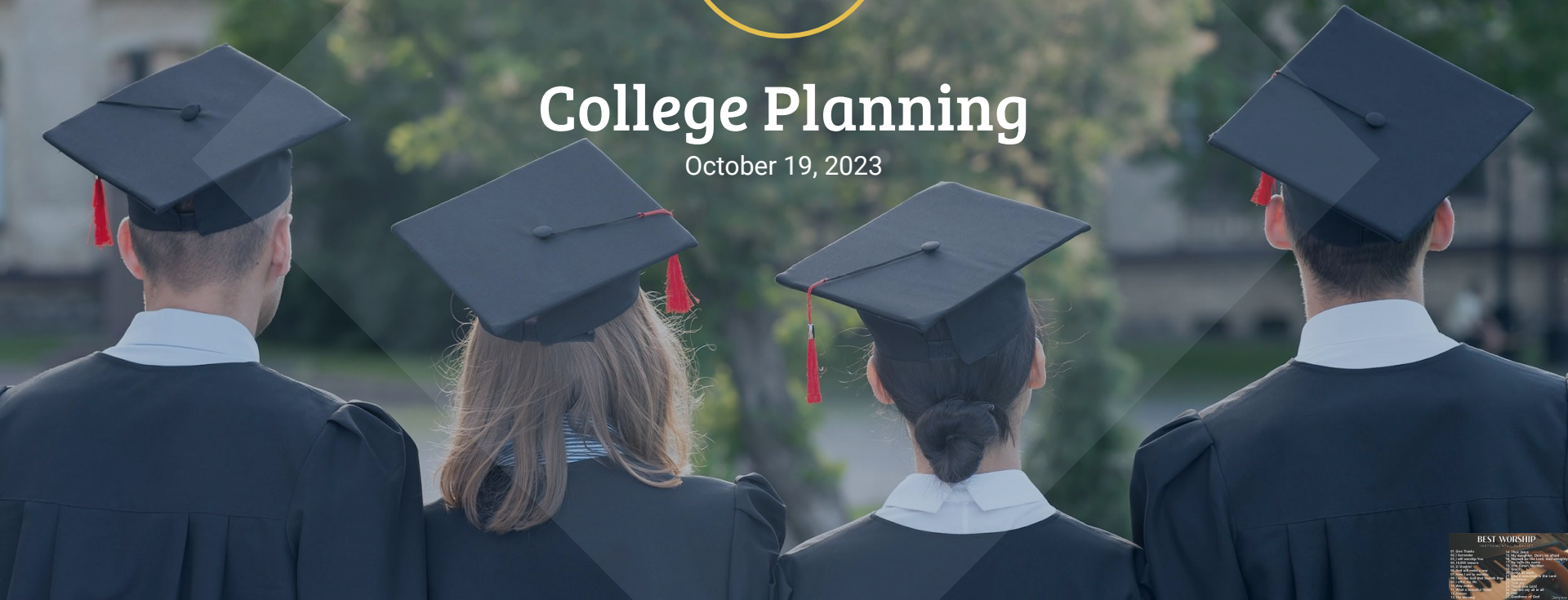




# College Planning

October 19, 2023



**Hello, Graduate!**



*Class of 2019*  
*Become that Someone*





# Four-Year Plan

## Freshman

- Participate in extracurricular activities
- Explore summer opportunities: jobs, internships, volunteer work
- Tour college campuses
- Keep track of activities in Scoir
- Mrs. Herc comes to SLS classroom to set up Scoir account

## Sophomore

- Attend college and career fairs
- Participate in extracurricular activities
- Volunteer
- Keep track of activities in Scoir
- Tour college campuses
- Opportunity to meet with Mrs. Herc to update goals and review academics

## Junior

- Take PrinciplesYou career assessment on Scoir
- Meet with Mrs. Herc second semester
- Develop a list of 15 to 20 schools that interest you
- Take SAT or ACT
- Tour college campuses
- Request letters of recommendation
- Begin to write college essay

\*\*\* Student Athletes:  
Register with NCAA  
Eligibility Center

## Senior

- Meet with Mrs. Herc
- Finalize list of colleges
- Improve test scores
- Request letters of recommendation
- Review and edit essay
- Make Common App account
- Fill out basic information
- Start applications
- Update information on Scoir
- Complete FAFSA  
Complete CSS Profile
- Submit applications
- Send your deposit!





# College Visits



**At Savio** Colleges are invited to come to Savio, meet our students and talk about their institution.

- During AOH - all student are welcome to attend
- During Class (limited) - only open to Juniors and Seniors
- College Fairs - all students are welcome to attend

**Off Campus** Student register for an official tour. Some schools offer meeting with a professor during this time.



# College Application Process



## Junior Year

## Senior Year

Fall semester

Spring semester

Summer

Aug.

Sept.

Oct.

Nov.

Dec.

Jan.

Feb.

Mar.

Apr.

May

### Admission plans

Early decision I

Deadlines  
Nov 1 or 15

Early decision II

Deadlines  
Jan 1 or 15

Early action

Deadlines  
Nov 1 or 15

Regular decision deadlines

Rolling admission

### Standardized Tests

Take the PSAT/PreACT

Take the SAT/ACT

Take AP exams

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### Financial Aid

File your FAFSA

Apply for application fee waivers

Complete scholarship applications

### College Research and Planning

Research schools and create a college list

College visits  
(on-campus and virtual)

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Choose admission plans and note school deadlines

### College Application

Brainstorm, write, and revise admission essays

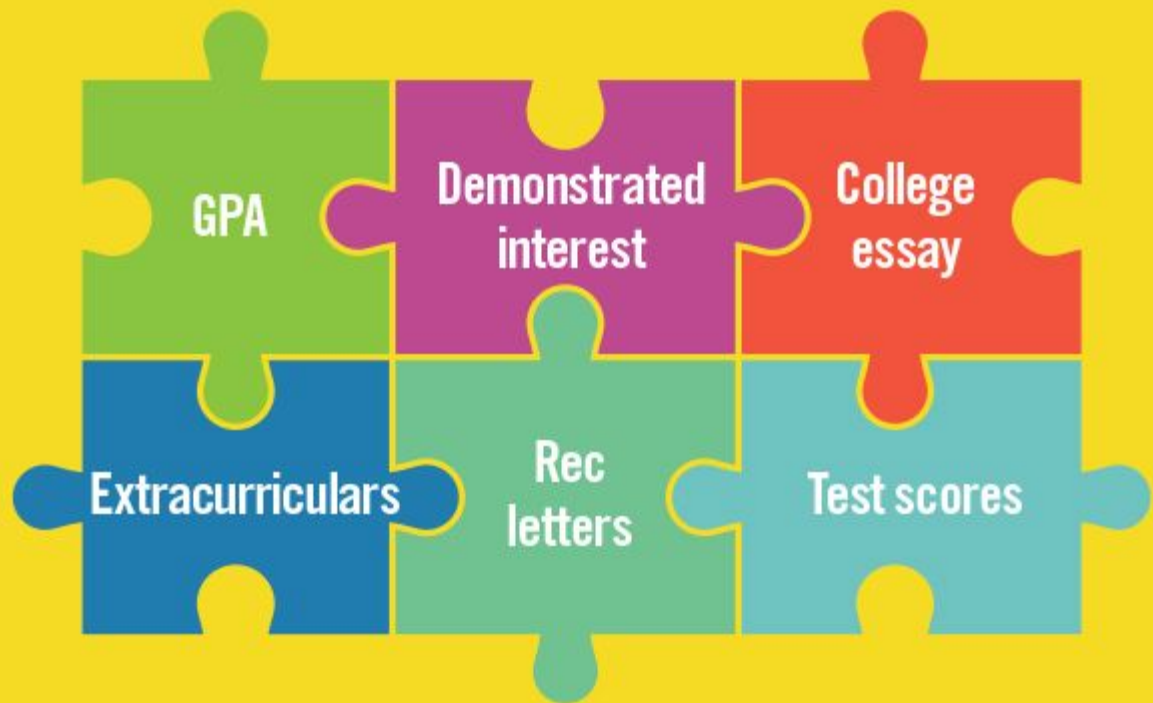
Create accounts on application portals and fill out your details

Request letters of recommendation

Send test scores, transcripts, and rec letters for ED/EA deadlines

Send test scores, transcripts, and rec letters for RD deadlines





GPA

Demonstrated  
interest

College  
essay

Extracurriculars

Rec  
letters

Test scores

# Differences Between Institutions

<b>Community College</b>	<b>Liberal Arts Colleges</b>	<b>State Universities</b>	<b>Private Universities</b>
<p>Typically offer two-year associate degree programs. Some also provide certificate programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accessible</li><li>• Lower Tuition</li><li>• Transfer Opportunities</li><li>• Smaller Class Sizes</li></ul>	<p>Emphasize degrees in the liberal arts fields of study, including humanities, science and social science.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Smaller, discussion-based classes.</li><li>• Broad Education</li><li>• Access to Professors</li></ul>	<p>Funded by the state government and often offer in-state tuition to residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Large</li><li>• Varied Programs</li><li>• Affordable In-State Tuition</li></ul>	<p>Funded by tuition, donations, and endowments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Small to Large</li><li>• Higher Tuition</li><li>• Religious</li></ul>

# Creating a College List

- Academic Fit
- Location
- Cost and Financial Aid
- Admissions Selectivity
- Campus Culture and Environment
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Career Services and Internship
- Graduation and Retention Rates
- Special Programs and Opportunities
- Size and Class Structure
- Housing and Campus Life
- Student Support Services

# Categorizing Schools

## Reach

Reach schools are institutions where your academic credentials may fall slightly below the average requirements, making admission challenging.

## Target

Target schools are institutions where your academic credentials align closely with the average requirements, making admission feasible but not guaranteed.

## Safety

Safety schools are institutions where your academic credentials exceed the average requirements, making acceptance highly likely.

# Different Deadlines

# Regular Admission

- Regular admission is the standard application process with a later application deadline, typically in January or February.
- Decisions are usually released in the spring, often in March or April.
- This is the most common admission process, and it allows you to apply to multiple colleges and compare financial aid packages before making a final decision.



# Rolling Admissions

- Rolling admission is an ongoing and flexible application process where colleges review applications as they are received and make admission decisions continuously throughout the application cycle.
- This means you can apply at any time, and decisions are made relatively quickly, often within a few weeks of submitting your application.
- Rolling admission is particularly common at some state universities and larger institutions.

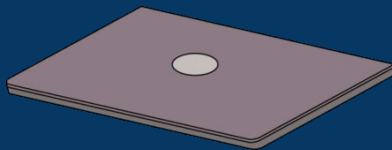
# Early Action (EA)

- Early Action is a non-binding application process that allows you to apply to colleges early and receive an admission decision ahead of the regular admission pool.
- The application deadline for EA is also typically in November, and you are usually notified of your decision in December or January.
- It gives you the benefit of knowing whether you've been admitted to a college early without any commitment to attend.

# Early Decision (ED)

- Early Decision is a binding application process, meaning that if you are accepted, you must attend that college and withdraw all other college applications.
- The application deadline for ED is typically in November, and applicants are usually notified of their admission decision in December.
- This is a good option if you have a top-choice school and are committed to attending it if admitted. However, it doesn't allow you to compare financial aid packages from different schools.

\*\* Can only apply to one schools as Early Decision\*\*



**Testing**

# SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test)

- Four main sections: Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW), Math, and an optional Essay
- Scoring: Scale of 400 to 1600. The optional essay is scored separately
- Math Content: SAT includes a no calculator and calculator section in the Math portion
- Essay: Optional but is required by some colleges.

\*\*Suggested to take Spring of Junior year

# ACT (American College Testing)

- Four main sections: English, Math, Reading, and Science. There is also an optional essay
- Scoring: Scale of 1 to 36 for each of the four sections. The optional essay is scored separately. The composite score is calculated by averaging the scores for the four required sections
- Math Content: Calculator allowed the entire portion of the math section

\*\*Suggested to take Spring of Junior year

## AVAILABILITY

### PAPER SAT

Students in the U.S. will be able to take the paper SAT **through the fall 2023 testing dates**



### DIGITAL SAT

The digital SAT test will be available to **international students in 2023** and to **U.S. students in 2024**

## TEST LENGTH

### PAPER SAT

**3 hours 15 minutes**  
(About 195 minutes including breaks)



### DIGITAL SAT

**2 hours 14 minutes**  
(About 134 minutes including pauses)

## READING & WRITING

### PAPER SAT TIMING

100 minutes

### PAPER SAT FORMAT

Reading

5 passages with 52 questions (65 minutes)

Writing & Language

4 passages with 44 questions (35 minutes)



### DIGITAL SAT TIMING

64 minutes

### DIGITAL SAT FORMAT

Reading & Writing

Reading and Writing combined into one section

54 multiple-choice questions, each includes a very short passage

Passages may contain informational graphics

## MATH

### PAPER SAT MATH

80 minutes

### PAPER SAT FORMAT

No Calculator Section

15 multiple-choice questions  
+ 5 student-produced response questions

Calculator Section

30 multiple-choice questions  
+ 8 student-produced response questions



### DIGITAL SAT MATH

70 minutes

### DIGITAL SAT FORMAT

Calculator OK for all questions

33 multiple-choice questions  
+ 11 student-produced response questions

All questions are intermixed



<b>Test Required</b>	<b>Test Optional</b>	<b>Test Blind</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Colleges require all students to submit a test score as part of their application.</li><li>● Their score is a factor in evaluating student's academic qualifications and potential for success at the institution.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Students have the choice to submit their SAT/ACT scores as part of their application.</li><li>● Aimed to reduce barriers for students who may not have had the opportunity to take the tests or who feel their scores do not accurately represent their abilities.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Colleges will not consider their test scores as part of the admissions process.</li><li>● Even if a student submits a score schools will not use to review their application.</li></ul>



**Financial Aid**

# Types of Financial Aid

**Scholarships:** This type of free money, which is sometimes based on academic merit, talent, or a particular area of study, can make a real difference in helping you manage your education expenses.

**Grants:** A form of financial aid that doesn't have to be repaid

**Work Study:** The Federal Work-Study Program allows you to earn money to pay for school by working part-time. You'll earn at least the current federal minimum wage.

**Loans:** Money you borrow and must pay back with interest. If you apply for financial aid, you may be offered loans as part of your school's financial aid offer.



## **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**

- FAFSA is a federal financial aid application form used to determine a student's eligibility for federal financial aid programs, including Pell Grants, Federal Work-Study, and federal student loans.
- Many colleges, particularly public institutions, also use the FAFSA to award state and institutional financial aid.
- The FAFSA typically becomes available on October 1st each year for the upcoming academic year, and there are specific deadlines for submitting it, which vary by state and institution.



# CSS Profile™

## CSS Profile (College Scholarship Service Profile)

- The CSS Profile is an application form used by some private and selective colleges and universities to gather more detailed information about a student's financial situation than the FAFSA.
- Unlike the FAFSA, there is a fee to submit the CSS Profile
- The CSS Profile is used to assess eligibility for institution-specific financial aid, including grants, scholarships, and institutional need-based aid.
- Some colleges may also use it to consider non-need-based aid.



**CSS Profile™**

## Differences Between FAFSA and CSS Profile

- Applicant Pool - FAFSA is used for federal aid, while the CSS Profile helps colleges distribute their own institutional aid
- Information Collected - FAFSA collects basic financial data, while the CSS Profile digs deeper into family finances
- Cost - FAFSA is free, while the CSS Profile comes with a fee per application



# How to Apply for FAFSA

## Create an FSA ID

Visit the FSA ID website to create a unique ID that serves as your electronic signature

2

## Gather Required Documents

Collect necessary documents like Social Security Number, tax returns, and bank statements

3

## Complete the FAFSA Application

Use your gathered documents and FSA ID to complete the online FAFSA application

# How to Apply for CSS

1

## Check College Requirements

Find out which colleges require the CSS Profile and if there are any specific deadlines

## Create a CSS Profile Account

Visit the CSS Profile website and create an account to get started on the application process

2

3

## Complete the CSS Profile

Fill out the CSS Profile accurately and submit it to the colleges that require it



Questions?