

College Information 2017-18

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Is College for me?



- ▶ Yes...but it's not always necessary.
- ▶ Everyone should seek training whether on-the-job training, certification, or a degree.
- ▶ College is advanced education in a field or area of study intended to prepare a student for a career or additional training/education.
- ▶ “What do you want to be when you grow up?” – Do you know at 18?
- ▶ Look outside of the professions you see daily. Check job sites for careers in a salary range you like or in a field that interests you...what degree do they require? Job shadow!
- ▶ Do these professions require college? Are you college-ready academically? Do you understand the process of admission, financial aid? Are you prepared to research and then ask questions to find the answers?

Attending a Technical School

- ▶ Technical schools are schools that provide mostly employment-preparation skills for trained labor, such as welding, health tech, culinary arts, or office management.
- ▶ Technical school programs can last anywhere from a few months to two years.
- ▶ Some offer transfer credit to four-year, some do not, some offer transfer Associate Degrees.
- ▶ Some of the popular Tech schools are MTC, The Bradford School, Fortis College, and COTC.

Attending a Two-Year College

- ▶ Two-year colleges provide programs that lead to associates degrees and/or transfer credits.
- ▶ They are typically less expensive than 4-year colleges and universities. The average cost is \$5,000 per year.
- ▶ Most do not offer housing.
- ▶ Many students will transfer to a 4-year university to seek their bachelors degree after completing their coursework at the 2-year college.

Attending a Four-Year College

- ▶ Four-year colleges and universities award students with bachelors degrees.
- ▶ The average cost for a public college is approx. \$22,000 per year. (Price includes tuition, room & board.)
- ▶ Average Ohio Public institution is approx. \$17,000
- ▶ Many Ohio Public schools have branch campuses that are less expensive to attend. Ohio State University at Marion now has housing!
- ▶ The average cost for a private institution is \$42,224 per year. (Price includes tuition, room & board.)
Average cost after financial aid is \$26,700.

Source: cnnmoney.com

Transfer 101

- ▶ Check Articulation Agreements first!
- ▶ Will my credits transfer? What colleges will accept my credits?
 - ▶ <https://transfercredit.ohio.gov/ap/1>
 - ▶ <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies>
- ▶ *Moving from a branch to a main campus is not a transfer; it is changing campuses.
- ▶ Request transcripts to from the college where credit was earned to college you are applying. This includes college courses taken through College Credit Plus while in high school.
- ▶ Send AP scores to colleges by going to Collegeboard.org.

Where To Begin?

- Take courses that prepare you for college & career.
 - ▶ Exceeding minimum graduation requirements (For. Lang., Math, Sci.)
 - ▶ Honors courses & Advanced Placement Courses
 - ▶ College Credit Plus classes
 - ▶ Other opportunities as they arise...
- Investigate careers and skills: Naviance, Ohio Means Jobs K-12
- Research colleges and universities that offer degrees in the career field(s) you are interested.
- Take college entrance exam by end of junior year
 - ▶ ACT or SAT - Schools will accept either
 - ▶ Recommend taking when in Algebra 2.
 - ▶ Take 2-3 times by the end of the Junior year. Juniors will take one free ACT at school in late Winter/early Spring.
 - ▶ Send your scores up to 4 colleges for free
 - ▶ SAT II Subject Tests, if they are required



More Beginning Tips...

What kind of college will be a good fit for you?

- ▶ Size - Large, Medium, Small
- ▶ Location – Commutable, Short Drive, Long Drive, Flight
- ▶ Type - Public, Private, Technical
- ▶ Reputable in Chosen Major
- ▶ Cost
- ▶ Tutoring or Special Needs Assistance
- ▶ Campus Life – Organizations, Clubs, Athletics
- ▶ Enrichment – Study Abroad, Guest Lecturers, Internships
- ▶ Career Assistance
- ▶ ***See Essential College Questions & College Checklists by Grade Level**

College Visits

- ▶ Take virtual tours of the college websites.
 - ▶ www.youniversitytv.com
 - ▶ Meet with the representatives that visit Hayes.
- ▶ Visit the colleges. Make sure to schedule an appointment with an admissions counselor, academic advisor, and a financial aid counselor.
- ▶ For visits, complete the Pre-Arranged Absence form and turn in to attendance *before* the college visit.



Colleges Visiting Hayes



Throughout the year, many colleges send representatives to high schools to visit with potential students. Students are encouraged to attend these visits! Sign up in Naviance!

1. Log In to Naviance
2. Click the Colleges tab
3. Click [view all upcoming college visits](#)
4. Click Sign Up for any of the visits

When do I apply for college?

- ▶ Common Applications and many Direct to Institution applications will open on August 1...but some open earlier (BGSU opens April 15!).
- ▶ Some schools let applicants select an application: Common App, Direct to Institution, or Coalition App.
- ▶ College Help Sessions will be offered at Hayes for seniors interested in getting a head start on applying.

Regular, Early, Rolling

- ▶ Regular Decision: Typically the last date to apply to a college, pool of students compared to each other
- ▶ Early Action: Earlier deadline than Regular, non-binding, pool of student compared to each other
- ▶ Early Decision: Earlier deadline than Regular, binding, pool of student compared to each other
- ▶ Rolling Admission: Once college receives a complete app package, they will review and send a decision

Components of the Application Process

- ▶ Application
 - ▶ Profile, Activities, Leadership, Awards, etc.
- ▶ Essay(s) (Visit collegeessayguy.com for GREAT tips!)
- ▶ Letter(s) of Recommendation *
- ▶ Test Scores
- ▶ Transcript(s)
- ▶ School Report
- ▶ Payment
- ▶ Interview (for selective colleges)
- ▶ Portfolios or auditions for visual/performing arts majors
- ▶ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



What are Colleges Looking for in a College Application? (As reported by OSU)

- ▶ Completion of the College Prep Curriculum
 - ▶ 4 English, 3+ Math, 3+ Science, 3+ Social Studies, 2+ Foreign Language, 1 Fine Art
- ▶ Additional courses in math, natural science, and foreign language.
 - ▶ Research shows these are predictors of success in college
- ▶ Rigor of courses – did you take advantage of harder courses?
 - ▶ Honors, AP courses and CCP
- ▶ Grades and grade trends (including class rank) – did you improve?
- ▶ Strength of senior schedule
- ▶ ACT/SAT Scores

Other Areas of Importance

- ▶ Extracurricular Activities, Leadership, & Work Experience
 - ▶ This is not a laundry list of many clubs and activities. It should show commitment and leadership.
- ▶ Obstacles the student may have overcome
- ▶ Diversity—Is the student a 1st generation college student? Does the student racially, ethnically, or economically diversify the campus?
- ▶ Special talents
- ▶ CCP courses are preferred only when the high school curriculum has been maxed out. AP or Honors courses may be preferred for selective schools.

Naviance!



Students have an online Naviance account where they can:

- ▶ Research colleges and keep lists of those they like
- ▶ Communicate with Mrs. Pollard
- ▶ Keep track of deadlines
- ▶ Have teachers upload letters of recommendation for applications
- ▶ Alert Mrs. Pollard when a transcript must be sent
- ▶ Students **MUST** use Naviance – this is the online system we use to submit documentation to colleges.

FAFSA



- ▶ Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- ▶ Opens online October 1 – some deadlines are December!
- ▶ This application qualifies you for Federal, State, and some College FA
- ▶ Parent(s) who provide more than 50% of financial support + Student financial information
- ▶ 2017 taxes can be automatically added using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool!
- ▶ Colleges must be selected to receive your FAFSA...it can be sent later to other colleges if you forget one or decided to apply later.

Scholarships



- ▶ College Scholarships are offered directly from the college, many automatically without an additional app – these can be renewable.
- ▶ Department or Specialty college scholarships – some may require an additional app (check the scholarship page on the college's website)
- ▶ External Scholarships require applications and must be located...check the Local Scholarship page on the Hayes College & Career Counseling site...do a simple Google search...try an online search engine.
- ▶ Look at parents' work to see if they offer a scholarship, organizations like scouts, 4H, NHS all offer scholarships.
- ▶ Search everywhere and apply, apply, apply!


Scholarships



- ▶ Millions of Scholarships – How do you find them?
 - ▶ College & Career Website > Local Scholarships
 - ▶ College & Career Website > Web Resources
 - ▶ Fastweb.com
 - ▶ Scholarships.com
 - ▶ Myscholly.com
 - ▶ Raise.me
 - ▶ Google search

College Scholarship Example

- ▶ CHECK their website for scholarship information!

2017 DIRECT FROM HIGH SCHOOL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP MATRIX							
	ACT / NEW SAT Score						
	35+	34-33	32-31	30-29	28-26	25-23	22-20
High School GPA	1560+	1550-1490	1480-1420	1410-1350	1340-1240	1230-1130	1120-1020
+3.80	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$4,000
3.60 – 3.79	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$4,000	\$4,000
3.40 – 3.59	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
3.20 – 3.39	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
3.00 – 3.19	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$1,000
2.75 – 2.99	\$5,500	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$1,000

Testing



▶ ACT

- ▶ Offered 7 times per year starting in September.
- ▶ Ranges in score from 1 – 36.
- ▶ Includes Reading, Math, English, Science, and optional Writing.
- ▶ Accepted at all schools.

Testing



▶ SAT

- ▶ Offered 7 times per year starting in October.
- ▶ Ranges is score from 200 – 800 on each test.
- ▶ Includes: Critical Reading, Math, and Optional Writing.
- ▶ Accepted at all colleges.

▶ SAT II

- ▶ May be required in subject areas for highly selective colleges. Recommended to take when completing the AP equivalent course.

ACT vs. SAT

- ▶ ACT questions tend to be more straightforward.
- ▶ The SAT has a stronger emphasis on vocabulary.
- ▶ The ACT has a Science section, the SAT does not.
- ▶ The ACT tests more advanced math concepts.
- ▶ The SAT is broken up into more sections.
- ▶ The ACT is more of a "big picture" exam.

ACT vs NEW SAT

What's the Same?

- No penalties for guessing
- Curriculum-focused content
- Score choice
- Optional essay

What's Different?

	ACT	New SAT
Duration	2 Hours 55 Minutes	3 Hours
Top Score	36	1600
Math Section	No Formulas given Calculator for ALL sections No Grid-in Answers	Lots of Formulas given Calculator for ONE section Grid-in Answers
Math Topics	Geometry Algebra Arithmetic Trigonometry	Some Geometry & Arithmetic Advanced Algebra Some Trigonometry Interpretation of Data
Reading/Writing Section	8% Vocabulary 3% Vocabulary	17% Vocabulary (Reading Questions) 7% Vocabulary (Writing Questions) Questions based on Graphs & Charts
Science Section	Interpretation of Data Graphs & Charts	SCIENCE SECTION

Helpful Resources

Websites

- www.ACTSTUDENT.org (ACT)
- www.COLLEGEBOARD.org (SAT)
- www.NUMBER2.com (SAT/ACT PREP)
- www.KHANACADEMY.com (SAT PREP)
- www.FAIRTEST.org (Test-Optional Schools)

Need Testing Accommodations?

- ACT: www.actstudent.org/regist/disab/
- SAT: www.collegeboard.org/students-with-disabilities

SAT Subject Tests

sat.collegeboard.org/about-tests/sat-subject-tests

*Subject tests are never offered in March.

Communicate

- ▶ Stay in touch with Mrs. Pollard through:
 - ▶ Naviance
 - ▶ Email: pollarje@delawarecityschools.net
 - ▶ Phone: 833-1024
 - ▶ Remind
 - ▶ Twitter: @jenrpollard
 - ▶ Hoofprints
 - ▶ College & Career Website
 - ▶ Appointments: Make an appointment in the counseling office or through the school website

Upcoming Opportunities

▶ Delaware County College Credit Plus Night @ Ohio Wesleyan University

- ▶ Delaware Hayes, Buckeye Valley, and Big Walnut will hold a College Credit Plus Night at Ohio Wesleyan University on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 from 6:15 - 8:30 PM. Central Ohio Colleges/Universities, including Columbus State, OSU, and Marion Technical College will be in attendance.

▶ Evening Agenda

- ▶ 6:15-6:45 PM Registration & College CCP Table Fair
- ▶ 6:45-7:30 PM Group overview of CCP
- ▶ 7:30-8:30 PM High School breakout sessions
- ▶ Families must pre-register for the event
- ▶ <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/college-credit-plus-ohio-wesleyan-registration-38962243118>

Upcoming Opportunities

▶ **ACT Prep Workshop for the February 10th (National Test Date) or February 27th (Junior ACT Test Date at Hayes)**

- ▶ Mr. Morrison, former Hayes HS teacher, and ACT Prep guru will hold an ACT Prep Workshop on February 8th from 9:30 - 11:40 AM during the school day. Cost will be \$20. (Typically his sessions are \$35.)
- ▶ Students will learn test-taking strategies they can use on the test.
- ▶ Open to Sophomores & Juniors
- ▶ Registration materials will be posted in the near future on the College & Career website.