

Sophomore Presentation

College/Career Exploration

- Career & Interest Inventories
- What do you like? Are you passionate about Explore careers certain subjects?

- Specialized (Technical, Military, etc)
- Community College
- In-State Universities
- Private Colleges & Out-of-State Universities
- Universities

Types of Colleges

Requirements Admissions

Online Searches

•GPA

 Application SAT/ACT Scores

- Campus Visits
- College Rep Information Sessions
- College Fairs

Gathering Information

Get to Know Yourself

- Career & Interest Inventories
- Spiritual Gifts Inventory (Junior Year)
- Career Inventories
- AzCIS
- IDEAS
- Career Cluster Inventory
- ASVAB (Junior Year)
- Academic Assessment
- Career Interest Assessment







Types of Colleges

- What to look for in and about a college?
- How is it going to prepare you for your desired career?
- Cost
- How is it going to prepare you for life?
- Size in relation to how you learn best
- Location

Finding the right college is about finding the "RIGHT FIT."



Types of Colleges

- Specialized (Technical, Military, etc)
- Preparing students to enter the work force with specific academic and vocational skills in usually 2 years or less;
- ITT Tech
- The Art Institute of Phoenix
- Carrington College

Community College

- 2 year college that is preparing you to transfer to a 4year university/college;
- Cost effective
- Glendale Community College, Paradise Valley Community College, Scottsdale Community College, etc



Types of Colleges

- 4 Year Colleges
- In-State Universities
- Relatively cost effective
- Out-of-State Universities
- Increase in cost (usually 2x's the cost as an in-state student)
- Private Colleges & Universities
- Same cost for in-state and out-of-state students



Requirements College Admissions

- The Major Areas that are reviewed in the College Admissions process:
- GPA
- SAT/ACT Scores
- Strength of High School Courses
- Application
- Essay
- Activities
- Recommendations





How is GPA Calculated?

GPA is the average of all semester grades.

NCS's Grading Scale

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	2.0	1.0	D	63 - 66
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	2.67	1.67	C-	70 - 72
	3.0	2.0	С	73 - 76
All Honors courses are weighted	3.33	2.33	C+	77 - 79
	3.67	2.67	В-	80 - 82
	4.0	3.0	В	83 - 86
	4.33	3.33	₿+	87 - 89
	4.67	3.67	Α-	90- 92
	5.0	4.0	A	93 - 100
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for the SAT & ACT? How Can I Prepare NOW

- Take the practice tests seriously
- Princeton Review courses
- Review your PSAT results (2nd semester)
- High School Courses
- Complete official study books







Activities & Involvement

Colleges care about:

- How you've made a meaningful contribution to something
- What your non-academic interests are
- Whether you can maintain a long-term commitment
- Whether you can manage your time and priorities
- What diversity you'd bring to the student body

Areas of Involvement:

- Honors & Awards (Honor Roll, class awards, National Honor Society, Scholar Athlete, etc)
- Clubs & Organizations (School Theater productions, Youth Group, National Honor Society, Stuco, Robotics, Chess, etc.)
- Athletics & Extracurricular (School Athletics, Club Athletics, Choir, Band, etc)
- Community Service (Student Ambassador, Mission Trips, Volunteer work, etc)
- Employment



Gathering Information

Online Searches

AzCIS- username- nwcs, password- 2viewazcis

Fastweb.com

Collegeboard.org/bigfuture

Cappex.com

School's individual websites



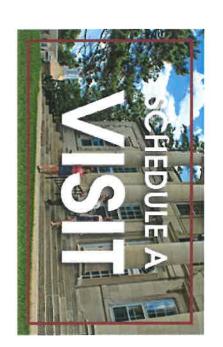
Gathering Information

Campus Visits

Invaluable - THE BEST way to see if it is the RIGHT fit

- Take a Tour
- Overnight Stay if possible
- Sit in on a class
- Meet with faculty, coaches, students, etc.
- Eat in the Cafeteria
- Sit in on Chapel for Christian colleges

*Taking a tour now and then revisiting later is okay!





Gathering Information

- College Info Sessions/Information
- At NCS & in the Phoenix Area
- Daily Announcements, Website, Bulletin Board
- Weekly visits in lunch area

College Fairs

- At NCS & in the Phoenix Area
- Mainly in the Fall
- Research ahead of time and go with a plan



Financial Aid



- Grants
- Free money based on parent's taxes
- Loans
- Borrowed money you pay back
- Scholarships
- What you earn based on merit, athletic ability, community service, leadership, etc.
- The majority of scholarship money students earn comes directly from the colleges they're applying to
- There are outside scholarships from public and private organizations as well that can go to any college



Financial Aid

- Scholarship Resources
- AzCIS
- Fastweb.com
- Unigo.com
- Scholarships.com
- Zinch.com
- Visiting individual college's scholarship website pages
- Read the monthly guidance emails and daily announcer



TRACK YOUR INVOLVEMENT!!!

Volunteer Hours

	Volunteer Work	Number of Hours
Freshman Year		
Sophomore Year		
Junior Year		
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Senior Year		
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	Extracurricular Activities	
	Activity	Leadership in Activity?
Freshman Year		
Sophomore Year		
Junior Year		
Senior Year		
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