

Parent University

Class of 2025

College Search

- NOW: Preliminary List (15-20)
- Spring/Summer
 - Evaluate colleges personal, academic & financial fit
 - Naviance Scattergrams
 - Virtual tours and info sessions on college sites
 - College road trips - go when students are on campus, official tour not necessary, see as many as you can
- Fall -Final List (4-8)

Criteria Students Should Consider

- **Happiness:** MHS believes selectivity does not guarantee success and happiness. Only apply to schools you are excited about.
- **Size:** small, medium, large, does it also have a graduate school or a hospital, do students stay on campus all four years
- **Location:** urban, rural, suburban, how far it is from home, weather, culture fit
- **Rigor:** will you feel appropriately challenged, will this college cause you stress
- **Social:** does the vibe of the school excite you, will you enjoy the social offerings: sports, clubs, Greek life
- **Support:** does this college have what you're looking for in terms of academic support, financial support, and career support

Six Types of College Experiences that Influence Future Success

1. Taking a course with a professor who made learning exciting.
2. Having a professor who cared about the student personally.
3. Having a mentor who encouraged the student to pursue personal goals.
4. Working on a meaningful project across semesters.
5. Participating in an internship.
6. Being active in extracurricular activities.

Roles: Defined

- Student
- Family
- School Counselor
- College/Career Specialist
- Teacher
- College Contacts

Likely - Target - Reach - Unlikely

- **Likely:** the admit rate is over 50% and your academic profile puts you in the top quartile of students from the previous year. These are schools where you have a high probability of gaining admission and merit aid, and it's ideal to have at least two in your list.
- **Target:** the admit rate over 25%+ and your academic profile puts you in the mid 50th percentile or higher of students from the previous year. These schools represent your 'sweet spot' since your academic performance is in range and the admit rates are reasonable. We recommend having 3-5 targets in your list.

Definitions from College Kickstart Nov 2022

RESOURCES: Google Common Data Set and name of college and <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

Likely - Target - Reach - Unlikely

- **Reach:** the admit rate is less than 25% or your academic performance puts you in the bottom quartile of students from the previous year. These schools admit very selectively, so the risk is higher of being denied, even if your academic performance is strong. We recommend having at least two in your list to give yourself some upside.
- **Unlikely:** the admit rate is less than 25% AND your academic performance puts you in the bottom quartile of students from the previous year. Statistically speaking, these schools are likely to be out of reach unless there are unique circumstances that set you apart from the applicant pool (first to attend college, special talent, etc.)

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<https://www.wsj.com/story/the-best-10-colleges-that-arent-the-usual-suspects-25b0c4ba>

College Admissions

- Regular
- Rolling
- Early Decision – binding commitment!!!
- Early Action
- Restrictive Early Action (non binding)
- Priority
- Open Admission



How to Support Your Student

- Reminder: mental health and academics are priority
- Discuss their criteria of interest
 - Help them not to razor focus on one college
- Set up a protected time when you can discuss college (once a week, for example)
- Ask “How can I help support you?”
- Ask “How was Junior Focus Day? What did you learn?”
- Suggest a spreadsheet or other method of organization
- Remember - juniors are MORE than their GPAs and where they are applying to college

Upcoming Events & Support

- February 28 is **Junior Focus Day**
- March 21 is **Summer/PT Job Fair**
- April 4 **Spring College Planning Night**
 - 6:00 PM meet & greet the panelists
 - 6:30 PM panel
- June - **Counselors in English Classes**
- July/Aug - **College App Workshop**
- August - **Senior Parent Night**
- Sept - **1-1 with Counselor**
- Sept - **College app and essay workshops**



Late July/Early Aug



- ❖ Choose from Morning or Afternoon Sessions
 - Same Content Covered in Both
- ❖ Facilitated by your Counseling Team & two admission reps
- ❖ \$75, covers the 2 days and snacks
 - Sign up/pay via MySchoolBucks
- ❖ What We Will Cover
 - How to get organized
 - Walk through of the Common App
 - Walk through of the SRAR
 - Kick start your essay
- ❖ Bring your laptop!

Questions?
Thank you!