

Welcome

Post-Secondary Options
and Resources

South County High School
March 2023

Overview

Community College

Military

Employment

4-Year College



Common destinations for our students

SCHS Outcomes

What percentage of our students...

Attend 4-Year College / University	68%
Attend 2-Year College	20%
Join the Military	1%
Pursue Employment or Career Training Program	4%
Other / Unknown	5%

Northern Virginia Community College

- #1 Destination for SCHS graduates
- Largest public school in Virginia; second largest community college in the US
- Transferable and non-transferable options
- Six campus locations and NOVA Online
- Roughly 1/3 to 1/2 the cost of tuition at four-year public schools in Virginia

Guaranteed Admission Agreements

- 40+ colleges and universities
- www.nvcc.edu/gaa
- Note - Guarantees admission only

ADVANCE NOVA/GMU

- NOVA-Mason Partnership for specific degree pathways
- Advising and mentoring in both locations
- Goal to transfer and graduate in four years

NOVA Dual Enrollment

- Students can receive both high school and college credit while still being enrolled in high school
- Tuition is paid for by FCPS
- College transcript begins

NOVA HONORS

- Smaller, seminar style classes
- Experiential learning and scholarship opportunities
- Memoranda of Understanding with several other colleges and universities

Career & Technology

- FCPS Academy Classes
- [Adult and Community Education/Apprenticeships](#)
- [NVCC Information and Engineering Technologies](#)
- [NVCC Workforce](#)
 - Certificate Programs
 - Fast Forward
- [Year UP](#)

Edison Academy

Automotive Collision

Criminal Justice

Culinary Arts

Cyber- Network Administration

Cyber: Computer Systems Tech A+

Cyber Security Capstone

Electrical Construction

Heating, Ventilation, AC & Refrigeration

Teachers for Tomorrow

Veterinary Science

WP Academy

Academy, Broadway, Hip Hop Dance
Biomedical Technician
Biomedical Foundations
Dental Careers
Early Childhood
Emergency Medical Tech.
Exploring the Language of Medicine
Exploring Health Sciences
Medical Assistant
Music and Computer Tech.
Pharmacy Tech.
Physical/Occupational Therapy
Professional TV Production
911 Dispatcher

Military

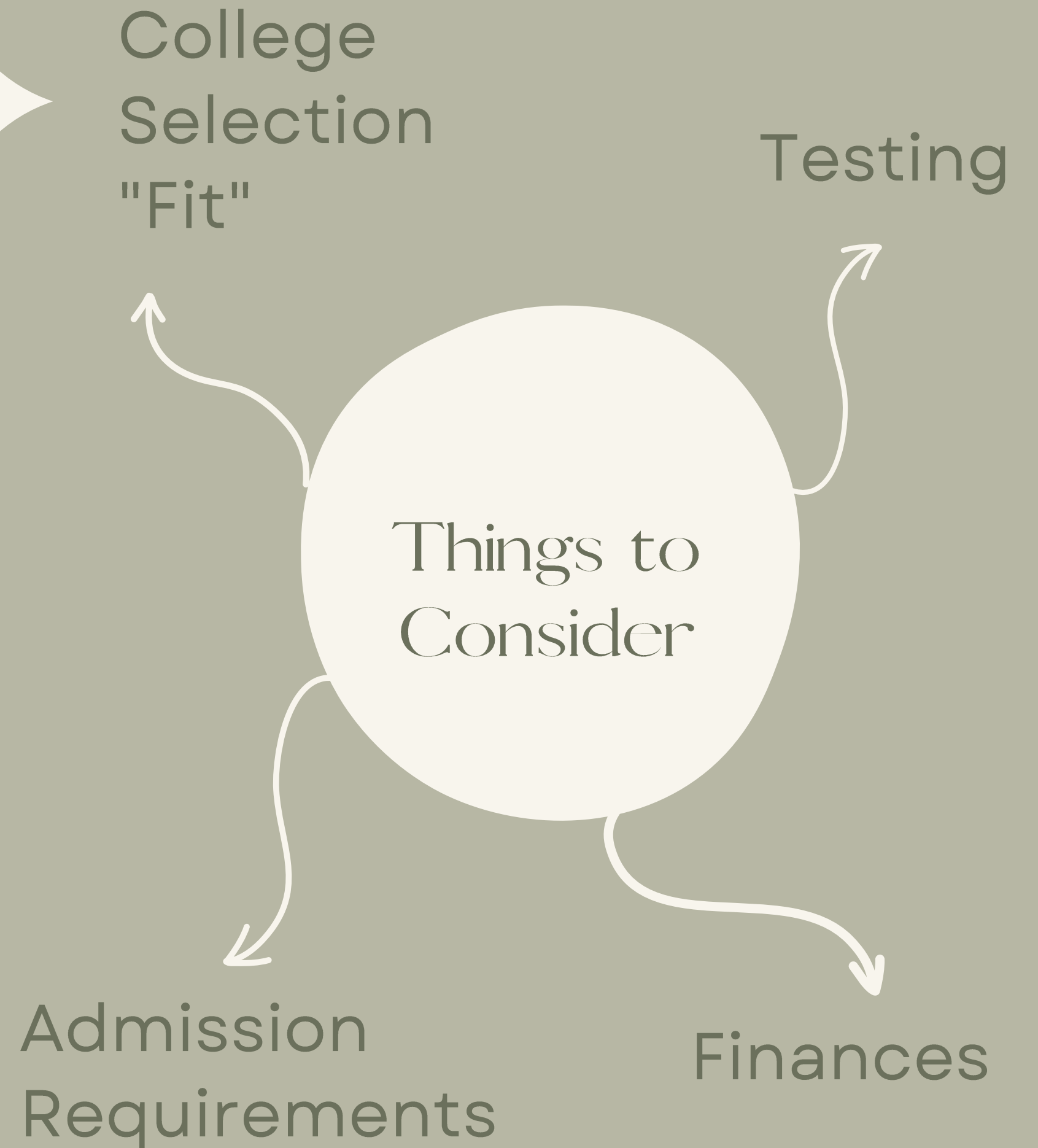
Military Recruiter Cafeteria Visits

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)
11th and 12th grade

FCPS Military Night - Academies and ROTC

Helpful Resource - [Ms. Biehl's Google site - Military page](#)

4-Year College





Considerations

Size

Location

Academic Programs

Sports and Social Opportunities

Public vs. Private

Cost

Selectivity

Graduation and retention rates

Entrance Exams

Test Required - All

applicants are required to provide test score for admission review

Test Optional - gives applicant choice to submit if score improves application

Test Blind / Test Free -

Admissions will not accept or consider test scores for review

Test Flexible - Applicants can choose tests to report - ACT, SAT, IB, AP, etc.

Check the application instructions and confirm with each college admission website!

SAT vs ACT

SAT

- Score between 400-1600
- More time per question
- Reading, Writing, Math

ACT

- Score between 1-36
- More questions
- Reading, Writing, Math and Science

SAT / ACT

Test Preparation

- [College Board Official SAT Practice](#) – Khan Academy **link accounts**
- [ACT Academy](#)
- [Check SCHS Test Prep page for additional resources](#)

SAT / ACT

Remember! Register and Send Scores

- Fee Waivers Available - See Mrs. Lauria in Student Services for Free/Reduced Lunch and College Partnership Program
- IEP/504 - Must request accommodations

- SAT - <http://www.collegeboard.org>
- ACT - <http://www.actstudent.org>

Admissions

Criteria

Strength of
Curriculum

Grades / GPA

Activities / Resume

Essays

Recommendations

SAT or ACT

Criteria

High volume / Large Schools

- Grade Point Average
- Strength of curriculum
- SAT/ACT scores
- Essays/activities/recommendations have minimal impact

Highly selective schools

- Strength of Curriculum
- Grade Point Average
- SAT/ACT scores
- Essays/activities/recommendations can be tie-breakers

Small schools/Private

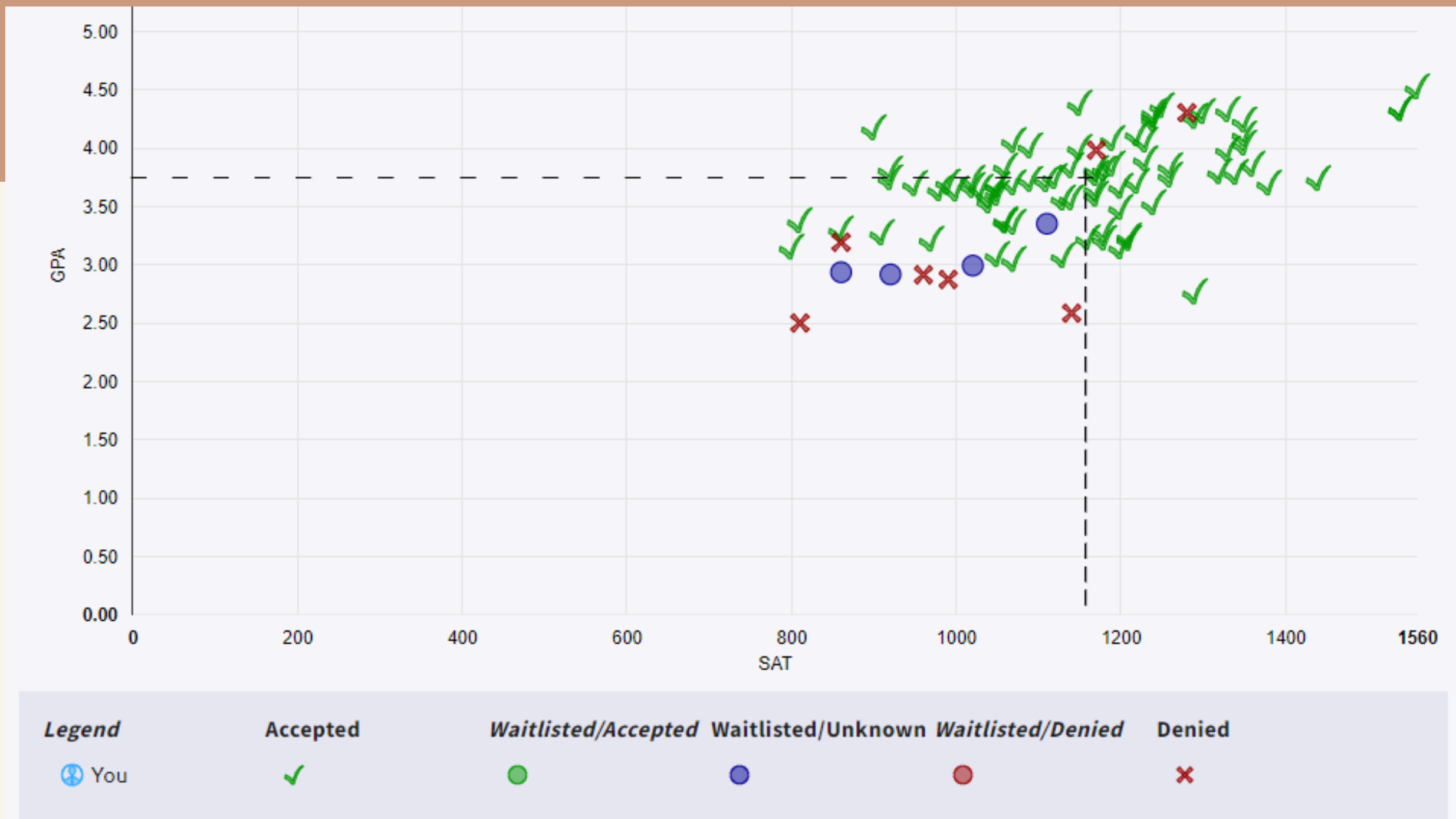
- Strength of Curriculum
- Grade Point Average
- SAT/ACT scores
- More holistic approach - consideration given to essays/ activities/recommendations/ special circumstances

Make a List

- Different for every student
- May initially be broad
- Narrow as you research
- 4 to 8 final options

Reach	Possible	Probable

Scattergrams



SC Acceptance Averages – 2022

VA Colleges	GPA	SAT
James Madison	3.86	1200
Univ. of Virginia	4.38	1420
Old Dominion	3.3	1050

OOS Colleges	GPA	SAT
Penn State	3.97	1230
Univ. of Alabama	3.4	1100
Howard Univ.	3.96	1220

College Visits

Timing

- Schedule campus tours in advance
- Share trips with other families
- Plan for sports, SATs, prom, etc.

Things to Consider

- Student/teacher ratio
- Activities
- Campus atmosphere
- Residential life
- Size of campus/town
- Distance from home

**** College Admissions Counselors visit SCHS to meet with juniors and seniors in the fall.
Students register on Naviance Student ****

Financial Aid

Changes are coming!

- [College Access Fairfax](#)
- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be available online in the late fall or early winter. The date has not been determined. It is not expected to be October 1st any longer.
- Financial Aid Guides & Resources - visit the [College and Career Center Financial Aid page](#) on the SCHS website
- [US DOE Net Price Calculator Center](#) - *May be impacted by FAFSA Changes
- [ECMC Opportunities Books](#)
- Scholarships – search on Naviance Student and additional databases found on the [College and Career Center Scholarships page](#) on the SCHS website

College Access

Fairfax

[Resources](#)

- Virtual Library - recorded presentations
- Military / GI Bill / Yellow Ribbon
- Scholarships
- Undocumented Students

Junior Year

- Take the SAT or ACT
- Research and visit colleges
- Athletes register with NCAA Eligibility Center
- Apply for Military Academy nominations
- Attend Northern Virginia Regional College Fair –
Tuesday, April 4th at GMU from 6:30-8:30 PM

Senior Year

- August- Complete “Request for Counselor Recommendation”
- Early September- SCHS Senior Parent Night/ Senior group meetings with counselors.
- Sept.-Nov.- Sign up on Naviance to attend college rep visits in the Career Center
- SAT School Day in October if desired.
- Complete FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Oct. – Feb.- Students complete applications, request transcripts and letters of recommendation, meet with counselors.
- Dec.- April- Admission notifications and financial aid awards sent out
- May 1- Decision Day! Student intentions and deposits due
- June-August- Graduation! Campus Orientations

Additional Resources

- Student Access Only - [Ms. Biehl's Google Site](#)
- SCHS Career Center website: <https://southcountyhs.fcps.edu/student-services/college-career-center>
- Naviance Student: www.fcps.edu/Naviance
- College Results Online: find out the graduation rates of colleges
<http://www.collegeresults.org>
- Counselor, College and Career Specialist, friends, and family!



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