



Planning for College Workshop

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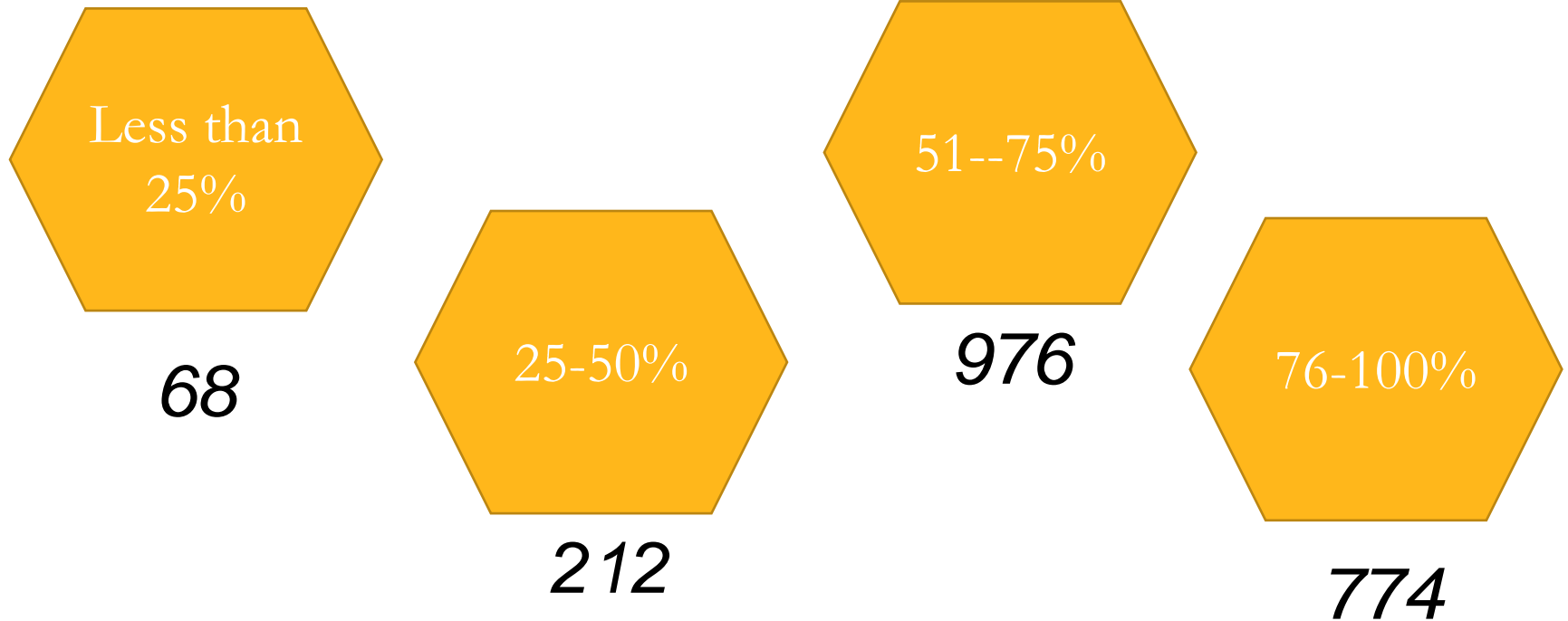
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“A Path for Everyone”

- 2- or 4-year
- Public or Private
- In-State or Out-of-State
- eSports, equestrian, nursing program
- My mother attended
- I like their Instagram
- Affordability



How Many Are Admitted?



- 4-Year Colleges/Universities Only;
- U.S. Schools Only;
- Approximately 2,030 institutions.



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What is the average
acceptance rate to a 4-year
institution?

73%

Timing is Everything!

- It all begins in the 9th grade;
- Junior year – why is it important?
- What about my senior grades?
- Senior year: applying in the fall versus applying in the spring. What's the difference?



Non-Restrictive Application Plans

Regular Decision

Submit an application by a specified deadline and receive a decision by a designated date

Non-Binding!

Rolling Admission

Submit when ready. Schools review application as they "roll-in". They make admission decisions throughout the admissions cycle

Non-Binding!

Early Action(EA)

Apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the school's regular response date

Non-Binding!

Restrictive Application Plans

Restrictive Early

Apply to a school and receive a decision early. You may be a restricted from applying ED, EA, or REA to other schools. If offered, you have until May 1 to confirm

Non-Binding!

Early Decision

Make a commitment to a first-choice school where, if admitted, you will definitely enroll. The application decision deadline occur early.

Binding!

You are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider your options and confirm enrollment.

You are responsible for following all restrictions

But I am just a sophomore...

- Research testing (PSAT, PLAN, ACT, SAT, **FairTest.org**).
- Update your file of important documents and notes (resume, community service, awards, honors).
- Research Colleges/Universities and plan a visit – even if it is virtual!
- Watch virtual tours! See if College's will allow you to sit in on a virtual classroom experience.
- Find out about Honors, AP, IB courses offered at your high school.
- Continue extracurricular activities and investigate leadership opportunities.
- Continue to meet with your school/college counselor at least once a year.



“College is a match to be made, not a prize to be won.”

It is not about admission; it is about graduation and beyond.

How Do Colleges Make Admission Decisions?

“Focus on the whole pie, not just a slice!”

	N	Considerable Importance	Moderate Importance	Limited Importance	No Importance
High school grades in college prep courses	185	76.8	15.1	4.9	3.2
Total high school grades (all courses)	185	74.1	18.9	5.4	1.6
Strength of high school curriculum	185	63.8	22.7	10.3	3.2
Positive character attributes	184	28.3	37.5	18.5	15.8
Essay or writing sample	185	18.9	37.3	26.5	17.3
Student's interest in attending	185	15.7	27.6	25.4	31.4
Counselor recommendation	185	11.9	40.0	27.6	20.5
Teacher recommendation	185	10.8	40.5	28.1	20.5
Extracurricular activities	185	6.5	44.3	30.8	18.4
High school class rank	183	5.5	22.4	43.2	29.0
Admission test scores (ACT, SAT)	185	4.9	25.4	38.9	30.8
Portfolio	185	4.9	10.8	24.3	60.0
Interview	185	4.3	8.6	32.4	54.6
Work	185	2.2	30.8	40.0	27.0
State graduation exam scores	185	1.6	6.5	18.4	73.5
Subject test scores (AP, IB)	185	1.1	22.2	25.9	50.8

Criteria Types

Objective Criteria

- Academic course selection (9-12)
- Overall academic performance
- Senior course in progress
- Test Scores (ACT and/or SAT)
- Test-Optional
- Application volume at the schools to which you are applying

Subjective Criteria

- Extracurricular activities
- Essay(s)
 - No such thing as **OPTIONAL**
- Recommendation letter(s)
- Interview
- Campus Visit

In Summary...

- No matter your skills, talents or abilities or interests – there are good colleges for you!
- “College is a match to be made not a prize to be won.”
- Most important year – junior year
- Do research and do it early
- Be honest (with yourself and others)
- Use school/college counseling office
- Visit (virtually as well!)





The “BEST”...

“... the “best” college is the one that will challenge you appropriately, open your eyes to new ways of thinking, and help you develop and broaden your talents as you take your place in the world ahead.”

- Willard Dix



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Questions?

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