



POST-SECONDARY PLANNING 2024 - 2025



TODAY WE WILL:

- x I will explore post-high school options and how to make an informed decision.
- x I will know the steps I need to take to fulfill the in-house college application process.
- x I will know what actions are required on my part by June 1, 2025.



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Apprenticeship Programs

Vocational Schools

Military

Enter the Workforce

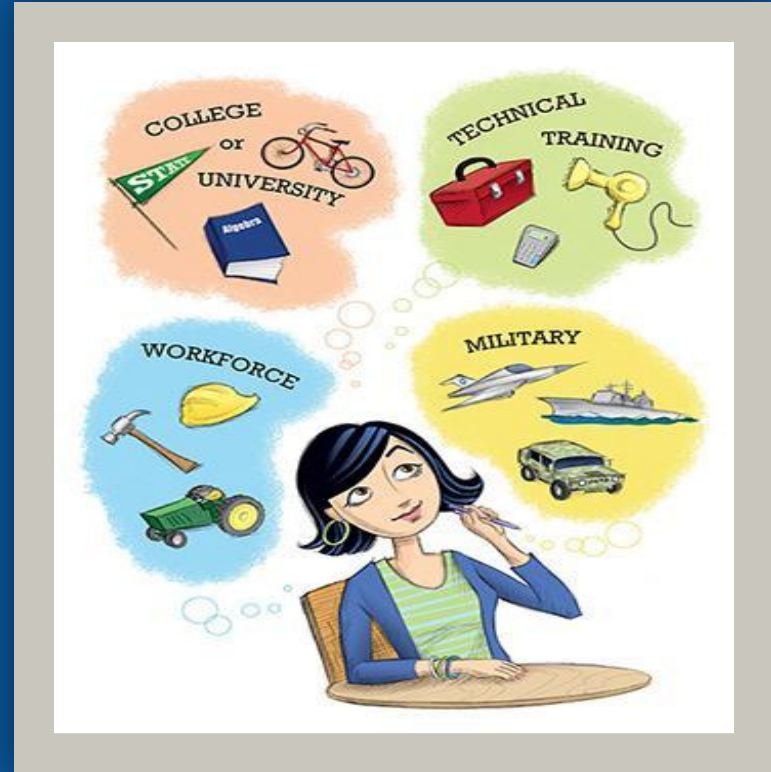
Two Year College ➡

Certification Two Year College

⇒ 4 Year

College

4 Year College



POST HIGH SCHOOL OPTIONS



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED?

Armed Forces

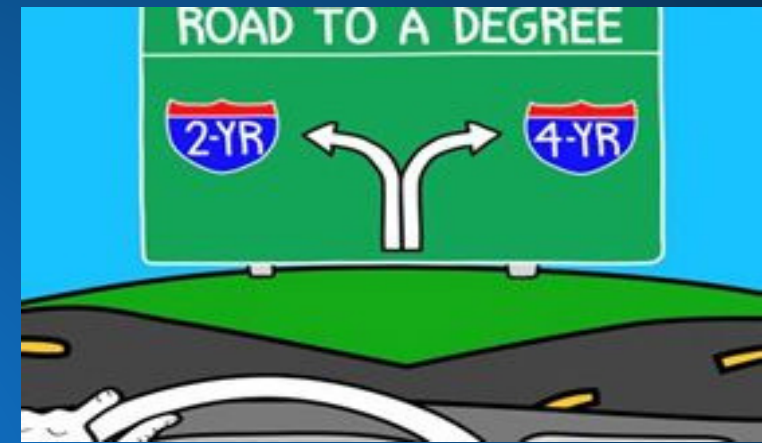
- Education Credits
- Travel
- Medical/dental care, 30 days paid vacation
- Leadership/discipline

WORK/GAP YEAR

- Instant Pay
- Flexibility in schedule
- Experience
- Time to explore interests

Apprenticeship

Earn while you learn



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED?

APPRENTICESHIP/TRADE

- On-the-job training w/pay
- Career Mentor
- Hands On Careers

TWO OR FOUR YEAR COLLEGE

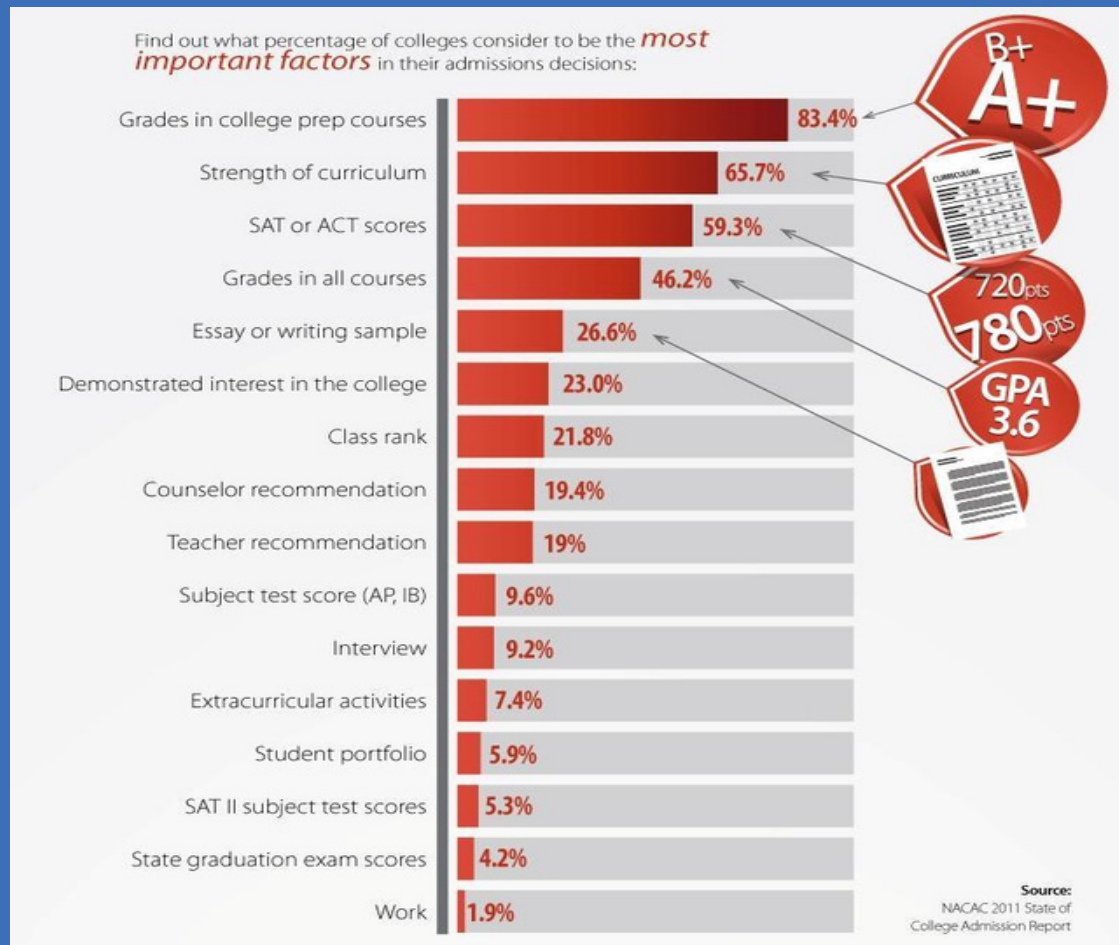
- Learning Opportunities
- Further Education
- Build independence
- Internships

How to Choose a College that's Right for You

- Location
- Size
- Majors offered
- Variety of academic programs offered
- Special programs, such as study abroad/internships
- Clubs and activities on campus
- Housing options
- Available facilities, such as labs, theaters and gyms
- VISIT!!! (virtual visits)

What is important to colleges?

Many colleges and universities are moving toward TEST OPTIONAL. What does this mean and how might this impact you?



JUNIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

- COLLEGE SEARCH- gathering a list of schools that you are interested in learning more about
- COLLEGE VISITS (Virtual or On-Campus)
 - helps you decide if the college offers the right environment for you
- SIGN UP AND TAKING THE SAT AND/OR ACT (SPRING 2025)
- Build a resume (done during Junior Interviews and continue to update)
- Think about who you will ask to write you a letter of recommendation?
- ○ Which teachers know you best as a learner/person/leader?

TRY TO FOCUS ON A LIST OF 5 TO 7 POTENTIAL COLLEGES

- 1-2 Reach Schools
 - Shot for admission; your academics are below admission averages
- 3-5 50/50 Schools
 - Good candidate; your academics are exactly within admission averages
- 1-2 Likely Schools
 - Strong candidate; your academics are above admission averages

Be sure to have safe schools academically and financially on your list!



- Scores can lead to National Merit Scholarships
(for 11th grade students)

The SAT

- x No penalty for guessing
- x Focus on math that matters the most; Algebraic concepts make up 40%

- x 5 parts: Reading, Writing and Language, Math (with & without calculator)
- x 400–1600 score scale
- x 3 hours and 20 minutes
- x 4 answer choices

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PREPARING FOR THE SAT

Get Started in 3 Easy Steps:



Create your account on Khan Academy or sign in to your existing account.



Agree to link your Khan Academy and College Board accounts.



Log in to your College Board account and click **Send**.

Maximize your score with
official SAT practice!

[https://www.khanacademy](https://www.khanacademy.org/sat)
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The ACT

- X Roughly 3 hours
- X English
- X Math
- X Reading
- X Science - Measures the interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning, and problem-solving skills required in the natural sciences.

- X 40 minutes to complete the essay
- X Topics will focus on contemporary real-world issues beyond school. Eg. Public health vs. Individual Freedom
- X Perspective/Reasoning

WHERE DO I SIGN UP FOR THE SAT AND ACT?

SAT registration can be found here:

<https://www.collegeboard.org/>

For 2025 Testing dates and deadlines click [here](#)

ACT registration can be found here:

<http://www.act.org/>

For 2025 Testing dates and deadlines click [here](#)



1. Name at least one thing you learned about the SAT and ACT.
2. Are you registered to take the SAT or ACT or both?

ANY
QUESTIONS
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