

High School & Life After

New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority
(NJHESAA)



Conversations are Essential

- What careers are of interest to the student?
- What careers are of interest to the parent for the student?
- Have the student talk to family and friends about their jobs and careers
- Have the student(s) get involved with extracurricular activities



Opportunities Students Will Have

- Four year public colleges or universities
- Four year private universities
- Community College
- Trade and Technical Career Schools
- Nursing schools
- Union Apprenticeship

Higher education



Why is Higher Education Important

Choosing higher education will give the student an introduction into careers and expanded knowledge and thinking to improve the chances of lifelong growth.

- A wider range of job possibilities
- Develop lifelong learning skills
- Provides young adults with the tools to help themselves, their families and their communities
- Broaden their thinking

Preparing for College Enhancing Your Academic Profile



READ! READ! READ!

How Do Admissions Officers Review a Candidate

- High School Transcript
- Standardized Test Scores (SAT's, ACT's)
- Letter of Recommendation
- School/Community Activities
- Student Writings/Essay

*Quality
over
Quantity*



“The college selection process is an art, do

not attempt to make it a science.”

What's Best for You?

- Four-year college vs. Two-year
- Residential student vs. Commuter
- Research vs. Teaching Oriented College
- Comprehensive vs. Specialized College



Admission Lingo

- Common Application
- School Specific Application (Paper or Online)
- Rolling Admission- Actively Review
- Early Action- Decision is made prior to deadline.
- Wait List- Class is at max capacity.
- Transfer



Selecting Colleges for Admission

A time-honored principle in applying to schools:

- **Reach**-These schools are considered harder to get into, with an average admission chance of less than 25%.
- **Range**-These schools are considered to be in the middle range of a student's admissions goals, with a good chance of admission.
- **Safety**-These schools are considered to be the most likely to admit a student, with an admission chance of 90% or higher.



Be Organized and Disciplined

It is all about the PLAN to ensure you have checked all the boxes!

Financing a Higher Education

- College SAVINGS PLANS!! 529?
- Federal Aid
- State Aid
- College Scholarships
- Private Scholarships

Applications:

- College Scholarship Services Profile (CSS Profile)
- FAFSA
- NJ Alternative Application
- School specific financial aid application (i.e. Princeton University)



DEADLINES MATTER

QUESTIONS

