



**Stoughton High School
College and Career Night**

WELCOME FAMILIES

Hosted By:

**Stoughton High School
Counseling Department**

Program for the Evening

- Introductions and Overview
- Panel speakers, Questions
- College Admissions:
 - Getting Ready
 - The College Search
 - Before You Make a Decision
 - MCAS Scholarships and NCAA Eligibility
 - The Application Process

Your Team!
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Guest Panelists

Michael O'Keefe, UMASS Boston

Fran Ridolfo, Johnson & Wales University

Nathan Galati, TSgt, US Air Force

Juan Zea, Master Sgt. US Air Force

1. To encourage the conversation surrounding the college and career activities
2. To outline the ways your school counseling team will support your child in the career planning process



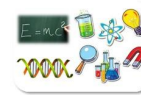
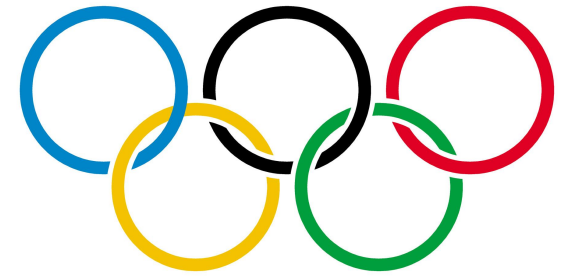
Beginning with the End in Mind

Massachusetts Career Interest System



Understand Aptitudes

What are your child's
natural strengths?



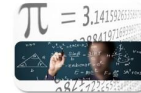
Science



Technology



Engineering



Mathematics



**Time Spent Developing Career Plan
=
Time Spent Looking at Schools**



Counselor Assignments

YOG 2021

➤ **A-D Mr. Evans**

➤ **E- L Ms. Carr**

➤ **M-Q Ms. Bourji**

➤ **R-Z Mrs. Meyer**

College and Career Counselor: Ms. Guba

Getting Ready



What Should I Be Doing Now?

College Planning Calendar

Begin Now To:

- Review Red Folder Contents and College Placement Timetable
- Meet with your school counselor to review your transcript and discuss post secondary options
- Schedule college visits
- Sign up for required testing



Testing



- SAT Reasoning Test in Spring of Junior Year (May at SHS) and Fall of Senior Year (Oct at SHS)
- SAT Subject Tests in June of Junior year, or in the fall, depending on student's college selections
- ACT as another option

Test Preparation Options

- Khan Academy → free through College Board
- Books from the library
- Outside resources-- Kaplan (\$\$), tutoring, weekend classes at BSU

College Planning Materials

Turn in to Counselor in June:

Students received these forms in their red folders:

- Rough Draft Senior Resume
- College Questionnaire
- Teacher Recommendation Requests
- Guardian Questionnaire

Review your transcript for errors

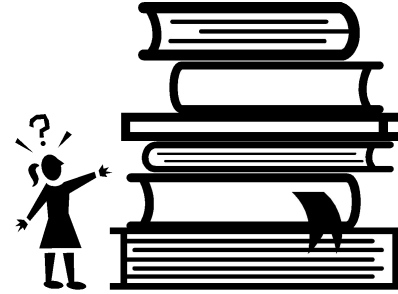
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The College Search



Where to Begin?

Explore Colleges



Establish a Criteria

- Size
- Location
- Type of School
- Atmosphere
- Academics
- Housing

The path to your perfect college begins with college fairs.



Local Spring 2020 College Fairs

<https://www.nacacfairs.org/>

Boston National College Fair

Thursday, April 30, 2020 - Friday, May 01, 2020

Fair Hours:

April 30, 2020: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

April 30, 2020: 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

May 01, 2020: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Location:

Boston Convention & Exhibition Center

415 Summer Street

Boston, MA 02210



Providence National College Fair

Tuesday, April 07, 2020

5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Location:

Rhode Island Convention Center

1 Sabin St

Providence, RI 02903

Brockton, Oliver Ames, & Stoughton High Schools College Fair

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

5pm - 7pm

Location:

Brockton High School

43 Crescent St Brockton, MA 02301

Useful Resources



Naviance

www.naviance.com

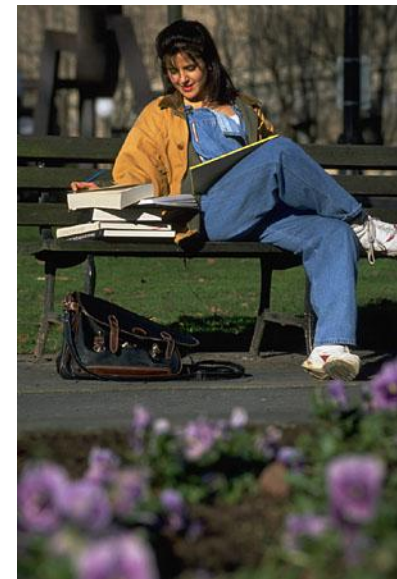
- College SuperMatch
- Career Profiler
- Interest Inventory
- Resume Builder
- School Counseling
Application submission

Educational Websites

- www.collegeboard.org
- www.act.org
- www.schoolname.edu
- www.commonapp.org
- www.mefa.org

When **LOOKING!!!!**

Finding a Good Match and Managing
College Costs



What to Do? What to Consider?

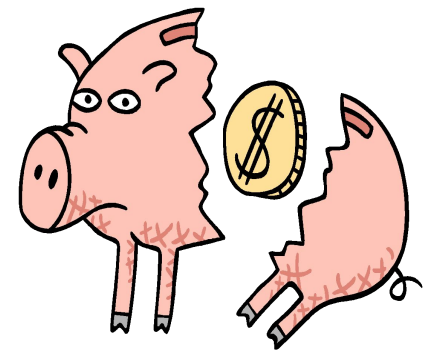
Visiting Colleges

- Attend Open Houses and college tours in the spring of your junior year
- Meet with current students
- Sit in on a class
- See a residence hall and eat in a dining hall

Obtain Information about Important Programs

- Academic Programs Offered
- Sports
- Services for Students with Disabilities
- Internships
- Study Abroad Programs
- Career Services

Financial Aid



- Financial Aid Forms- FAFSA, CSS Profile
- Assistance with Financial Aid- ASA (American Student Assistance) and at MEFA-sponsored events statewide
- MEFA Financial Aid Night at SHS Early Fall
- FAFSA becomes available October 1, 2020

Scholarships



- Scholarships will be made available electronically as the Counseling Office receives information of National and School Specific Scholarships
- Local Scholarship Information published for students in February of Senior Year
- Online resources, ex. www.fastweb.com, www.scholarships.com

NCAA Eligibility

Eligibility Requirements and Becoming Certified



An incoming student athlete must satisfy the requirements outlined on the NCAA Eligibility Reference Sheet or at www.web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/

To Become Certified:

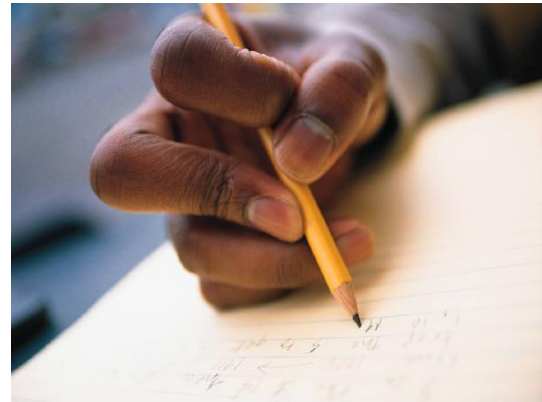
- Students must complete the student release form and send it to the Clearinghouse. This can be completed On-line at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net or by mail.
- Students can complete this form starting at the end of their junior year.
- Eligibility will be granted once the student graduates from high school.

The College Application Process...



Application Types

- Online Applications
- Common Applications



Application Terminology

- Early Decision: Early deadline, decision is binding
- Early Action: Early deadline, decision is non-binding
- Rolling Decision: Students notified on rolling basis once application is received and reviewed
- Regular Decision: Set deadline, all applications reviewed and then acceptances mailed out on a set date

SHS College Application Process

*Tri-fold Brochure and SHS College
Application Checklist*



Understanding everyone's role in the application process:

- The Student's Role
- The Guardian's Role
- The Teacher's Role
- The Counselor's Role

School Counseling Packet Includes:

- Counselor Recommendation
- Student Transcript
- School Profile
- First term report card

Mid Year grades sent only when requested

Final Transcript (mailed at the end of the year to school identified by the student)

Thank you for your attention!



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