

COLLEGE AND COUNSELING



Choosing a College: Finding the Right Fit..

How do you know if a school is the “right fit”? College is a big investment, so you don’t want to make the wrong choice. Here are some things to keep in mind. All of these categories should be important. Make your own choice.

Academics:

- Does this school have the majors I’m interested in? When do you need to pick a major?
- Do my test scores, GPA, and class rank fit into this school?
- What is the average class size?
- Technology?

Location:

- How far is the school from home? How long would it take to get there?
- Is the campus in a rural setting? Urban? Suburban? Small town?
- How far is campus from a major city?
- School in-state or out-of-state?

Campus life:

- Are there dorms/ residence halls? Is living on campus required?
- Do many students commute?
- How is the on-campus food? What kind of meal plans are there? Are there good restaurants nearby?
- Are there fraternities and sororities? Campus organizations?

Finances:

- How much is yearly tuition?
- What is the cost of living in the surrounding area?
- How much will it be to get home?

DO I SEE MYSELF AT THIS COLLEGE?

ACT REGISTRATION – WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
October 22, 2011	September 16, 2011	September 17 – 30, 2011
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011	November 5 – 18, 2011
February 11, 2012*	January 13, 2012	January 14 – 20, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10 – 23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5 – 18, 2012

REMINDERS:

- **Friday, September 16, 2011** —*Sprint Day*— *Green and White*
- **Friday, September 16, 2011**—*ACT Registration* Deadline for October 22 test
- *Wisconsin Covenant Pledges* due **Friday, September 23, 2011**
- *NACAC College Fair*— **Sunday, October 9, 2011, 12-3:30 pm @ Frontier Airlines Center, 400 W. Wisconsin Ave.**
- *College Fair—Pulaski High School*—**October 12, 2011**— Permission slips available Sept. 21-See Ms. Byrd
- *Senior fees, \$180*(includes cap & gown) due **Wednesday, February 29, 2012** (Ms. Pac)

What is a college major?

A major is simply a specific subject that students want to focus on in school. Having an area of study prepares you for a specific career (i.e. accounting, teacher, auto mechanic, computers, etc).

What is a college minor?

A minor is a secondary area of interest. A minor generally requires 12-24 credits, approximately half the number of courses required of a major.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Some scholarship information is available at this time in the CAC and guidance office. Please check often as scholarship come available throughout the school year.

A scholarship is money given to a student for college that you will not be expected to repay. **FREE MONEY!!!!**

Types of scholarships

The primary classifications of scholarships are; Merit/Athletic, Need, Ethnicity, Institution and General.

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES VISITING JMAC

Many colleges and military recruiters will be sending representatives to speak with interested students. You should listen to the announcements, stop in or check the wall outside of the CAC (College Access

Center Room 251) and/or Guidance Room 271 for upcoming college reps. If you wish to meet with any of these reps, please see Ms. Ellis for a CAC pass or Ms. Byrd for a guidance pass.

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Types of College Degrees:

Certificates usually take a year or less. Students looking to be trained for a specific job like a beautician, auto mechanic, welder or plumber, office support, or massage therapist.

Associate degrees are usually earned in two years or less and are available at most colleges. Students have the option of accumulating credits and working towards a Bachelor's degree.

Bachelor's degrees are also referred to as undergraduate degrees. These degrees are usually four-year programs. Students will choose a specialized topic to focus called a "major".

Master's degrees usually take two years to complete and are obtained at the graduate school level. A Master's degree helps advance one's career because it implies a mastery of a subject or area of study.

Doctoral degree generally takes anywhere from three to five years or longer.

Professional degrees are graduate degrees in the fields such as law, business and medicine. Examples: Law - Juris Doctor (JD), Business - Master of Business Administration (MBA), and Medical school - Doctor of Medicine (MD).

What do you see in your future?

Any questions, suggestion, or experiences to share, you would like to appear in the CAC newsletter please stop by to see Ms. Ellis in Room 251 or put a note in my mailbox. Thank you!!

USEFUL WEBSITES:

http://www.testprepreview.com/act_practice.htm (**ACT TEST PREP**)

www.collegeboard.com (**COLLEGE PLANNING**)

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> (**FREE FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION**)

<http://www.knowhow2go.org/> (**COLLEGE PLANNING & ACT PREP, ETC.**)

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/> (**SEARCH FOR CAREERS FIELDS, SALARY, DUTIES**)