

“Choosing a College”

Bend Senior High School
Junior College Readiness

To go or not to go?

Self Assessment

- Why College?
- When College?

*Set Goals - 5 year commitment.



Choosing a College FIT

- Don't let your major decide. The average college student changes his/her major 4-5 times.
- Make sure that the school is a place you would want to be even if you changed your major.



Things To Consider:

- Size
- Region
- Weather
- Distance from Home
- Environment
- Public vs. Private
- Gender
- Location
- How competitive academically
- Community
- 2year vs. 4 year

A school in Chicago has written in its recruitment book “ You know you’ re doing well when your GPA is higher than the number of hours you sleep a night.”

Finding the right FIT is important!



Making a 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)



Contacting Schools

- Spring Junior year
- Call or write
- Catalog
- Application- financial aid
- Coaches- call them
- Admissions officers
- Students make the contact



VISIT!! VISIT!!! VISIT!!!!

- You can do a formal visit, maybe stay over night, get a formal tour and sit in on some classes
- You can do an informal visit, hang out on campus, and watch students and professors interact with each other.

What Colleges Require ...

In order of importance:

Transcript

Test scores

Essay

Letter of recommendation

Activities Report



Beginning your application

- Once a College/University receives part of your application they will begin a file on you.
- * They will not consider you for admissions until they have received all the pieces of your application.



Transcript

The Big 5

English

Social Studies

Science

Math

Foreign Language



*Honors, AP/IB and a strong senior year!!

SAT 1

SAT 2

ACT

- SAT 1/ACT – required
- SAT 2 – Only Highly Selective Schools

TIMELINE

May/June Junior = SAT 1/ACT

Fall Senior = SAT 1 or ACT

*SAT 2's start Junior Year

*Scores can make a difference in Financial aid



Letters of Recommendation

- Teacher- Choose a current teacher who can speak to your academic abilities.
- Counselor – Will interview you prior to writing a letter

GENERALLY ONLY NEEDED FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS

**Ask in person

**A good letter will take you teacher/ counselor 2-3 hours. They need more than a week's notice!

**Write a hand written thank you note

Public College/ Universities

FORMULA

- Math through Alg. 2
 - 2 yr. Foreign Lang.
 - C or better in core classes
 - 2.5 – 3.6 depending on school
 - ACT/SAT
- = Guaranteed admission

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



Oregon Public Universities

<i>College</i>	<i>Admission Standards</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Tuition + Room & Board</i>
Eastern Oregon	2.75 or 1470 SAT (w/writing) or 21 ACT	Rolling	\$16,713
OIT	3.0 or 800-1000 SAT(no writing) or 17-21 ACT	Rolling	\$16,604
Oregon State	3.0, SAT or ACT required Insight Resume	Feb 1, 2016	\$18,900
Portland State	3.0 or 1000 SAT(no writing) or 21 ACT	Rolling	\$19,227
Southern Oregon	2.75 or 1010 SAT(no writing) or 21 ACT	Rolling	\$19,134
Univ of Oregon	3.4, SAT or ACT required – Will consider 3.0 & above	Jan 15, 2016	\$20,485
Western Oregon	2.75 or 1000 SAT(no writing) or 21 ACT	Rolling	\$17,589

Private Universities

Admission will be determined by a committee once it is complete

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.

How Competitive are the Elite Colleges? (Class '14)

College	Applicants	Admitted	%
Lewis and Clark	5,300	3,551	67%
Macalester	4,565	2,109	46%
Reed	3,075	1,311	43%
Williams	6,633	1,202	18%
Pomona	6,765	1,014	15%
Duke	26,770	3,372	13%
Dartmouth	18,778	2,165	11.5%
Brown	30,136	2,804	9%
Stanford	30,428	2,300	8%
Yale	26,003	1,958	7.5%

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.

EARLY DECISION

- When you should... if you are very, very sure of the college you want to attend. This makes sense if one college is your clear preference and if your profile closely matches that of the students at that college. This can be an advantage in the admissions game for highly competitive colleges.
- When you should not... If you plan to weigh offers and financial aid packages from several colleges. If it is to your advantage to have more of your senior year work to show a college.

BSHS's Responsibilities

- Creative and resourceful with recommendations, advice, guidance and direction
- Host admissions representatives and visits
- Free College Admissions testing
- Timely in responding to questions
- Organized and timely with requested document submission
- Focused on student success....in whatever unique form that applies to your student

Parents' Responsibilities

- Support student by listening to fears and concerns and helping them make well-informed, balanced decisions.
- Stress the importance of a college fit rather than choosing a college because of the name or reputation.
- Be honest with the student regarding what you can and cannot afford to pay for college.
- Be patient with your student.

Student's responsibilities

- An active participant in the college planning process – Research, asking questions, keeping notes, showing interest, checking your email, follow through on tasks
- Open to exploring experiences that you may not be aware
- Organized and vigilant - Deadlines, passwords, early recommendation requests
- Understand the importance of connecting with your counselor and mentor. You may have many outside influencers in your life, but understand the powerful resources that are available
- Show gratitude – Buy a box of thank you notes!

Financial Aid 101

- September 27 –
Financial Aid Night -
- October 1 –
FAFSA Application opens
- Rolling dates -
Scholarships deadlines
- March 1 - OSAC
(Early Bird Feb 15th)



Expected Family Contribution

U/Oregon	Linfield
Cost: 25,000	51,000
<u>EFC: 5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Need: 19,000	46,000

Need- loans, grants, scholarships, work study.

Endowment – \$\$\$\$\$

■ Pacific Lutheran	70 million
■ Linfield	70 million
■ Willamette	267 million
■ U/Oregon	470 million
■ Reed	427 million
■ Grinnell	1.4 BILLION
■ Harvard	34.6 BILLION