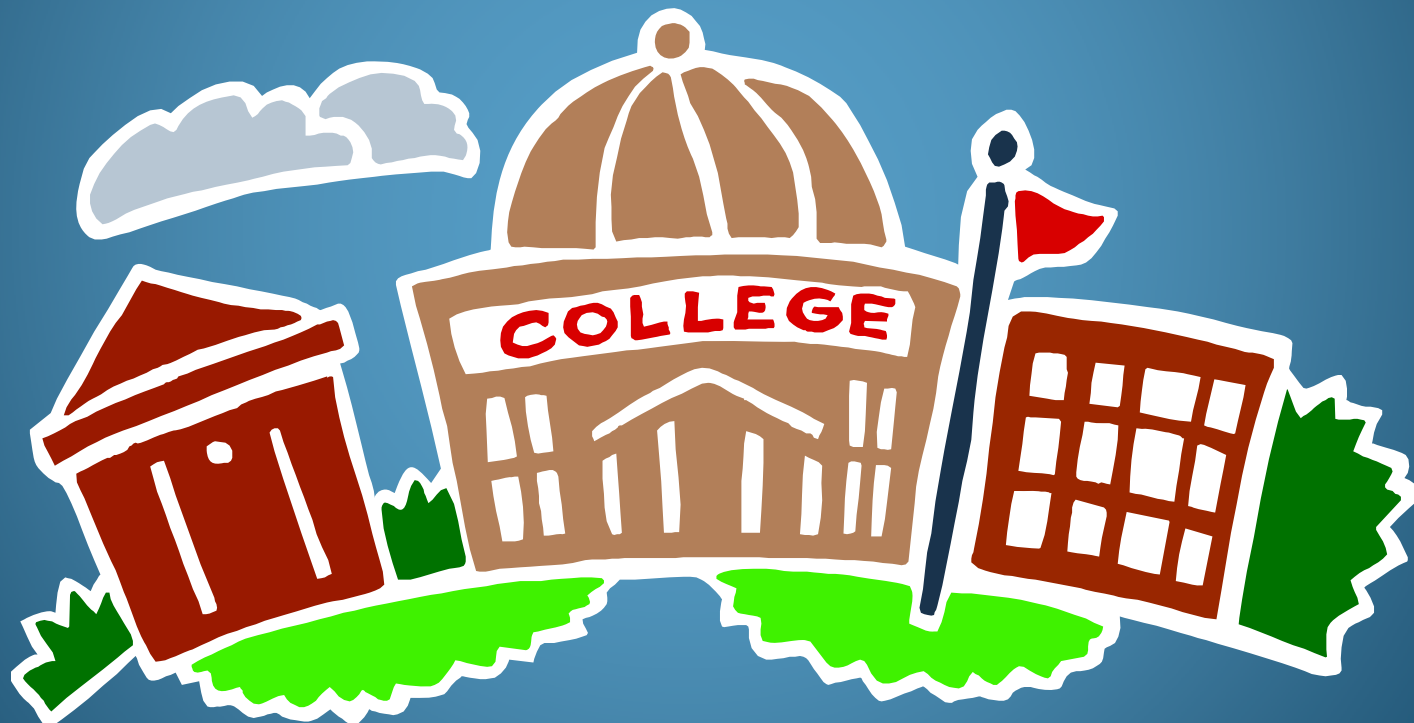


Planning for College



Research and Visit

Visit colleges, visit colleges, visit colleges!!!

- Contact the admissions office to schedule a campus visit
- Take a campus tour
- Attend an open house
- Sit in on classes
- Go on an overnight visit
- Follow up with the college to say thank you if you met with someone individually

What to look for when visiting a college

- Size of the campus
- Friendliness of the students
- Academic resources: library, tutoring centers, office hours of professors
- Student Life and activities
- Academic and recreational facilities
- Student Housing
- Special Programs



Finalizing your college list

- Finalize your list by the end of the summer to include 5 -7 schools.
- **1 Reach school:** A dream school that you are below the average GPA and SATs.
- **3 to 5 50/50 schools:** Schools that you meet the SAT and GPA averages.
- **1 to 2 Safe Schools:** Schools that you are above the average GPA and SATs.

Use Family Connect to Research Colleges

- Use Family Connection to narrow your list to 5 to 7 schools
- Use “college look-up” and “college search” to find more information on interesting schools
- Add your college choices to “My Colleges”
- Move college choices to “Application List” for college you plan to apply.

Maintain a Rigorous Senior Schedule

- Colleges want to see students taking courses in all academic disciplines senior year.
- Colleges look at grades through the end of senior year.
- Students will be more successful when attending a college if they