



Roadmap for the Journey from Highschool to College

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My Experiences

- There is always time.
- There will be bumps in the road and your Kids can handle them.
- It's not required for kids to be at the top of everything they get involved with.
- Do not hesitate to ask for help.
- Have information available.



Course Selection

- Four year plan
 - It's not set in stone
- Grade Point Average (GPA)
 - Weighted VS Unweighted
 - Weights for Regular , Pre-AP, AP Courses
 - Middle school acceleration and GPA
 - Summer school , Online courses, Credit By Exam
 - Honors societies and GPA
- AP Exams



Course Selection

- New Courses
 - AP Capstone
 - First year- AP Seminar
 - Second year – AP Research
 - Moody Advance Professional Studies (MAPS)
 - Business Design
 - Engineer Design
 - Linear Algebra
- TAG Pre-AP electives
 - Drama
 - Art



Course Selection

- Level Change
 - TAG and Non-TAG pre-AP classes are at the same level
- Junior/Senior year
 - Most TAG kids are already on a path
 - Option to Drop from GPA



Activities

- School Clubs & organizations
- Athletics
- Performing Arts (Band , Choir, Drama etc)
- Boy Scout, Girls Scout
- Other
 - Starting your own club
 - Volunteer work

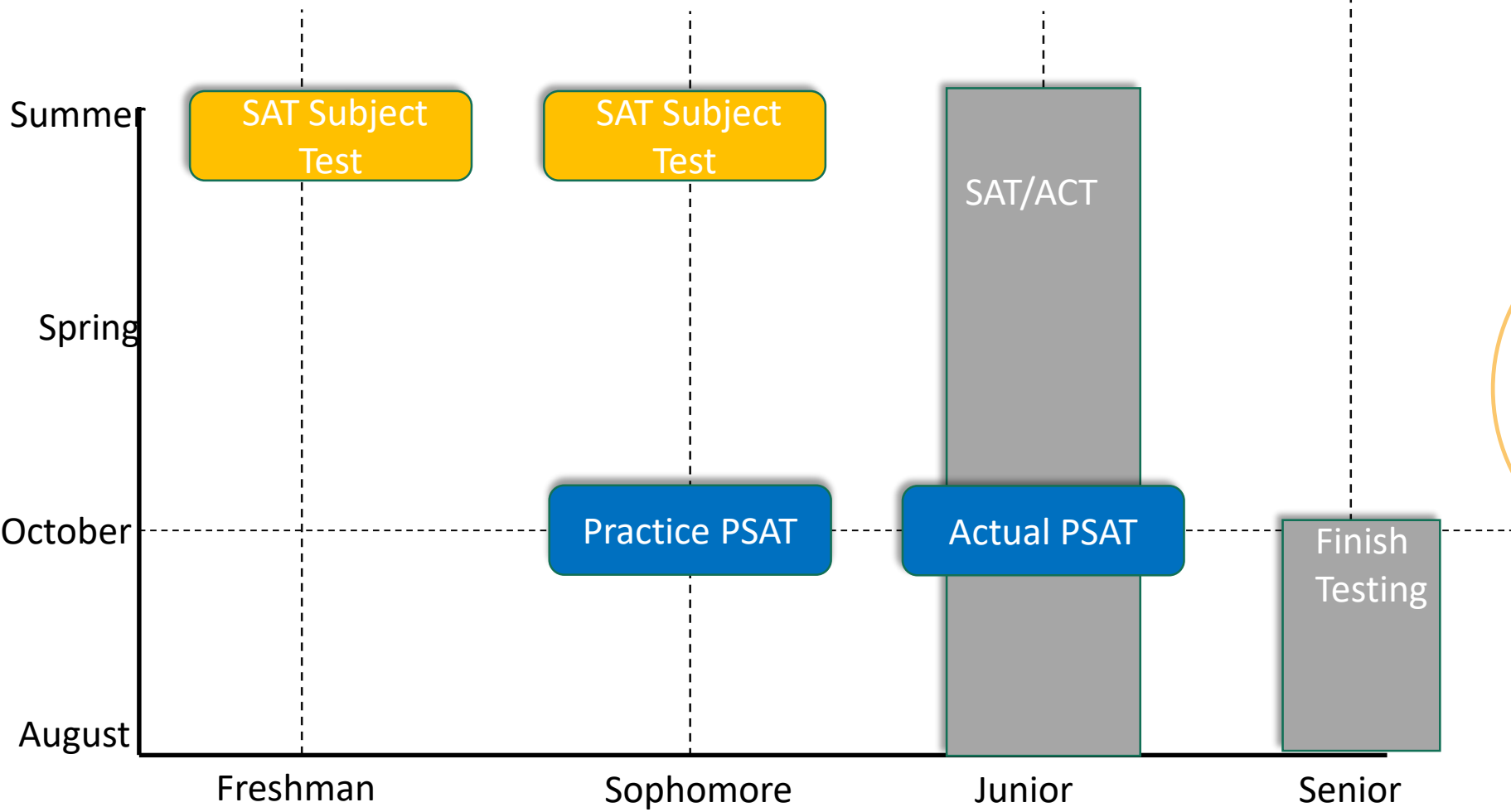


Standardized Testing

- Types of Standardized testing
 - PSAT (Only for National Merit Scholarship)
 - SAT
 - Super score
 - ACT
 - Individual Section RE-Take
 - SAT Subject Test
- Timeline for preparing/taking standardized tests



Standardized Testing Timeline



Standardized Testing

- Most Schools accept ACT or SAT
- Only highly selective schools require SAT subject test
- Some schools are getting away from standardized testing



Choosing Colleges

- When to start thinking about it?
- How to think about it
 - Traditional criteria – Location, size, finance, culture, academic interests
 - Other- Special programs (Honors, Scholars)
- Research tools
 - College board
 - Naviance



Choosing Colleges

Carnegie Mellon University

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November
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See all deadlines

APPLICATION FEES
Freshman Application
\$75

ACCEPTANCE RATE
18%

IMPORTANT POLICIES
By Date Notification
Early Decision
Competitive Admissions
Wait List

Applications from your high school to Carnegie Mellon University

Year	Total Applicants	Students Accepted	Students Enrolled
2019	17	3	2
2018	17	3	2
2017	3	1	1

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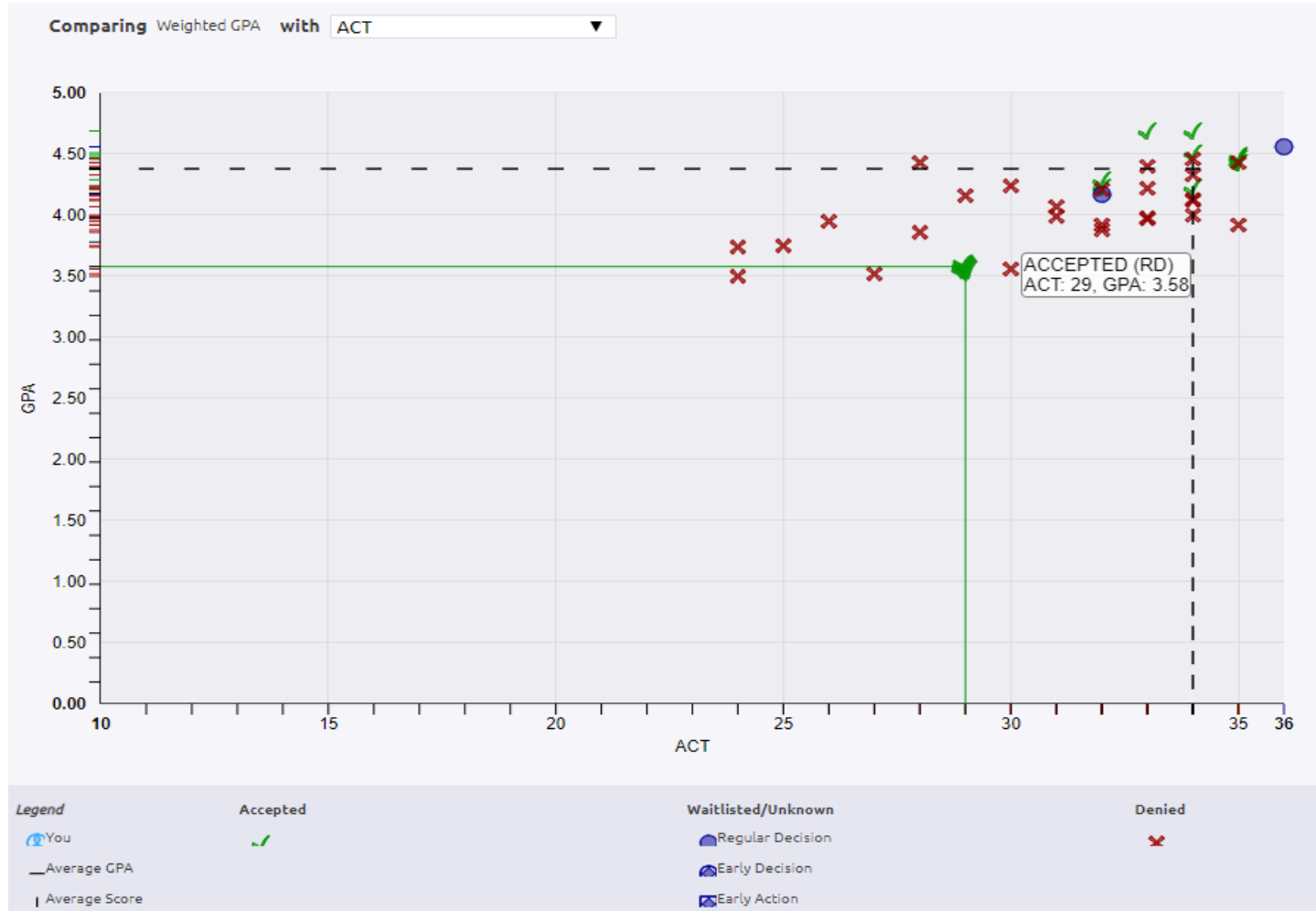
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Carnegie Mellon University

Scattergrams for Highland Park Highschool



Choosing Colleges

- Other Ways to get information

- College web sites
- High School College Fair
- College Road shows
- Common Data Set

<https://reports.utexas.edu/common-data-set>



University of Texas at Austin

C7 Relative importance of each of the following academic and nonacademic factors in first-time, first-year, degree-seeking (freshman) admission decisions.

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C7	Rigor of secondary school record	x			
C7	Class rank	x			
C7	Academic GPA	x			
C7	Standardized test scores	x			
C7	Application Essay	x			
C7	Recommendation(s)		x		
C7	Nonacademic				
C7	Interview			x	
C7	Extracurricular activities	x			
C7	Talent/ability		x		
C7	Character/personal qualities	x			
C7	First generation			x	
C7	Alumni/ae relation			x	
C7	Geographical residence			x	
C7	State residency			x	
C7	Religious affiliation/commitment				x
C7	Racial/ethnic status			x	
C7	Volunteer work			x	
C7	Work experience			x	
C7	Level of applicant's interest				x

Vanderbilt University

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Choosing Colleges

- Campus Visits
 - What is a good time frame
 - What Campuses to visit
- Final List
 - This is a work in the process until college deadlines.



Application Process

- Application Portals:
 - Common Application
 - <https://www.commonapp.org/>
 - Coalition Application
 - <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
 - Apply Texas
 - https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX



Application Process

- Recommendations
 - Highschool Counselor's Recommendation
 - Surveys through Naviance
 - Teachers' Recommendation
 - Vary with colleges
 - Make Alliances with teachers
 - Get to know their process



Application Process

- Essays
 - Common Essay
 - College/Program specific essays
 - Start Early
 - Organizing Essays
 - Google Docs or any other tool
 - Re-Use Essay



Personal Relationship

- Teach them life skills
 - Taking care of their finances
 - Laundry, ironing etc.
 - Information about health insurance
 - Good eating habits
 - Value of being organized
- Understand their needs and limitations
 - Listen, listen, listen and then talk
- Do not forget to have fun during this process



First Year of College

- Make sure to get all AP credits
- Try to find a compatible room mate
- Highland Park prepares kids well for college
- It starts all over again but, they are in the driving seat this time



Resources

Online Courses

<https://enroll.ttuisd.ttu.edu/catalog/heading.asp>

College Board

<https://www.collegeboard.org/>

Books

FISKE Guide to Colleges

<https://www.sourcebooks.com/fiske-guide-to-colleges.html>

Free Resources

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

<https://www.collegeessayguy.com/podcast>





Thank You All!

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