The ABC’s of Planning for US Colleges

美國大學申請準備
Guidance Counselor

• Career Development Curriculum 職業生涯規劃課程
  know yourself: interests, abilities, personalities, skills

• College Search 收集、瞭解、整合大學資訊
  - Explore: What’s out there. Find good match.
  - Meeting with juniors and seniors, individually and in groups, to talk about process and individual college choices.
  - College Planning monthly Newsletters

• Apply 申請學校
  - College admissions process, trends, procedures, and testing
  - Advising and supporting seniors and families as they go through the process
  - Serves as a liaison with College admissions offices throughout the year

• Counseling 心理諮商
  Counsels students on Personal/Social concerns when requested
College Planning Timeline

• Study Plan
• Take PSATs

Freshman - 1st
Freshman - 2nd/Summer
Sophomore - 1st
Sophomore - 2nd/Summer
Junior-1st
Junior-2nd/Summer
Senior – 1st
Senior-2nd

• Prepare for PSAT
• Prepare for SATs
• Gather College data

• May SAT I
• Jun. SAT I or II
• TOEFL iBT 100
• School List
• Common Application account
• Begin College Essays
• EA/ED

• CollegeBoard account
• Oct. TOEFL
• Nov. SAT I
• Dec. & Jan. SAT II

• Oct/Nov. SAT I or II
• Finish Essays
• EA/ED (Nov.)
• Submit All College Applications
• Deadlines for Regular Admissions: Jan-Feb. (Nov.1-30 for UC system)

Feb-May
College admissions decisions come in
How to pick a college

What’s the best fit for you? 找到最適合你的學校

• Location 地點
  (New England/Midatlantic/South/Southwest/Midwest/West Coast)
• Campus Setting (Urban, Suburban, Rural) 校園型態
• Size (ie: mid-size: 4,000-10,000) 校園大小
• Majors offered 主修科目/課程提供種類廣度
• Kinds of extra-curricular activities 課外活動類型
• Sense of community/Campus life 校園生活
• Cost 學費
• Diversity (geographic, ethnic, racial..) 多樣性
• Retention and Graduation Rates: measure school quality
  大一升大二比例、畢業率
College Application Requirements

☐ Application Form 申請表
☐ Application Fee 申請費用
☐ High School Transcript 高中9th-12th 成績單 GPA
☐ Admissions Test Scores 入學考試成績 SATs、TOEFL iBT
☐ Letters of Recommendation 推薦函 2-3封
☐ Essay and Personal Statements 申請文章及個人自傳、履歷
☐ Interview 面談 (多由校友會執行，與文件審查分開)
☐ Audition/Portfolio 藝術學院
☐ Activities
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Ivy League Fall 2009 entering class
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Admission Factors
Selective colleges consider these factors for admission
Ivy League/Top 20 學校接受入學考量條件

- Courses taken 高中修課難易 (AP/IB/Honor)
- Counselor/teacher recommendations 推薦函
  Guidance Counselor/Advisor*1, Teachers *2 (one from a humanities subject, one from a math or science subjects)
- GPA 學業成績 (Higher than B+)
- Application questions and essays 申請文章
- Rank in class 班上排名
- Activities outside the classroom: long-term commitment in one or two areas 長期致力於1-2項課外活動/社區服務
- Major/college applied to 申請的學院與科系
- Admission test results 入學考試成績(SATs, TOEFL)
- Special talents and skills 特殊專長技能
- Personal interview 面試
The Common Application  
[https://www.commonapp.org/](https://www.commonapp.org/)

- Online application system 大學線上申請系統
- Used by 415 national colleges & universities 已使用於415所大學
- Fill it out once, send it to as many schools as you want to 僅填寫一次即可送至所有申請的學校
- Be careful, many schools require specific supplements 許多學校仍需要特殊附件
- Still requires individual school’s fee 需付申請費用
- Available on-line or in print 可線上/紙本下載申請
SATs (SAT I & II)
CEEB Code: 694372

• National admission test offered by the College Board

• SAT I (required): Critical reading, Writing, Mathematics

• SAT II (recommended): Specific subject areas (English, History, Languages, Mathematics, Science)

• All Juniors at TFPS are expected to take official SAT I by the Nov. test for the 1st time 至少在11th 11月考第一次SATI

• Should take it at least once more in the May. of Junior year 11th 5月 至少再考一次SATI

• Dec. SAT II – Biology, Jan. SAT II - Chemistry

• Schools generally look at the high score on each subtest, even if they are from different test dates 通常看不同次考試中每個項目最高的成績

• Official registration: CollegeBoard www.collegeboard.com
| 上學期 | 十月 | 第一次TOEFL iBT考試 | 第三次SAT I考試
(學生自由選擇、視成績及欲申請學校而定，亦可不考) |
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| 十一月 | 第一次SAT I考試 | SAT I或SAT II考試**
(學生自由選擇、視成績及欲申請學校而定，亦可不考) |
| 十二月 | 第一次SAT II ** | 最後一次SAT I或SAT II考試**
(學生自由選擇、視成績及欲申請學校而定，亦可不考) |
| 下學期 | 一月 | 第一次SAT II ** |  |
| 五月 | 第二次SAT I考試 |  |
| 六月 | 1. SAT I或SAT II考試**
(學生自由選擇、視成績而定)
2. TOEFL iBT考試需達100分 |  |
SAT Preparation

• Great SAT Prep resources available online
  – **College Board**
    • [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
    • SAT Question of the Day
    • Practice exams
  – **Princeton Review**
    • Sit in on a free class
    • Private, small group, classes and online tutoring options
    • [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com) for more info.
  – **Summit Educational Group**
    • Offering one-on-one tutoring & classes as well
    • [www.mytutor.com](http://www.mytutor.com) for registration & pricing info.
TOEFL iBT

• Evaluates English proficiency
• Required for international students whose native language is not English
• Reading, Listening, Speaking, Writing
• Official registration and preparation: http://www.ets.org/toefl
Who’s involved?

• Student
  – Researches the colleges & scholarships
  – Create a college list (8-10 schools): exploration, self-discovery and decision-making process
  – Visits schools
  – Keeps track of all necessary deadlines
  – Fills out & sends all applications
  • Understands what supplements a school might need
  – Ensures that SAT scores are sent via CollegeBoard
  – Ensures that TOEFL scores are sent via ETS
  – Follows up with schools to make sure application is complete
  – Keeps data updated in Common Application
  – Informs Miss Lin of acceptances & scholarships

學生需主動積極

收集學校和獎學金資訊

建立欲申請學校名單 (8-10所)

實地參觀學校

列出考試和所有申請截止時間

完成並寄出所有申請文件

確認SAT及TOEFL成績由CollegeBoard線上直接寄達欲申請學校

追蹤申請學校確認申請程序完成

密切更新Common Application資料

收到入學接受通知時告知Miss Lin
Recipe of a College Student

• It’s not just the SAT scores!
• Application essay - make it meaningful!
  – Share something meaningful and personal.
  – Start writing early.
  – Start early and try multiple topics.
  – Leave time for careful proof-reading.
• Activities (in school & out of school), Communities involved
• Leadership positions
• Recommendations
• High School Grades & Classes
  – Want to see improvement in grades through the years
Parents: What you can do

• College visits 陪同學生參觀學校
  – Summer is the season for visiting and getting tours of the schools
• College fairs: meet the admission rep. 大學博覽會和入學代表會面
  – Fall (Oct.) College Fair 美國教育展, 台北
  – Spring (Mar.) College Fair 美國教育展, 台北
• Help students research schools 協助學生收集學校資訊
• Edit & proofread essays 協助學生編輯校對文章
• Become comfortable & familiar with useful college search resources 熟悉並靈活運用收集學校資訊資源
• Know the TFPS College Planning Handbook 請讀復興學校申請手冊
• www.collegeboard.com
• Great resource for planning 大學資訊及升學規劃
  – Student section to get username & password
• SAT test registration 正式SAT考試註冊
• Offers sample SAT questions 提供SAT考試準備資訊
• College locator
• Financial Aid section 獎學金資訊
Important Resources

General College Resources

- **College Board**: SAT preparation and registration. Also has resources on applying to colleges and financial aid. ([http://www.collegeboard.com/](http://www.collegeboard.com/))
- **Princeton Review**: Explore Colleges. Find the best fit school, learn about applying for it, and more. ([http://www.princetonreview.com/](http://www.princetonreview.com/))
- **My College Guide**: Information on various college programs including academics, sports, and student life. ([http://mycollegeguide.org/](http://mycollegeguide.org/))
- **Campus Tours**: Provides on-line virtual tours of hundreds of college campuses.
- **OffToCollege**: comprehensive website on colleges, scholarships, and financial aid ([http://www.offtocollege.com/](http://www.offtocollege.com/))
- **Fuhsing’s College Handbook** (includes planning timeline)
Important Resources

SAT Preparation (and other national tests)

- **ETS**: (Education Testing Services) Provides information on SAT, AP, TOEFL, and other tests. Information includes testing dates and sites, and preparation materials. ([http://www.ets.org/](http://www.ets.org/))

- **Princeton Review**: Provides information on national tests, preparation materials, financial aid and scholarship information, and many U.S. colleges. (Book is provided in Guidance Office) ([http://www.princetonreview.com/](http://www.princetonreview.com/))

- **Kaplan**: Provides information on national tests, preparation materials, financial aid and scholarship information, and many U.S. colleges. ([http://www.kaptest.com/](http://www.kaptest.com/))