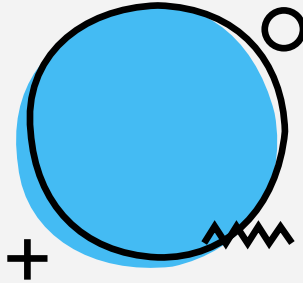


**Navigating  
the  
College-Bound  
Process**



**College**

= Any education after high school





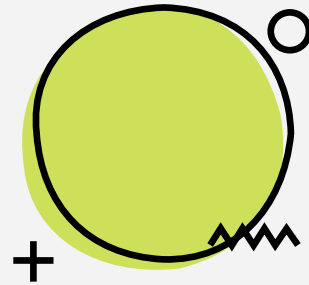
# The “List” and Exploring Colleges



**What to  
consider  
as you  
build  
your list?**

## **The rule of Six – generally applies**

- **Reach-** 2 most selective (1 in 5 chance)
- **Target-** 2-3 Your credentials match (1 in 2 chance)
- **Safety-** 2 you'll be admitted (could also be a financial aid safety)





# What to consider as you build your list?

## Academic Fit

- major, class size, research opportunities

## Financial Fit

- cost, financial aid, scholarships, family contribution

## Location Fit

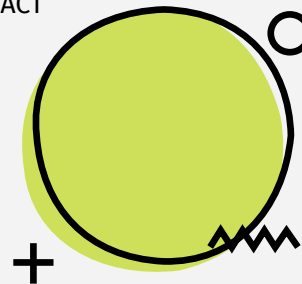
- weather, travel back and forth, living expenses, rural/urban

## Personal/Social Fit

- clubs/activities, life outside of academics

## Admissions Fit

- Average GPA, Acceptance Rate, Average SAT/ACT





# Visit and Explore

- Formal visits
- Informal visits
- College fairs and visits
- Catalogs, websites, social media
- SCOIR
- Coaches- call, email, fill out athlete questionnaires
- Admissions officers

When should students make contact?



# What Colleges are Looking For



**Colleges  
look at...**

The Transcript:

- Grades in College Prep Classes
- Grades in Core Classes
- Strength of Curriculum
- Grades in All Classes
- Strong Senior Year

Test Scores...

Essays

Letters of Recommendation

Activities Report





# Public Colleges/ Universities

## FORMULA

Math through Alg. 2

2 yr. Foreign Lang.

C or better in core classes

GPA

ACT/SAT

= Admission

\* If GPA doesn't meet requirements,  
may need to have higher test scores.



# Private Universities

Admission is determined by a committee

HAVE EVERYTHING PILE: This student has everything the school is looking for and then some.

MIDDLE PILE: This student has everything academically that the University is looking for and it is going to come down to what makes this student unique.

DON'T HAVE PILE: This student may have misspelled items on his/her application. The student's profile doesn't match the expectations of the college.



# Community Colleges

- 17 Different Community Colleges in Oregon
- Requires GED or High School Diploma, application, and placement test
- Variety of degrees and certificates
- Oregon Promise (2.0 GPA)

At least one C.C. should be on every students list and FAFSA



# Letters of Recs

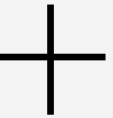
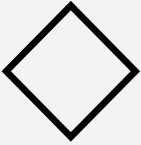
**Generally Only Needed For Private Schools**

**Teacher**- Choose a current teacher who can speak to your academic abilities.

**Counselor** – Will have you fill out an online resume and may follow up with questions

- Common App/Coalition Invite
- Ask in person
- Give 3 weeks notice from the time you submit your resume!
- Write a handwritten thank you note

# Testing





# The Current TESTING Landscape

## Future Test Dates?

- SAT offered multiple times per year in Central Oregon
- ACT offered one time per year in Central Oregon
- Seats are limited

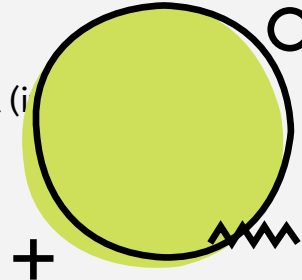
## Many Schools Test-Optional

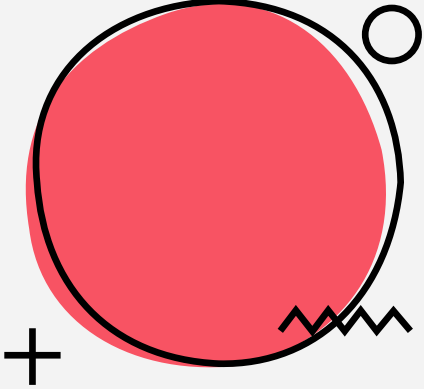
- Don't need to send score to gain admission
- May be used to supplement application
- May be required for honors college

## But Many May Use for Merit \$

## Our Recommendation: Take It!

- Spring dates of May and June
- Caveat 1: Study and Prepare for it!
- Caveat 2: If it's a stressor, wait til Fall (i





# Early Action VS. Early Decision

## Early Action

Apply early and learn early in the admissions cycle whether you are accepted, but early action is NOT BINDING.

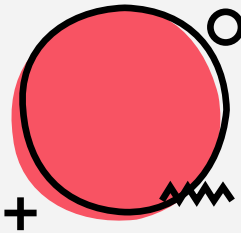
## Early Decision

Apply early and learn early in the admission cycle whether you are accepted. Once accepted you are committed to attending this school.



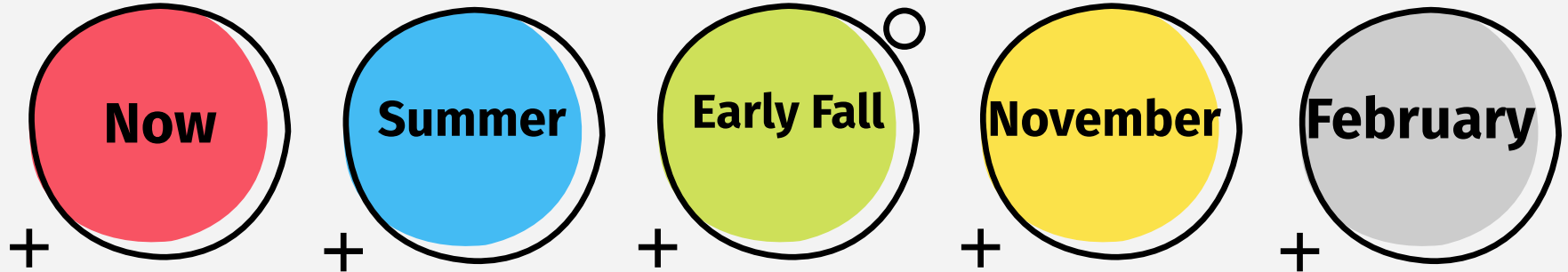
# Financial Aid

- Financial Aid Night in the fall
- October 1- FAFSA Application Opens
- Rolling Dates- Scholarship Deadlines
- March 1- OSAC (Early Bird Feb 15th)
- Oregon Promise





# College-Bound Key Dates



- Ask teachers and counselors for recommendation letters
- Take SAT
- OPU Tour

- Sign up for College Virtual Visits
- Start building list of schools in SCOIR that are a fit and match for you
- Common App Opens Aug 1st

- Take or retake the SAT
- Ask for Letters of Recommendation
- Oct 1st FAFSA Opens

- Early Application Deadline for many 4 year universities
- OSAC Scholarship opens up

- Priority deadline for many 4 year universities



**Thank  
you!**