

WELCOME



Our Guiding Principle

*College is a match to be made,
not a trophy to be won.*

Introductions



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Tonight's Agenda

- Types of Colleges
- SAT & ACT Testing
- Timeline of the “College Process”
- Finding the Right Match
- Paying for College
- Helpful Tools

- SAT/ACT Registration Workshop

Types of Colleges

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Find the best match for you using tools such as CIS and Holland's Quiz!



4-year College or University

- Offers Bachelor's degrees (4 year), Master's degrees, and beyond
- Public and private institutions
- Incoming students must meet minimum admissions requirements



4-year College or University

- Admissions requirements:
 - GPA (most public universities require a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA)
 - Test scores - SAT or ACT
 - Course requirements (may be more strict than typical high school graduation requirements)
 - *C- or better in all required courses*
 - Math (3 years, through Algebra II)
 - Foreign Language (2 years)
 - Fine Arts/English (4 years)



Community College

- Offers transfer degrees, as well as Associate's degrees (2 years) and short-term certificates
- Typically offers lower tuition rates than 4-year colleges
- Generally do not charge higher out-of-state tuition
- Open enrollment - must earn a high school diploma
- Rolling admissions

SAT & ACT Testing

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Show colleges what you know!



SAT & ACT

- Plan to take an SAT or ACT in the spring of your junior year
- Encouraged to re-take in the summer or fall of senior year
 - This allows enough time to receive scores before college applications are due!

Spring SAT Dates

June 2nd - register by May 3rd

Spring ACT Dates

June 8th - register by May 4th (offered in Roseburg)

Fall SAT Dates

October 6th - register by Sept 7th

Fall ACT Dates

October 27th - register by Sept 21st



What's the difference?

SAT

- Questions require students to use critical thinking skills and are evidence and context-based
- Questions increase in difficulty as the test progresses

ACT

- Questions are straightforward and test on material that you've learned in school
- Difficulty level of questions is random
- ACT contains a science portion of the test

All universities in the United States accept BOTH the SAT and ACT!



SAT & ACT

- NEW - send test scores for FREE!
- SAT - send up to four free score reports to colleges, if you request them up to 9 days after the test date
 - After 9 days - \$12 per score report
- ACT - send up to four free score reports, if you request them **prior** to test date
 - After test date - \$12 per score report
- Score reports are not considered “official” unless they are sent directly from the testing agency

Timelines

What to do...When...How...



Spring 2019

- Attend College Night for Juniors
- Begin researching colleges and developing a list of schools of interest
- Discuss college with your family and begin exploring resources (including the PHS Future Planning Center webpage)
- Register for the SAT or ACT (*Registration Workshop after the presentation!*)
- Keep your grades up! This semester is extremely important for your college admissions!



Summer 2019

- Research colleges and develop list
- Visit college campuses!
- Stay involved in meaningful extracurricular activities
- Register for and prepare to retake ACT and/or SAT in the fall
- Draft a college application essay and brainstorm for OSAC essays
- Start researching and applying for scholarships and develop a timeline for deadlines



Fall 2019

■ September

- Firm up your list of colleges and begin applications
- Request letters of recommendations from teachers
- Attend college rep visits at PHS

■ October/November

- Fill out applications online, write college essays, finalize college list with counselor, re-take SAT/ACT if necessary
- Submit completed applications for early deadlines if desired
- Begin working on OSAC, including OSAC essays
- Complete the FAFSA - October 1st

■ December

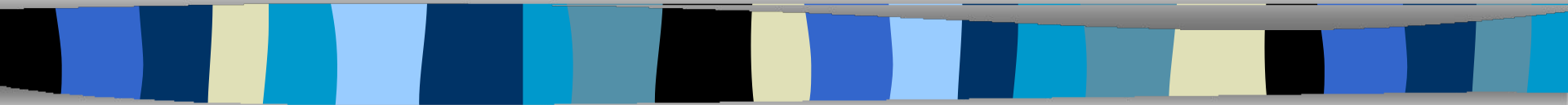
- Continue to submit completed applications, and **pay attention to deadlines!**



Spring 2020

- January
 - Confirm that all colleges have received your official transcripts and official test scores
- February/March
 - DO YOUR SCHOOL WORK - if your grades drop, universities will be notified and your admission could be rescinded!
 - Complete and submit OSAC applications and PHS Local Scholarship!
- April/May
 - Decide which college/university you wish to attend and send your deposit by May 1st

Finding the Right Match





Finding the Right Match...

What should you be looking for in a college ?

- Program
- Place
- People
- Price



Remember...

- It is important to remain...
 - Open-minded
 - Realistic
 - Willing to critique one's own strengths and weaknesses
 - Willing to put in the time to research!



What is the program?

- Majors and graduation requirements
- Class size
- Academic calendar
- Study Abroad Programs
- Credentials of faculty & student success statistics
- Internships and career planning
- Honors programs; theme communities



What about the place?

- Public vs. Private
- Size
- Distance
- Weather
- Rural, Suburban or Urban



Who are the people?

Think of college this way... 168 hours in a week:

56 hours	Sleep (33%)
15 hours	Class (9%)
30 hours	Study (17%)
67 hours	Free time (40%)

Who do you want to spend more than 40%
of your time with?



Who are the people?

- College's "personality" and culture
- Ethnicity and religion
- Activities and organizations
- Diversity
- Friendliness, helpfulness, and how personable staff and faculty are



What about the price?

- Take time to have an honest conversation about finances and come up with a NUMBER.
- This NUMBER should represent the amount of money your family can comfortably contribute each year to paying for university.
- Don't be too quick about dismissing schools because of the price tag.

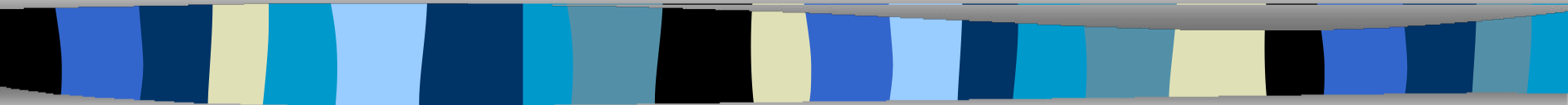


What about the price?

Keep in mind...

- Most universities believe parents and students should be the first source of financing.
 - Realistically, most students pay for school by using grants, scholarships, and other sources of financial aid first.
- Think of the cost of college as an investment that will pay dividends over a lifetime rather than a four-year expense.

Paying for College





How do you pay?

- Different sources of Financial Aid
 - **Grants** (federal, state and institutional)
 - Merit **scholarships**
 - Need-based **scholarships**
 - **Loans** (subsidized and unsubsidized)



Financial Aid Timeline

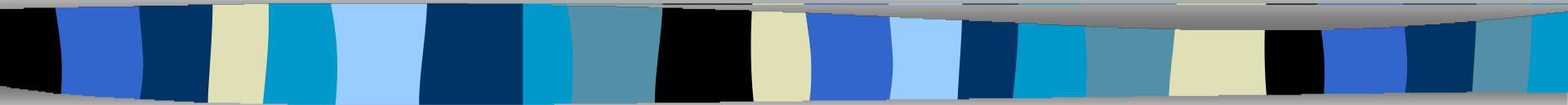
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
 - 20/21 application available online
October 1st, 2019
 - Use 2018 tax information
 - **FSA ID** needed for both student and parent
 - PHS Financial Aid Night and FAFSA Workshop on October 3rd 2019!



Watch for These Scholarships!

- College Foundation Scholarships - apply for scholarships through EVERY college (community & university) you are considering!
- OSAC Scholarship - Due **March 1st, 2020**
- PHS Local Scholarship Application - Due **March 2019**

Helpful Tools





Tools

- Oregon CIS (Career & College Match)
- Holland's Code Quiz (Career Match)
- Fastweb (Scholarship Match)
- FAFSA4Caster (FAFSA Prep Tool)

Visit the Future Planning Center webpage!



Future Planning Center

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Scholarships

TRiO

College Dreams

College Credit Opportunities at PHS

SAT/ACT/PSAT/ASVAB Testing

Next Steps

Summer Programs & Jobs



The Future Planning Center is your resource for all things post-high school!

We are more than happy to work with nearly any option for your future. We assist students with universities, community colleges, trade and technical schools, military careers, and entering straight into the work-force. We also assist students with logistics surrounding the many options for obtaining college credit while in Phoenix High School. We schedule school and military visits, connect students with work, internship, and volunteer opportunities, and work with students on a one-on-one basis and in groups.

For more individualized and focused support, the Future Planning Center is happy to be able to host the TRiO and College Dreams programs as well. TRiO and College Dreams offer academic, personal, and mentoring support to students of all ages and backgrounds.

- Phoenix HS Website → Programs → Future Planning Center
- <https://www.phoenix.k12.or.us/domain/1203>



Questions?

- SAT/ACT registration workshop - NOW in the Library Computer Lab!