

Senior Parents' Night



Class of 2023

College Trends

- **Increased competition**
- **Earlier deadlines**
- **Self-reported grades – no recs or official transcripts needed (for some schools)**
- **Fewer recommendations**
- **Increased use of Waitlist and “creative” acceptances**
- **Increased number of Test Optional Schools**
- **Increased popularity - in-state and public schools**
- **Alternative ways to express interest**



Getting Started

COLLEGE
Preparation



- Letters of Recommendation requested (In person & on Naviance)
- Resume sent to recommender and counselor
- Begin online applications – double check all deadlines!
- Write essay(s)
- Take SAT/ACT and/or send scores (allow at least three weeks for processing)
- Transcript Request Form submitted to School Counselor
three weeks prior to the application deadline

Helpful Links

School Counseling Website:

<https://www.simsbury.k12.ct.us/schools/shs/school-counseling>

Common Application: www.commonapp.org

Collegeboard: www.collegeboard.org

NCAA: www.ncaa.org

FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Class of 2023 Google Classroom

School Counseling

>	Welcome to School Counseling
>	Counseling Staff
>	Meeting with your Counselor
>	College Representatives
>	Grade 9
>	Grade 10
>	Grade 11
>	Grade 12
>	Naviance Student
>	College Resources
>	Standardized Testing
>	Post High School Planning
>	Student Athletes/NCAA
>	College Open Houses

Welcome Back!

Senior Parent Letter
[Asset 2018](#)

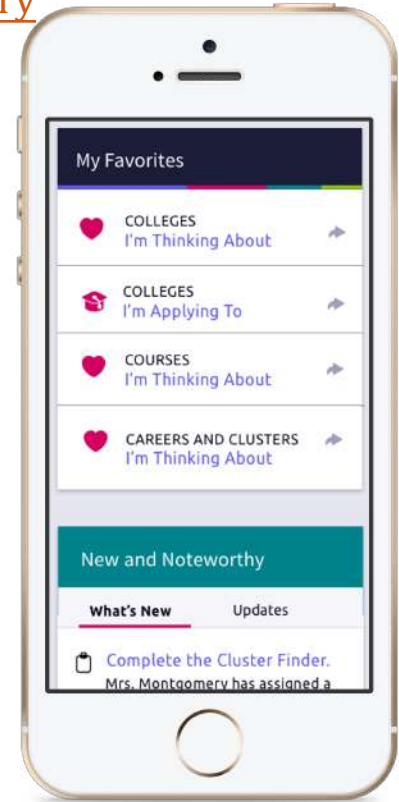
Senior Parents Night
Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM

"How to Pay for College"
Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Amph

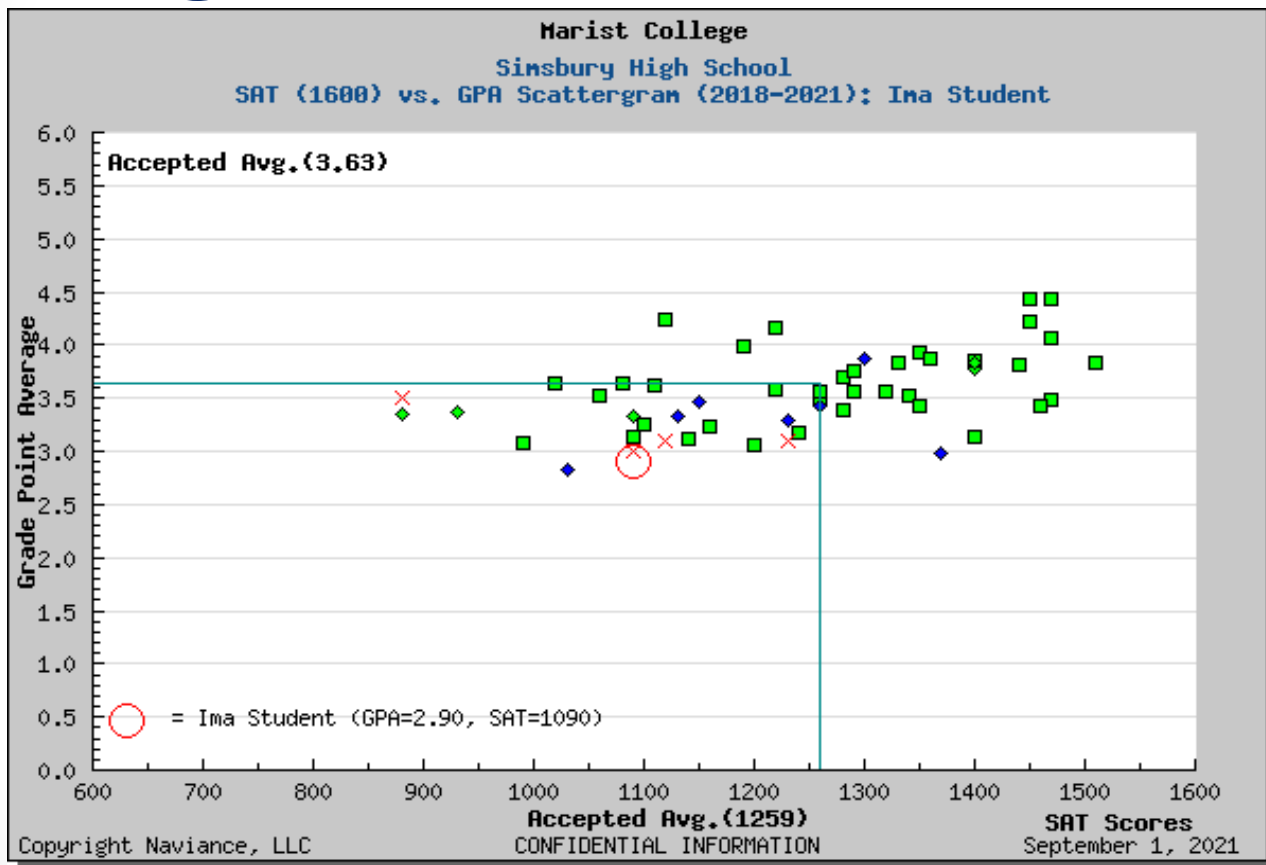
Naviance

<https://student.naviance.com/simsbury>

- **Five years of SHS college data**
- **Scattergrams**
- **College representative visit schedule**
 - **students should sign up for visits in Naviance**
 - **Students should get teacher permission to attend**
- **Career exploration**
- **Scholarship Information**
- **Tracking application status**

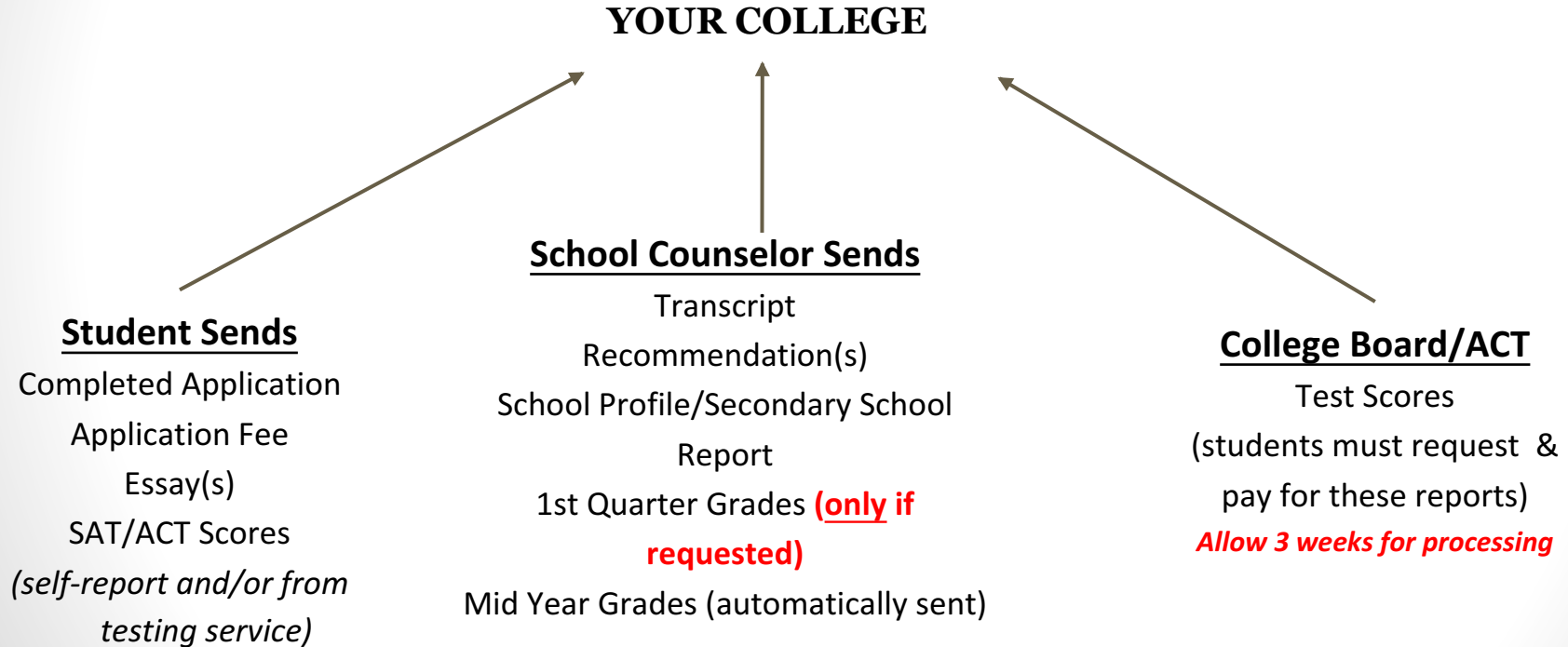


Scattergrams



Transcript Request Forms

SIMSBURY HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM



The Common Application

- **Online Application (900+ Colleges)**
- **Takes about an hour to complete the basic application Info – Use **student's personal email address** (not simsburyschools.net email address)**
- **Personal Essay**
- **Supplemental Questions - for some schools**
- **Application Fees**
- **Teacher Reports and School Reports all sent through Naviance**
- **Print and check for accuracy before sending**
appsupport@commonapp.net –help with issues/questions.

SAT

<https://collegeboard.org>

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org>



➤ Registration

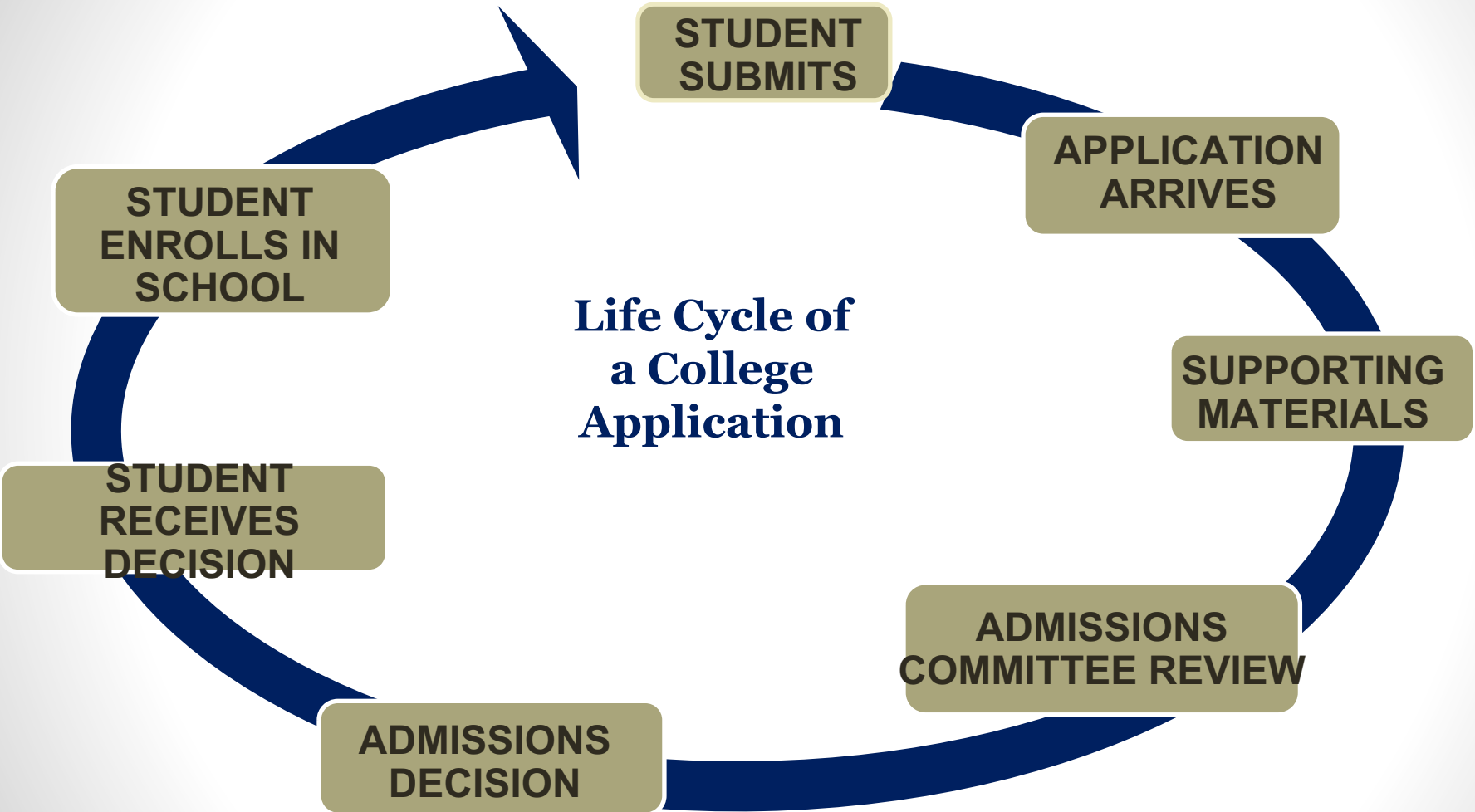
➤ Sending Scores

How to Send SAT Scores to Colleges: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amH_PmlqZXY

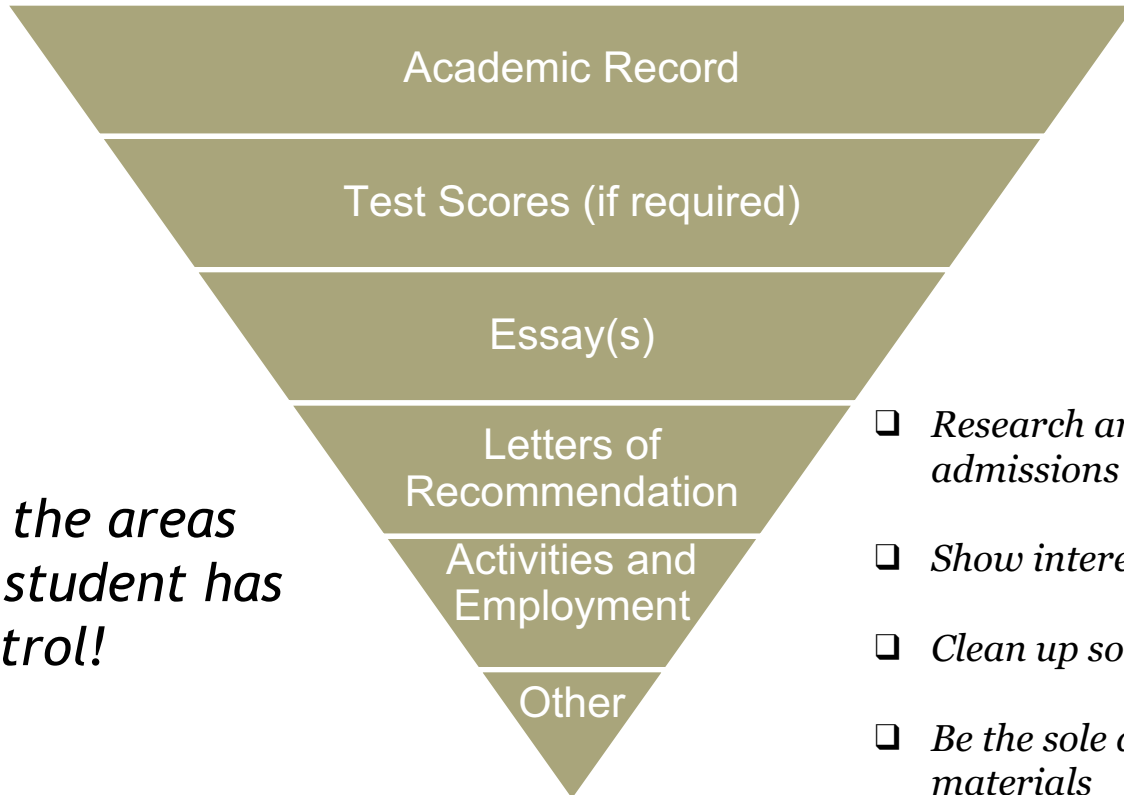
- Official Score Reports** need to be sent directly from College Board
- Allow **at least 3 weeks** for scores to arrive at your colleges
- The registration fee covers 4 score reports if ordered at time when you register or up to 9 days after test date
- After that it costs \$12/college

➤ Super-Scoring

Life Cycle of a College Application



Factors in Admission Decisions



*Focus on the areas
where the student has
control!*

- ❑ *Research and comply with admissions requirements*
- ❑ *Show interest*
- ❑ *Clean up social media sites*
- ❑ *Be the sole author of your materials*

Financial Aid



- **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid – opens October 1, 2022) – application for the 2023/24 School Year
Use tax return submitted in Jan-April 2022/based on 2021 income
- **CSS Profile** (for specific colleges - Available in October 2022)
- **College Financial Aid Application** (if applicable)
- **Scholarships**
 - Local Scholarships** (application available in January)
 - Other Scholarships** (scholarship websites, employment, religious affiliations, etc.)
- Use **Net Price Calculators** (available on college websites)
- **“How to Pay for College” Program**
 - October 20th, 2022
 - 7:00 SHS Amphitheater



College Fair

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SpringPath College Fair
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September 27th 2022 4:30-7:00

- Over 100 Colleges
- Free Event
- \$500 Scholarships
- Prizes
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Farmington,CT

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Final Thoughts.....

- Remember, this is a process
- Most kids are apprehensive
- Keep a balanced perspective
- Follow directions
- Guide, but don't do all the work - Encourage independence
- Never apply to a college that your child wouldn't gladly attend if accepted
- Find time to enjoy this special time in your child's life

