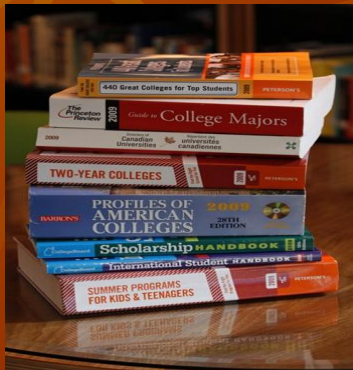


# Welcome to the Morris Knolls Counseling Department's College Planning Night



The Start of College Planning

# Planning

- The Perfect Fit
- College Visits
- PSAT
- SAT vs. ACT
- Preparing for Testing
- Test Optional
- Khan Academy



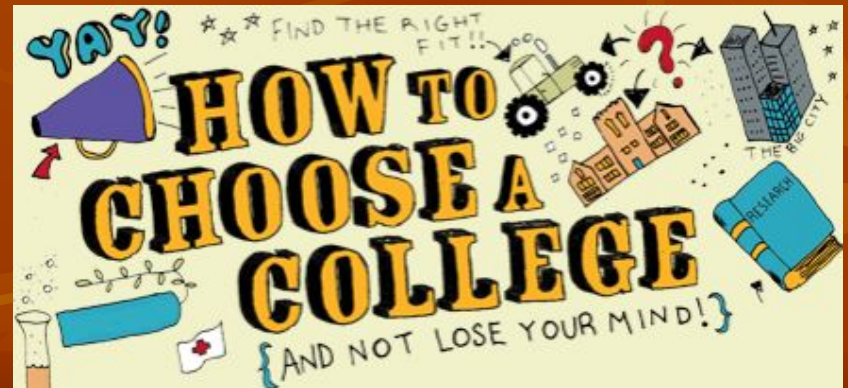
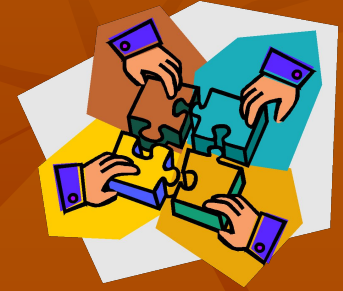
# College Visits - \*\*Virtually

- Register for a tour/visit - still the best option to show interest
- Show interest – colleges often track your contact with them
  - tracking social media/emails (being opened/researching their site)
- Take a walk on your own – ask questions
- Consider travel time/expenses



# Finding the Perfect Fit – Naviance

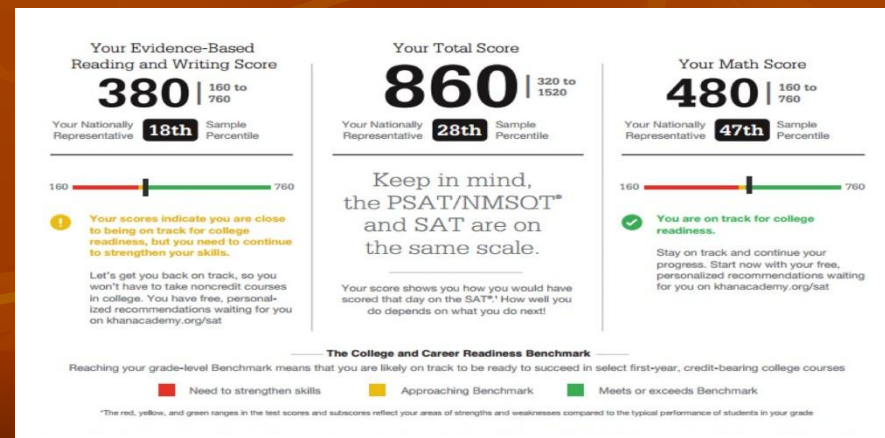
- Competitiveness
- Size of campus and student body
- Student/Teacher Ratio
- Setting – City/Rural
- Geographical/Climate
- Majors Offered
- Campus Life/Clubs/Athletics/Intramurals
- Housing
- Campus Security
- Special Programs
  - Counseling
  - Honors programs
  - Study abroad
  - ROTC
  - Internships



# PSAT

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

- PSAT/NMSQT – Score Report
  - Math – Reading/Writing – scores 160-760
- Online score report
  - Available November (virtual test) – to your school email
  - SAT Suite of Assessments – all scores together (PSAT, SAT, AP)
  - Personalized review questions by your own strengths/weakness



# Preparing for Testing



- Kaplan, Princeton and C2 offer preparation review courses (\$\$/Fee)
- MK offers after school Boot Camps (Free)
- Independent Studying
- Free Practice Tests Online
- \*Khan Academy
  - Link with your PSAT report



## SAT Suite of Assessments

[Home](#)[Digital SAT](#)[SAT](#)[PSAT/NMSQT](#)[PSAT 10](#)[PSAT 8/9](#)[For K-12 Educators](#)[For Higher Ed Professionals](#)[More](#)

# Register for the December SAT by November 21.

[Register Now](#)[International SAT Info](#)

## Dates and Deadlines

2023

FRI, NOV 17, 2023

November SAT Scores  
Available

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FRI, NOV 17, 2023

Registration Deadline for  
December Digital SAT  
(International Students)

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## Studying and Practice Tests



### Khan Academy

Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy is free, comprehensive, and available to all students.

Go to Khan Academy



### Practice Tests

Get free, downloadable SAT practice tests online or on paper.

Start Practicing



### Digital SAT Practice

Find everything you need to prepare for the digital SAT.

Get Started



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- Senior Class of 2020  
SAT vs. ACT Preference Map
- This map shows the preference for SAT or ACT tests by state for the Senior Class of 2020. States are colored blue for SAT preference and red for ACT preference.
- | State                | Preference |
|----------------------|------------|
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| Arkansas             | ACT        |
| California           | SAT        |
| Colorado             | SAT        |
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| Delaware             | SAT        |
| District of Columbia | SAT        |
| Florida              | SAT        |
| Georgia              | SAT        |
| Hawaii               | ACT        |
| Idaho                | ACT        |
| Illinois             | ACT        |
| Indiana              | ACT        |
| Iowa                 | ACT        |
| Kansas               | ACT        |
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| Louisiana            | ACT        |
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| South Carolina       | ACT        |
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| Washington           | SAT        |
| West Virginia        | ACT        |
| Wisconsin            | ACT        |
| Wyoming              | ACT        |

# Test Optional ?

Majority of schools are now Test Optional. (about 80%)

Test Optional - Student decides if they want to send or not

Test Blind - The school does NOT consider scores, even if they are sent.

Test Flexible - (newer) - can opt to send other tests (AP/IB)

Common Data Set - Each school publishes yearly data of admissions information (school site) Ex: Rutgers

	22-23	21-22	20-21
	<u>25% - 75%</u> (50%)	<u>25% - 75%</u> (45%)	<u>25% - 75%</u> (90%)
E-	630—720	610 - 710	580 - 680
M-	640-760	630 - 760	600 - 730

- 42,000 - applied - 28,000 accepted - 7,800 enrolled
- Effects - colleges look to be more selective, so only send if they benefit you!

# College Testing.....cont.

- It is recommended to take either SAT/ACT at least twice
- Enclosed in your packet are the test dates for 2023-2024
- When registering for the SAT/ACT – you can select four schools to receive scores at no extra charge, after it is \$14.00/18.50 per school
- SAT/ACT both require a picture to be uploaded when registering



# Get Ready to Apply

- Naviance
- College Search
- Application Time



# What is Naviance Family Connections?

- Career/Interest Inventories
- Search College Majors - Careers
- College Planning Tool
- *Naviance is used to send all materials for College Applications*



# Accessing Naviance

- Your child is registered and can log in using their school email
- Go To - Morris Knolls Website → School Counseling Department → MK Naviance Students or APA Students
- Parents can request to have their own access by emailing their child's school counselor



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College Connection for High School Students

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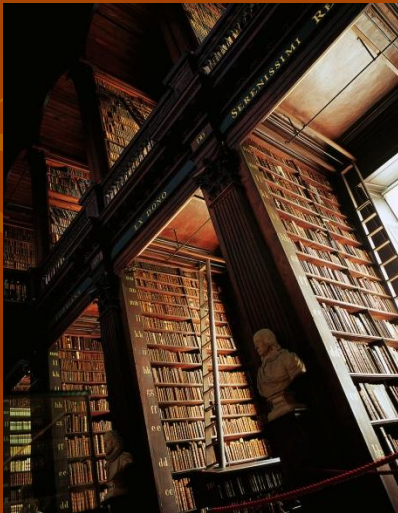
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# Junior Year Cont'd

- Students will also be directed to utilize “*Supermatch*” or “*Advanced College Search*” accessible under the ‘College’ tab to begin exploring colleges.



Hit College Tab  
to access

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Northeastern University	Early Action - Fall 2024	Nov 1	N/A	Requested	Initial materials submitted	CA	Submitted	More
University of Pennsylvania	Regular Decision - Fall 2024	Jan 5	N/A	No request	Pending	CA	Unknown	More

# During Junior Year

- Students will develop a list of *reach*, *target* and *safety* schools in their - “Colleges that I’m Thinking About” tab (consider acceptance rates and financial means)





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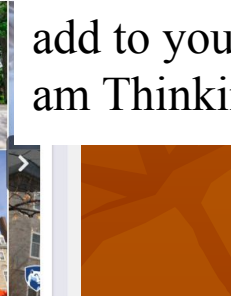
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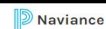
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## Colleges I'm Thinking About

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County College of Morris	CA	Student	N/A	Deadlines	N/A More
+ Misericordia University	CA	Student	N/A	Deadlines	N/A More
+ Muhlenberg College	CA	Student	N/A	Deadlines	N/A More
Princeton University	CA	Student	N/A	Deadlines	N/A More
+ Rutgers University-New Brunswick	CA	Student	N/A	Restrictive Early Action - Fall 2024 term Regular Decision - Fall 2024 term Deadline Nov 1 Deadline Jan 1	N/A More

# Needed for Senior Year

- Students are required to complete:
  - “*Senior Brag Sheet*”
    - Can complete over the summer
  - “*Parent Brag Sheet*” (Parents may access this sheet using their own Naviance account)
    - These will be referenced when writing letters of recommendation.

Create Your  
**Brag Sheet**  
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# Senior Year – Applications

- By senior year – update Naviance by moving the college from “Colleges that I’m Thinking About” → “Colleges I’m Applying To”
- Letters of Recommendation (2)– teacher requests need to be entered - “*Colleges Home tab*”



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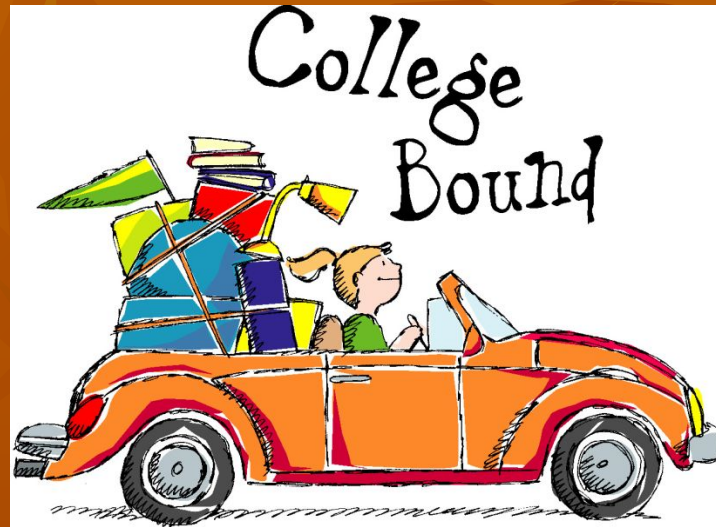
# Colleges I am Applying To

[Manage Transcripts](#) [Application Milestones](#) [Compare Me](#)

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Princeton University	Regular Decision - Fall 2024	Jan 1	N/A	No request	Initial materials submitted		Unknown ▾	More ⋮





- What are colleges looking for?
- Letters of Recommendation
- Applications
- Calendar

# What are colleges looking for?

- This will vary – depending on how competitive and how large
  - Transcript - academic achievement – growth – GPA
  - Standardized Test Scores (if not sending - other parts of application will be scrutinized more, like academic rigor/grades)
  - Class Rank
  - Rigor of Schedule – and Senior Year schedule
  - Activities – consistency - commitment - leadership
  - Volunteer work etc.
  - Showing Interest
  - Essays - Supplements
  - Recommendations
  - Interview – only a few private require



# The Application



- No set rule, 6-9 applications is average
- Safety, target and reach
- Refer to Freshman Class Profile, Data Sets and compare yourself on Naviance
- Common Application, Coalition or college website
- Each college has separate deadlines/requirements/fees - be aware of each
- If they request “Official Test Scores” *even if you self report in the CA - you must send them*
- Counselor will submit: School Profile/Transcript  
School Report/Letters of Rec

# Common App & Coalition App

- One application can be used for more than one college
  - Many schools have supplemental questions/essay
- Payment made right on the website
- One required essay for the application (max 650)
  - Start your essay before school begins in September
- Application can be started early! (It will roll-over to your senior year application on August 1 and automatically populate information)



THE COMMON APPLICATION

For Undergraduate College Admission

# Junior Year College Calendar

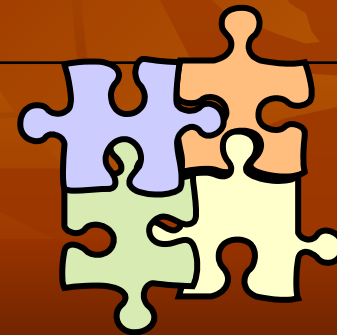
<b><u>September</u></b> Attend Mini-College Fairs  Virtual College Fairs	<b><u>October</u></b> Attend College Fairs    <b>Take PSAT</b>	<b><u>November</u></b> PSAT Results  Consider taking ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)  Attend Fall Open Houses	<b><u>December</u></b> Link Khan Academy to College Board to prep for SAT's    <b>SAT</b>	<b><u>January</u></b> <b><u>Naviance</u></b> – Begin college search  Register for the spring SAT and/or ACT  Plan senior year schedule
<b><u>February</u></b> Visit college campuses during winter break  Continue search on <u>Naviance</u>    <b>ACT</b>	<b><u>March</u></b> Mini College Fair  Start to organize an Activity Resume  Begin planning for 2 teachers to write letters of recommendations  Attend Spring Open Houses  <b>SAT</b>	<b><u>April</u></b> Meet with school counselor for college planning.  Visit college campuses during spring break  Continue college search  Register for Spring Testing  <b>ACT</b>	<b><u>May</u></b> Check admission requirements  Update Activity Resume  AP/IB Exams    <b>SAT</b>	<b><u>June</u></b> Ask for 2 teacher letters of recommendation and enter requests on Naviance  Visit college campuses  Complete Senior & Parent Brag Sheet on Naviance before school starts  <b>SAT</b> <b>ACT</b>

## **ONGOING:**

- \*Use *Naviance*
- \*Visit college campuses/go on tours
- \*Meet with military representatives
- \*Maintain academic performance
- \*Volunteer

## **SUMMER**

- \*Get a head start on college essays
- \*Research information via college websites
- \*August SAT - if needed
- \*Check out summer opportunities at college



*“It’s all about the Perfect Fit”*

# Thank you....

Good Luck and please feel free to contact us with questions throughout the process.

