

# DANVERS HIGH SCHOOL

## POST-SECONDARY PLANNING:

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Information for parents of juniors

JANUARY 15, 2019

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# Tonight's Focus

- **College Application Process Timeline:** What should I be doing now through the end of summer?
- **Researching Colleges**
- **Standardized Testing**
- **Components of the College Application**
- **DHS Application Process**

# What has been done already...

- Grade 9: Personality Profiler
- Grade 10: Career Interest Profiler & PSAT
- Grade 11: PSAT, Game Plan & College Search

# What Should I Be Doing Now ?



# Student Timeline

## ▶ February - June 2019

- Schedule Individual Junior Planning Meeting with your counselor
- Register / Prepare for SAT, Subject Tests and ACT
- Register / Prepare for AP exams
- Schedule College Visits
- Select rigorous but manageable senior year schedule.
- Attend National College Fair, April 4 in Boston

# A Good Decision Requires Good Information

- Gather information about yourself
  - strengths, weaknesses, abilities, interests
- Gather information about colleges
  - Admission statistics
  - Location
  - Size
  - Majors/ Programs
  - Financial Aid
  - Retention & Graduation Rate

# What Resources Are Available?

- Naviance
- College Board
- Campus Visits
- College Websites
- Visits at DHS
- College Guidebooks



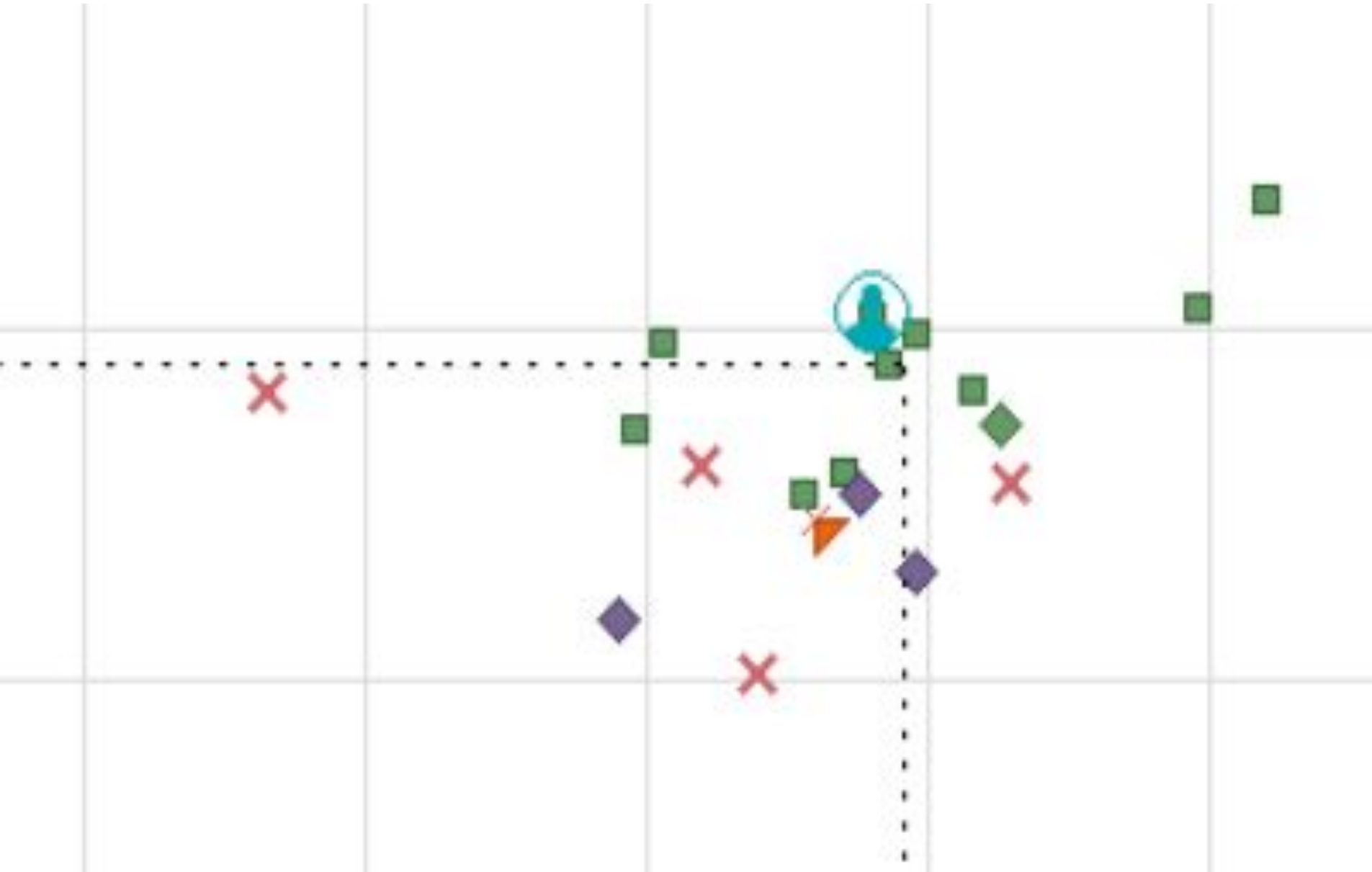
Massachusetts State University  
Entrance Requirements  
&  
NCAA  
  
Handouts



**HOW SHOULD YOU  
CHOOSE COLLEGES TO  
APPLY TO?**

**Safety-Realistic-Reach**

# Naviance Scattergrams



# Standardized Testing

- SAT
- SAT Subject Tests
- ACT

Students should set a goal to have all of their standardized testing completed by the end of the school year. Retest in the fall of senior year.

# Testing Tip #1

Admission test scores are just one factor colleges consider, along with grades, course rigor, activities, student essay, and recommendations. While most four-year colleges require tests, the emphasis on the test scores varies by college. Some colleges are **TEST OPTIONAL**.

# Testing Tip # 2

- Studies show that just taking tests multiple times won't guarantee score improvement.
- We encourage you to take advantage of test preparation opportunities between testing dates.
- Testing in the spring of junior year gives you early insight as you begin your college search.

# Testing Tip #3

High test scores won't automatically get you into any college. High test scores will not offset a weak transcript. Colleges want students who have shown good character, strong work ethic, motivation and accomplishments, both inside and outside the classroom.

# Testing Tip #4

Will colleges see all of my scores?

- Both the SAT and the ACT allow you to send scores to the colleges you choose.
- Most schools will “Superscore.”
- You can send scores by test date only.
- Visit a college's official website to check its score-use policy.

DHS does not send test scores to colleges.

# Spring 2019 SAT and Subject Test Dates

<b>Test date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Score Release</b>
March 9, 2019	February 8, 2019	March 24, 2019
May 4, 2019	April 5, 2019	May 19, 2019
June 1, 2019	May 3, 2019	July 14, 2019

**It is the student's responsibility to know which tests are required by each college.**



# Spring 2019 ACT Dates

<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Score Release</b>
April 13, 2019	March 8, 2019	May 7, 2019
June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019	July 2, 2019
July 13, 2019	June 14, 2019	August 6, 2019

# Looking ahead....

## During the month of May:

Transcript Release - turn form in to Guidance Office

Resume— complete online through Naviance

Counselor Questionnaire – complete online through Naviance

By June 1st, ask 2 teachers to write a letter of recommendation on your behalf

## Video Link

Is participating in a lot of  
activities important?

# DHS College Application Process

- Expectations
- When to Apply
- How to Apply
- Components of the Application

# Expectations

DHS uses Naviance exclusively to manage the College Application Process. Students are expected to:

- Use Naviance to request all transcripts and letters of recommendation required by the colleges being applied to, **at least 10 school days in advance of deadlines.**
- Correctly indicate the application deadline and type of application being used (Common Application or the institution's own application) in Naviance.

# When to Apply

- Early Action
- Early Decision
- Priority
- Regular Decision
- Rolling Admission

# How to Apply

- Apply online with the institution's own application (available at the college's website)
- Use the Common Application ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)) whenever possible.

# Components of the Student Application

- Student and Demographic Data
- Academic Information
- Extracurricular Activities
- Essay(s)
- Supplements (if required)
- Auditions/Portfolios (if required)
- Payment or Fee Waiver (if eligible)



# Sending SAT and ACT Scores

- Students must contact the College Board or ACT to request scores to be sent to each college.
- DHS does not report SAT or ACT scores on the transcript.
- Most colleges will not accept scores sent by DHS

SAT - [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

ACT – [www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org)

# What Will the Counselor Send?

- Transcript
- School Profile
- Secondary School Report Form
- Counselor Recommendation  
(if applicable)

# Completed Application

- Application submitted online by student
- SAT or ACT scores requested, by student, to be sent from testing agency
- Recommendation letter(s)
- Transcript

# Timeline . . . continued

## ▶ Over the Summer...

- Continue to research and visit colleges
- Fine tune the list of schools you will be applying to in the Fall.
- Register on CommonApp.org
- Begin filling out college applications
- Begin thinking about your main essay

# Financial Aid

- FAFSA- required by all colleges
- CSS Profile- required by some schools (in addition to FAFSA)
- Institutional Forms- required by some schools (in addition to FAFSA)
- DHS Scholarships-available through Naviance
- DHS Financial Aid Night, October 2019

# Lastly...

- Keep the process in perspective
- Work together as a family
- Students must take ownership
- Discuss finances openly
- Start early and meet all application and financial aid deadlines
- Look for Financial Aid Information night in the fall

# Student Perspectives & Tips

## Questions

**Please complete the survey!**

**Thank you for coming tonight!**

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