



SENIORS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NEXT STEP

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CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

NL-S High School

4 years English

3 years math

3 years science

3.5 years social

1 year phy. ed.

.5 years health

1 year art



MY OPTIONS

4 year public or private school

Community college

Technical program

Military

Work

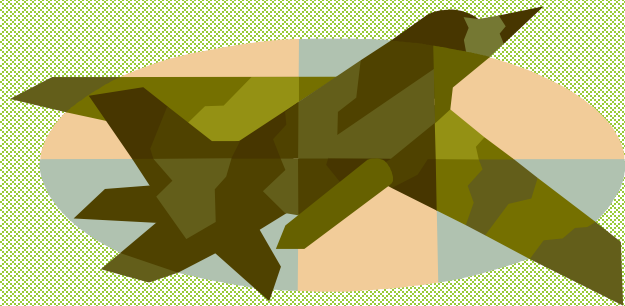


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Recruiters at school

Educational and occupational opportunities

Selective Service



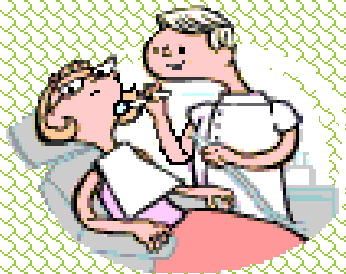
2 YEAR SCHOOLS

Technical programs

- Learn a trade, get a job

Community colleges

- Earn a degree (AA or AAS), get a job
- “do your generals”, go to a 4 year school



WHY 2 YEAR?

Affordable

Open admissions

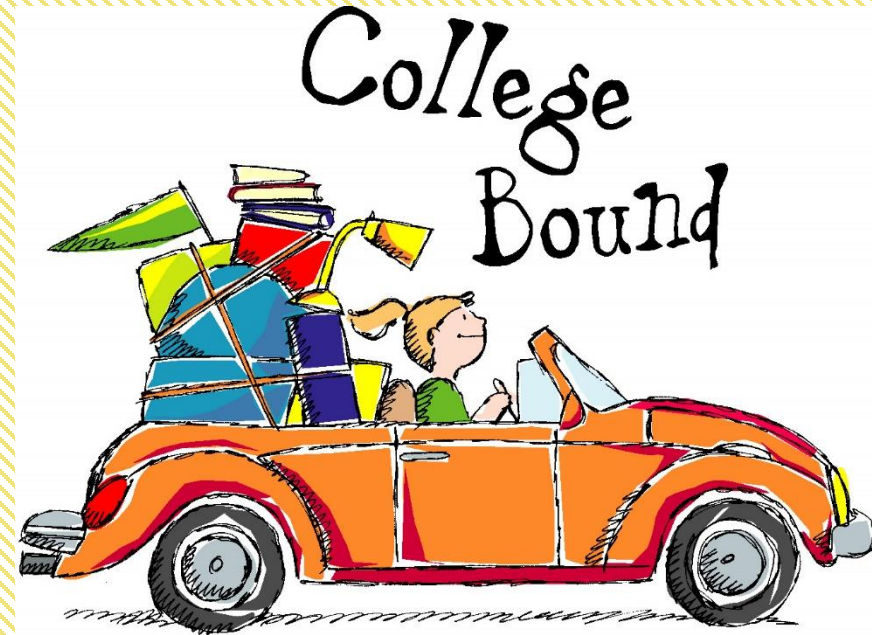
- Apply early, some programs fill quickly



4-YEAR SCHOOLS

Differences between schools

- Admissions
- Requirements
 - Varies among colleges/majors
 - Ex) U of M- 4 years of math and science
- World Language
- Selectivity
- Essays/recommendations
- Private v. Public
- Bachelors Degree



TESTING

2 year schools

- Accuplacer
 - Math, reading
 - Remedial work

4 year schools

- Placement tests



ACT

4 year school requirement

Should I retake it?

- How would you benefit?

Dates

- Oct. 28- deadline without a late fee Sept. 22

Writing test

- Once is enough

Use your ACT-ID to register

www.actstudent.org



HOW DO I CHOOSE A MAJOR OR PROGRAM?

Job Shadow

Volunteer

Talk with college/military recruiters

- Scheduled schools

Attend college fairs

- Ridgewater- Tues., Oct. 10 (1 pm- 3 pm)
- National College Fair- Sept. 27-28
- www.gotocollegefairs.com (register for barcode)

Complete interest inventories/career assessments



HOW TO DO I CHOOSE THE RIGHT COLLEGE?

RESEARCH!

Take a tour

- No School Oct. 18-20

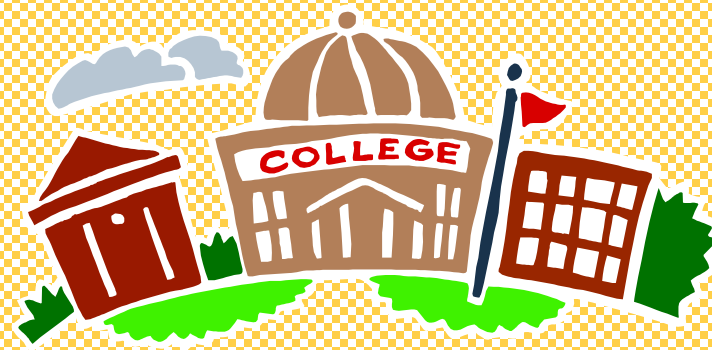
Do they have my major?

Where is your comfort zone?

- Location
- Cost
- Class size

What else is important?

- Sports/activities
- Transfer credits from CIS
- City



COLLEGE VISITS

How to set up

- website
- call

What to expect

- Tour- standard student led
- Request what you want to see

Who to visit

- Financial aid
- Admissions

Facilities

- Dorm
- Fitness center/student center
- Library
- Cafeteria

Check out the community

DO NOT SKIP THIS STEP!



THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF APPLYING

Applications

- Many online
- Free Apps
 - Waiver
 - Based on income
 - Visiting campus
 - College Knowledge month- free apps
- Deadlines/Preferred deadlines
- Common App

Transcripts

- HS
- College



NCAA ELIGIBILITY

www.eligibilitycenter.org

Division I and II

Must request transcripts



I'VE DECIDED, NOW WHAT?

Verify with college of choice that you will be enrolling in the fall

Notify other colleges that you will not be enrolling

Financial aid

Housing

Registration for classes



FINANCIAL AID (HAND OUT)

Scholarships

- Do not pay to receive \$!

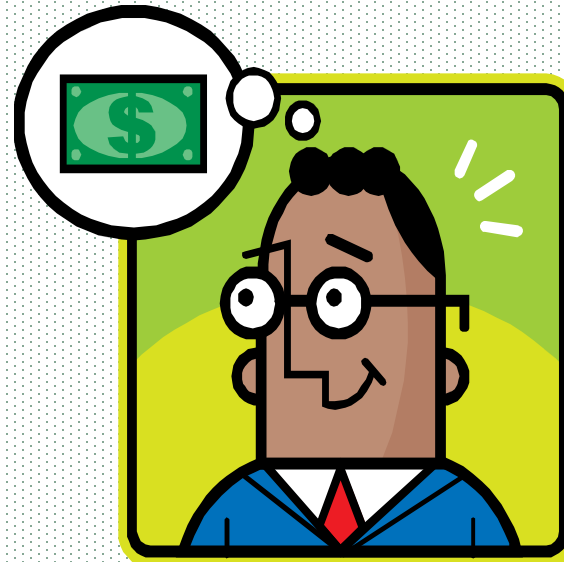
www.nls.k12.mn.us

Grants

Work Study

Loans

- FAFSA- available Oct. 1
- PIN
- Financial aid night- fall



SCHOLARSHIPS (HANDOUT)

Memberships

Employers

Insurance Companies

Websites

- www.nls.k12.mn.us
- www.Fastweb.com

Local- March

Your college

- Some send automatically, but not all



TIMETABLE (HANDOUT)



Sept./Oct.

- Start file of important papers
- Meet with recruiters
- College fairs
- Visit colleges
 - EM DAYS
- Start applying
 - Transcript request form
 - College Knowledge
- Research scholarships
- ACT
- FAFSA- fall parent meeting
- Individual mtgs. with counselors

Nov./Dec.

- Continue visiting and applying

Jan.-Apr.

- Scholarships
- Maintain contact with schools

May

-enjoy what's left of your senior year!

RESOURCES

MCIS

- Mncis.intocareers.org
 - nls
 - Wildcats

School website

- Scholarship list

MN Office of Higher Ed

www.ohe.state.mn.us

- Books (college, test prep)



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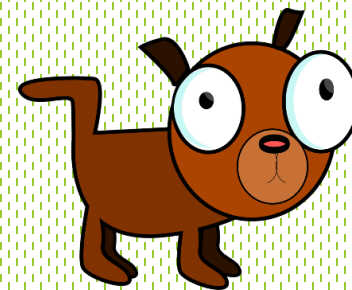
- Stepping out of your comfort zone
- Change is good, but stressful

Resources

- Advisor
- Counselors
- Parents
- Tutors
- You will have to seek them out



Before



After

QUESTIONS?

