# THE COLLEGE SEARCH

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### **AUGUST 2023**

College applications for the 2024-2025 school year (that's you!) will open in the Summer of 2023.

### **BY HALLOWEEN 2023**

We encourage all seniors to aim to complete all of their college applications by Halloween of their senior year.

## **NOVEMBER 1st**

First major admission/scholarship deadline for the majority of colleges.

## MAY 1st

National reply date. You'll let colleges know whether or not you plan to attend.

If you are going to start applying six months from now, you've got some work to do this year!

# WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO NOW?

- Prepare for and take your college admission test(s).
- Conduct your college search and develop a list of where you would like to apply.
- Start planning ahead for your applications.



IDENTIFY THE CRITERIA THAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU



IDENTIFY AND RESEARCH SCHOOLS THAT FIT YOUR CRITERIA



DEVELOP YOUR LIST/DECIDE WHERE YOU WANT TO APPLY

# THE COLLEGE SEARCH

Location

Distance from Home

Size

Selectivity/Admissions Requirements

Majors

Cost

Public vs Private

Athletics/Activities/Campus Life

**Demographics** 

Campus Resources

Study Abroad options

**Religious Affiliation** 

- There are more than 3,000 colleges & universities in the US alone.
- Think about things that are important to you to narrow your list.

## IDENTIFY THE CRITERIA THAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU

## ONLINE COLLEGE SEARCHES

Naviance Family Connection
https://connection.naviance.com/wghs
accessible via student's CLEVER account

Big Future College Search by College Board https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org

College Navigator (US Dept of Education) http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator



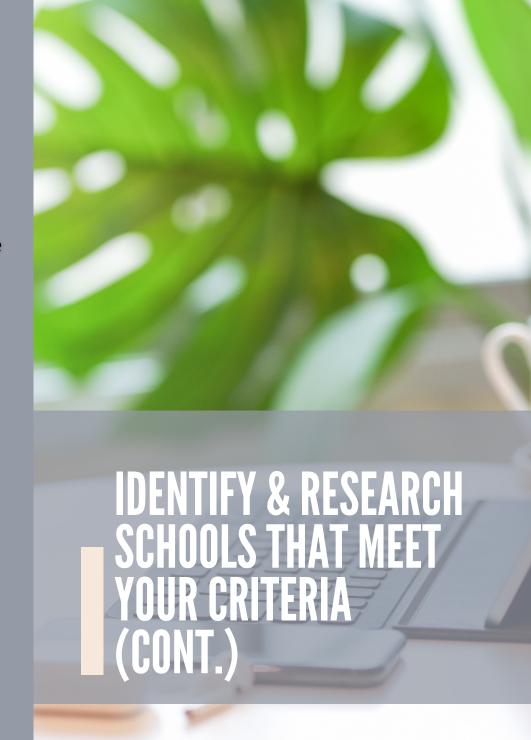
## IN-PERSON RESEARCH

Meet with College Admission Representatives
@ WGHS
\_check calendar on Counseling Department webpage

Attend College Events in STL region check calendar on Counseling Department webpage

Attend College Fairs when available

Various LIVE virtual events available, check with individual schools



## **COLLEGE VISITS**

Schedule in advance online

Best time to visit is when school is in session

## Take an official tour

Talk with current students, meet with your academic department, eat in the dining hall

Be prepared with questions to ask, list of things to see...

<u>Visit our counseling webpage for a list of questions to ask on a campus visit</u>



# DEVELOP YOUR LIST AND DECIDE WHERE TO APPLY

The number of applications is up to you. On average students apply to 3-7 schools.

Each list should include schools in three different categories:

- Predictable (safety),
- Target
- Not-predictable (reach)

Students should have a handful selected by the beginning of their senior year.

# AFTER THIS SESSION:

**SESSION TWO: 6:40 - 7:10 P.M.** 

POWER OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING IN COLLEGE & CAREER PROCESS - ROOM 290

THE LABORERS' UNION APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM - ROOM 159

COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTING - ROOM 284

**FINANCIAL AID 101 - LIBRARY** 

EARNING COLLEGE CREDIT IN HIGH SCHOOL - ROOM 181

**SESSION THREE: 7:15 - 8:00 P.M.** 

COLLEGE ADMISSION PANEL WITH COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

## CONTACT US

WITH ANY QUESTIONS!

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