



# Welcome 11th Grade Parents!



January 10th 2024

**What *could* the  
next few months  
look like?**

**Visit Colleges**

**Study for SATs or  
ACTs**

**Think about  
summer!  
Internship/jobs/  
travel/work?**

**Prep for final exams,  
regents & APs**

**Ask teachers for  
letters of  
recommendation  
(May/June)**

**In June students can  
start Common App**



# Factors influencing the college search

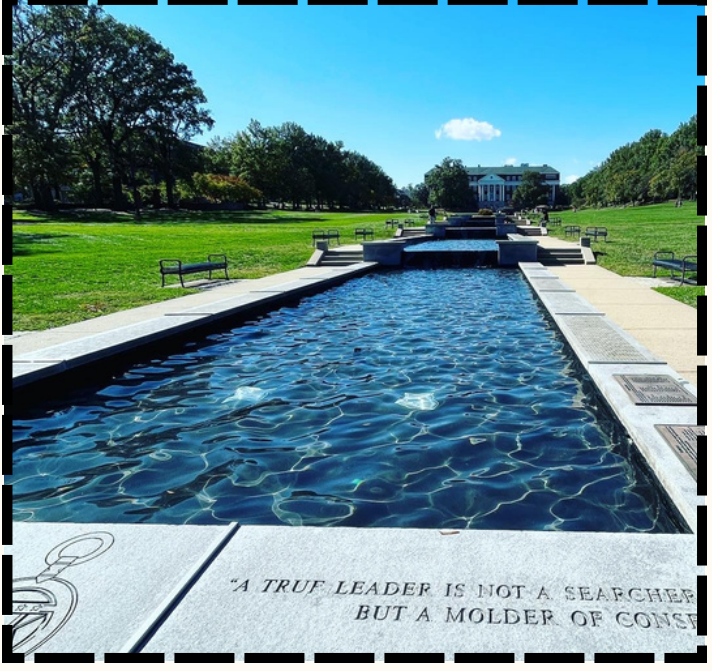
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- Geographic Location
- Size
- Environment
- Type of Institution
- Major
- Cost
- Diversity
- Social Life
- Special Interests / Programs
- “Prestige”





You'll never know  
who you'll meet,  
and if you're  
lucky...  
what you can eat!



"A TRUE LEADER IS NOT A SEARCHER  
BUT A MOLDER OF CONSTITUTION"





# How To Find Out More

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- Meet with your counselor
- Visit Colleges
- View College Websites
- Other college search engines like Niche, The College Tour, Unigo
- Meet with College Reps
- E-mail / call admissions for specific questions
- Naviance - Comprehensive search engine (better than College Board), college descriptions, tours, TZHS admissions scattergrams







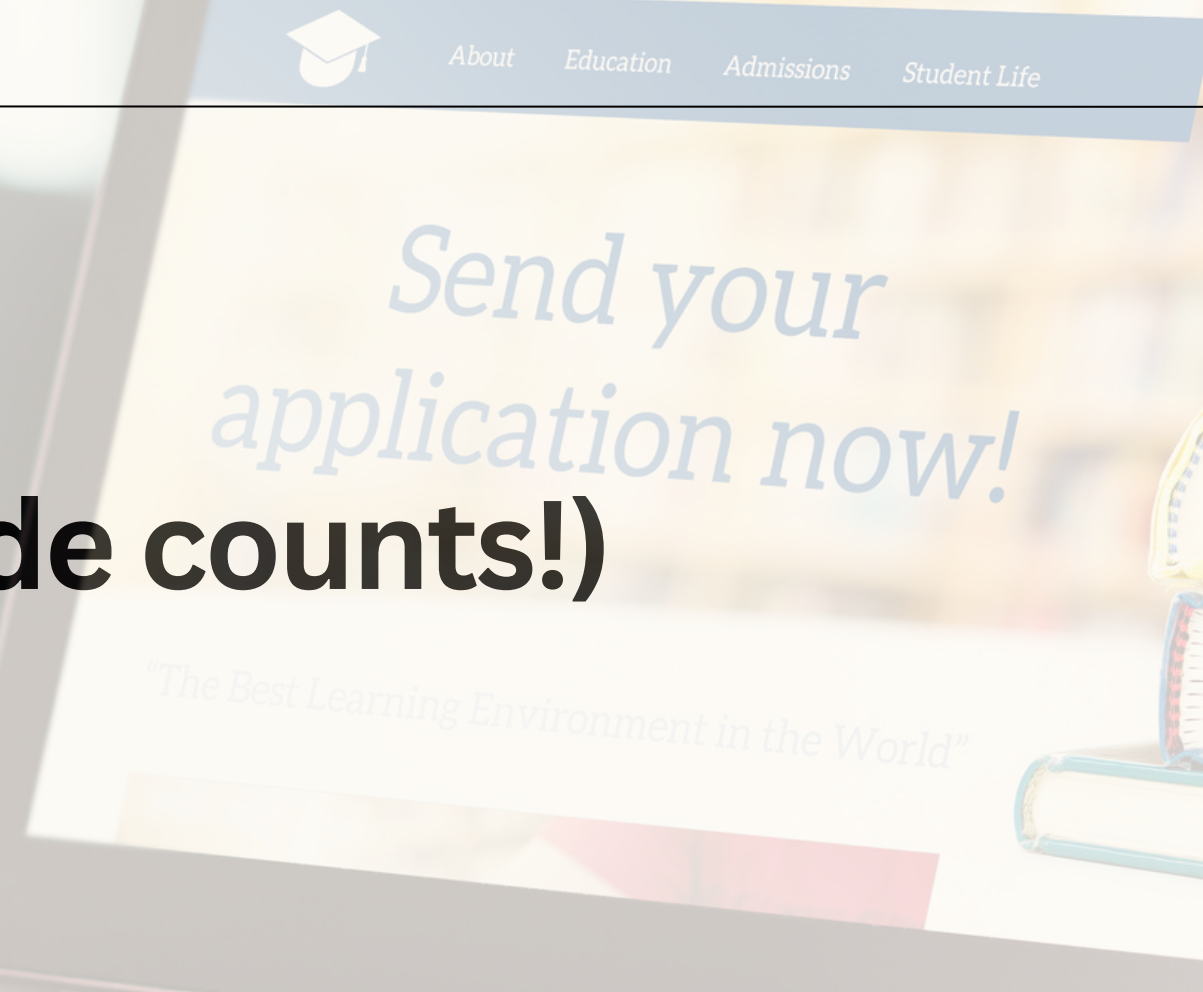
- Tool for career and college planning
- All students are registered  
([video](#) is still available on @TZHSCounseling via YouTube)
- College search program with TZHS specific data!

- Application management system
- All students were instructed to take the Achieve Works Personality Inventory & Strengths Explorer Inventory



# WHAT ARE COLLEGES LOOKING FOR?

- **Transcript**
- **Strength of Schedule (12th grade counts!)**
- **Test Scores (if applicable)**
- **Essay(s)**
- **Co-curricular activities, part-time work, summer experiences, etc.**
- **Letters of Recommendation**
- **Demonstrated Interest**







- Allows students to apply to multiple colleges and universities using a single, standardized application. There are over 900 colleges both in the United States and internationally on Common App.
- The platform provides a standardized application form that includes personal information, academic history, extracurricular activities, and the essay.
- Many schools will require a supplement in the form of short answers and / or additional essays. The supplements are on the Common App website. Some schools require students to create an account on an external portal where they need to upload their grades. This is referred to as an SRAR (Self Reported Academic Record). The key is to keep checking emails. Deadlines are deadlines!
- If a school does not use the Common App, their online application can be accessed through their individual website. CUNY schools are not on the Common Application. SUNY schools are.





# Application Types

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- Early Decision / Early Decision 2
- Early Action
- Restrictive EA
- Rolling Decision
- Priority / Scholarship Deadline





# What Lies Ahead for Senior Year

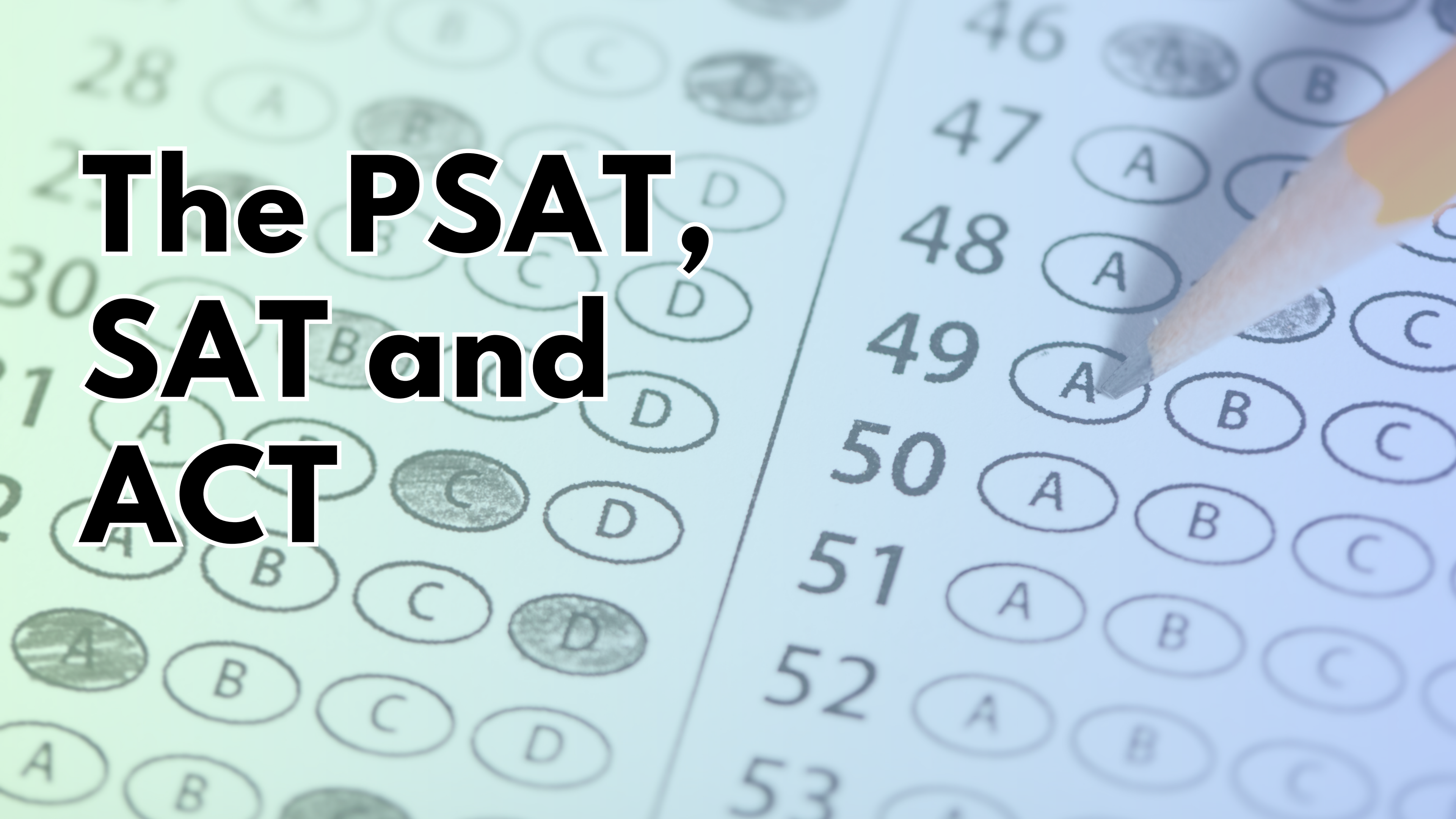
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- Common Application Workshop- Aug
- Application Deadlines: Oct - Jan
- Parent Workshop
- SAT / ACT
- Financial Aid Workshop / Filing Deadline
- Decision Day - May 1, 2025!





# The PSAT, SAT and ACT





# PSAT

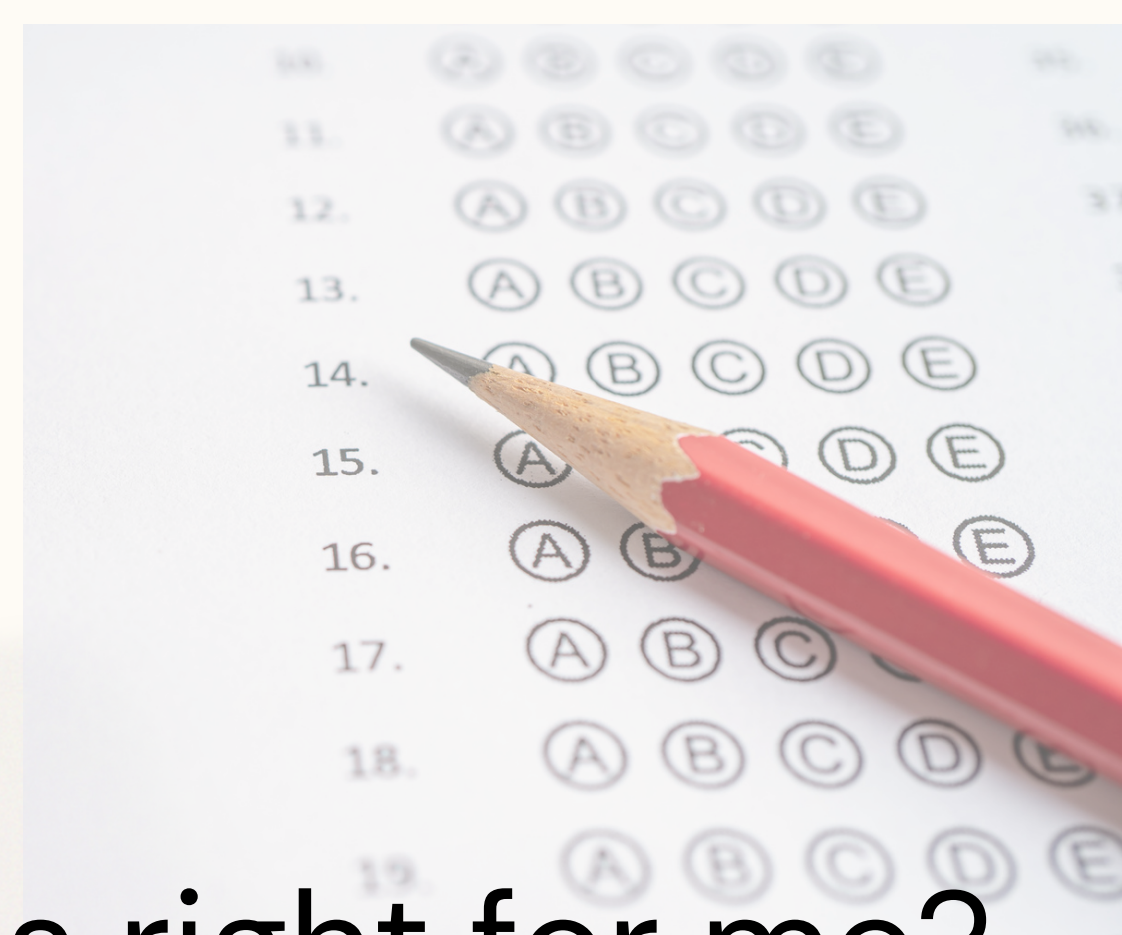
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- Given on October 25th – completely digital
- Results were released on CollegeBoard and on the BigFuture School mobile app on November 16, 2023
- Qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship (NMSQT)





## SAT v ACT



- To test or not to test? Which test is right for me?
- Test Blind / Test Optional / Test Mandatory
- How often should they be taken?
- What is score choice/superscoring?
- How are scores sent?
- Fairtest



# A Breakdown...

## Pre - Act

- Grade 10
- *Math = Pre-algebra, algebra through geometry/coordinate geometry*
- Science section

## PSAT

- Grade 11
- *Math = Algebra, geometry through trigonometry*

## ACT

- Grade 11 and / or beyond. Test is faster paced. Science section.
- *Math = Pre Algebra through Alg 2 / Trig*
- Paper only (as of today)

## SAT

- Grade 11 and / or beyond
- Test is slower paced
- *Math = Pre Algebra through Pre Calc*
- Digital only starting March 2024

# Where are our graduates?

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## Class of 2023:

247 students attended 107 different colleges

49% attended Public Institutions  
40% attended Private Institutions

11% employment, gap year, military etc.

79% (194 students) applied EA or Rolling;  
16% (40 applications) applied ED/EDII



# Tips for Parents

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- Avoid making college admissions the only thing we talk about at home.
- Instead of telling your son/daughter what to do, why not ask how you can help?
- Keep communication channels open; Share your thoughts, feelings, and reality openly and honestly.
- Sometimes, all students need is a listening ear, so be that person for them.
- It's your son/daughter who is heading to college, so let them take the reins.
- Remember, your parenting skills are not defined by which college your child gets into.
- Don't forget to reach out to the school counselor, they're there to lend a helping hand.



# Tips for Students – Find the “right fit”

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- Take initiative and be organized
- Be open to your parents' and counselors' suggestions
- You do not have to tell your friends everything
- Use your school counselor for support
- Think outside of the box
- Take time to relax! Enjoy 11th and 12th grade!





# Support

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- Junior and Senior Year can be overwhelming for students
- Students emotional well-being should and always will be our top priority



Psychologists:  
Dr. Burns  
Dr. Hercman

Social Workers:  
Mrs. Cursio  
Mrs. Scott





# Helpful links



[Naviance](#)

[Fairtest](#)

[Cappex](#)

[College Board](#)

[Fastweb](#)

[Niche](#)

[ACT](#)

[Unigo](#)

[16 Personalities](#)

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