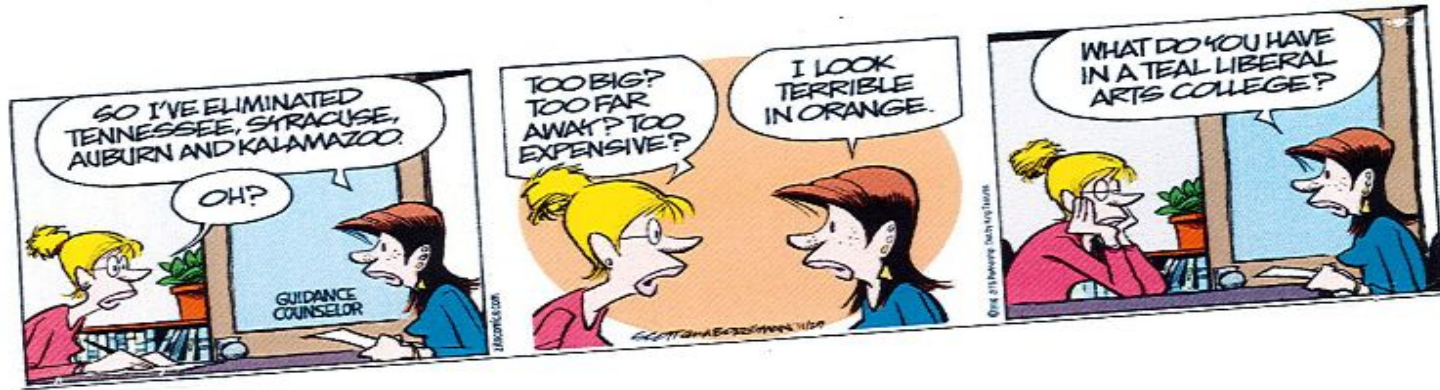


Senior Parents' Night



Class of 2025

College Trends

- Rising application numbers**
- Earlier deadlines**
- Use of “creative” acceptances**
- Direct Admissions programs**
- Many schools still test optional**
- Self-reported grades – no recs or official transcripts (for some schools)**
- Fewer recommendations required**
- Changes to the FAFSA leading to delays**
- Changes at UCONN**
- CT Community College system - free tuition program**



Getting Started

COLLEGE
Preparation



- Senior group meetings - Thursday/Friday
- Letters of Recommendation requested (In person & on Naviance)
- Resume sent to recommender and counselor
- Begin online applications – double check all deadlines!
- Write essay(s)
- Take SAT/ACT and/or send scores (allow at least **three weeks** for processing)
- Transcript Request Form submitted to School Counselor **three weeks prior** to the application deadline

Helpful Links

School Counseling Website:

<https://www.simsbury.k12.ct.us/schools/shs/school-counseling>

Common Application: www.commonapp.org

Collegeboard: www.collegeboard.org

NCAA: www.ncaa.org

FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Class of 2025 Google Classroom

School Counseling

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| > | Welcome to School Counseling |
| > | Counseling Staff |
| > | Meeting with your Counselor |
| > | College Representatives |
| > | Grade 9 |
| > | Grade 10 |
| > | Grade 11 |
| > | Grade 12 |
| > | Naviance Student |
| > | College Resources |
| > | Standardized Testing |
| > | Post High School Planning |
| > | Student Athletes/NCAA |
| > | College Open Houses |

Welcome Back!

Senior Parent Letter
[August 2018](#)

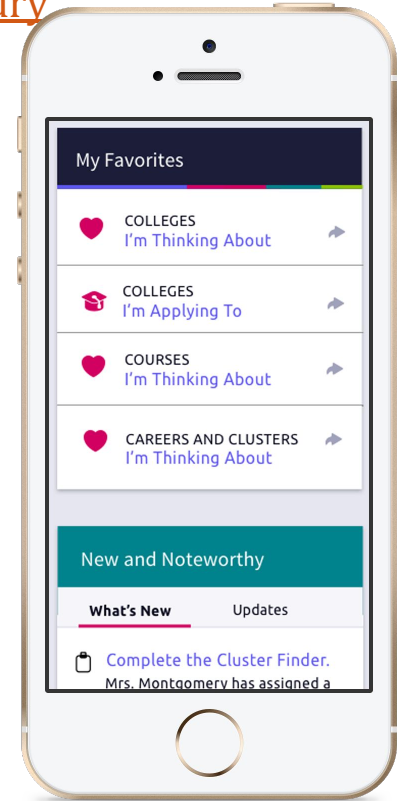
Senior Parents Night
Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM

"How to Pay for College"
Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Amfit

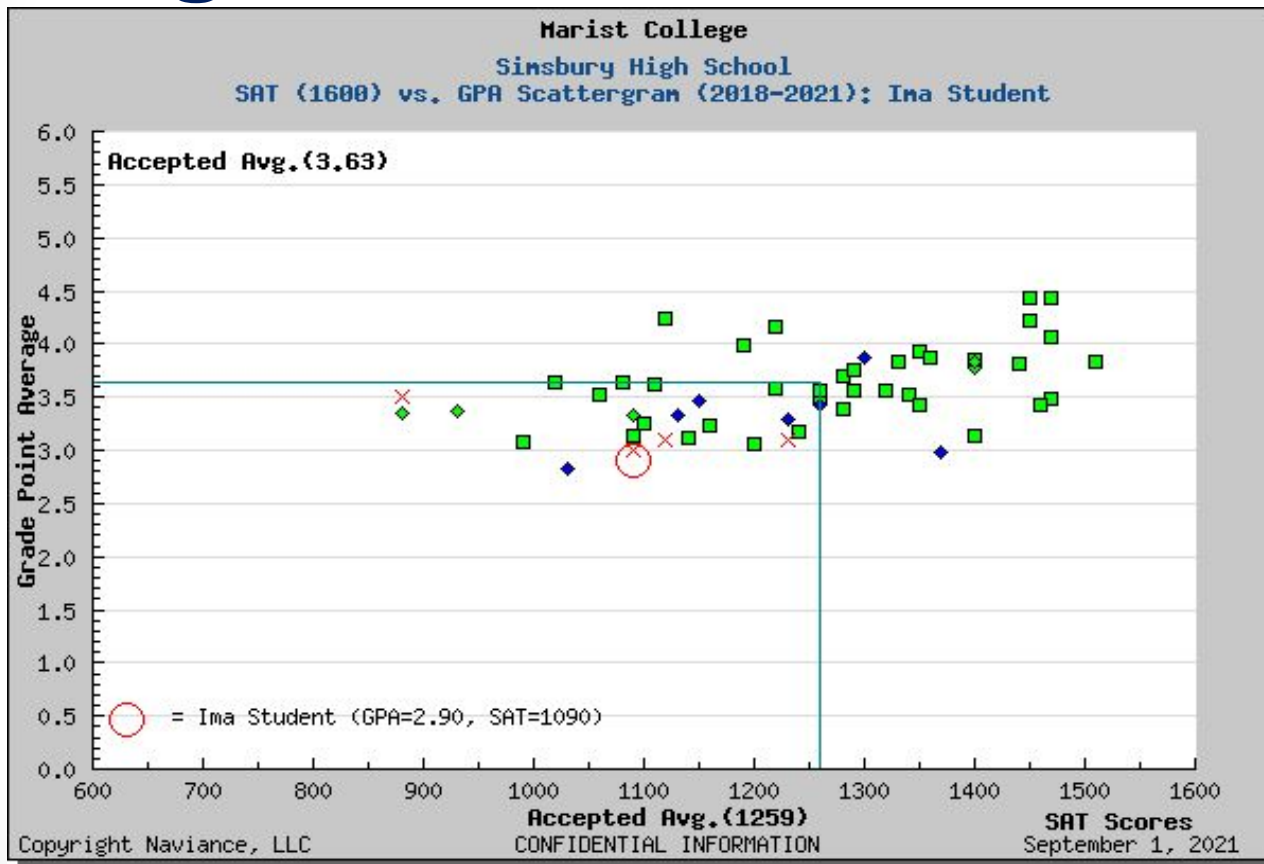
Naviance

<https://student.naviance.com/simsbury>

- Five years of SHS college data
- Scattergrams
- College representative visit schedule
 - students should sign up for visits in Naviance
 - Students should get teacher permission to attend
- Career exploration
- Scholarship Information
- Tracking application status

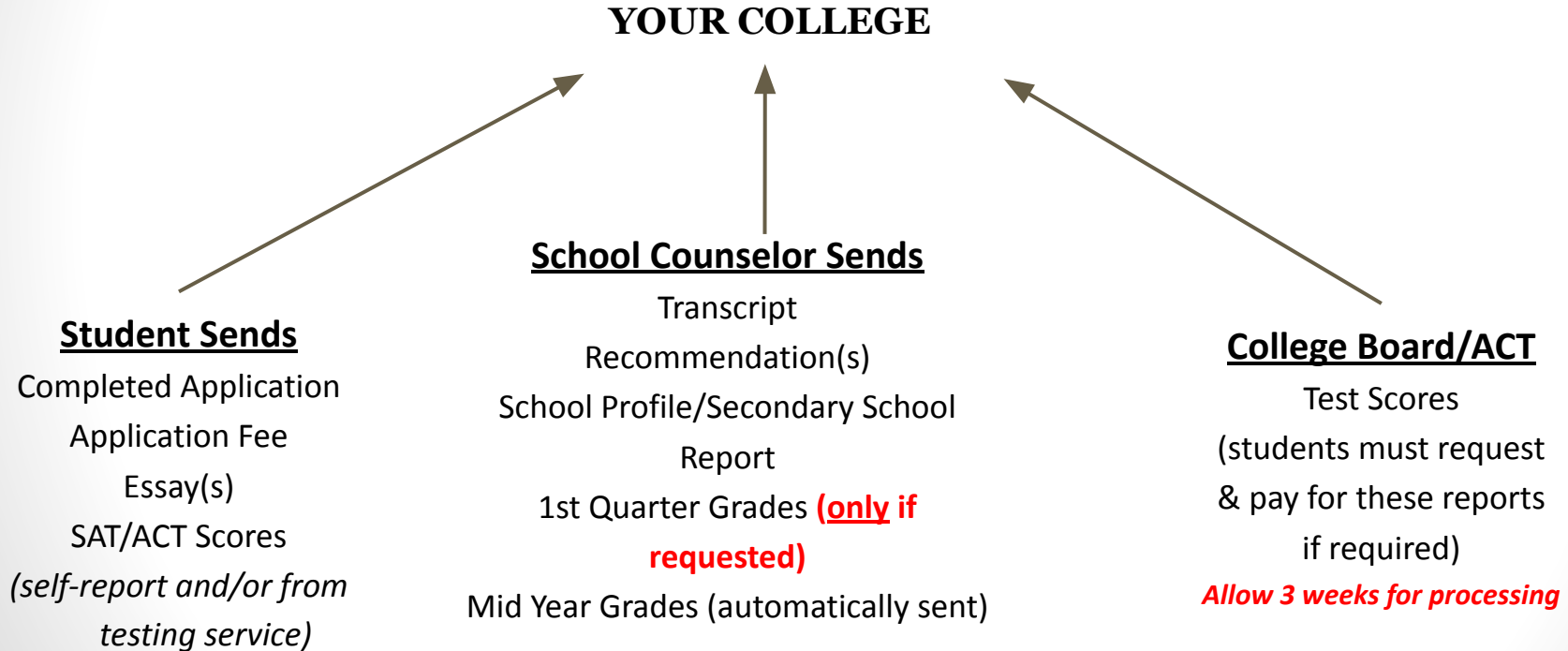


Scattergrams



Transcript Request Forms

SHS TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM



The Common Application

- Online Application (1000+ Colleges)
- Takes about an hour to complete the basic application Info – **Use student's personal email address** (not simsburyschools.net email address)
- Personal Essay
- Supplemental Questions - for some schools
- Application Fees
- Teacher Reports and School Reports all sent through Naviance
- Print and check for accuracy before sending
appsupport@commonapp.net –help with issues/questions.

SAT

<https://collegeboard.org>

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org>



Registration

- Next SAT - Oct 5th (Simsbury is not a test site)
- Deadline to register is Sept. 20th

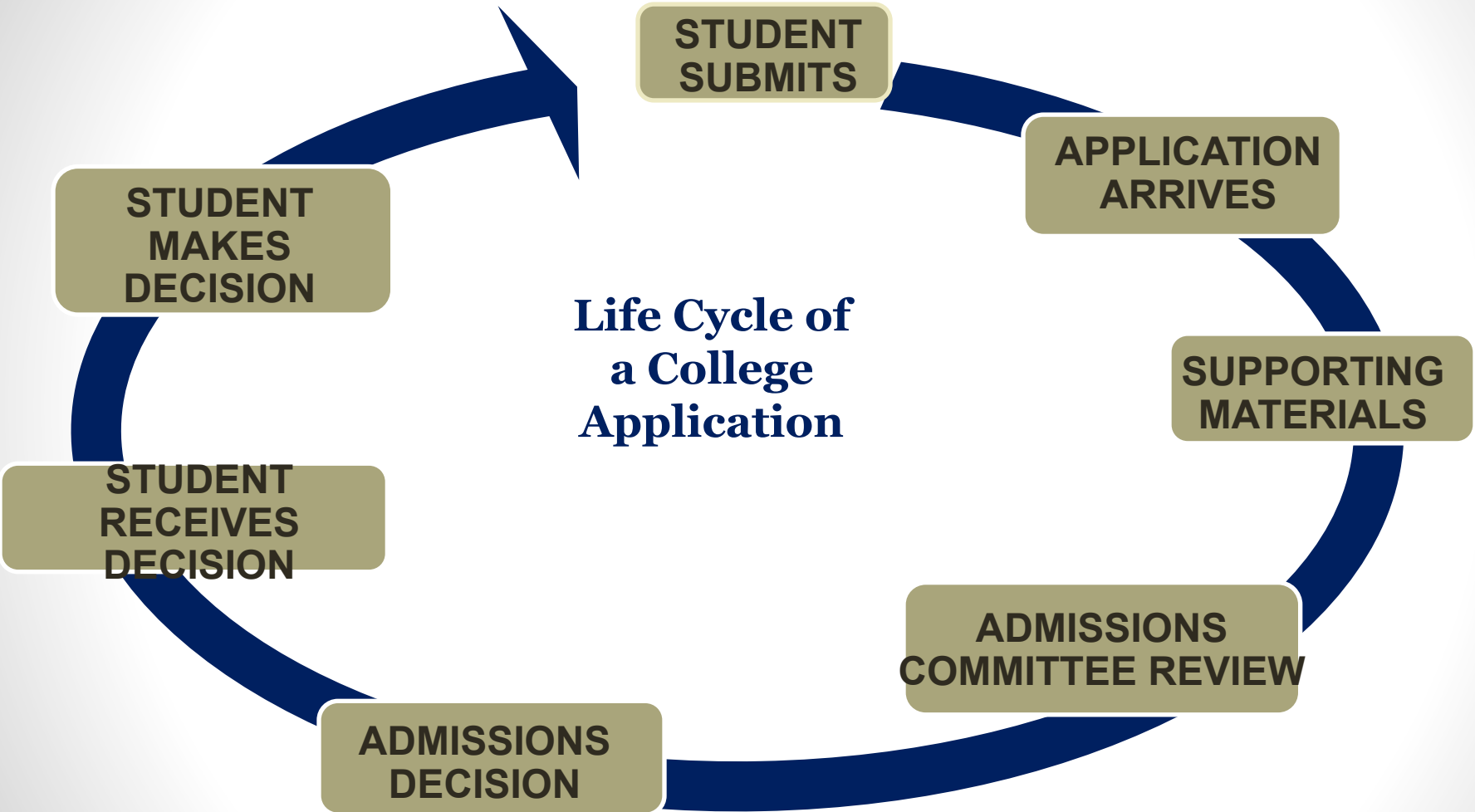
Sending Scores

How to Send SAT Scores to Colleges: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amH_PmlqZXY

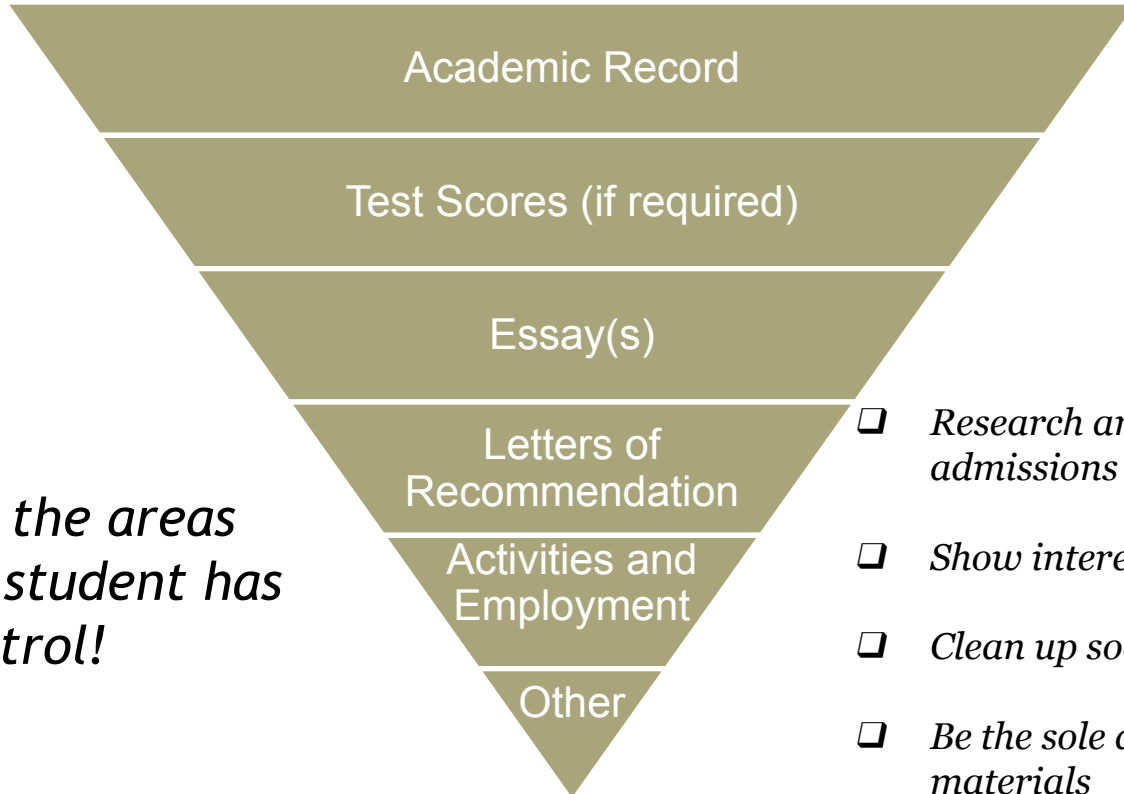
- Official Score Reports** need to be sent directly from College Board
- Allow **at least 3 weeks** for scores to arrive at your colleges
- The registration fee covers 4 score reports if ordered at time when you register or up to 9 days after test date
- After that it costs \$14/college
- www.compassprep.com/self-reporting-test-scores/ - list of colleges that allow self-reporting of scores

➤ Super-Scoring

Life Cycle of a College Application



Factors in Admission Decisions



*Focus on the areas
where the student has
control!*

- Research and comply with admissions requirements*
- Show interest*
- Clean up social media sites*
- Be the sole author of your materials*

Financial Aid



- **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid – opens December 1, 2024) – application for the 2025/26 School Year

Use tax return submitted in Jan-April 2024/based on 2023 income

- **Changes to the FAFSA** - [USA Today article on changes](#)

- **CSS Profile** (for specific colleges - Available in October 2024)

- **College Financial Aid Application** (if applicable)

- **Scholarships**

Local Scholarships (application available in January)

Other Scholarships (scholarship websites, employment, religious affiliations, etc.)

- Use **Net Price Calculators** (available on college websites)

- **“How to Pay for College” Program**

October 16th, 2024

6:30 SHS Amphitheater



Final Thoughts.....

- Remember, this is a process
- Most kids are apprehensive
- Keep a balanced perspective
- Follow directions
- Guide, but don't do all the work - Encourage independence
- Never apply to a college that your child wouldn't gladly attend if accepted
- Find time to enjoy this special time in your child's life

