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 Live 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 APA 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