The College Search and Application Process

Parent Academy
WJCC
12/13/17
• Introduction/Overview
• Reflection
• Research
• Relationship
• Essay Exercise
3 R’s of the Process

- Reflection
- Research
- Relationship
What is your student looking for? (Reflection)

- What do you want to study? (I don’t know is an ok answer)
- What do you enjoy doing?
- Why do you enjoy your favorite class?
• Where do you want to attend college AND WHY? (Location)

• What about my high school learning environment do I enjoy? (size, teacher style, etc.)
• Location (distance from home)

• Size (1,000 students or 50,000 students)

• Environment (city, suburbs, rural area)
The College Search
Type of School (Research)

- Public
- Private
- Religiously Affiliated
- Predominately White
- HBCU
- Co-ed
- Single Sex
- Residential/Commuter Campus
• Does this school offer my major?
• What is the deadline to select a major?
• What are the graduation rates?
• What do students do for fun?
• What do students do after they graduate?
• What can I afford (scholarships and financial aid)
• Ask questions that cannot be found on a website

The College Search
Visit and Ask Questions
(Research)
The Application Process

The Application Process

( Relationship ) Program of Study

- Course type: (AP, IB, DE, Hon)
- What is the most rigorous program available?
- What is offered at your student’s specific high school?
- How well did you do in those courses?
• SAT
• ACT
• SAT II (Subject Test)
• Middle 50% range
• Do you take the highest SAT score?
• Recommendation by Guidance Counselor or Teacher
• School Profile
• Provides the context for particular School
• Anything that you do outside of academics: Part time jobs, clubs and organizations, church groups, volunteer work, community service and honor societies
• Quality of Involvement (Leadership Experience)
• Years involved with organization
The Application Process

Essay

- Topic of your choice or specified topic
- Spell Check
- Proof read
- Consider the essay “An on paper interview”
- Let your voice be heard
Offers of Admission
Offers to join a waitlist
Denied Admission
What happens next?
What purpose does it serve?
What distinguishes your student from the next?
Capture my attention and keep it
Be yourself and believe yourself
Essay Examples

- What stood out?
- What worked?
- What didn’t?
- Why were these chosen?
Questions?

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