COLLEGE PLANNING AT A GLANCE 2017 FOR 10TH GRADERS

Unionville High School Counseling Department
OVERVIEW

Myth vs. Reality

College Admissions Testing

Resources
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College planning does not have to be overly stressful.

Remember to take it one step at a time.

Communication is KEY!
Myth vs. Reality
Myth #1

Attending the top ranked colleges listed in *US News* and *World Report* guarantees the best education.
Reality

- Where one attends college is not the key to success; taking advantage of educational opportunities is.
- The best education comes from the schools that match individual educational and social needs.
- To graduate with an undergraduate degree should be the main focus.
- The reputation of the school is irrelevant if the student is not happy or not able to maintain good grades.
Myth #2

Colleges ONLY look for well-rounded students.
Reality

- Colleges now look for a variety of students.
- Passion, consistency of effort, and long term involvement are important.
- Students should not overextend themselves with activities.
Myth #3

Colleges do not look at Freshman or Senior year grades.
Freshmen grades are viewed and are considered the starting point of high school.

Colleges would like to see academic improvement or steady academic growth.

Senior year grades ARE requested by most colleges and universities.
Myth #4

I must identify a major before I can start the college research process.
You can start to identify FIT without identifying a major.

On average, people change careers four times in a lifespan. One’s major does not necessarily dictate one’s career.

Consider personal interests, abilities and values.
College Admissions Testing
WHAT DO COLLEGES REVIEW?

- Transcript
- Grades 9-12 Curriculum
- Recommendations
- Activities
- Essays
- Test Scores
When Should I take the SAT/ACT?

- Spring of Junior Year/Fall of Senior Year
- Sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT on October 11
Redesigned SAT—March 2016

Better reflects the work students are doing in school

Better measure of skills and knowledge necessary for college readiness
TEST STRUCTURE

SAT
3 Sections
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing
Math
Essay (optional)

ACT
5 Sections
English
Math
Reading
Science
Writing Incl. Essay
**SAT**

Math: Algebra, problem solving and data analysis, and higher order equations.

Reading: Understanding passages from U.S. and World Literature, History, and Sciences

Writing: Expression of ideas, Standard English Conventions through passages relating to Careers, History, Humanities, and Science.

**ACT**

Math: up to trigonometry

Science: charts, experimental data

Reading Comprehension

English: Grammar, usage, word choice, style

Essay: take a position on the issue described in the writing prompt
### SAT

- 400-1600 for combination of reading/math sections
- Essay will receive a separate score
- Subscores for each skill tested within reading, math, and writing, along with an insight score
- Rights-only scoring (no penalty for guessing)

### ACT

- 1-36 for each subject
- Scores averaged for composite
- Rights-only scoring
PRELIMINARY TEST

PSAT/NMSQT

Reports performance on each content area

Predicts performance on SAT

National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (11th grade only)

UCFSD provides the PSAT during the school day to all 10th and 11th grade students
Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score

430 | 160 to 760

Your Nationally Representative 31st Sample Percentile

The benchmark is 480

Your scores indicate you are close to being on track for college readiness, but you need to continue to strengthen your skills.

Let's get you back on track, so you won't have to take noncredit courses in college. You have free, personalized recommendations waiting for you on satpractice.org.

Keep in mind, the PSAT/NMSQT® and SAT® are on the same scale.

Your Total Score

960 | 320 to 1520

Your Nationally Representative 51st Sample Percentile

The benchmark is 910

Your Math Score

530 | 160 to 760

Your Nationally Representative 69th Sample Percentile

The benchmark is 510

You are on track for college readiness.

Stay on track and continue your progress. Start now with your free, personalized recommendations waiting for you on satpractice.org.

The College and Career Readiness Benchmark

Reaching your grade-level benchmark means that you are likely on track to be ready for select first-year, credit-bearing college courses.

- Need to strengthen skills
- Approaching Benchmark
- Meet or exceed Benchmark

Test Scores 8 to 38 range*

23 Reading

8  | 38

20 Writing and Language

8  | 38

26.5 Math

8  | 38

Subscores 1 to 16 range*

8 Command of Evidence

1 | 15

5 Words in Context

1 | 15

7 Expression of Ideas

1 | 15

*The red, yellow, and green ranges in the test scores and subscores reflect your areas of strengths and weaknesses, compared to the typical performance of students in your grade.
### Your Question-Level Feedback

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- **Corrected Answers:** 15 out of 16 questions are correct.
- **Incorrect Answers:** 1 out of 16 questions is incorrect.
- **Subscores:**
  - Reading: COE
  - Writing and Language: WIC, EOI
  - Math Test-Calculator: PSO, SCI
TEST PREPARATION

- Take challenging courses
- Study your vocabulary
- Review teacher comments on writing assignments
- Read (for school, for pleasure)
- Study Island
- If a student has a 504 or IEP and receives testing accommodations, please contact Ms. Ashley Murphy for paperwork –amurphy@ucfsd.net
Familiarize yourself with the test format (free practice materials are available)
Utilize Preparing for the ACT booklet
Utilize Getting Ready for the SAT booklet
Visit www.actstudent.org
Visit www.collegeboard.org
Take the PSAT in 10th and 11th grades
Collegeboard SAT readiness
Which schools want the SAT essay?
PSAT SCORE REPORT

- Detailed PSAT score report, including how to improve weak skills
- Customized SAT study plan through Khan Academy
Practice materials
SAT registration
Khan Academy resources free to test takers
Explanations of question types with practice questions
The SAT question of the day
Download the CollegeBoard cell phone app or view their twitter account @CollegeBoard
ACT registration
Free practice questions
Explanation of ACT content
ACT Online Prep (For a fee; includes diagnostic test and personalized study plan, content review, practice tests, practice essays)
SAT SUBJECT TESTS (SAT II’S)

- For college admissions or college placement
- Required by a limited number of colleges
- Each is a one-hour multiple choice test
- Subject areas include: Literature, History, Mathematics, Science, and World Language
- Review Getting Ready for the SAT Subject Tests booklet
Schools that do not use SAT/ACT tests in admitting a substantial number of their applicants
RESOURCES

Counseling Center Website

Junior Planning Guide

Naviance
COUNSELING CENTER

Upcoming Events & Information
Senior Seminar resources are available on the "College Planning" tab
College Planning at a Glance for 10th graders: Sept 25th 7pm UHS Auditorium
Financial Aid Night: Sept 27th 7pm UHS Auditorium
Junior Planning Roadmap for Juniors: Sept 28th 7pm UHS Auditorium
Interested in STUDY ABROAD during high school- Click Here
Looking for a lunch table? Click here for directions to the "SIT WITH US" app now being used at UHS!

School Profile
Click here for 2016-2017 UHS Profile
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Welcome Class of 2019

Please complete the StrengthsExplorer task in the 'about me' section by June 1st.
### Your related careers

#### Education and Training - Very Interested

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Show more majors
my favorite careers & clusters

my careers :: explore careers

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my saved career clusters & pathways :: explore career clusters

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NATION INTERVIEW ARCHIVE

WHAT’S IN THE ARCHIVE?

We’ve gone on 52 roadtrips & interviewed 366 leaders.

Creating 3,552 videos on struggle, triumph, and self discovery.

That have been broken into 48 themes & 29 interests.

First time here? Click on What’s Your Road? to watch interviews with people whose interests are similar to your own.

RECOMMENDED LEADERS
### My Colleges

- **Colleges I'm thinking about**

- **Colleges I'm applying to**

### Upcoming College Visits

- 10/21/13 Neumann University [details »](#)
- 10/21/13 Eastern University [details »](#)
- 10/21/13 University of Maryland, Baltimore County [details »](#)

[View all upcoming college visits](#)

### College Research

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colleges careers about me

search for colleges:
[Go] More search options

my colleges
- colleges I'm interested in
- colleges I'm applying to
- college visits

college research
- SuperMatch college search
- college match
- college compare
- college lookup
- college search
college resources

advanced college search
To start, begin with a section that's important to you. It's up to you which questions you answer and in what order. You can view your results at any point along the way by clicking View Matches. Once you have narrowed down your list of schools, you will be able to compare these colleges using historical admissions results from your own school.

Saved Searches: (select saved search) edit saved searches

Type: Location: Students: Admission: Athletics: Majors: Costs: Special Programs

Number of matches: 4874 (view matches) (start over)

School Type
- Two year vs. Four Year
  - Two Year
  - Four Year
  - No preference

- Public vs. Private
  - Public
  - Private
  - No preference

- Coed vs. Single-sex
  - All Male
  - All Female
  - Coed
  - No preference
West Chester University of Pennsylvania
West Chester, PA, US | wcupa.edu

Priority Deadline: February 1
Application Fees: $45
Acceptance Rate: 53%
Important Policies: Rolling Notification

Search for a college
Comparing Weighted GPA with SAT (1600 Scale)
“Frequently Asked Questions”
Resources

- http://admissions.wfu.edu/apply/top-10/
- www.PHEAA.org
- http://www.ncaa.org
ASSISTANCE

High School Counselors are here to assist you.
Thank You

- We hope this information was helpful.
- Please fill out the feedback form.