

CLASS OF

19

**Sophomore
Presentation**

College/Career Exploration

- ### Get to Know Yourself
- Career & Interest Inventories
 - What do you like? Are you passionate about certain subjects?
 - Explore careers

- ### Types of Colleges
- Specialized (Technical, Military, etc)
 - Community College
 - In-State Universities
 - Out-of-State Universities
 - Private Colleges & Universities

- ### College Admissions Requirements
- GPA
 - SAT/ACT Scores
 - Application

- ### Gathering Information
- Online Searches
 - Campus Visits
 - College Rep Information Sessions
 - College Fairs



Get to Know Yourself

- Career & Interest Inventories
 - Spiritual Gifts Inventory (Junior Year)
- Career Inventories
 - AZCIS
 - IDEAS
 - Career Cluster Inventory
 - ASVAB (Junior Year)
 - Academic Assessment
 - Career Interest Assessment

NEVER STOP
DREAMING



Types of Colleges



Don't be
afraid to
be yourself

- What to look for in and about a college?
 - How is it going to prepare you for your desired career?
 - Cost
 - How is it going to prepare you for life?
 - Size in relation to how you learn best
 - Location

Finding the right college is about finding the “RIGHT FIT.”



Types of Colleges

- **Specialized (Technical, Military, etc)**
 - Preparing students to enter the work force with specific academic and vocational skills in usually 2 years or less;
 - ITT Tech
 - The Art Institute of Phoenix
 - Carrington College
- **Community College**
 - 2 year college that is preparing you to transfer to a 4-year university/college;
 - Cost effective
 - Glendale Community College, Paradise Valley Community College, Scottsdale Community College, etc.



Types of Colleges

- **4 Year Colleges**
 - In-State Universities
 - Relatively cost effective
 - Out-of-State Universities
 - Increase in cost (usually 2x's the cost as an in-state student)
 - Private Colleges & Universities
 - Same cost for in-state and out-of-state students



College Admissions Requirements

- The Major Areas that are reviewed in the College Admissions process:
 - GPA
 - SAT/ACT Scores
 - Strength of High School Courses
 - Application
 - Essay
 - Activities
 - Recommendations



**KEEP
CALM
AND
APPLY TO
COLLEGE**



How is GPA Calculated?

- GPA is the average of all semester grades.

NCS's Grading Scale

		UNWTD	WTD	
93 - 100	A	4.0	5.0	
90 - 92	A-	3.67	4.67	
87 - 89	B+	3.33	4.33	
83 - 86	B	3.0	4.0	
80 - 82	B-	2.67	3.67	
77 - 79	C+	2.33	3.33	All Honors courses are weighted
73 - 76	C	2.0	3.0	
70 - 72	C-	1.67	2.67	
67 - 69	D+	1.33	2.33	Students with D's will not move on
63 - 66	D	1.0	2.0	
60 - 62	D-	.67	1.67	
59 - Below	F	0	0	



How Can I Prepare NOW for the SAT & ACT?

- Take the practice tests seriously
- Princeton Review courses
- Review your PSAT results (2nd semester)
- High School Courses
- Complete official study books



Activities & Involvement

- **Colleges care about:**
 - How you've made a meaningful contribution to something
 - What your non-academic interests are
 - Whether you can maintain a long-term commitment
 - Whether you can manage your time and priorities
 - What diversity you'd bring to the student body
- **Areas of Involvement:**
 - **Honors & Awards** (*Honor Roll, class awards, National Honor Society, Scholar Athlete, etc*)
 - **Clubs & Organizations** (*School Theater productions, Youth Group, National Honor Society, Stucco, Robotics, Chess, etc.*)
 - **Athletics & Extracurricular** (*School Athletics, Club Athletics, Choir, Band, etc*)
 - **Community Service** (*Student Ambassador, Mission Trips, Volunteer work, etc*)
 - **Employment**



Gathering Information

- **Online Searches**

AZCLS- username- nwcs, password - 2viewazcis

Fastweb.com

Collegeboard.org/bigfuture

Cappex.com

School's individual websites



Gathering Information

- **Campus Visits**
 - Invaluable - **THE BEST** way to see if it is the **RIGHT** fit
 - Take a Tour
 - Overnight Stay *if possible*
 - Sit in on a class
 - Meet with faculty, coaches, students, etc.
 - Eat in the Cafeteria
 - Sit in on Chapel for Christian colleges

*Taking a tour now and then revisiting later is okay!



Gathering Information

- **College Info Sessions/Information**
 - At NCS & in the Phoenix Area
 - Daily Announcements, Website, Bulletin Board
 - Weekly visits in lunch area
- **College Fairs**
 - At NCS & in the Phoenix Area
 - Mainly in the Fall
 - Research ahead of time and go with a plan



Financial Aid



- Grants
 - Free money based on parent's taxes
- Loans
 - Borrowed money you pay back
- Scholarships
 - What you earn based on merit, athletic ability, community service, leadership, etc.
 - The majority of scholarship money students earn comes directly from the colleges they're applying to
 - There are outside scholarships from public and private organizations as well that can go to any college



Financial Aid

- Scholarship Resources
 - AZCIS
 - Fastweb.com
 - Unigo.com
 - Scholarships.com
 - Zinch.com
- Visiting individual college's scholarship website pages
- Read the monthly guidance emails and daily announcer



TRACK YOUR INVOLVEMENT!!!

Volunteer Hours

	Volunteer Work	Number of Hours
Freshman Year		
Sophomore Year		
Junior Year		
Senior Year		

Extracurricular Activities

	Activity	Leadership in Activity?
Freshman Year		
Sophomore Year		
Junior Year		
Senior Year		