


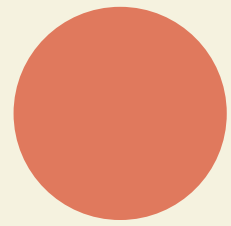


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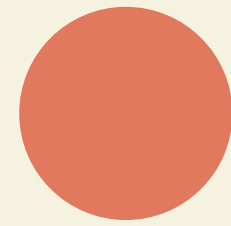
AGENDA

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- Communication
 - School Records
 - SAT/ACT
 - SCOIR - making a balanced list
 - Things to consider
 - Visits

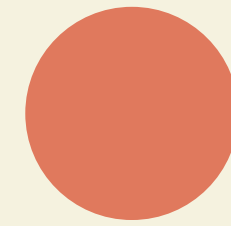


WA Email

**Main form of
communication
with students -
check regularly!**

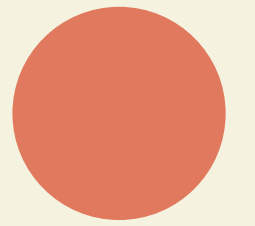


**Class of
2025
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Google
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Newsletter

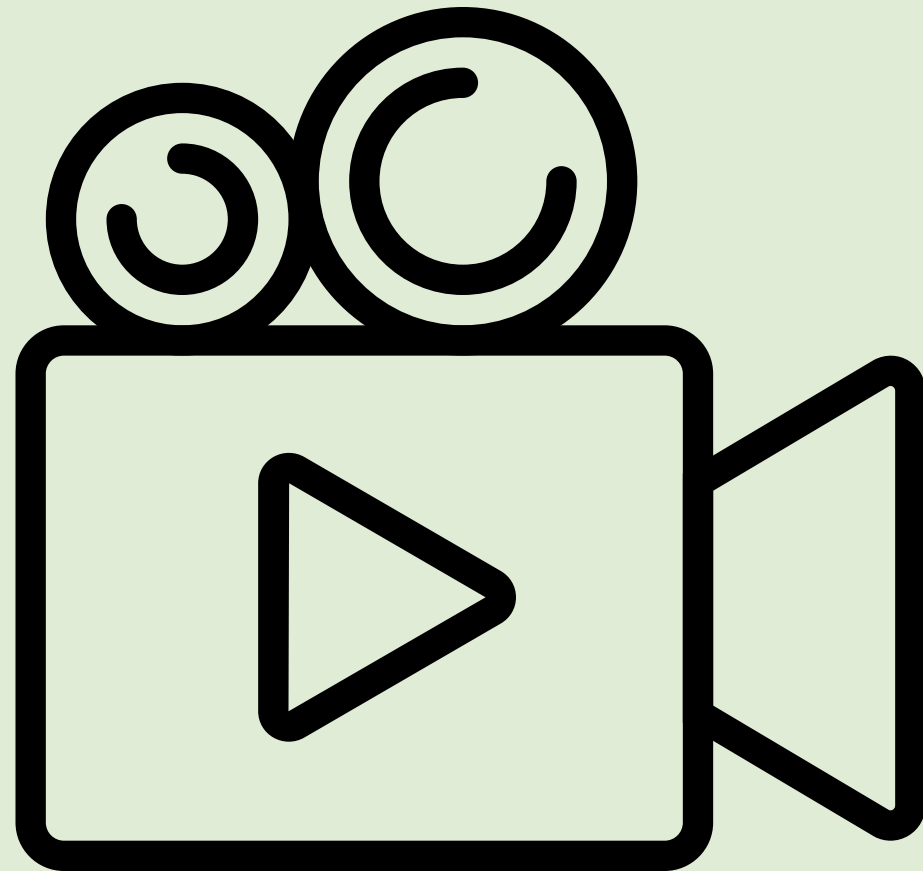
**Sent on the
first of every
month through
SCOIR**



SCOIR

**Email and how
you communicate
to counselor
what colleges
applying to**

VIDEO LIBRARY



Short, informative clips covering topics related to postsecondary planning:

College visits

Letters of Recommendation

Students with Learning Disabilities

Making activities list

SCOIR

The College Essay

and more....

These videos are posted on the WA
Counseling website

Graduation Requirements

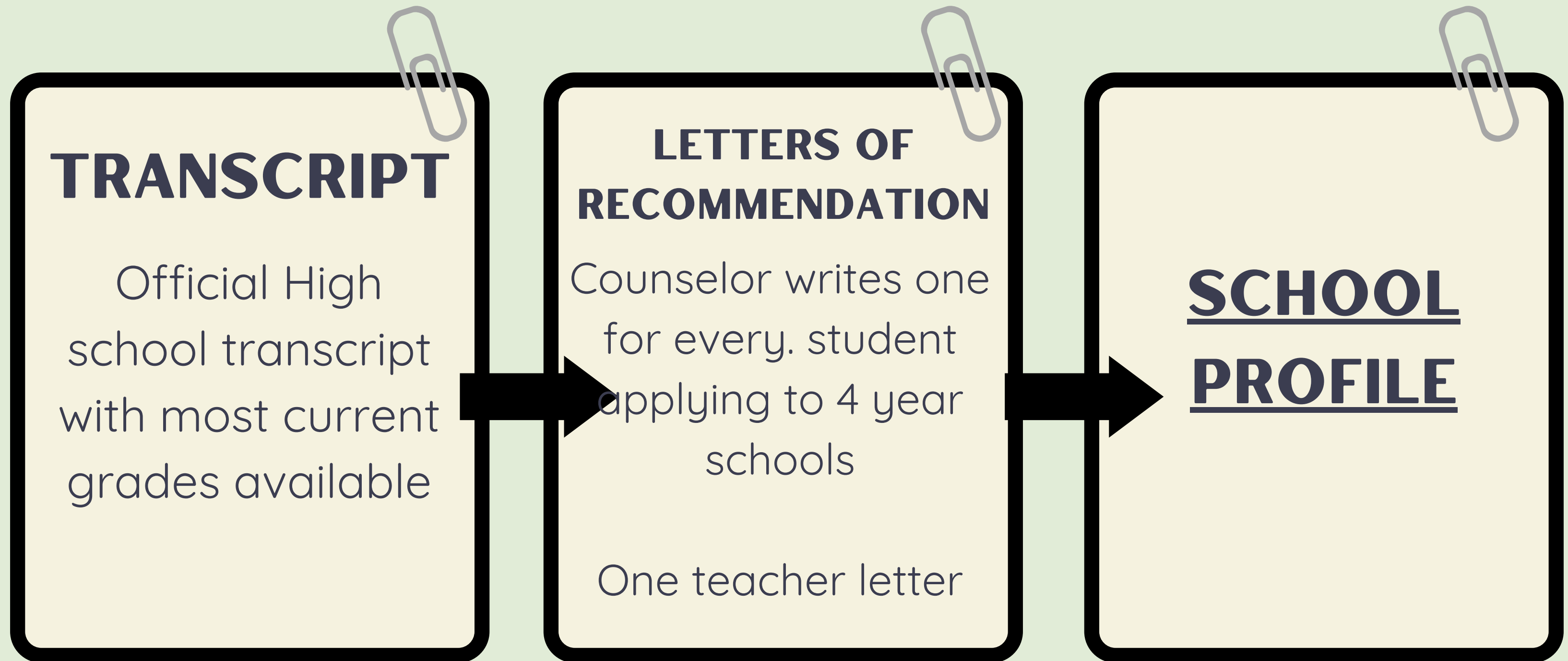
- English: 20 credits
- Math: 20 credits
- Science: 15 credits
- Social Studies: 15 credits
 - World History, US I and US II
- World Language: 10 credits
 - Two years of the same language
- VPA: 2.5 credits
- PE: 10 credits
 - 1 semester each year (only freshmen can defer)
- Health: 2.5 credits
- Other credits needed: 22.5
- Total credits: 117.5

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- Application (including essay)
 - Common Application
 - College Website
 - SCOIR
- Letters of Recommendation
- Transcript
- Standardized Test Scores
(if applicable)



What WA Sends



What Grades do Colleges See?

Deadlines of November 5 or earlier: Complete junior year and senior courses

Deadlines of November 15, December 1 and regular decision: First quarter grades for senior year

Midyear grades are sent to any school that a student has not received a final decision from by February

- includes Regular Decision and any schools students were deferred from in the early round of admissions

STANDARDIZED TESTING

ACT

Reading, Math, Science,
English, Writing (optional)

Scored 1 – 36

Each section has score and
then a composite score
February, April, June, July

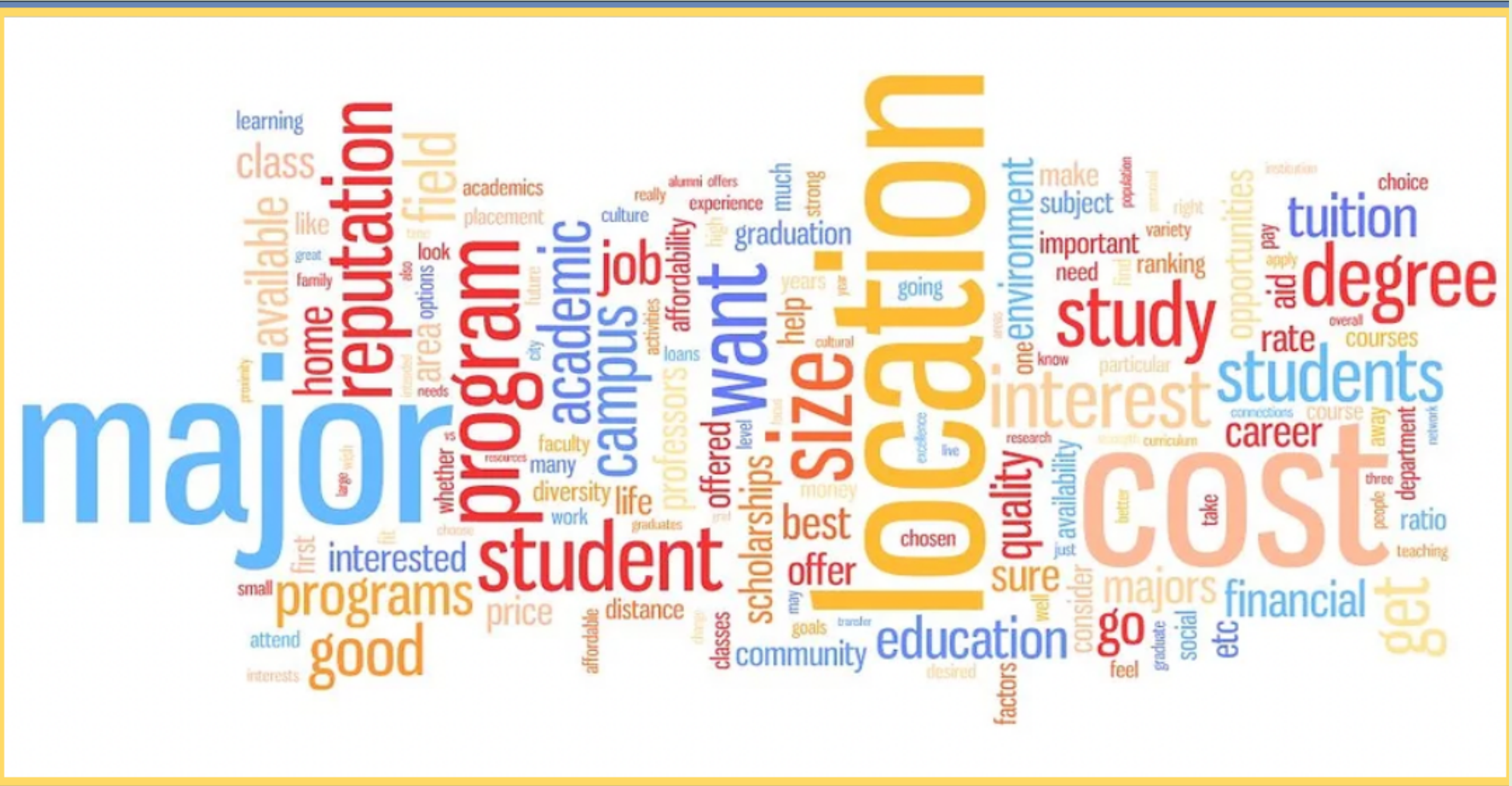


SAT

All digital
Math and Evidence-Based
Reading & Writing
Score out of 1600
March, May, June

Test Optional List

MAKING THE COLLEGE LIST



Resources to Help Build College List



WA College Fair Website

College resources
and more!

Link: [WA College Fair](#)



Local College Fairs

Upcoming:
March 13, 2024 @
8:30 am - 10:30 am
Blackstone
Valley Tech



National & Virtual College Fairs

Upcoming:
May 2 & 3, 2024 @
9-12 & 6-8 PM
Boston
Convention Center

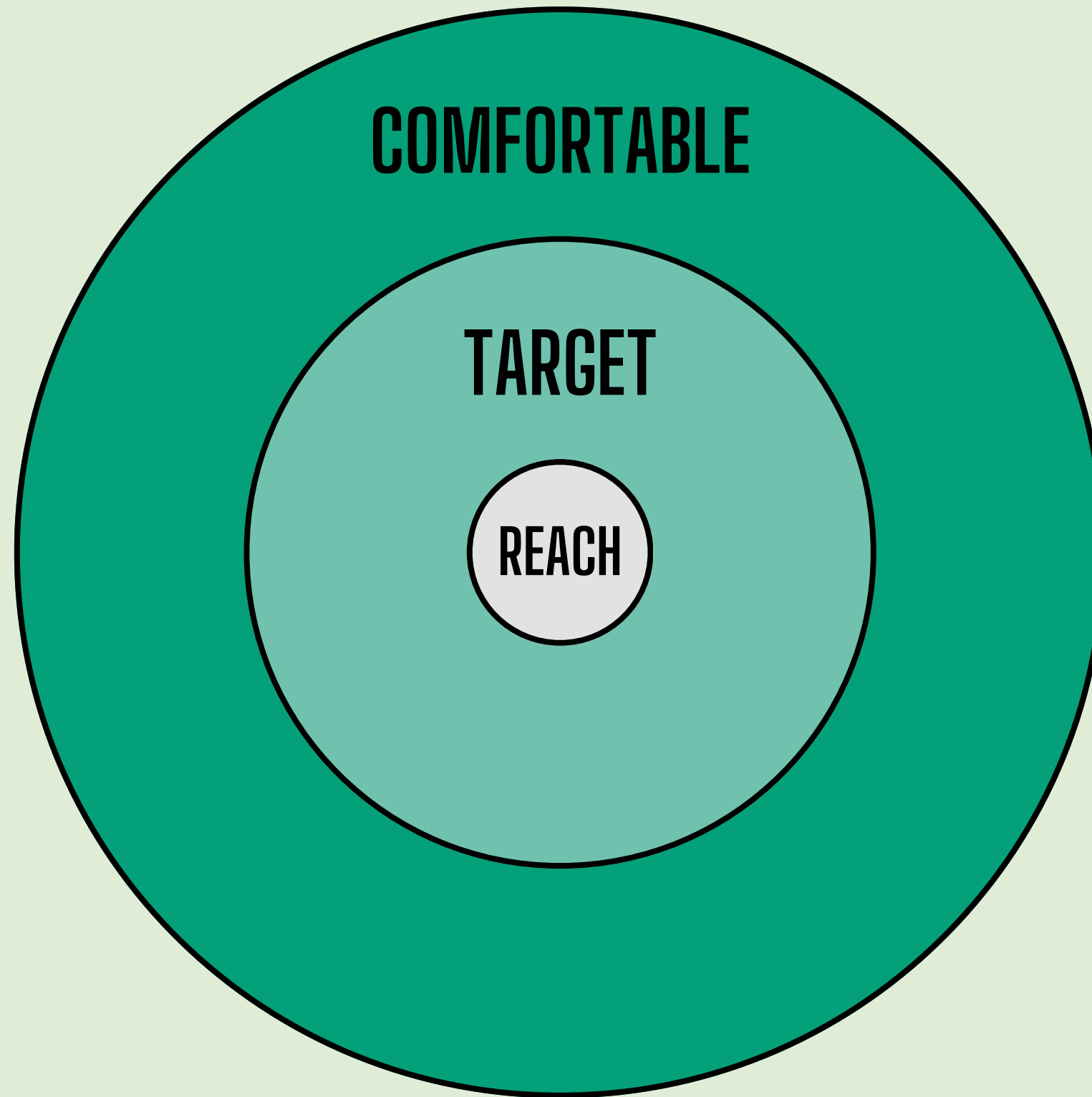


College Search Engines

SCOIR
Collegexpress.com
CollegeBoard
...and more!

Balancing the List

On average, students in the class of 2024 applied to approximately 10 schools



COMFORTABLE
HIGHER
ADMISSION RATE

TARGET

REACH
LOWER
ADMISSION RATE

2-3
schools

3-5
schools

0-2
schools

Tip: Put at least the same amount of time/research/focus into “likely” schools as the rest. These are often schools where students get a better financial aid package with merit scholarships.

SCOIR: Scattergrams



Competitive Majors

Nursing

Business

Computer Science

Engineering

Psychology**

* * Affects Scattergrams. Your student may look green, but may be different if applying into one of these majors.

Other things to consider:

- Athletic recruiting - D1 /D2, must register for NCAA Clearinghouse
 - Transcript uploaded, way for coaches to find you.
- Military academies- require Congressional nomination and early application process
 - Senators, Congress Representative or Vice-President
- IEP /504 - is not part of the admissions application
 - Guide for College Admissions for Students with Disabilities
- Fee waivers

- Pick a comfortable /target school for your first visit.
- Register online for campus tour/information session
- Try to tour a variety of schools for comparison
- Have each family member take notes, take pictures, make pros/cons, take down names of those you meet (tour guide, admissions counselor, student)!
- Try to make it fun!
- Follow-up with thank you note or email to admissions representative

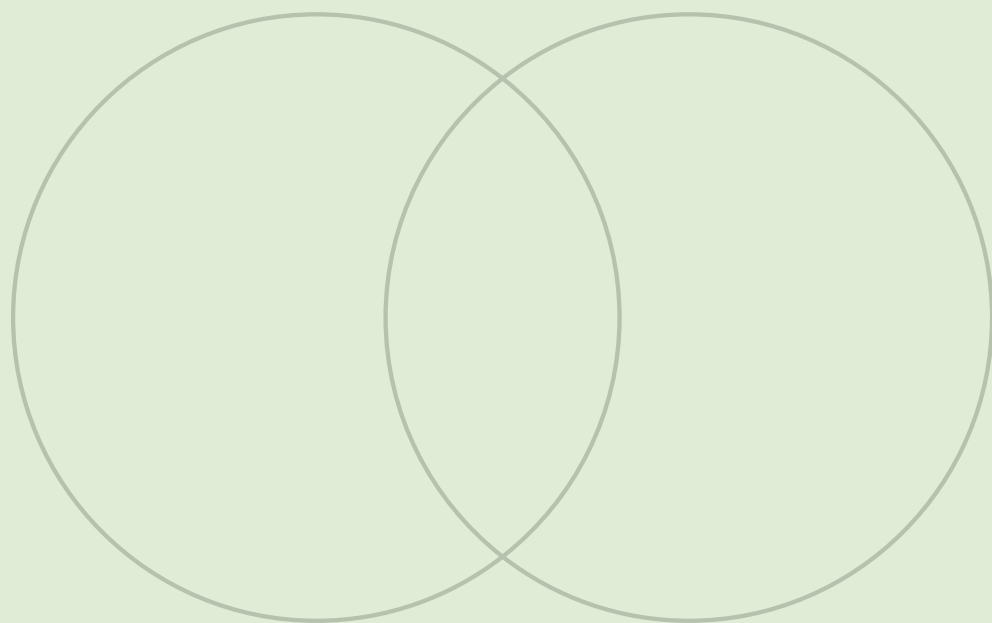


College Visit Tips

Rep Visits

- Approximately 100 college admission counselors come to WA every fall during the school day or virtually after school
- Students are encouraged to go to these visits to learn more about the schools, meet admissions counselors and ask questions
- Students are limited to 8 visits (during the school day)
- Sign up is through Scoir, the confirmation email is your pass for your teacher

Common App Personal Statement/College Essay



Start Brainstorming!

- **250-650 words**
- **CommonApp Prompts**
- **Resources:**
 - **College Essay Guy posts in Class of 2025 Counseling Google Classroom**
 - **WA Counseling Website**
 - **Brainstorming Worksheet**

Next Steps

Spring 2024

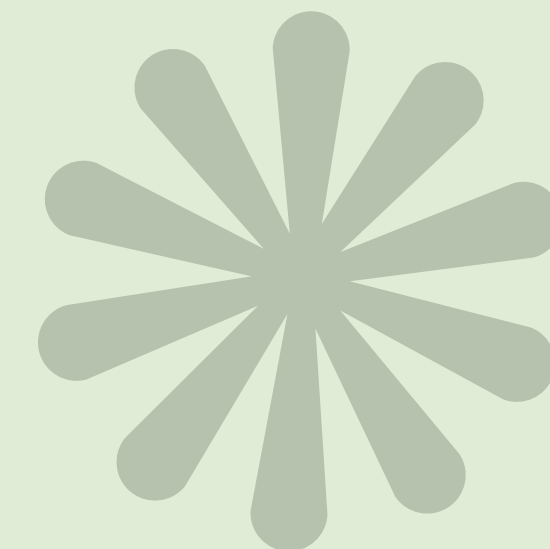
- **College visits**
 - February break, April break, long weekends
- **College research**
- **Ask teacher for letter of recommendation**
 - Have them complete the green form and turn into your counselor before the end of year
- **Finish junior year strong!**

Summer 2024



- Continue college research and visits
- Complete Senior Data Sheet in SCOIR
- Complete Activities List (include awards and achievements)
 - in Scoir
 - Resume (upload to My Drive in Scoir)
 - CommonApp Activities section (upload to My Drive in Scoir)
- Work on Common Application www.commonapp.org beginning August 1-use personal email address
 - Open and start completing the individual college supplements after August 1
- Complete essay draft

• **PARENTS/CAREGIVERS** - complete optional Parent/Caregiver Questionnaire in SCOIR - a very valuable resource for counselors. Please complete the survey by September 6, 2024



Questions?

