“So You Want To Go To College?”
Freshman & Sophomore College Planning Night

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Post-Secondary Options

• 4-year College or University (Bachelor degree program)
• 2-year Community College (Associate degree or certification program)
• Trade School
• Apprenticeship
• Military
• Workforce
Why College?

Unemployment rates and earnings by educational attainment, 2018

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Total: 3.2%  All workers: $932

Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.
College Vocab To Know!

- Types of Students
- Types of Schools
- Location
- Size
- Housing
- Financial Aid
WAIT! Before you decide to take a nap....

Vocab words? Really? WHYY???

• More focused college search
• More productive college rep meetings (at JHHS or college fairs)
• Guided plan for setting up college visits
• Myth-busting knowledge!
• Better understanding of information (mailings, emails, conversations)
Please check your email – REGULARLY!

From the FRONT PAGE of the Chicago Tribune – December 25, 2019 →
college

– [kol-ij]
– Noun

1. an institution of higher learning, especially one providing a general or liberal arts education rather than technical or professional training. Compare university.

2. a constituent unit of a university, furnishing courses of instruction in the liberal arts and sciences, usually leading to a bachelor's degree.

3. an institution for vocational, technical, or professional instruction, as in medicine, pharmacy, agriculture, or music, often a part of a university.

4. an endowed, self-governing association of scholars incorporated within a university, as at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge in England.

5. a similar corporation outside a university.

6. the building or buildings occupied by an institution of higher education.
What is a University?

university

- /ˌyoʊnəˈvɜrsədē/:
- noun

- an educational institution designed for instruction, examination, or both, of students in many branches of advanced learning, conferring degrees in various faculties, and often embodying colleges and similar institutions.
Types of Students

**Undergraduate Student:** A student studying for his/her first degree (bachelor’s degree)

**Graduate Student:** A student with a first degree from a university who is studying or doing research at a more advanced level
- Master’s degree
- Doctorate degree

**Transfer Student:** Someone who has earned credits for study at one school or institution but, for whatever reason, wants to go to a different institution and bring over the credits she or he has earned.
## Types of Schools

### College/University

- **Four-year public or private colleges/universities** that award bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees

  - **Bachelor’s Degree**: awarded by colleges/universities upon completion of a course of study lasting three to seven years

  - **Master’s Degree**: a second-cycle academic degree awarded by universities upon completion of a course of study demonstrating mastery or a high-order overview of a specific field of study or area of professional practice.

### Community College

- **A local, two-year school** that provides affordable postsecondary education as a pathway to a four-year degree.

  - Students can earn an Associate Degree or certifications

  - **Associate degree**: an undergraduate academic degree awarded by colleges and universities upon completion of a course of study lasting two years. It is considered to be greater level of education than a high school diploma or GED but less than a bachelor's degree.
Fact or Myth?:

“I’m going to only apply to schools in Illinois because I want to stay close to home and it’s cheaper.”
• Map of the 12 Illinois public 4-year schools
44 Colleges/Universities within 50 miles of JHHS

LOOKING FOR SIUC?
IT'S 350 MILES AWAY...
Types of Schools

Public College/University

• **Definition:** A school that is supported by public taxes.

• “Sticker price” is lower initially (if you live in that state)

• Restricted on how they can give scholarships/grants

• Generally larger in student population

• Examples: Western Illinois University, Illinois State University, University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign, UW-Parkside, Central Michigan University, Harper College

Private College/University

• **Definition:** A school that is not supported by public taxes, but rather is privately funded.

• May be independent or religiously affiliated

• “Sticker price” is higher initially

• More flexibility in providing scholarships/grants

• Generally smaller in student population

• Examples: DePaul University, Lake Forest College, Loyola University, North Central College, Carthage College
Types of Schools

For-Profit College/University

• Definition: A school that is operated by a private, profit-seeking business.
• Extra money received goes to people who own/run the school
• “Sticker price” is often higher
• Usually see ads for these schools
• Examples: University of Phoenix, DeVry University, Full Sail, Computer Systems Institute

AVOID THESE SCHOOLS!

Community college tuition: $3,941
For-profit college tuition: $14,864
Location

• **Urban:** Urban campuses are located in cities (like Chicago, such as DePaul, Loyola, or UIC).

• **Suburban:** Suburban campuses are in small cities, large towns, or residential areas near cities (such as North Central College or Dominican University).

• **Rural:** Rural campuses are located in the country, often near farms and wilderness areas and usually near a small town (such as Western Illinois University or Monmouth College).
Size

- **Small:** Less than 2,000 students (JHHS has ~1900)
- **Medium:** 2,000-15,000 students
- **Large:** More than 15,000 students

(According to College Board)
Housing

- **Commuter Campus:** Most students drive to campus for classes and activities, but return home at the end of the day.

- **Residential Campus:** Most students live on campus, often in dorms.

The typical room and board cost to live on campus is about $9,000-$12,000 per year.
Financial Aid

- **Financial Aid** is any grant or scholarship, loan, or paid employment offered to help a student meet his/her college expenses. Such aid is usually provided by various sources such as federal and state agencies, colleges, high schools, foundations, and corporations.
How can you get ready for college from now?

Focus on 5 areas:

• Academics
• Testing
• Involvement
• Career Exploration
• College Exploration
1) Academics

Make sure you take the right courses and do well in those courses!
Recommended Curriculum:

- 4 years of English
- 4 years of Math
- 3-4 years of Science
- 3-4 years of Social Studies
- 2-4 years of Foreign Language
- 1 year of art, technology or other academic courses
Coursework Rigor:

- Challenge yourself
- Consider rigor in each subject
- Reassess rigor each year
- Find balance
## Grade Point Average (GPA)

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- **Non-weighted GPA**: A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1
- **Weighted Honors GPA**: A = 4.5, B = 3.5, C = 2.5, D = 1.5
- **Weighted AP GPA**: A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2
Grades:

- Take notes
- Participate in class
- Keep up with assignments
- Develop good study habits
- Ask for help when needed! (Be a self-advocate!)
2) Testing

Are you taking the tests you need *(and only the ones you need)* and doing your best on them?
Required Tests:

- 8th Grade: PSAT 8/9
- 9th Grade: PSAT 8/9
- 10th Grade: PSAT 10
- 11th Grade: SAT (Graduation requirement!)
Optional Tests:

1. PSAT/NMSQT (11th Grade)
2. Additional ACT or SAT:
   - [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (ACT)
   - [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) (SAT)
3. AP Exams
4. SAT Subject Tests
3) Involvement

• School activities
• Community activities
• Part-time work
• Quality over quantity
• Naviance - Resume
Summer Involvement

• Jobs
• Internships
• Community Service
• College Enrichment Programs
4) Career Exploration:

- Interest Inventories
- D214 Career Nights
- Internships
- Career Visits/Treks
- Elective Courses
- Jobs Board
5) College Exploration:

- College visits

- D214 Events, especially:
  - Career Nights (Fall)
  - Student Athlete Night (Nov.)

- **Post-secondary Options Panel:** Tuesday, February 25th – 7pm at FVEC (Grades 10-11)

- **Honors Colleges and Other Topics for High Achieving Students:** Thursday, April 16th – 7pm at FVEC (Grades 9-11)
Academics
Testing
Involvement
Career Exploration
College Exploration

More College and Scholarship Options
Harper Promise Scholarship

- Freshmen must have signed up by December 15th
- Up to two years of free tuition at Harper if in high school and Harper you show:
  - Good attendance
  - Progress towards graduation
  - Academic good standing
  - Community Service
Some Questions To Be Thinking About From Now:

• Do I want to go to college? If so, why?
• What should I major in?
  • What are my interests? Dislikes?
  • What am I good at? What am I not good at?
• What type of school should I go to?
  • Big, small, or mid-sized school?
  • Closer or farther from home?
  • Public? Private?
  • A University, Liberal Arts College or Community College?
Questions?

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