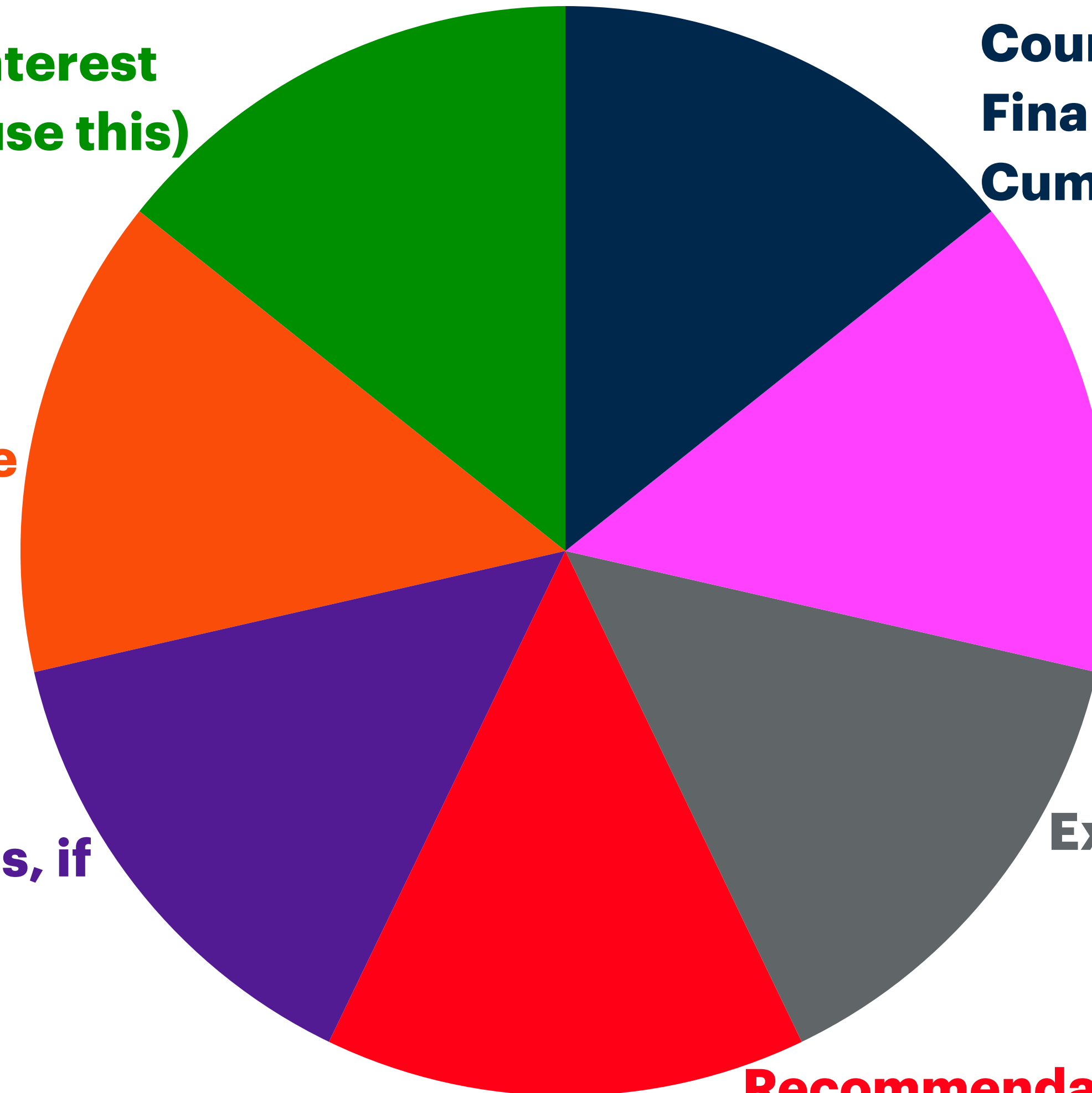
Extracurricular activities

Recommendations: counselor & 1-2 teachers

**Demonstrated interest
(some colleges use this)**

Interviews, if applicable

**Standardized test scores, if
applicable**



WHAT IS NAVIANCE?

- **Naviance** allows you to:

- **Search for colleges and careers**
 - **Compare colleges and view scattergrams**
 - **Create and maintain a resume**
 - **Keep track of colleges visiting BHS (in the fall)**
 - **Track school documents sent to colleges**
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HOW TO LOG IN TO NAVIANCE

- Log in through **Clever**
 - **www.briarcliffschools.org** > **STUDENTS** > select **“HS Students”** > click **“Family Connection, Powered by Naviance”** > select the **“Student”** icon:
 - Click **“CONTINUE WITH CLEVER”** - If you are logged into your email via Office 365, you will automatically sign into Naviance.
 - If you are not automatically directed to Naviance:
 - Enter **“Briarcliff High School”** > click **“Log in with Office 365”** and enter your email credentials
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LET'S DO A COLLEGE SEARCH

- **Keep your initial search broad**
 - **Try entering the size, location, selectivity (if you do not have PSAT scores, don't use test scores as a search criteria), and major (undecided is OK!)**
 - **The percentages next to the colleges on the search results page are not the odds of you getting accepted, they represent how much that school matches the search criteria you entered**
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Test Student's Future Planning

College Home

Find Your fit

[SuperMatch College Search](#)

Scattergrams

Advanced College Search

College Lookup

Research Colleges

Colleges I'm Thinking About

College Visits

Enrichment Programs

College Maps

Apply to College

Colleges I'm Applying To

Manage Transcripts

Letters of Recommendation

Test Scores

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College-Specific Scholarships

National Scholarship Search

Scholarship Search

Favorite Scholarships

Naviance

is available at this time.

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School

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SuperMatch College Search

About SuperMatch ?

Hit Choose Fit Criteria

LocationAcademicsAdmissionStudent LifeDiversityInstitution CharacteristicsCostAthleticsResourcesGroups

Your Fit Criteria

0 selected criteria

Select Criteria To Start

To refine your results, use the arrows to move your criteria into the "Must Have" and "Nice to Have" boxes.

Must Have

A *Must Have* is anything you absolutely need to be happy and successful.

Nice to Have

A *Nice to Have* is anything that's important to you, but isn't an absolute must have.

Saved Searches Choose one

Save Search

Start Over

No Results Yet

Fit Score ⓘ

Academic Match ⓘ

Pick what to show ▼

Pick what to show ▼

Pick what to show ▼

			SELECT CRITERIA TO START		

Search by College Name

3 PINNED ▼

11 THINKING ABOUT

4 APPLYING TO

MORE ⋮

Change your fit criteria	Fit Score	Academic Match	Highlights	Cost	Pick what to show
Stony Brook University Stony Brook, NY, Town not near a City 4 year, Public, Not Applicable PINNED	63% Why?	Safety Average You GPA 3.8 3.8 SAT 1290 1430 ACT 25 N/A Test Optional	Photos/Videos on Profile Virtual Tour	Tuition & Fees \$7,070 <i>In State (NY)</i> \$24,740 <i>Out of State</i> Room & Board \$14,884	Customize what you see here—Choose a category above
Syracuse University Syracuse, NY, Small City 4 year, Private nonprofit PINNED	63% Why?	Safety Average You GPA 3.8 3.8 SAT 1190 1430 ACT 28 N/A Test Optional	Photos/Videos on Profile Faculty Spotlights Alumni Spotlights Student Spotlights Virtual Tour	Tuition & Fees \$45,150 Room & Board \$15,558	Customize what you see here—Choose a category above
Manhattanville College Purchase, NY, Suburb near Large City 4 year, Private nonprofit PIN TO COMPARE	100% Why?	Average You GPA 3 3.8 SAT N/A 1430 ACT N/A N/A SuperMatch doesn't have sufficient application history for this institution to determine academic match.	Photos/Videos on Profile Program Spotlights Virtual Tour	Tuition & Fees \$36,460 Room & Board \$14,520	Customize what you see here—Choose a category above
Fairfield University Fairfield, CT, Suburb near Small City 4 year, Private nonprofit, Roman Catholic PIN TO COMPARE	100% Why?	Average You GPA 3.4 3.8 SAT N/A 1430 ACT N/A N/A SuperMatch doesn't have sufficient application history for this institution to determine	No Highlights Available	Tuition & Fees \$50,550 Room & Board \$15,025	Customize what you see here—Choose a category above



SCATTERGRAMS

- **These graphs compile data (GPA and standardized test scores) from the past 5 years of BHS**
 - **You are plotted on the graph if you have a PSAT (from 10th grade), ACT, or SAT score**
 - **Scattergrams supply recent, relevant, and specific data but they do not provide a complete picture of your chances of getting in to a college**
 - **Take a moment to look up the scattergrams for some colleges**
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Syracuse University

Syracuse, New York | Midsize City, greater than 100,000 pop

Standard (4 year) | Private nonprofit | Medium

College links

Favorite

Syracuse University at a glance



Acceptance rate
49.86%



Average net price
\$18,312

\$0 - \$30K family income



Student retention
91%

Students who return their sophomore year



Next deadline

November 15

Spring 2026 - Regular Decision

Is this college right for you?

This college aligns with your academic profile as a safety based on GPA and test scores, offering a reliable admissions outlook. Your qualifications meet typical entry standards, supporting a straightforward application. Non-matches include an unselected education path and no favored careers in Naviance.

- ☐ Path
No path selected
- ☐ Career match
You have not favorited any careers in Naviance.

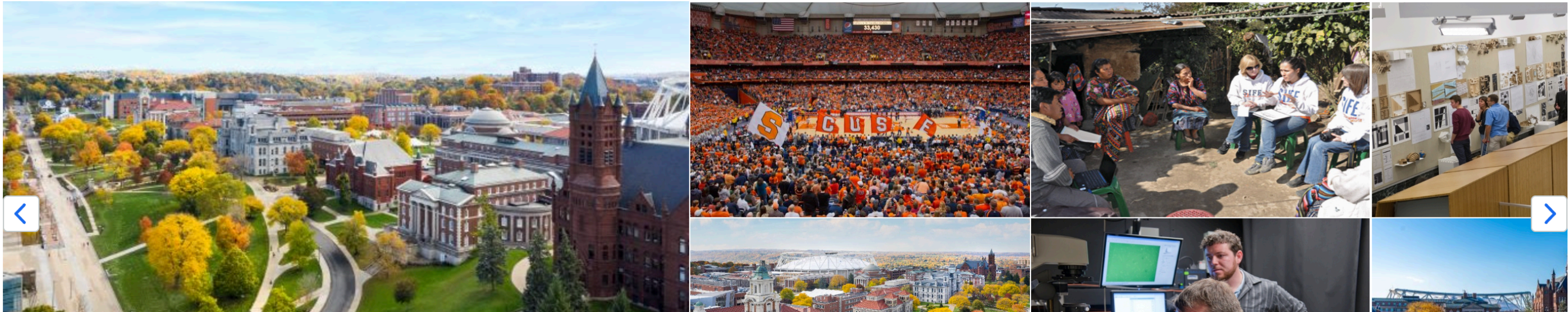
- ☒ GPA
Based on your GPA, this college is a: Safety.
- ☒ Test scores
Based on your test score, this college is a: Safety.

✓ = Matches your profile

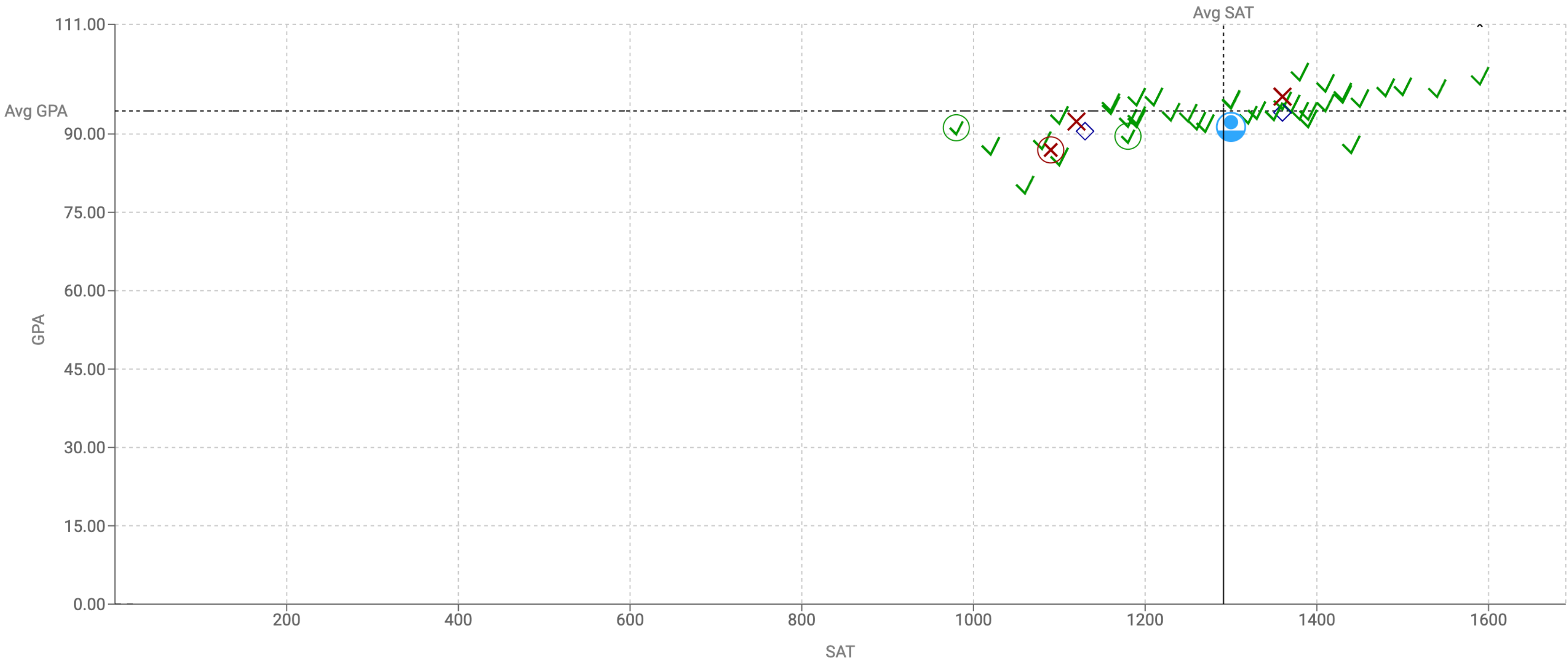
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Overview



Comparing Weighted GPA with SAT (1600) and ☐ Applied test optional



Scattergram legend

Legend

- You
- Average GPA
- Average Score

Accepted

- Regular Decision
- Early Decision
- Early Action

Waitlisted/Accepted

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Waitlisted/Denied

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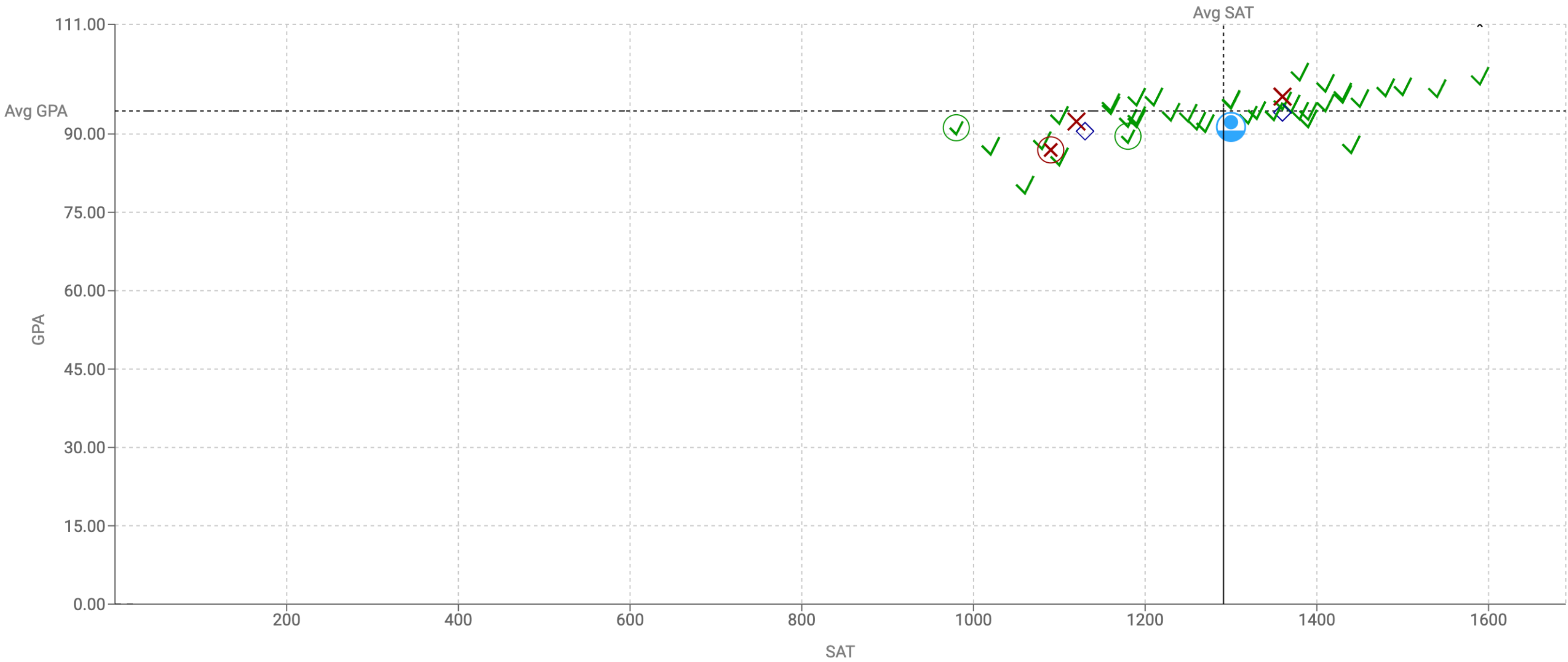
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STANDARDIZED TESTING

- PSAT

- Scores were released on November 7th; if you need help accessing your score report, please speak with your counselor

- Take the ACT/SAT February-October

- You may take these tests several times
- Score choice vs super score, self report vs sending official scores

- Khan Academy and Bluebook offer great FREE resources for test prep

- Khan Academy is offered through College Board
 - Bluebook is available to you through your Bluebook app - you can take practice tests
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SAT VS ACT

- The digital SAT is a shorter exam than the old paper/pencil SAT
 - The digital ACT became available last April (a paper version is still available)
 - The ACT has a science section; though it is more reading comprehension on science topics than it is science knowledge. This section became optional in April 2025
 - The ACT also has an optional writing section
 - Both tests include context-based questions and inferential questions
 - The SAT has 2 sections with scores ranging from 200-800, these scores are **added** together for the total score
 - The ACT has 4 sections with scores ranging from 11-36, these scores are **averaged** together for your composite score
 - Beginning in April 2025, the ACT only uses the scores from the English, math, and reading sections to calculate the composite score
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TEST OPTIONAL

- **Most colleges have continued their test optional policies from 2020**
 - **Merit scholarship consideration usually does not factor in test scores if the school is test optional**
 - **Yes... schools are really test optional... but what does this mean?**
 - **A greater emphasis is put on the rest of the application: transcript, essay, extracurriculars, recommendations, etc...**
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HOW DO I KNOW...

- **If I should take the test?**

- **We recommend that all students take one exam to keep their options open**

- **How many times I should take the test?**

- **2 times is a good number - if you are unhappy after the 2nd score and you believe you can do better, you can take it a 3rd time**

- **When I should take the test?**

- **ACT: February, April, June, July (not offered in NYS), September, October, December**
- **SAT: March, May, June, August, September, October, November, December**
- **October scores should be available for the November 1st EA/ED deadlines**

- **Which test I should take?**

- **Try a practice test to see which you do better on**
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AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

- **Why do you need to do this?**
 - **It will help your counselor better understand what you are looking for with regards to your college list**
 - **Counselors will use it to write their letters of recommendation**
 - **It may help you sort out what you are looking for in a college**
 - **It may help you write your college essay(s)**
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AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

- Be as honest as possible
 - Elaborate as much as possible
 - Counselors can see your partial completions once you save your answers
 - Click **update** at the bottom of the page to save! If you leave the page open, it will time out and you will lose unsaved work
 - You may want to write your answers in a separate Word document and copy/paste into the survey to ensure you do not lose your work
 - Due Date: **June 12**
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Test Student's Future Planning



No Path Selected

Plan for life after high school and select the path that will lead to future success.

[Select Path](#)

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