

Welcome to the Junior College Night

Darien High
School
Class of
2010



The Process Begins...

- This is a process, and requires patience from all sides
- Making Informed Decisions
 - Visiting
 - Interviewing
 - Meeting with Representatives
- Keeping a Sense of Humor

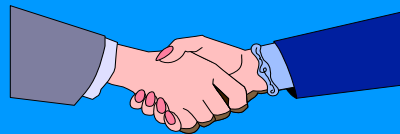
Visiting Campus



- Research before you go
- Visit when classes are in session--Spring Break!
- Eat lunch on campus
- Meet with an admission counselor--take the tour
- Seek out DHS Alumni
- Parents, make it easier--share the load
- Fit visits in on family trips -stop in when you can

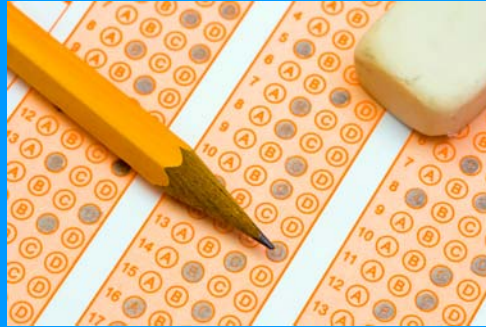
Meeting with Admissions Counselors/Representatives

- Meetings in the Career Center throughout the Fall (Schedule on Naviance)
- Off-campus Interviews/ Information Sessions



How Colleges Select Students

- The Transcript
- Recommendations
- Standardized Tests



DHS Transcript

- **The single most important piece of information available to the Admissions Office**
- Shows SEMESTER grades for each course completed—
no Quarter grades, no Exam grades
- Includes a weighted GPA
- DHS does not report rank OR SAT/ACT scores
*Students must request SAT/ACT scores directly from testing agencies (May take up to 6 weeks)
- Quarter 1 grades are reported to
Early Decision/Early Action colleges upon student request
- Mid-year transcripts are sent automatically


Student Name		SAMPLE		School Name/Address	
Student ID	Grade	Gender		Darien High School	
874	12	M		80 High School Lane	
Home Place	Date of Birth	Enter Date	Classified	Darien, CT 06820	
		06/09/05		Tel: 203-655-3981 Fax:	
Parent/Guardian					

Course Title	Mark	Alt	Credit	Course Title	Mark	Alt	Credit
Darien High School Grad 09 10202				Darien High School Grad 11 10204			
300 Calculus	B		0.500	300 Calculus	A		0.500
300 English 9	B		0.500	300 Am. Lit.	A		0.500
300 Spanish 2	C+		0.500	300 Spanish 4	B+		0.500
300 Western Civ 1	B		0.500	300 US History	A		0.500
300 Government/Phil.	B		0.500	400 Psychology H	B+		0.500
300 Science	A		0.075	1102 Health 1G	B		0.080
300 Art	A		0.080	1102 Health 1G	A		0.080
400 Science II	C		0.500	300 Physics	A		0.500
Darien High School Grad 09 92002				Darien High School Grad 11 92004			
300 Calculus	B		0.500	300 Calculus	A		0.500
300 English 10	C+		0.500	300 Am. Lit.	B		0.500
300 Spanish 2	B		0.500	300 Spanish 4	A		0.500
300 Western Civ 1	B		0.500	300 US History	A		0.500
300 Government/Phil.	B+		0.080	400 Psychology H	B		0.080
300 Science	A		0.080	1102 Health 1G	B		0.080
300 Art	A		0.080	1102 Health 1G	A		0.075
400 Science II	C		0.500	300 Physics	A		0.500
Darien High School Grad 09 10300				Darien High School Grad 12 10200			
300 Calculus	B		0.500	300 Calculus	A		0.500
300 English 10	B		0.500	400 AP Eng 12v 1v	B+		0.500
300 Spanish 3	C+		0.500	300 Spanish 5 11	B		0.500
300 Western Civ 1	B		0.500	300 Law & Gov.	A		0.500
300 Government/Phil.	B		0.500	400 AP Statistics	A		0.500
300 Science	A		0.075	1102 Health 1G	A		0.080
300 Art	A		0.080	1102 Health 1G	B		0.075
400 Science II	B		0.500	300 Neuro/BehavPsych	B		0.500
Darien High School Grad 10 92000				Darien High School Grad 12 92000			
300 Calculus	B		0.500	300 Calculus	A		0.500
300 English 10	B		0.500	400 AP W. Lit. Sem.	B		0.500
300 Spanish 3	C+		0.500	300 Spanish 5 12	B		0.500
300 Western Civ 1	B		0.500	300 Am. Since 45	A		0.500
300 Government/Phil.	B		0.500	300 Psych/Behav	A		0.500
300 Science	A		0.080	1102 Wt. Bull 3G	A		0.080
300 Art	B		0.080	1102 Wt. Bull 4G	A		0.080
400 Science II	B		0.500				

Comments

Transcript is unofficial unless signed by a school official

Transcript



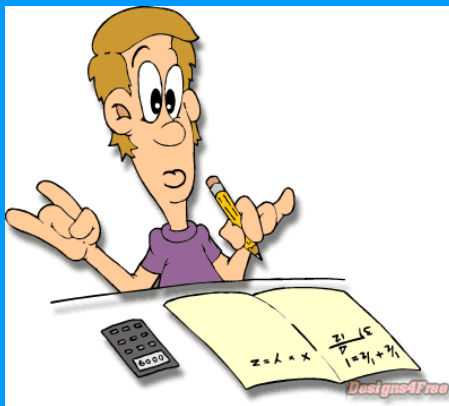
Recommendations

- The Counselor writes a recommendation for each student
- Colleges usually require 1 or 2 teacher recommendations
- Students must request all recommendations at least 30 days prior to the deadline
- *Important* alumni who *know* the student can be helpful
- More is not always better

Teacher Recommendations

- Typically you will request recommendations from two teachers.
- You MUST give teachers a **MINIMUM** of 30 days to write the letter.
- It is OK to ask for a recommendation, even before you have a final list of colleges
- Each teacher should be given:
 - The Teacher Evaluation form from the application
 - One envelope (per college), addressed and stamped (**HINT: Pencil in name on inside flap of envelope**)
- No teacher ever got angry for starting too early!

Standardized Tests



- SAT or ACT scores usually come **after** the Transcript in importance
- A small % of colleges do **not** require them
 - www.fairtest.org
- Preparation is KEY!

SAT Test Dates

Dates:

Suggestion:

- March 14 SAT
- May 2 SAT or Subject Test
- June 6 SAT or Subject Test
- October ? SAT
- November ? Subject Test
- December ? (if necessary) SAT or Subject Test

****Registration Deadlines are typically 4-5 weeks before the test!****

About Score Choice

- WHO
 - Score choice will first be available to students taking the March 2009 test, as well as any student who has taken the SAT prior to the launch.
- WHAT
 - You can select scores only by test date for the SAT and by individual test for the SAT Subject Tests
 - You will NOT be able to select scores by section of the SAT
 - Any or all of your scores can be sent to a college on a single report
 - It will not cost more to send multiple or all of your test scores
 - Score choice applies only to the score reports that you send to colleges
 - All scores will continue to go to you and your high school
- Remember to take advantage of the four free “score sends” during registration. As part of your registration fee, these can be used to send scores to colleges, universities or scholarship programs. They will not be available for use after the test.

ACT Test Dates

Dates:

- April 4
- June 13
- September ?
- October ?
- December ?
- It is recommended that students take the ACT with optional Writing component



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Deadlines

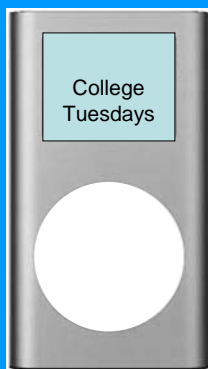
- **Early Decision**
 - **Binding Agreement**--if admitted student must attend--usually 11/1 or 11/15
- **ED II**
 - **Binding Agreement**--if admitted student must attend--usually 11/15, 12/1, 1/1, or 1/15
- **Early Action**
 - Non-binding early application, student decisions are made early
- **Rolling**
 - No fixed deadlines, decisions are made from 11/1 - 4/1
- **Fixed Deadline**
 - "Regular Decision"--deadlines of 1/1, 1/15, 2/1, etc.

February/March, 2009

- All juniors and junior parents meet with their counselors to discuss admission process.
- All juniors and junior parents must submit the “Junior Packet” to the counselor no later than January 30th
Packets are mailed home;
Available online
- Spring Break--good time to visit colleges

i-Zone

Darien High’s program for college and career information



for JUNIORS

i-Zone Sessions

- March thru April
- Tuesdays
- During each lunch period
- Workshops include:
 - Resume Writing
 - Essay Writing
 - How to look for a Summer Job
 - College Interview Training
 - Your Recruited Athlete

April - June, 2009

- Counselors will meet with all Juniors to discuss admission process
- Investigate colleges through the internet--a good way to get on mailing lists
- Talk to teachers about writing recommendations – Choose two teachers from Junior Year

Don't forget to register for and take the SAT & Subject Tests this spring!

Spring/Summer, 2009

- Research colleges through *Naviance*
- Visit Colleges
- Work on College Essay
- Review Application requirements



September, 2009

- Seniors must meet with counselor to discuss application process
- Narrow choices→Under 10 applications should suffice
- Register for October and November SAT/SAT II, especially if planning Early Action/Early Decision
- Speak to teachers about writing recommendations

October/November, 2009

- Register for November and December SAT/Subject Tests
- Complete Campus Visits and Applications
- Submit forms for transcript request to Guidance Secretary
- Confirm with teachers writing recommendations

School Reports/Transcripts

- All transcript requests and counselor forms handed **DIRECTLY** to Guidance Secretaries
- Submit one (1) NACAC Secondary School Report Form for each “decision process” (i.e. early, regular, rolling)
- All of the above must be submitted a **MINIMUM** of 30 days prior to the application deadline.

Transcript Request Form

DHS TRANSCRIPT REQUEST (for internal use only)			
Student's Last Name	First	Middle	Application Deadline (as indicated by college)
College Name _____			
City _____		State _____	
Decision Type (check one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Decision I	<input type="checkbox"/> Rolling	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Decision II	<input type="checkbox"/> Priority	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	(summer program, scholarship)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular		
A Secondary School Report Form for the decision type above (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> is attached (or) <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted			
Counselor _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Recruited Athlete	
Intended major (optional) _____			
<small>22 (For Guidance Use Only)</small>			
Date Received	By		
Date Mailed	By		

NACAC Secondary School Report Form

NACAC National Association for College Admission Counseling

SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT FORM

Instructions: Students should complete Section I and submit the form to their school counselor. Counselors should complete Sections II and III and forward the report form along with the respective admission application to each school to which the student is applying.

SECTION I (to be completed by student)

Student Name: _____ SS. Number: _____
 Last First MI
 Address: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
 Street Apt. Number City State Zip Code
 Phone () _____
 I am applying for: Early Decision Early Action Regular Decision
 Other _____
 I recognize the confidential nature of this document and I do do not waive my right to access.
 Student's Signature _____ Date _____

SECTION II (to be completed by school counselor—include information only if it is not included in other official documents)

High School: _____ High School CEES: 070-143
 Address: _____ CT 06820
 Street City State Zip Code
 Phone (003) 1-655-3881 FAX (003) 1-656-5631
 Counselor's Name _____ Title _____
 Percentage of class attending: Four-Year _____ Two-Year _____ Institutions _____
 Grading scale: 4.0 100 Other _____ Passing Grade is _____
 Student's GPA _____ Weighted Unweighted
 GPA includes (check all that apply): 9th Grade 10th Grade 11th Grade 12th Grade
 We do not rank _____ in a class of _____ as of: 9th Grade 10th Grade 11th Grade 12th Grade
 In the student's course selection: Most Demanding Demanding Average Below Average

SENIOR YEAR COURSES:

First Term:	Grade	Second Term:	Grade
Course: _____	See transcript enclosed	Course: _____	See transcript enclosed
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

SECTION III (to be completed by school counselor)

Please comment on the following items which reference the student's ability and character. Attach additional pages if more space is needed. (A recommendation letter may replace Section III.)


Academic Ability: _____

Personal Character: _____ See enclosed letter of recommendation

In the academic record of this student an accurate indication of the student's ability? Yes No
 If not, please describe the circumstances.

Counselor Statement: _____

See enclosed letter of recommendation

High School Official Seal

 Thank You.
 Counselor's Signature _____ Date _____

Financial Aid

• FAFSA

- Used to qualify for ALL federal aid
- Required at all institutions
- Available **online**
- Must be filed AFTER January 1, 2010 and before February 15, 2010
- www.fafsa.ed.gov

• CSS Profile

- 2 step process
- Part 1 can be filed as soon as list is complete
- Required at most private institutions, and for other scholarships
- When part 1 is submitted, part 2 is sent to your home
- Available online thru CollegeBoard.com

Local Scholarships

- Local Darien Scholarship applications are available in March of the **senior year**
- Information about the application process and deadlines will be outlined in the DPN as soon as they become available



KEEP IN MIND:

- DHS students frequently report that they have been “well prepared” for success in college
- Our goal is to find appropriate placements for DHS students—places where they will be challenged, be successful, and be happy

Useful Websites:

- www.darienps.org/dhs/guidance
- <http://connection.naviance.com/darien>
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.act.org
- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- www.commonapp.org
- www.ncaa.org
- www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

Family Connection

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- Surveys to assist students in beginning college search process
- Allows students to see which applications from DHS have been admitted and denied at individual colleges
- Includes a career interest inventory feature
- All students were given passwords in September

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- COLLEGE PLANNING GUIDE
- NAVIANCE WORKSHOPS
OFFERED **EVERY** PERIOD IN ROOM **G214** ON:
 - Wednesday - November 26th
 - Tuesday - December 16th
 - Tuesday - December 23rd