

College & Career Exploration, What Is It All About?

10th Grade Presentation

College/Career Exploration

- Career & Interest Inventories
- What do you like? Are you passionate about certain subjects?
- Explore careers

Get to Know Yourself

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

Types of Colleges

- GPA
- SAT/ACT Scores
- Application

College Admissions Requirements

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

Gathering Information

Get to Know Yourself

- Career & Interest Inventories
 - Spiritual Gifts Inventory (Junior Year)
 - Career Inventories
 - AzCIS
 - IDEAS
 - Career Cluster Inventory
 - Big Future by Collegeboard

Types of Colleges

One type of college is not necessarily “**BETTER**” than another; Finding the right college is about finding the “**RIGHT FIT.**”

- **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

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

*For Christian Colleges, many look at testimony and pastor recommendation form

GPA & SAT/ACT Requirements

- In-State Universities (UofA, ASU, NAU)
 - 3.0 Core GPA OR ACT 22 OR SAT 1040
 - 16 Core GPA – 4 English, 4 Math, 3 Science, 2 History, 2 Foreign Language, and 1 Fine Arts
- Other Examples (Averages Listed)
 - **Pepperdine University** (GPA: 3.47-3.91, SAT: 1200-1360, ACT: 27-31)
 - **Baylor University** (GPA: Top Half of Class, SAT: 1120-1330, ACT: 24-29)
 - **Azusa Pacific University** (GPA: 3.5-3.75+, SAT: 980-1210, ACT: 21-27)
 - **BIOLA University** (GPA: 3.56, SAT: 1115, ACT: 25)

How is GPA Calculated?

- GPA is the average of all semester grades.

NCS's Grading Scale

		UNWTD	WTD
98 – 100	A+	4.33	5.33
93 - 97	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
73 - 76	C	2.0	3.0
70 - 72	C-	1.67	2.67
67 - 69	D+	1.33	2.33
63 - 66	D	1.0	2.0
60 - 62	D-	.67	1.67
59 – Below	F	0	0

All Honors courses are weighted

Let's Calculate

- Example 1 Semester Grades:
 - Algebra I, A, B+; Old Testament, B-, B; Biology, C+, B-; PE, A-, A; Choir, B, A; Spanish I, B, C+; English I, B, B-;
 - Now Calculate . . .

- Example 2 Semester Grades:
 - Honors Geometry, A-, B+; Honors World History, A-, B+; Chemistry, B, B-; Art, A, A; Business Apps, A-, B; Spanish II B-, B; Honors English, B, B+
 - Now Calculate . . .

How Can I Prepare NOW for the SAT & ACT?

- Take the practice tests seriously
- Princeton Review courses
- Review your PSAT results

My College Quickstart (SAT/College Board)

- High School Courses
- Question of the Day
- 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, Stuco, 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**

AzCIS- username- nwcs, password- 2viewazcis

Fastweb.com

Collegeboard.org/bigfuture

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 Departments, Coaches, students/SCA Alumni, etc
- Eat in the Cafeteria

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

- Resources
 - AzCIS
 - Fastweb.com
 - Collegeboard BigFuture
 - Scholarships.com
 - Zinch.com
 - Visiting individual college's scholarship website pages

**ASK YOURSELF IF WHAT
YOU'RE DOING TODAY IS
GETTING YOU CLOSER TO
WHERE YOU WANT TO BE
TOMORROW.**