

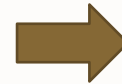
Junior Night: How to Apply, Afford, and Attend College

Thursday, February 28th

SVHS Media Center

Who Am I?

- From Augusta, Georgia
- Davidson College - May 2018
- Transfer Student
- SAT/ACT Testing, College Applications, Essays, Scholarships, Financial Aid, Match & Fit
- Open Door Policy



SVHS Counseling Department

- Jenee Johnson – Senior Counselor
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College Application Resources

- Assist students with all aspects of college application process
- ACT/SAT registration
- Provide information about colleges/universities
- FAFSA and financial aid help
- College Essays- proofread/edit
- Host college rep visits





Parental Influence

- Parents are the biggest influence on a student during the college process

Let your student lead their college process but offer support along the way!



Agenda

- College Options and Match & Fit
- College Admissions 101
- College Applications 101
- Introduction on Paying for College
- Naviance Tutorial

College Options



Choices

- Over 3,000 colleges & universities in the US
- North Carolina
 - 58 two-year colleges
 - 52 four-year colleges



Choosing a Path

- 4-Year College/University
- Community College
 - *Open Admission*
 - **Transfer Student** → Transfer to 4 year college (bachelor's degree)
 - **Specific Program of Study** → Workforce (associate's degree)
 - *Welding, Dental Hygienist, Graphic Design, etc.*
- Military
 - ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)
 - March 6th, May 1st



3 Big Questions

1. What are my chances of being admitted?
 - a. Profile of the most recent freshman class
2. Does the college or university have my intended course of study?
 - a. Major, pre-professional program, and/or special studies
3. Can I afford it?
 - a. Don't rule any school out initially (but be realistic)



Match (Academics)

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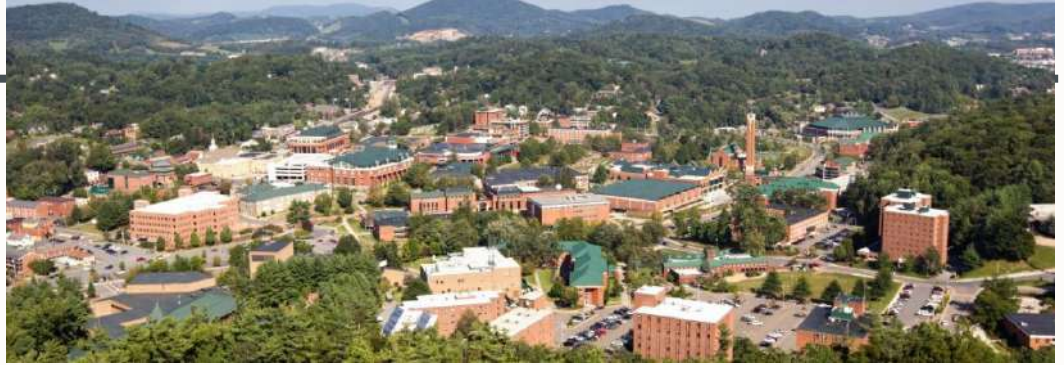
Fit (Type of school)



Resources for Match & Fit

- [Bigfuture.collegeboard.org](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org)
- [CFNC.org](https://cfnc.org) - great for NC colleges
- Naviance

Visit Schools



College Rep Visits

- Admissions counselors visit SVHS in the fall and the spring
- Need to get a pass in R. 117!



Sep 10	9:30 AM	Furman University	Media Center
Sep 11	10:00 AM	UNC Asheville	Media Center
Sep 18	8:40 AM	Campbell University	C&C Center (117)
Sep 20	10:00 AM	VCU	C&C Center (117)
Sep 25	8:30 AM	Univ. of Tulsa	C&C Center (117)
Oct 9	1:30 PM	UNC Greensboro	Media Center
Oct 10	8:30 AM	Wofford	C&C Center (117)
Oct 16	10:00 AM	App State	Media Center
Oct 22	10:00 AM	Univ. of SC	Media Center
Nov 5	2:00 PM	Davidson College	Media Center

Scheduled College Visits

College	Representative	Date
North Carolina State University	Cameron Younts	Wed February 6, 2019
University of South Carolina, Lancaster	Darby Threatt	Mon February 18, 2019
Fayetteville State University	Patrick Ingram	Tue February 26, 2019
The University of Alabama in Huntsville	Samantha Parks	Wed March 27, 2019
University of North Carolina at Wilmington	Ashleigh Carroll	Thu April 11, 2019

Upcoming College Fairs

•Sun, March 17: NACAC College Fair

- The Park Expo, 12:00-4:00 PM
- 100+ colleges and universities

•Mon, March 18: SVHS College Fair

- New gym, 9:00-10:00 AM
- ALL JUNIORS
- 20+ colleges and universities
- Clemson, East Carolina, University of SC, UNC Charlotte

...AND MORE!!!

College Admissions 101



Graduation Requirements vs. College Admission Requirements

Subject	SVHS	UNC System	Selective Colleges
English	4 course units	4 course units	4 course units
Math	4 course units	4 course units	4 course units
History/Social Science	4 course units	4 course units	4 course units
Science	3 course units	3 course units	4 course units
Foreign Language	Not required for graduation	2 course units	2-4 course units
Electives	12 course units		
Health/PE	1 course unit		
GPA		2.5 weighted GPA	
SAT/ACT Scores		880 SAT or 17 ACT	

NC Colleges by Average Unweighted GPA, ACT, and SAT Score

Open Admissions, No minimum GPA/ACT/SAT!	GPA 2.5-2.8 ACT 16-19 SAT 770-930	GPA 2.8-3.2 ACT 18-22 SAT 860-1040	GPA 3.2-3.5 ACT 21-25 SAT 980-1160	GPA 3.5-3.8 ACT 24-28 SAT 1090-1280	GPA 3.8-4.0 ACT 27-36 SAT 1210-1600
  <p>+ 56 others in the state of NC!!!</p>	  <p>JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY</p>  <p>Lees McRae COLLEGE</p>  <p>WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY</p>  <p>GOLDEN BULLS</p> <p>Campbell, Elizabeth City State, Barton, Chowan, NC Wesleyan, Art Institutes, Fayetteville State</p>	<p>Gardner-Webb University</p>  <p>LENOIR-RHYNE UNIVERSITY</p>  <p>MARS HILL UNIVERSITY 1856</p>  <p>NC A&T AGGIES</p> <p>Belmont Abbey, Catawba, Methodist, William Peace, Greensboro College, Pfeiffer, Montreat</p>	 <p>WINGATE UNIVERSITY</p>  <p>EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY</p>  <p>Western Carolina UNIVERSITY</p>  <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA GREENSBORO</p>  <p>COASTAL CAROLINA CHANTICLEERS</p>	 <p>QUEENS UNIVERSITY OF CHARLOTTE</p>  <p>UNC CHARLOTTE</p>  <p>APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINEERS</p>  <p>UNCW UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON</p>  <p>ELON UNIVERSITY</p>  <p>UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE</p>	 <p>DAVIDSON</p>  <p>THE UNIVERSITY of NORTH CAROLINA at CHAPEL HILL</p>  <p>Duke</p>  <p>WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY</p>  <p>NC STATE</p>

2.5 W. GPA
880 SAT or 17 ACT



Factors in College Admissions Decisions

Most Important

- Grades in College Prep Courses
- Strength of high school curriculum
- Overall GPA
- Test scores (ACT/SAT)

Moderately Important

- Admissions Essay
- Extracurricular Involvement
- Letters of Rec
- Demonstrated Interest



College Applications 101



Application Components

- Application
- Essays
 - Letters of Rec – Teacher or Counselor
- Application fee (or fee waiver)
- Test scores (ACT or SAT)
- Transcript
- Residency Number (RCN)

**ALL MUST BE DONE OR
YOU HAVEN'T REALLY
APPLIED!**

How to Apply

THE COMMON
APPLICATION



OR

Specific College
Website

Number of Applications



College admissions have become increasingly competitive

- ***Apply to 5-8 schools***

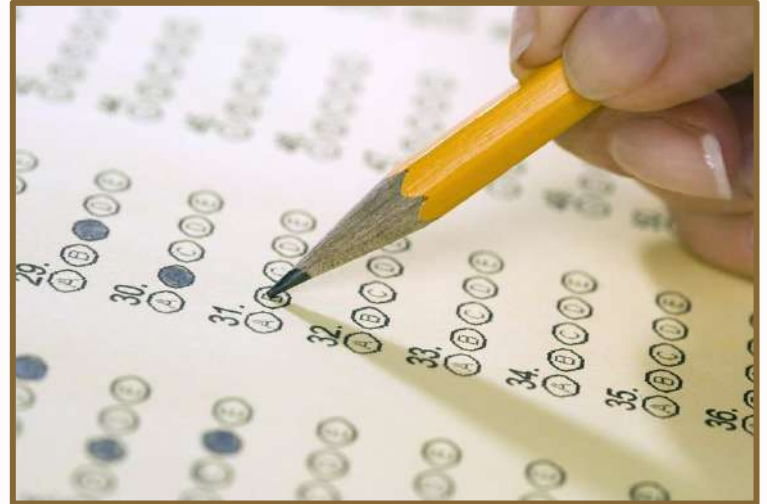
- 1-2 Reach → lower than the admissions standards
- 2-4 Match → match the admission standards
- 1-2 Safety → exceed the admission standards

Types of Deadlines

- **Early Action/Priority** – apply early and get an earlier decision (non-binding)
- **Early Decision** –if you are accepted, you must attend (binding)
 - *Make sure finances are in order!*
- **Regular Decision** – submit application by specified deadline
- **Rolling Admissions** – colleges review applications as they are submitted; decision in 2-4 weeks
- **Open Admission** – Community Colleges

SAT/ACT Testing

- All juniors should have taken the ACT last week & will take the SAT during school in the Spring
- February 20, 2019 → ACT
- April 9, 2019 → SAT



SAT/ACT

- Colleges accept SAT or ACT score - no preference
- Retest in the summer/fall
- Do not need test score for Community College!
- Student must register on their own to retest
 - ***Fee waivers available for students on free or reduced lunch***



Upcoming Test Dates

ACT

Test Date	Registration Deadline
April 13, 2019	March 8, 2019
June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019
July 13, 2019	June 14, 2019

SAT

Test Date	Registration Deadline
March 9, 2019	February 8, 2019
May 4, 2019	April 5, 2019
June 1, 2019	May 3, 2019



Study Resources

- **SAT**

- Khan Academy
- Collegeboard.org
- “Daily Practice for the New SAT” App

- **ACT**

- Practice ACT test
- Act Academy



Paying for College

Who Pays for College

“The primary responsibility of paying for college falls to the student’s family.”

Every financial aid officer ever

Cost of Attendance



WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE COST OF COLLEGE?

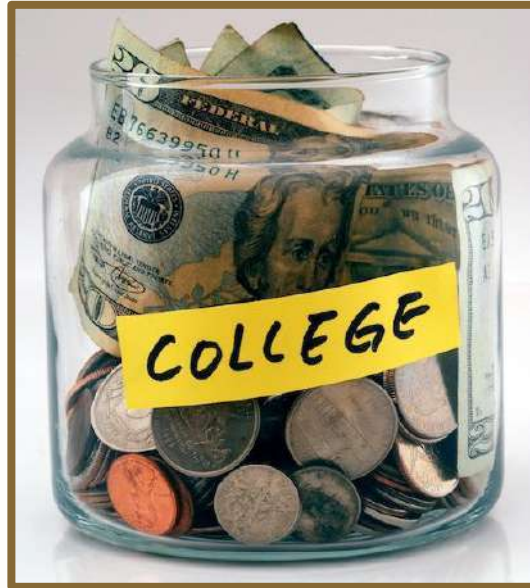
- TUITION AND FEES
- TRANSPORTATION
- ROOM AND BOARD
- STUDY ABROAD
- BOOKS
- MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES
- SUPPLIES

College is an Investment



- Don't let the price tag stop you from applying to schools on your list!
 - Most students do not pay the sticker price
 - Be open with your student about finances & college
 - Be realistic about student debt
 - **Don't want loan amount greater than 1st year salary!**
 - Average student debt ~\$27,000

Financial Aid = Money to
help you pay for college!



Financial Aid



- Main Types of Financial Aid
 - Merit-Based Aid → Scholarships
 - Need-Based Aid → Grants
 - Loans
- Must complete FAFSA to qualify for financial aid!

FAFSA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Opens October 1st!
- Online form that collects parent & student financial info to determine how much money a family can put towards college



Financial Aid Resources

- Get financial aid estimates now!
 - FAFSA4CASTER
 - Net Price Calculator (every school website has one)
- Financial aid officers

Cost - Public vs. Private

PUBLIC

- In-state tuition – less expensive
- State funding
- Less financial aid
- Need-based aid
 - Loans
 - Grants
 - Work-study

PRIVATE

- No in-state tuition – more expensive
- Tuition, private contributions
- More financial aid
- Need-based aid
 - Loans
 - Grants
 - Work-study

= Comes out to about the same out of pocket

Athletes & NCAA




If the student is planning on playing D1 or D2 sports...

- Register now with the NCAA Eligibility Center
- Request test scores and transcript be sent in by the end of junior year



Next Steps/Important Dates

- **Schedule a Campus Visit**
- **Start building your college list and what schools you will be applying to (3-5 schools)**
- **Study for the ACT/SAT**
- **Retest ACT or SAT in the Summer/Early Fall!**
 - Opportunities to increase your score before submitting applications in the fall
- **Create a Resume**
 - Look back on all the activities that you have been involved with in high school
- **Start working on Common Application Essays**

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NAVIANCE

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- Request Transcripts
- Request Letters of Recommendation
- Scholarship Search & Reporting

Should Complete the SuperMatch College Search this Spring

Contact Info.

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