

Finding the Right Fit

College Planning Night



TONIGHT'S TARGETS

- ❖ Understand Terminology
- ❖ Begin/Continue College Research
- ❖ Review Resources
- ❖ Explore Options

Note: PowerPoint and Video Links Available on NCHS Website

OPTIONS GALORE



Over 5,000 Colleges

WHAT IS FIT?

*Let's talk about the 3 P's!
PLACE, PRICE, and PROGRAM!*

WHAT IS FIT?

- ❖ Located in the right **PLACE** for learning to occur
 - Feels like home away from home and has community
 - Suits personality
- ❖ Offers a **PRICE** that is affordable to student/family
 - Use net price calculator
 - Consider other expenses - travel, advanced degrees, etc.
- ❖ Has major and **PROGRAM**
 - Competitiveness of major
 - Learning environment
 - Opportunities after graduation

COLLEGE SEARCH

- ❖ Reach
- ❖ Target
- ❖ Safety
 - Academic
 - Financial
 - Geographic



How many in the end?

- ❖ Varies by student!
- ❖ Average 5-8 applications (app fee + test scores)
- ❖ Far Reach and Dream Schools?
 - Back-up plans B, C, and D

GENERATE A PLAN

- ❖ Explore College and Develop Your List
 - Use SchoolLinks
 - Keep Lines of Communication Open
- ❖ Know How You Compare
 - Be realistic (reach, target, safety)
 - Affordability
- ❖ Don't Forget Your Fit Factors
 - Remember what you need in an educational environment

Discover SchooLinks

- ❖ Research Information
 - College
 - Career
 - Scholarships
- ❖ College Rep Visits
- ❖ Take Assessments
- ❖ Consult Scattergrams





VISIT COLLEGES

There is no substitute for seeing a
college for yourself!

**Side Note: Demonstrated Interest is
REAL!**

ACCESS YOUR RESOURCES



NCHS College and Career Center

Maddie Corder, College and Career Counselor

Karen Lemanski Substitute for spring term

Jean Childers, CCC Coordinator

WHY VISIT US?

1:1 Appointments

College Rep Visits

SchoolLinks

Assistance

Research

CCC Open Select Afternoons

3:30pm-5:30pm

March 19th, April 16th and
TONIGHT!

College Essay Night - April 29

COLLEGE/CAREER VIDEO

Mrs. Kopec - tinyurl.com/kopec2021

Dr. Eysturlid - tinyurl.com/eysturlid2021

Mr. Goldstein - tinyurl.com/goldstein2021

Mrs. McNeeley - tinyurl.com/mcneeley2021

Mr. Lakstigala - tinyurl.com/lakstigala2021

Mr. Plackett - tinyurl.com/plackett2021

Mrs. Olenjik - tinyurl.com/olejnik2021

Mrs. Groom - tinyurl.com/groom2021

Mr. Colletti - tinyurl.com/colletti2021

Mrs. Kirincich - tinyurl.com/kirincich2021

Ms. Ma - tinyurl.com/ama2021

FINDING FIT: TAKEAWAYS

- ❖ Build **YOUR** list of schools
 - Identify schools with fit factors that are important to YOU
 - Place -- Price -- Program

- ❖ Treat the college search like a part time job
 - RESEARCH and have a keen eye with an open mind
 - EXPLORE - don't be afraid - more than one will fit!
 - Keep PERSPECTIVE
 - Plan and VISIT

- ❖ Maintain core academic rigor throughout HS
 - You want your grades to be competitive for colleges
 - And YES! Senior grades DO count!

TIME TO BREAK OUT

REMAIN SEATED

Big Ten

Auditorium

EXIT FRONT AUDITORIUM DOORS

State Universities in Illinois

Room 83 - Band

Small Private Colleges/Universities

Room 82 - Orchestra

NCHS College & Career Center

Located in Student Services

EXIT BACK AUDITORIUM DOORS

Selective Colleges/Universities

Library

Midsize Colleges/Universities

Room 84 - Choir Room

Your College Search 101

Room 42 - Classroom

Pathways to Military Service

Room 38 - Classroom

Community Colleges

Room 39 - Classroom