



**Set sail. Dream. Explore.  
Discover.**

# **Post Secondary Planning**

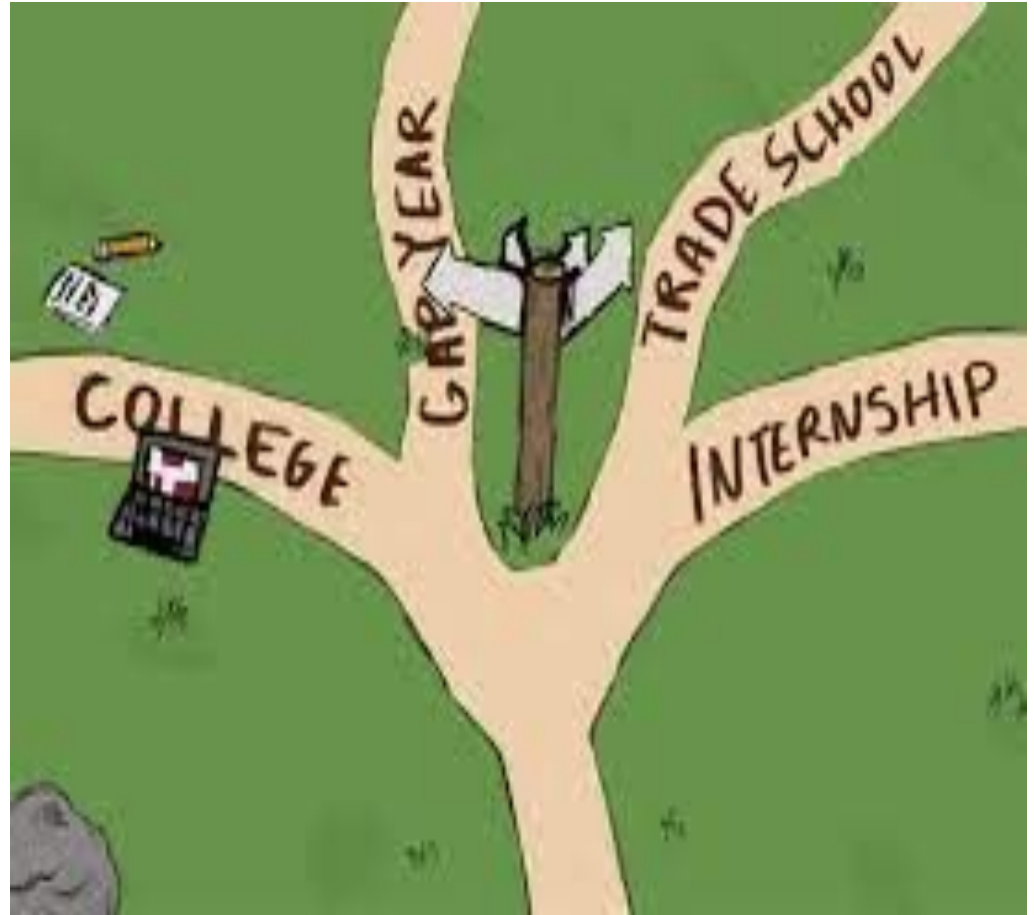
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# There is a path for everyone!

**Part-time schooling**  
**Two year colleges**  
**Four year colleges**  
**GAP Year**  
**Employment**  
**Internships**  
**Military Options**  
**Community Involvement**  
**Travel**



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# **Did you know? Military options....**

## **Top Employers in the United States**

**1. Walmart**

**2. Amazon**

**3. United States Military**

- Employ 1,400,000 US Citizens**

- Only 10% Ever See Combat**

- So, that leaves 1,260,000 other CAREERS**



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**Did you know? Military options...**

**US Military Academies**

**Reserve Officers Training Corp (ROTC)**

**Reserves**

**Officer Candidate School**

**Military Prep Schools**

**Active Enlistment**



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# 4 - Year College Acceptances

This list is a partial sampling from recent graduating SHS classes.

<b>U of Alabama</b>	<b>Colgate</b>	<b>Marquette</b>	<b>Quinnipiac</b>
<b>American</b>	<b>Cornell University</b>	<b>U of Maryland</b>	<b>URI</b>
<b>Amherst</b>	<b>U of Delaware</b>	<b>U Mass</b>	<b>U of San Francisco</b>
<b>Babson</b>	<b>Elon</b>	<b>U of MI</b>	<b>Skidmore</b>
<b>Bates</b>	<b>Emerson</b>	<b>UNH</b>	<b>U of SC</b>
<b>Bentley</b>	<b>Fairfield</b>	<b>NYU</b>	<b>Tufts</b>
<b>Boston College</b>	<b>Fordham</b>	<b>Northeastern</b>	<b>Bryant</b>
<b>Brown U</b>	<b>George Washington</b>	<b>Penn State</b>	<b>U of Vermont</b>
<b>Boston U</b>	<b>Harvard</b>	<b>U of Penn</b>	<b>Villanova</b>
<b>U of CA – San Diego</b>	<b>High Point</b>	<b>Providence</b>	<b>U of Virginia</b>
<b>Charleston</b>	<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>Purdue</b>	<b>Williams</b>
<b>Clemson</b>	<b>Ithaca</b>	<b>U of Richmond</b>	<b>U of Wisconsin</b>
<b>Bridgewater State University</b>	<b>Cal Tech</b>	<b>MIT</b>	<b>WPI</b>

# Factors to Consider

- **College Characteristics**
- **Academics**
- **Academic and Wellness Support**
- **Student Population**
- **Social Life**
- **Admissions Requirements**
- **Cost of Attendance**
- **Financial Aid**



# **And Colleges...What they look at...**

**High School Transcript - Strength of curriculum**

**Overall grade point average\***

**Standardized test scores**

**Personal Essay(s)**

**Recommendations**

**Well-rounded student**

**Demonstrated interest in their school**

**Class rank (optional)**

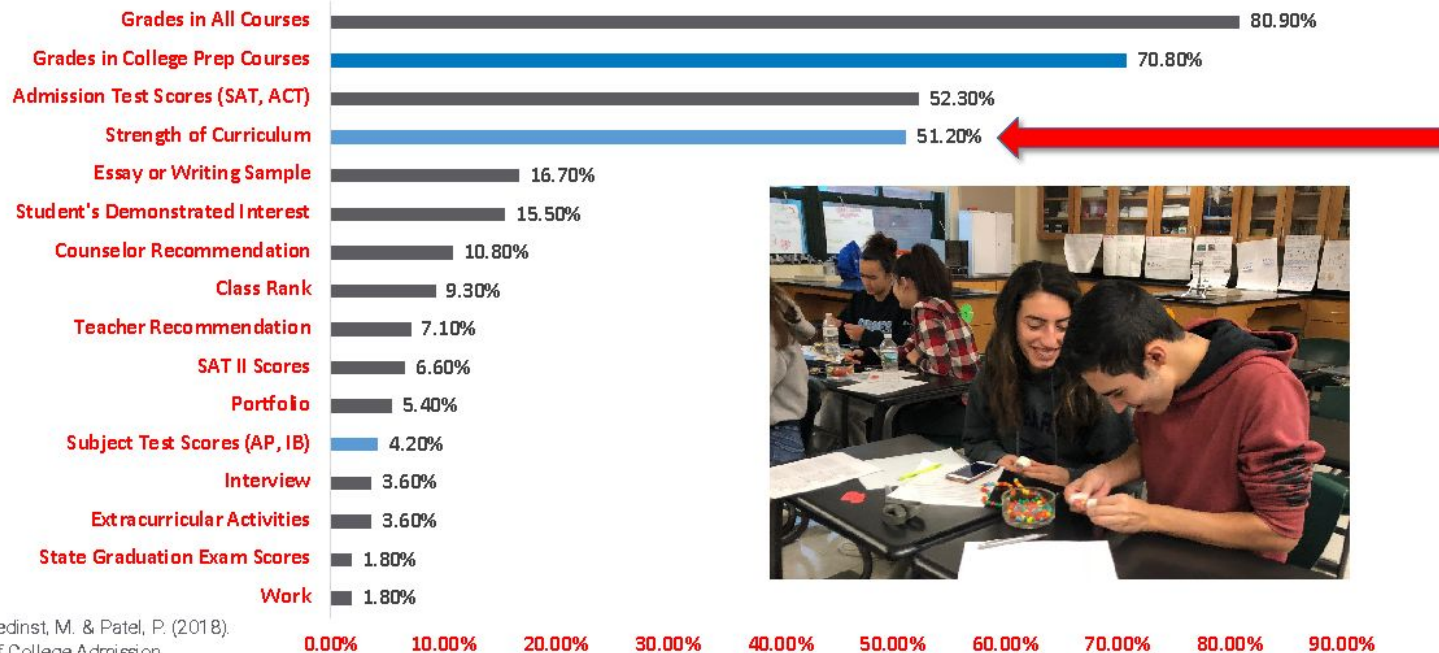


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# And Colleges...What they look at...

## What Counts in College Admissions

Percentage of Admissions Officials Citing Criteria as "Considerably Important"



Source: Clinedinst, M. & Patel, P. (2018).  
2018 State of College Admission.  
Arlington, VA: National Association for  
College Admission Counseling.

STRENGTH ON STRENGTH



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# Recent SHS GPAs - MASS state schools

<b>MA College/University</b>	<b>Average GPAs of accepted students</b>
<b>U Mass Amherst</b>	<b>4.06</b>
<b>Bridgewater</b>	<b>3.38</b>
<b>U Mass Lowell</b>	<b>3.72</b>
<b>U Mass Dartmouth</b>	<b>3.34</b>
<b>Westfield</b>	<b>3.21</b>
<b>Mass Maritime</b>	<b>3.46</b>
<b>Salem</b>	<b>3.24</b>
<b>Massasoit</b>	<b>(open enrollment )</b>
<b>Framingham</b>	<b>3.44</b>
<b>U Mass Boston</b>	<b>3.46</b>
<b>Fitchburg</b>	<b>3.56</b>

# What do Mass state schools want?

**Varies by state school**

**The lower the GPA, the higher the SAT/ACT scores.**

**MA state schools recalculate GPA based on 16 core academic courses**



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# A Note about Tuition Breaks and Mass State Colleges...

- Allows New England students to attend out-of-state colleges in New England at a discounted rate.
- Over 2,500 degree programs
- Applies to two-year and four-year state colleges within New England
- Tuition Break



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# Mass Transfer

**Students complete their  
associate degree at a  
Massachusetts community  
college and transfer to a  
participating four-year  
independent college in the state**

**2.5 min GPA**<sub>ools</sub>

# Common Admissions Types

**Early Decision- binding**

**Early Action – not binding**

**Restrictive Early Action**

**Regular Decision**

**Rolling**



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# College Admissions Testing

**SAT and/or ACT test**

**Outline a plan of test dates  
with counselor.**

**[www.fairtest.org](http://www.fairtest.org)**

**Note: Students send scores  
directly to colleges...**



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# College Admissions Testing

**Register for SAT**  
**@**  
**collegeboard.org**

**Practice for SAT**  
**@**  
**https://signup.collegeboard.org**  
**/official-sat-practice/**

**Register for ACT**  
**@**  
**ACTstudent.org**

**Practice for ACT**  
**@**  
**ACT Practice Test**



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# College Visits

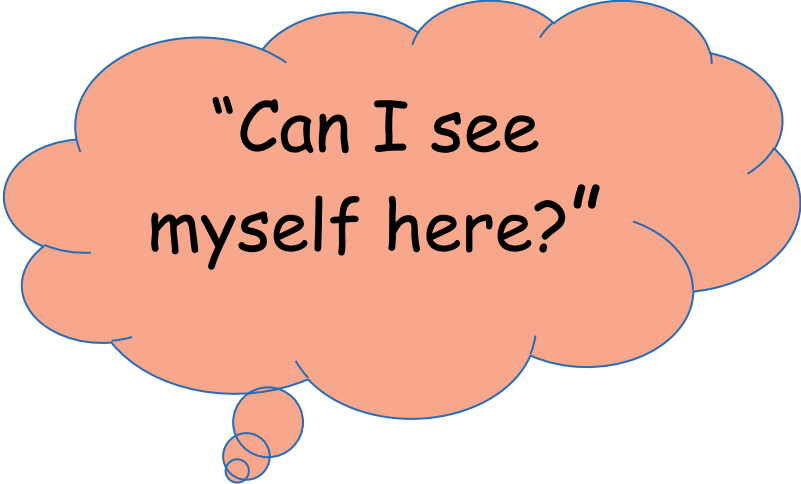
**2 excused absences per term  
with documentation**

**Visit college websites to  
schedule tours, class sit-ins,  
overnights**

**Virtual tours**



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"Can I see  
myself here?"



# Populating a College List

**Reach**

**Target**

**Safety - \$\$**

**Don't be afraid to  
look at unfamiliar  
schools.**

**“Brand Name”  
schools may sound  
good – but may not  
be the right fit for  
your student.**



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# SCOIR

# We're on SCOIR

## Get Started!

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Once your child invites you to Scoir via their account, you will receive a welcome email from Scoir. Click on the "Complete Your Registration" button to create your account. Use this [Getting Started Guide](#) as you begin exploring!

**OR**

If you do not receive an email from Scoir, then you can visit [app.scoir.com/signup](http://app.scoir.com/signup), choose the Parent/Guardian tile, enter your email and click Continue and then check your inbox to activate your account.



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# Students Next Steps

- Make a testing plan (preparation and registration)
- Begin generating potential schools and check college requirements.
- Ensure all graduation requirements are being met, including community service hours.
- Schedule college visits.
  - Register w/ NCAA (Div I or II)



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# **A Look Ahead - February to June**

**Post-Secondary Workshops (Feb)**  
**SCOIR log in and demonstration**  
**Individual student planning meetings**  
**Resume Writing**  
**Securing Teacher Recommendations**  
**Securing Counselor Recommendations**  
**Drafting personal essay**  
**Introduction to the Common Application**  
**June - Summer Send Off**



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# **A Look Ahead - August-November**

**College Rep Visits**

**College Application Workshops**

**Individual student planning meetings**

**College Application Caregiver Event**

**Financial Aid Workshop - Caregiver**

**College Scoop Night - Caregiver/Students**



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# Online Resources

[SHS School Counseling Webpage](#)

[College Scorecard](#) - comparison tool on costs, graduation rates, post-college earnings, etc.

[Commonapp.org](#) - Common application site

[MEFA.org](#) - Financial education resources

[www.Fafsa.org](#) - Federal Student Aid application



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