



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

College Planning and College Admissions

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Today's Agenda:

- Early Preparation
- What colleges look for
- Timeline of the college search process
- Financial aid/Scholarship basics
- Questions and Answers



Early Preparation & Research is Important

- What do I want to study?
- What are my academic strengths?
- Career goals?
- Location/distance from home?
- Size of campus/community?
- What are the admissions requirements?
- What are costs?





Types of Colleges

- Community Colleges
- 4-year Public
- 4-year Private



Admissions Policy

- Open Enrollment
- Traditional
- Selective
- Highly Selective





Padua Franciscan High School Graduation Requirements

- 4 units of English
- 4 units of Theology
- 3 units of Science
- 4 units of Mathematics
- 3 units of Social Studies
- 1 units of Fine Art
- 2 units of Foreign Language
- .5 unit of Health
- .5 units of PE
- .5 units of Computer Science
- 2.5 units of Electives



Recommended College-Prep Curriculum

- 4 units of English
- 3 units of Science
- 4 units of Mathematics
- 3 units of Social Sciences
- 3 units of Foreign Language
- 1 unit of Fine Art



What are Colleges Looking For:

- Strength of curriculum
- Grade trends
- Standardized test scores
- College essay
- Extra-curricular activities/
community services/work
- College/university's profile





9th & 10th grade Timeline:

- Research schools and compare colleges
 - Utilize Naviance
- Get involved in extra-curricular activities
 - Begin creating an activities resume
- Attend college fairs
- Explore summer enrichment programs





11th grade Timeline:

- Register for ACT/SAT
- Research schools and compare colleges
- Visit schools, tour campuses, attend an open house
- Learn about the admission process and School Profile
- Attend college fairs
- Register for a strong senior year college prep curriculum





12th grade Timeline:



SUMMER

- Continue visiting schools
- Begin to narrow your 'apply list'
- Become aware of guidance office policies





12th grade Timeline continued:



FALL

- Apply to colleges (3-5 preferably)
- Be Aware of Deadlines and Requirements
- Admission decisions: Rolling, Early Action, Early Decision
- Take ACT or SAT test again (Sept/Oct: 3-5 weeks to get results)*
- Continue to do well in strong curriculum
- Complete the FAFSA



12th grade Timeline continued:



WINTER

- Complete any remaining applications
- Research financial aid and scholarship opportunities
- Do not let Senioritis set in!!!!
- Admissions decisions will begin to come out





12th grade Timeline continued:



WINTER/SPRING

- Apply for outside scholarships (College Now, local agencies)
- Attend admitted student events
- Compare financial aid/scholarship awards
- Make decision by May 1st
 - Complete all paperwork and submit deposit



QUESTIONS?