

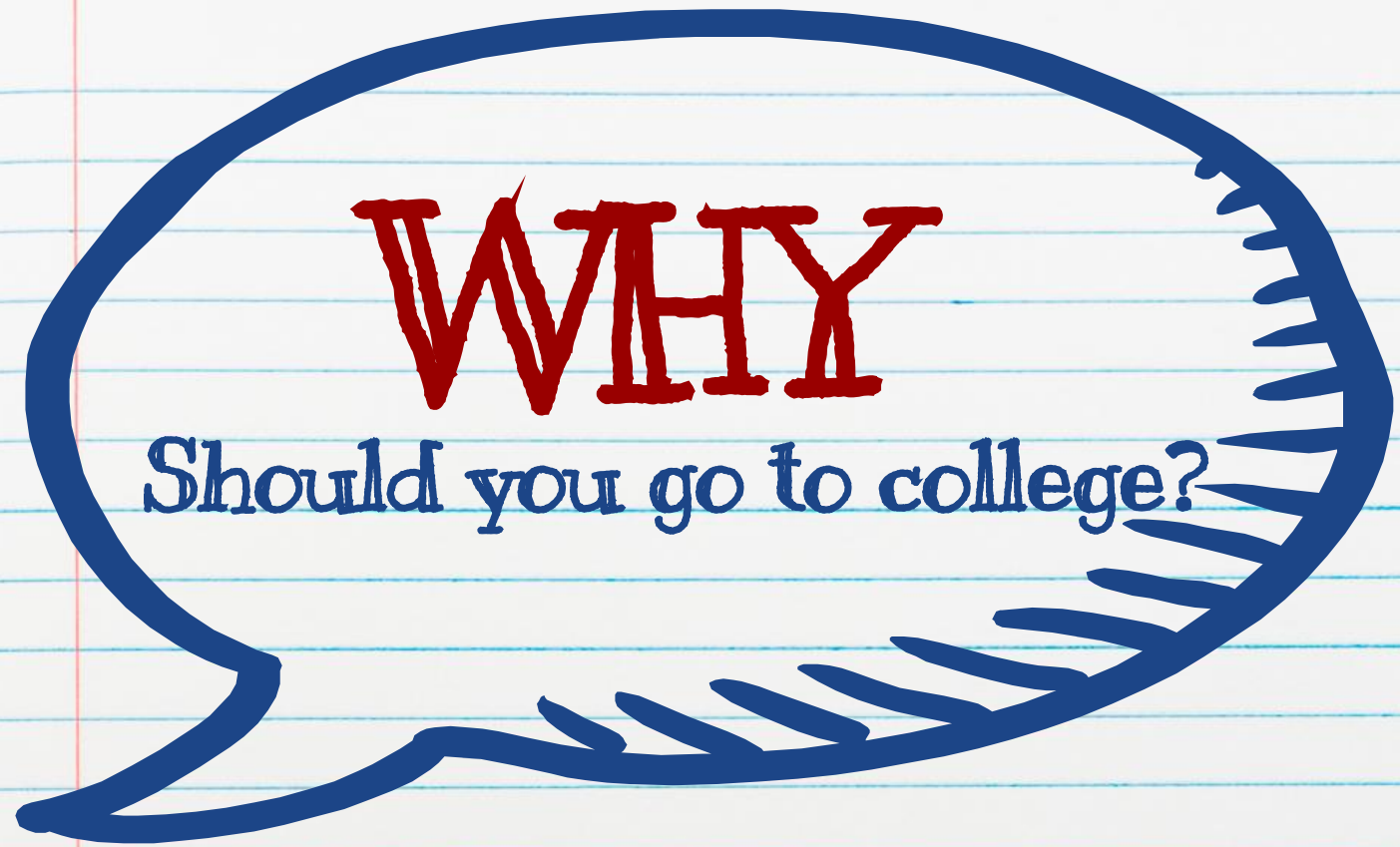


COLLEGE
NIGHT

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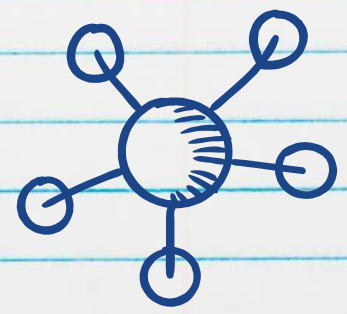


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MEGHANMADLER432 to 37607



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Reasons to go to College



What is college?

4 year colleges:

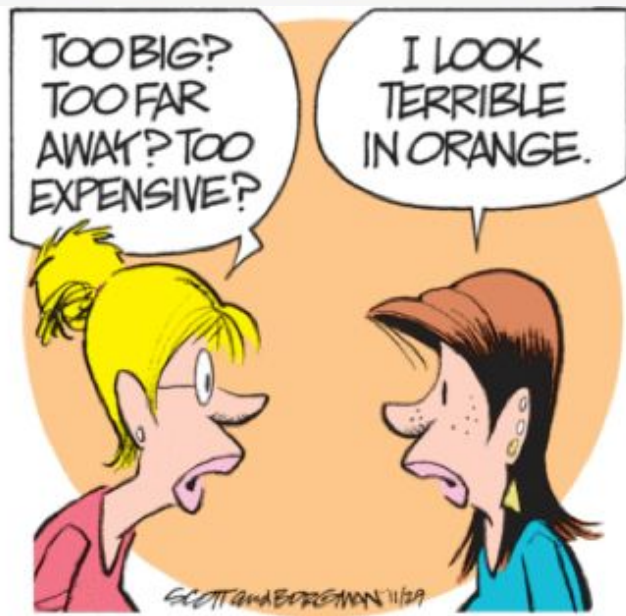
- Can be public or private
- Offer bachelors degrees
- Typically require good grades, an application, and the SAT or ACT

2 year colleges:

- Tend to be public
- Offer associate degrees
- Open to anyone

Trade Programs:

- Often proprietary or "for-profit"
- Offer mainly certifications
- Open to anyone
- May not take federal financial aid



Planning for College

Admissions Counselors are Looking at these things:

1. Grades
2. What classes you took
3. Extracurricular Activities
4. Test Scores



Diploma Types

	Advanced Studies "College Prep"	Standard "Career Focus"
English	4	4
Math	4	3
Science	4	3
Social Science	4	3
Health/PE	2	2
Fine Art/CTE	1	2
Foreign Language	3 or 4	
Econ/Personal Finance	1	1
Electives	3	4
		+ 1 CTE Credential

What classes should I take?

Challenge yourself as much as possible.

- At least one math above Algebra 2.
- DE classes if possible.
- Full course loads- **limit any early releases and late arrivals.**



What are Extracurricular Activities?



Extracurricular activities are pretty much any organized activity you do outside of your schoolwork.

Admissions Tests

SAT

College entrance exam

Accepted at all schools

Two sections:
Math 0-800
Writing 0-800
Composite of 0-1600

ACT

College entrance exam

Scores are viewed equal to SAT

0-32 grading scale, includes math, reading, writing, and science

PSAT

Practice SAT held during the school day in October. **All 10th graders take this**

Test scores cannot be used for college admission

SAT Test Dates 2019-2020



October Saturday, October 5	March Saturday, March 14
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Additional test dates available at other locations

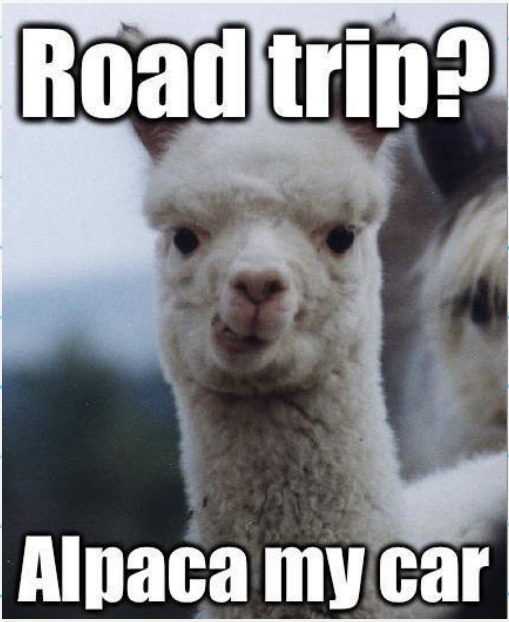


What's important to you?

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1. Price
2. Major
3. Sports/Clubs available
4. Resources (student services like disability services, vegan dining options, or substance-free housing)
5. Selectivity/ Prestige or Ranking

Visiting Colleges



Definitely visit the college before attending!

Things to consider:

- Do they have your major?

- Net Price

- Transportation

- Resource Availability

Making a College List

Likely School

GPA falls above the middle 50% of all applicants.

It is likely that you will get in.

1-2 schools like this

Match School

GPA falls in the middle 50% of all applicants.

You are a competitive applicant here.

2-3 schools like this

Reach School

GPA falls below the 50% range of all applicants.

Getting into this school is a reach- less likely, but not impossible if you have a good application.

1-2 schools like this

Example

Jimmy has a 3.7 GPA after taking a college prep curriculum. He scored 1100 on the SAT. He has chosen 3 in-state schools *where he is interested in attending* and will apply.

Likely

Longwood

Avg GPA 3.37

SAT Range 1040–1220



Match

CNU

GPA Range 3.5–4.0

SAT Range 1170–1390



Reach

VT

Avg GPA 3.95

SAT range 1250–1420



Year by Year

Sophomore Year

Get good grades

Stay active in
extracurriculars

Take the PSAT

Junior Year

Take challenging
courses

Start researching
schools

Take the SAT/ACT

Senior Year

Take the SAT/ACT

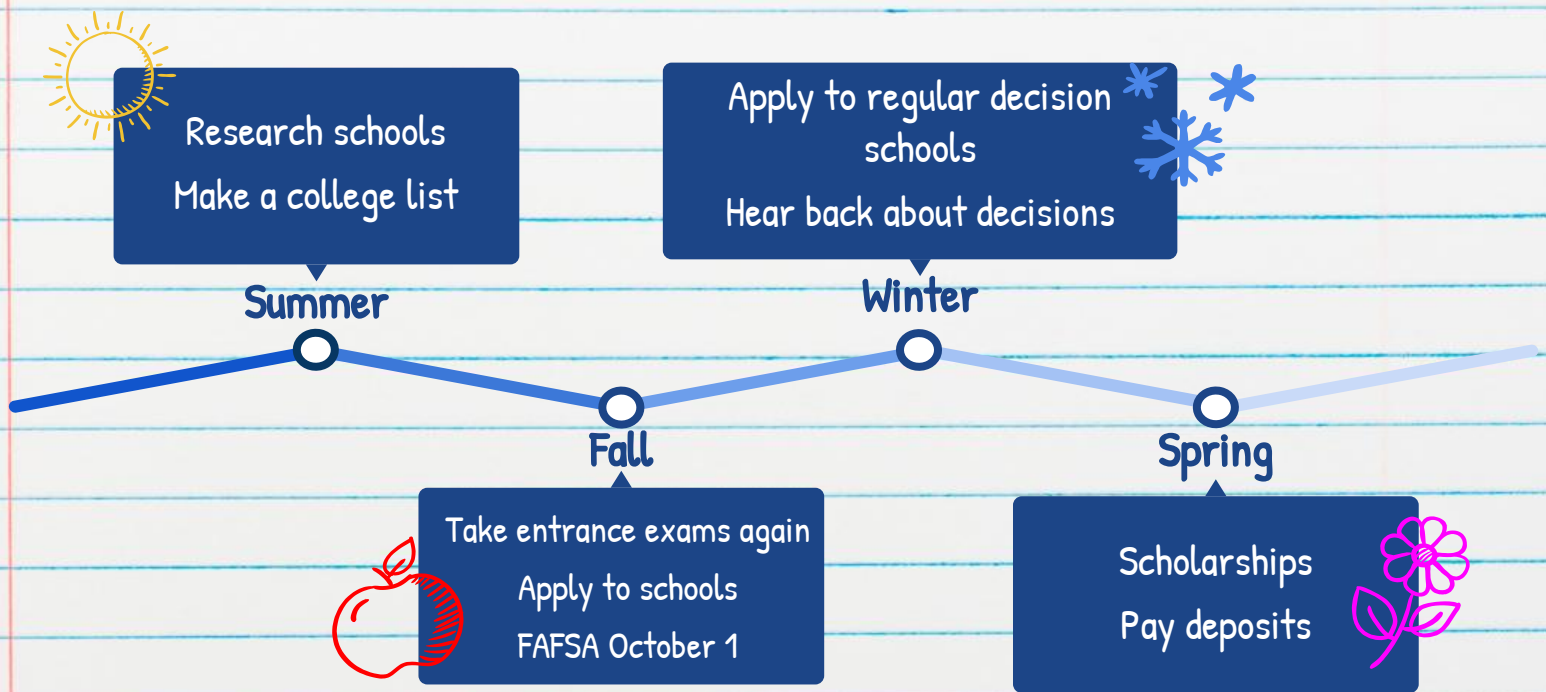
Apply to schools

Apply for financial
aid

Apply to scholarships

Senior Year

The Application Timeline



Applying to College

Requirements:

How to make it easier:



Fill out info for counselor



Make a list of your activities, involvements and awards



Fill out Common App, Coalition, or school application



Write essays



Write them now!



Get recommendations



Identify what teachers you will ask



Pay application fees



If you get an SAT fee waiver, your applications are free.

College Finances

How are you going to pay for school?



**What do you think of when we talk about paying
for college?**

Text a word to 37607

\$29,800

Average student loan debt at
graduation (class of 2018)

College is EXPENSIVE



And tuition prices are always increasing!

How do we decrease the cost of college?



Some Financial Aid Terms

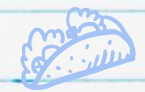


Direct Costs



Bills paid to the university- tuition, room and board

Indirect Costs



Other college expenses- food, books, transportation

Cost of Attendance

Direct + Indirect costs.

It is **lower** at public schools and **higher** at private schools

Public School



Colleges where tuition is supported by taxpayer money

Private School

Colleges where tuition is not supported by tax revenue



Why is researching options important?

Factors increasing cost of attendance:

- Attending a private school
- Attending 4 or more years
- Attending an out of state school

Factors decreasing cost of attendance

- Taking DE classes in high school
- Transferring from a community college
- Choosing in-state public schools

Dual Enrollment Courses

LHS offers many Dual Enrollment courses on-site at the high school or off-site at Governor's School and NNTC.

Dual Enrollment: College classes taken in high school through Rappahannock Community College in person or online.

NHS Course Name	RCC Course Name	CNU	George Mason	JMU	Longwood	Mary Washington	ODU	Radford	UVA	VCU		
English 12 Dual	ENG 111	ENG 124	ENGH 101	WRTC 100	ENGL 165	ENGL 101	ENGL 110C	CORE 101	ENWR 1506	LINCOLN and		
	ENG112	ENG 223	ENGH elective	WRTC 103	ENGL elective	ENGL 101	ENGL 211C	CORE 102	ENWR 1505	UNIV		
The Second World War- DE	HIS 267	HIST elective	HIST L388		HIST 363	HIST elective						
VA & US History DE	HIS 121	HIST 121	HIST 121	HIST 225	HIST 221	HIST 131	HIST 103H	HIST 111	HIST 1000 elective	HIST 103		
	HIS122	HIST 122	HIST 122		HIST 222	HIST 132		HIST 112	HIST 1000 elective	HIST 104	HIST 103	
The American Constitution	HIS 268	HIST elective			HIST elective				HIUS 2000 elective	HIST 369	HIST elective	HIST 211

DE Classes will affect your college GPA- it is important to do well in them!

Early College Academy

Introduces students to college studies in a supportive environment

Opportunity to earn an Associates of Arts and Sciences degree at low cost, even before graduating at LHS

Requirements

1. 10th grade student with prerequisite classes complete
2. Application
3. Recommendations
4. VA Placement Test or PSAT scores

Applications are closed. They will open for current 9th graders next spring.

Starting at RCC

Lots of students choose to start at RCC

DE credits = faster time to an associates degree

Transfer agreements- agreements with VA schools to allow direct admission on the condition of:

Earning the associate degree

Maintaining prescribed GPA

Scholarships available! You could pay \$0!



The FAFSA

What is it and why should you do it?

About the FAFSA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Estimates what your family can afford to pay for college based on prior-prior year tax returns (ex. For 2019-2020 year, we used 2017 taxes)- known as the expected family contribution, or EFC
- "Practice" FAFSA at studentaid.ed.gov - fafsa4caster
- Required to receive any federal aid at colleges and many local scholarships

Types of Federal Aid

Pell Grant

Does not need to be repaid.

Full grant will cover about a year at a community college.

Need-based: qualify based on family income

Subsidized Loan

Interest is paid by the government until graduation- does not accrue any interest in school.

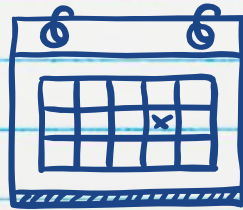
Unsubsidized Loan

Most families qualify

Interest accrues during school

Offered to all families completing FAFSA

We'll go over the FAFSA in more depth during senior year at FAFSA workshops. Just know that it:



Opens
October 1 of
Senior Year



Is required for
financial aid *and*
many local
scholarships!

The reality of student loans and cost of attendance can be difficult to comprehend- this game makes things easier!

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Scholarships

Scholarships are free money for college

We have a lot of local scholarships- these come out in a common application in March

Scholarships are easy

Takeaways

What are the 5 most important things to take away from tonight?

1. It's never too early to begin planning for college.
2. Colleges look very carefully at the classes you take and the grades you get.
3. The FAFSA is required to receive financial aid in college and opens October 1.
4. Keep track of your involvement in extracurricular activities.
5. Research your options to keep your college bills low.

Much more information is available in your Opportunities book!



Any questions?

Talk to your counselor or college adviser.

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