

Class of 2018 Senior Parent College Night
St. Francis High School
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SFHS Class of 2017

College Attendance 244 (100%)

- 95 colleges/universities
- 28 states in the US and 1 province in Canada
- Two Year/Community College
 - 26 (10%)
- University of CA
 - 19 (8%)
- California State Univ.
 - 57 (23%)
- CA Private Colleges
 - 46 (19%)
- Out-of-State Private
 - 54 (22%)
- Out-of-State Public
 - 40 (17%)
- U.S. Military Academy
 - 2 (<1%)

Where Should She Apply?

Apply broadly to a range of schools with different academic profiles and cost

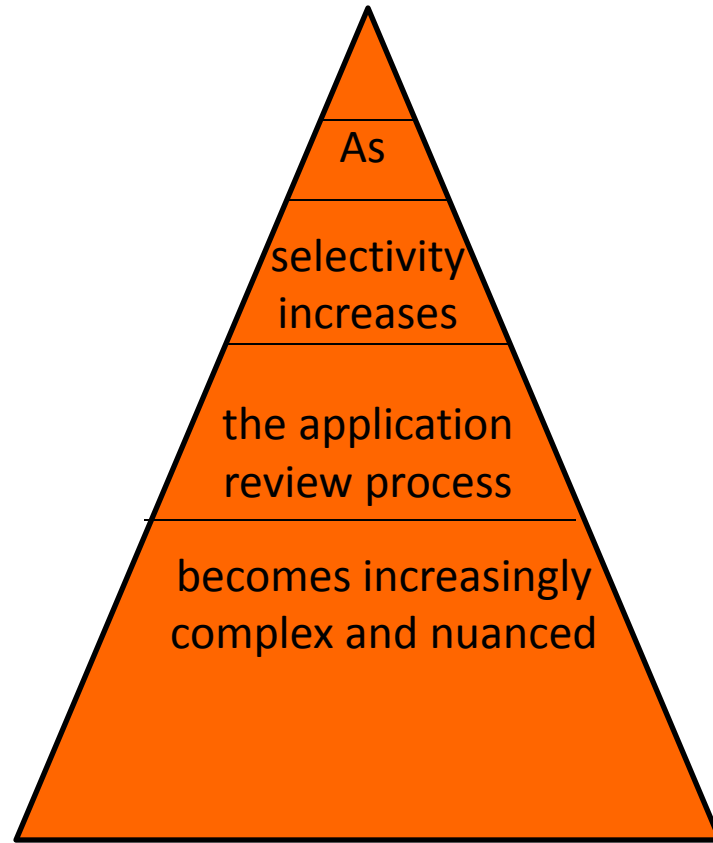
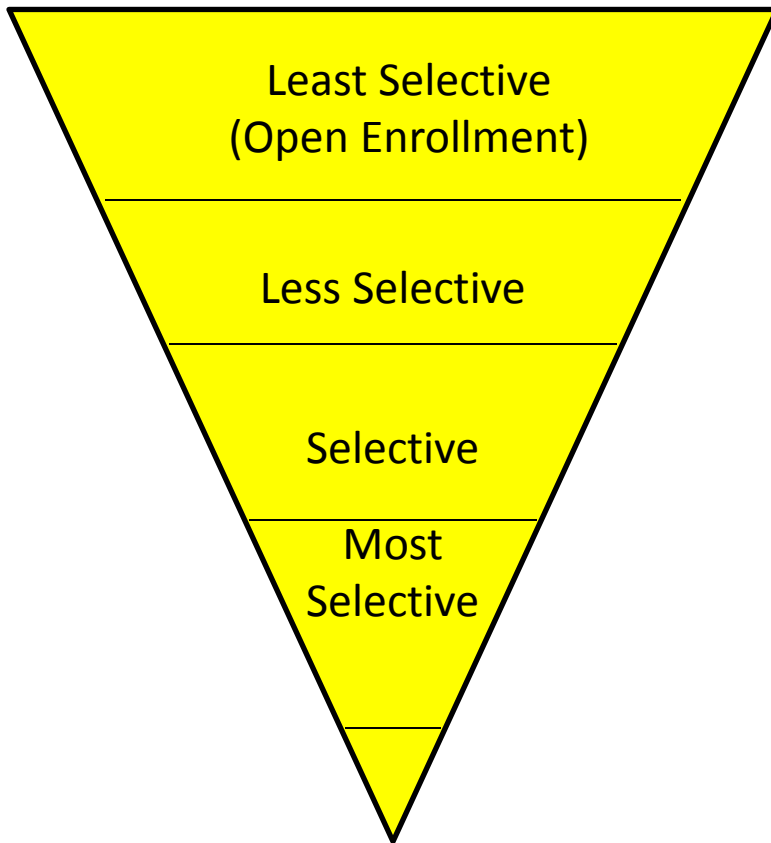
- **Reach:**
 - Any school that accepts less than 25% of applicants
 - Financial reach
 - School that exceeds student's profile (GPA, test scores)
- **Realistic :** You fit the profile of an admitted student
 - Most of your applications should fit into this category
- **Likely:** A school where you know you'll be admitted and you can afford
- ALL should be “first choice” schools
- More is not better

“Lottery schools”

- Regardless of a student’s academic profile, the most selective schools in the United States are “lottery” schools.

– Stanford	4.65%	44,073/2,050
– Harvard	5.2%	39,506/2038
– UCLA	16%	102,232/16,494

The Selectivity Funnel



How to Demonstrate Your Interest

- Be aware of the opportunities that exist to engage with the schools high on your list
- Visit colleges and take official tour or attend admissions session
- Meet with college representatives when they visit SFHS
- Attend college fairs, events, and receptions
- Open emails and click on links
 - Check “promotions” tab in gmail

Options for Applying

- Regular Decision
- Rolling Admission
- Early Action
- Restrictive/Single Choice Early Action
- Early Decision 1 & 2

If you're applying early request letters of recommendation ASAP and/or by Oct. 2 from your SF College Advisor and teacher.

Applying

- Student Name
 - When completing application, student's name should match with social security card and transcript
- Passwords/Log-ins
 - Student should keep a log of ALL passwords and log-ins
- College Portals
 - Student needs to check their college portals frequently for updates about their application status
- Student should check “college” e-mail frequently

GPA, Deciles & Profile

- How is the SF GPA calculated?
 - All classes except PE/Sports, Student Intern, Academic Teams
 - Honors/AP courses get an additional point towards the GPA if the grade is C or higher
- What do we report to colleges?
 - 6 semesters + summer school; weighted GPA (unweighted GPA is on transcript as well)
 - Student deciles
 - First decile = Top 10%, Second decile=Top 20%, etc.
- School Profile

Essay/Insight Questions

- Should be in their own voice
- Counselor and College Advisor Assistance
 - Print essay and put in box in Guidance (on Mrs. Rivera's desk) or share google doc with us
- More feedback is not better
 - Do not ask 5 people for feedback at the same time

The Common Application

- www.commonapp.org over 700 schools
- Many colleges have supplements
 - Additional essays or questions
- Students “invite” College Advisor & teacher/s to recommend them
- Submit each application w/supplements separately
- \$0 - \$90/campus application fee
- Common App vs. College Priority App etc.

Private Colleges

- Application deadlines vary
 - Early Action, Early Decision, Rolling, Regular
- Essay usually required
- College Advisor & 1 – 2 teacher recommendations required (maximum)
- Request recommendations October 2 for early applications and Nov. 1 for regular applications
- Waiving Rights to Access (FERPA)

University of California

- Apply Nov. 1 – 30 only (application is open)
- ucal.us/apply
- 1 application for all 9 campuses
- \$70 per campus application fee
- ACT with Writing or SAT with Essay
- 4 personal insight questions required
- No letters of recommendation or transcripts
 - Exception: possible UC Berkeley recommendation or UCLA/UC Irvine Nursing recommendation
- **SFHS Students DO NOT have a CA SSID**

California State University

- Apply Oct. 1 – Nov. 30
- calstate.edu/apply
- NEW! 1 application for all 23 campuses
- Most campuses use regional admission
 - Your guarantee is only with your regional campus
- \$55/campus application fee
- ACT or SAT required
- No essay or activities
- No letters of recommendation or transcripts

Community College

- Admission is open to high school graduates and/or students who are 18 years or older. No test scores required
- AP credit is offered at the Community College for most scores of 3 and above
- Community College Transfers are given priority admissions to CSU's and UC's
 - Associates Degree for Transfers (ADT) - guarantee to CSU
 - Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) - guarantee to UC (6 campuses)
- Some CCC's offer on-campus housing and shared housing with local universities
- Stay tuned for Community College Week at St. Francis!
Feb 20 - 23

Out-of-State Public

Process Varies

- Some are now on the Common Application
- Application Deadlines
- Admission Requirements
- Requirements for Letters of Recommendation
- Requirements for Transcripts
- Essay Requirements

Submitting Transcripts

- Electronically Uploaded by College Advisor
- US Mail – sent by Student
 - Complete request form and submit to Mrs. Rivera in Guidance with a stamped & addressed envelope
 - Student picks up sealed envelope and puts in U.S. Mail
- Transcripts are NOT requested in Naviance and are NOT requested on the SF website

ACT & SAT – Sending Scores

- Test scores need to be **requested by the student** through ACT and College Board (SAT) and sent directly to each school
- Test scores should arrive by the application due date (allow 2 weeks)
- **CSU**: use the *CSU Systemwide Institution Code: 3594 for sending SAT scores to ALL CSU campuses; send ACT to ONE campus* and all campuses can access scores
- **UC**: send ACT or SAT scores to ONE campus and all campuses can access scores

Test Prep

- Method Test Prep – free for all SF students
- Khan Academy – SAT Prep
- SFHS's SAT Math Refresher Course in September (for October SAT)
- SFHS's ACT Refresher Course for October ACT (pending)

After You Apply & Outcomes

- Check college portals and personal e-mail
 - Check “promotions” tab in gmail
- Check your regular mail
- Must make decision and submit Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) by May 1
National College Signing Day
- Possible outcomes:
 - Admitted
 - Deferred (for early action/early decision apps)
 - Denied
 - Waitlisted
 - Spring semester admission

Paying for College

Have you had an open and honest discussion about your resources?

- Have you used the Net Price Calculator?
- Have you looked on college websites for Merit Aid and Scholarships?
- Have you researched Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) schools? (<http://wiche.edu/wue>)
- Have you considered student or parent loans?
- The reality of scholarships
- Attend our College Financial Aid Night
 - October 10 at 6:30 pm at Jesuit (Harris Center)

Estimated Total Cost of College (per year)

- USC & NYU >\$72,000
- U of San Diego >\$60,000
- U of Oregon >49,000
- UC San Diego >\$35,000
- Cal Poly >\$25,000
- Sac State >\$7,000 (live at home)
- Community College >\$2,000 (live at home)

Financial Aid

- FAFSA complete Oct. 1 – March 2
 - “Free Application for Federal Student Aid”
 - fafsa.ed.gov
 - Need FSA ID (student and parent)
 - FAFSA will use 2016 income information
- Used to determine EFC (Expected Family Contribution) and to award federal and state aid
- Complete Cal Grant GPA Release Form to be considered for Cal Grant ASAP (by Nov. 30)

Financial Aid

- CSS Profile
 - profileonline.collegeboard.com
- Used by many private schools to determine eligibility for institutional aid (check list on website listed above)
- Some schools have early deadlines (Early Action deadline)
- Check with each school for requirements and deadlines

Naviance

- College search & Scattergrams
- Students can sign-up for college rep visits
- Add the colleges student is applying to in Naviance
- Keep Naviance updated with application status (admitted, deferred, denied, waitlisted)
- Enter scholarships received w/4-year total \$\$
 - These will be printed (without \$\$) in the Awards Assembly and Graduation programs

Tips for Your Daughter

- Set aside time each week to work on college applications.
- Seek advice from your College Advisor and not your friends.
- Remember that your test scores are only one factor in your application.
- Highlight your strengths!
- Stay ahead of deadlines. Procrastination leads to stress.
- Remember “Who You Are.” College acceptances do not define you.
- Remember that no one can control their college admissions outcomes.
- Be prayerful and trust that God’s good plans await you!

Tips for Parents

- Encourage your daughter to apply to a wide range of colleges.
- Take regular breaks from “college talk” at home.
- Allow your daughter the independence to come to you when she needs help.
- Be clear and upfront about **location** and **costs of college** that are acceptable.
- Listen and offer advice when asked.
- Remind her to anticipate deadlines.
- Encourage her to see her College Advisor.

We are here to help!

- Senior In-class counseling (Sept. 7 & 8)
- College appointments with College Advisor (continuous and scheduled by student)
- Senior College Day (10/11)
- Essay Assistance
- Work on applications at school! ELEDEF
 - Every Lunch, Every Day (Except Fridays) 😊
 - September 13 – November 30

Upcoming Events

- College Rep Visits (Check Naviance constantly)
- UC College Night (9/5 6:00 – 8:00 @ Jesuit)
- Christian Colleges College Fair (9/12 6:00-8:00 pm @ Destiny Christian Church)
- College Fair for Private & Parochial Schools (9/18 6:30-8:30pm @ Christian Brothers High School)
- Jesuit Colleges College Fair (9/21 7:00- 9:00pm @ Jesuit)
- College Financial Aid Night (10/10 at 6:30 pm @ Jesuit)
- Other College Events and Receptions
 - Shared with students on google drive

Questions & Answers

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