

Class of 2011

Junior Guidance

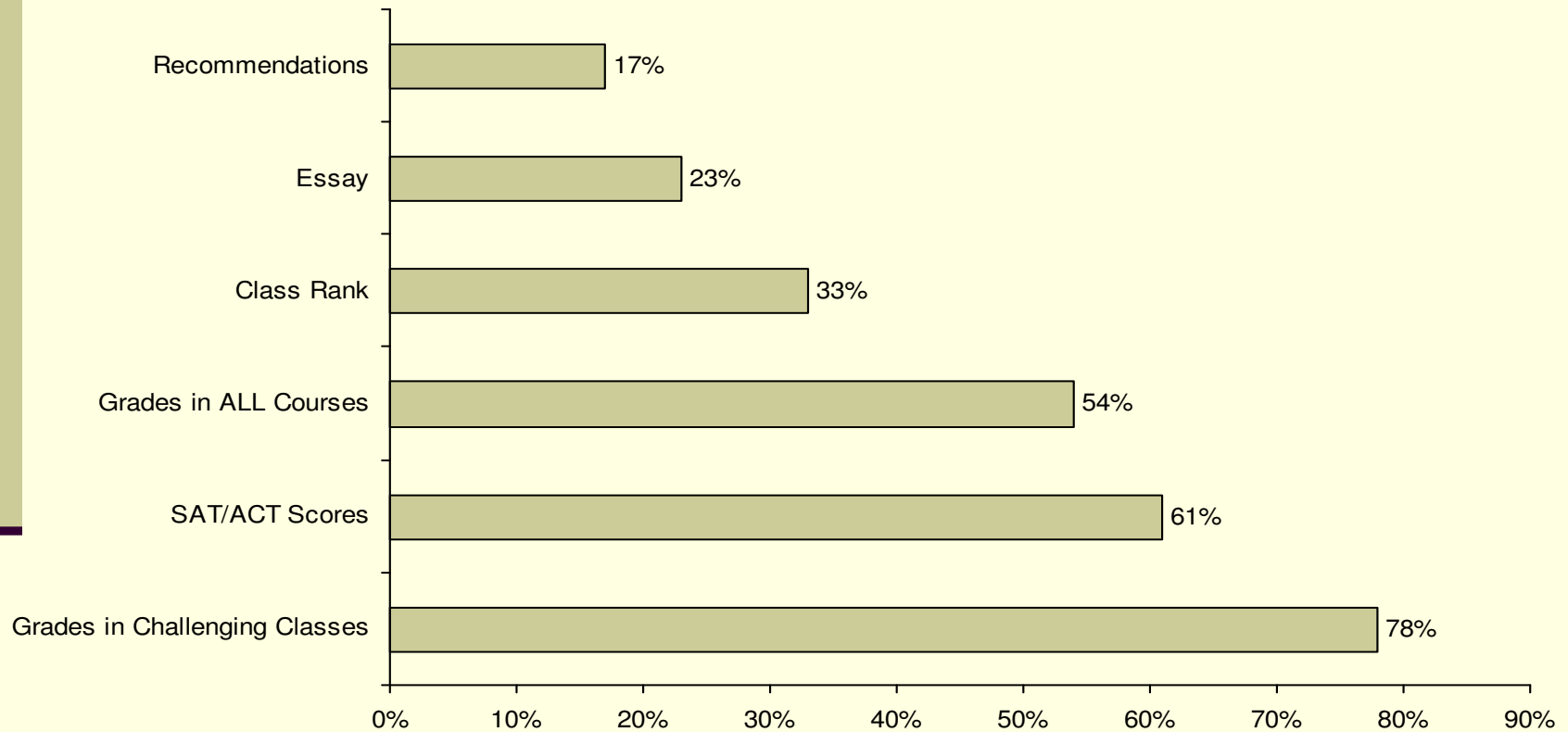
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What Counts Most in College Admissions?

NACAC 2003



KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE TARGET!

Athletics/ Sports
Participation

Clubs &
School
Activities

Awards/
Honors

ACADEMICS:
Rigorous Courses/
Great Grades

Work/
Summer
Experiences

Community
Service

Leadership
Opportunities

Junior Year is Critical

- The class rank and GPA you have at the end of junior year is the rank and GPA that you apply to college with.
- This is your last opportunity to increase your class standing for college admissions reasons.

New Rule

- To apply for admissions to a 4 year Texas, public college or university as a FRESHMAN, you must be on the Recommended or Distinguished Achievement Plan.
- Students who graduate under the Regular Plan and wish to attend a public, Texas school, will need to start college at the community college level and transfer later.

Selecting a College

Public Universities

Private Universities

Community Colleges

Technical Colleges

United States Military Academies



Comparing College Characteristics

- Highly Selective Colleges

- Top GPA
 - SAT 1300+
 - ACT 30+
 - Interview
 - Recommendations
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- Examples: Harvard University, Rice University, Princeton University, and Duke University
 - Acceptance rates often under 10%

Comparing College Characteristics

■ Selective Colleges

- Top 10-25% of your class
- SAT 1100+
- ACT 24+
- THEA (Texas public colleges)

Examples: University of Texas Austin, Texas A & M, Southern Methodist University, University of Texas Dallas, and Texas Tech University

Comparing College Characteristics

- Less Competitive Colleges
 - Top 10-50% of your class
 - SAT 1000+
 - ACT 21+
 - THEA (Texas public colleges)

Examples: Stephen F. Austin, Sam Houston University, Midwestern, Tarleton and Texas State

Comparing College Characteristics

■ Open Admission Colleges

- Require a high school diploma
- THEA (Texas public schools)
- SAT and ACT are not required

Examples: Collin County Community College, Tyler Junior College, Navarro College, and Texas State Technical College

New Rule for UT-Austin

- Students who apply for admission to UT-Austin in 2011 (this year's junior class) will have the class size limited to 75% of the freshman class being tied to the top 10% rule.
- This means that UT will stop admitting kids once they have hit 75% of the freshman class. UT believes this number will be 7 or 8%. So the top 10% rule really becomes the top 7-8% rule at UT!

College Visits

- Call the school for an appointment
- Check web for Preview Days
- Go when students are in session, if at all possible (Oct 12th)
- Bring a list of questions (see FC for ideas)
- Get paper documentation
- Two visits allowed per year (excused absence). Must be documented.

TESTING, TESTING, TESTING!

- College Admissions Tests

- SAT
- ACT

- Placement Exams

- THEA - Texas Higher Education Assessment



SAT Reasoning Test

- Measures: Critical Reading, Math, and Writing
- Used to compare students with peers and predict success in college
- Required for four year universities and colleges
- Cost is \$45.00
- Register on line at www.collegeboard.com
- Be sure you sign up for the REASONING test
 - CEEB Code : 442-633

SAT Tips

- **Pace yourself.**
- **Answer easy questions first.**
- **Guess Smart – if you can rule out one or more answer choices for a multiple choice question as definitely wrong, your chances of guessing the right answer improve.**
- **You are penalized $\frac{1}{4}$ point for every wrong answer.**
- **Omit questions that you really have no idea how to answer.**
- **Keep track of time.**
- **Be precise in marking your answer sheet and erase completely.**

SAT at CHS

- Sign up early for your SAT if you wish to test at CHS.
- CHS will not offer the test in March or June.
- This means the January and May tests will fill early!

ACT

- Measures: English Usage, Mathematics, Reading, and Science Reasoning. *The test now has an optional Writing Assessment. Check with your school to see what you need to take.*
- Used to compare students with peers and predict success in college
- May be used to replace or in addition to the SAT Reasoning Test
- Cost is \$31 or \$46 with the *optional* Writing Assessment
- Register on line at www.act.org
 - CEEB Code : 442-633

ACT TIPS

- **Pace yourself.**
- **Read the directions carefully.**
- **Read each answer carefully.**
- **Answer the easy questions first.**
- **Use logic on the more difficult questions.**
- **Review your work.**
- **Answer every question – NO PENALTY for guessing.**
- **Be precise in marking your answer sheet.**
- **Erase completely.**
- **Keep track of time.**

PSAT/NMSQT

- Given to predict success on the SAT Reasoning Test and to qualify for National Merit scholarships
 - October 14th, Wednesday
 - \$13.00
 - **Deadline to register is this Friday, September 18th**
 - Sign up in Mrs. Costello's office

ASVAB

- Students who do not sign up to take the PSAT by the deadline (this Friday) will instead take the **ASVAB** test here at CHS that morning.
- The ASVAB is an aptitude test that measures career interest and strengths and weaknesses in work related areas.
- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery is the test used by the Armed Services.

Texas Higher Education Assessment

- Students who meet the qualifying standards may be exempt from taking the THEA
 - **TAKS** (exit level) – 2200 math and/or 2200 in ELA with a writing subscore of at least 3
 - **SAT**- combined score of 1070 with a 500 on the math and critical reading
 - **ACT**- a composite score of 23 with a 19 on the math and English sections

NCAA Information

- Athletes wanting to play sports in college need to complete their NCAA paperwork at the close of junior year or beginning of senior year.
- Go to www.eligibilitycenter.org for forms and information.

Community Service Reminder

- Students with 100 hours of documented community service by April of senior year are recognized at graduation.
- You will find the community service form in the counseling office and at Family Connection.

Students who qualify for Free or Reduced Price Meals can receive the following:

- Free or reduced price meals (9-12)
- Free or reduced tuition for summer school courses (9-12)
- Two free fee waivers for the SAT Reasoning Test (11-12)
- Two free fee waivers for the SAT Subject Test (11-12)
- Four free Request for Waiver of College Application fees (11-12)
- Free PSAT testing fee (10-11)
- Two free fee waivers for either the ACT or the ACT Plus (11-12)
- Reduced fees for AP testing (9-12)
- Free application fee for the NCAA Clearinghouse
- Free Collin College tuition for all dual credit courses taken (12)

First Generation Students

- There are special programs for students whose parents did not attend college.
- If you mom and dad did not attend college, please let your counselor know by email.

What you need to do now.....

- Continue to make good grades in challenging classes
- Take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 14th
- **Attend the College Fair on September 23rd at Frisco HS from 6:00-8:00 PM. Bring stickers with your name, address, phone, school, email and intended major (if known).**
- Visit College Campuses
- Use the internet to investigate options
- Take the SAT or ACT in the spring or early summer if you plan to attend a four year university. **The March and June SAT will not be offered here at CHS.**
- Investigate career options

We are on Facebook

- Frisco Centennial Collegeshare
- Request to “join group”

Family Connection

- Go to www.connection.naviance.com/centennial
- Or go to the CHS home page and click the link.

At Family Connection...

- Edit your profile
- Add colleges to “My Colleges”
- Search for colleges
- View visit schedule
- View scattergrams
- My personality type

SAT ONLINE COURSE

- Register for the SAT course online
- Provided for you by the school district



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