

COLLEGE DECISION MAKING PROCESS

- 1. Think about your reasons for going to college.**
- 2. Identify important factors in choosing a college:**
 - In-state or out of state
 - Public or private
 - Two-year or four-year
 - Location - near or far from home
 - Size - small or large
 - Do the offer the program you want to study?
 - Costs and financial aid
 - How selective are the schools (GPA and ACT scores)
 - Gender ratio
 - Types of housing
 - Campus activities
- 3. Make a list of prospective colleges. Are the choices realistic?**
- 4. Collect information about selected colleges:**
 - College Websites/College admissions office
 - Naviance
 - Graduates
 - HHS Guidance Department
 - Meetings with College Representatives
 - College Nights
 - Parent/Student Information Meetings.
- 5. Check college entrance requirements.**
 - High school courses required
 - Foreign language requirements
 - SAT/ACT Scores
 - Class rank/GPA
- 6. Visit potential colleges (see college visit information)**
- 7. Compare colleges on your list.**
- 8. Apply to the college(s) of your choice in the early fall of Senior year.**

COLLEGE COMPARISON WORKSHEET

College Name			
Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distance from home 			
Size <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrollment Physical size of campus 			
Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type of school (2 or 4 year) School setting (rural/urban) Location & Size of nearest city Co-ed, Male, Female Religious affiliation 			
Admission Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline Tests required Average test scores, GPA, rank notification 			
Academics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Majors offered Special requirements Accreditation Student-faculty ratio Typical class size 			
College Expense <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuition, room, board Estimated total budget Application fee, deposits 			
Financial Aid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline Required Forms Percentage receiving aid Scholarships 			
Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residence hall requirement Food plan 			
Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Recreational Other 			
Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs, organizations Greek life Athletics, intramurals Other 			