

Albert Einstein High School

10th and 11th Grade College and Career Readiness Night

November 13, 2024 at 6pm



Agenda

- Admissions Factors
- Timeline
- Naviance
- Exploring Options
- Factors in Choosing a College
- College Tours
- Testing
- General Application Information
- Financial Aid
- NCAA and NAIA
- Career/Military
- How to Help / Who Does What
- College Fairs & Important Dates
- Student Panel



Admissions Factors

What matters?



Strength of Curriculum

Grades in Core Courses
(50% rule is no longer in effect)

Demonstrated Interest

Teacher
Recommendations



Admissions Test Scores

AP/IB Test Scores

Personal Essay /
Writing Sample

Counselor Recommendation



Personal Interview

Extracurricular Activities

PERCENTAGE OF COLLEGES ATTRIBUTING DIFFERENT LEVELS OF IMPORTANCE TO FACTORS IN ADMISSION
DECISIONS: FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN, FALL 2023

National Association of College Admissions Counselors (NACAC) State of Admissions Report

	N	Considerable Importance	Moderate Importance	Limited Importance	No Importance
High School grades in college prep course	185	76.8	15.1	4.9	3.2
Total high school grades (all courses)	185	74.1	18.9	5.4	1.6
Strength of high school curriculum	185	63.8	22.7	10.3	3.2
Positive character attributes	184	28.3	37.5	18.5	15.8
Essay or writing sample	185	18.9	37.3	26.5	17.3
Student's interest in attending	185	15.7	27.6	25.4	31.4
Counselor Recommendation	185	11.9	40.0	27.6	20.5
Teacher Recommendation	185	10.8	40.5	28.1	20.5
Extracurricular activities	185	6.5	44.3	30.8	18.4
High School Rank	183	5.5	22.4	43.2	29.0
Admission test scores (ACT, SAT)	185	4.9	25.4	38.9	30.8
Portfolio	185	4.9	10.8	24.3	60.0
Interview	185	4.3	8.6	32.4	54.6
Work	185	2.2	30.8	40.0	27.0
State graduation exam scores	185	1.6	6.5	18.4	73.5
Subject Test scores (AP, IB)	185	1.1	22.2	25.9	50.8

Timeline



Fall - Spring of Junior Year

Take SAT, ACT, or both.

(Several prep course options are available - [FREE SAT/ACT Virtual Practice Tests here](#))

Naviance *Super Match College Search* to identify 5-10 *Colleges I'm Thinking About*

Complete *College/Scholarship Recommendation Self Evaluation*

Sign up for college visits

Spring - Summer

Junior/Pre-senior year

Continue researching *Colleges I'm Thinking About*

Continue college visits

Identify *Colleges I'm Applying To* and create an organizational system w/deadlines

Begin completing college applications (including The Common App) on or about August 1



What is Naviance?



- A program designed to help students and parents with the college and career search process.

<https://student.naviance.com/einstein>

(Student Naviance log-in)

- **** One-step Login instructions:**

<https://watch.screencastify.com/v/qeXWcsxUky8ViN16WqFO>

- Login Information:

User name = Student ID #

Password=Student's Own Password

(Reset Password - need to contact counselor to send Temporary PW)

Parents – Contact your child's counselor to have your account activated

**** EASIEST METHOD!**



Exploring Options

The more you explore, the more you learn!

More than 4000 schools in the U.S.

“Big name” schools are not the right fit for everyone.

Be open to suggestions

Need to “know the school” and “know yourself”

What does the school have to offer YOU?

Factors in Choosing a College

What's important for you?



Location

Major

Accreditation by major

Size

Cost



Graduation rate

Activities/sports

Diversity

Campus Life

Disability Services



Facilities

Housing

Retention rate

Alumni job placement

College Tours: Virtual and/or On Campus

How you can get your answers!

- Take a guided tour
- Eat in the cafeteria
- See a dorm room (stay overnight if possible)
- Sit in on a class/Visit the library
- Speak with current students about their experience
- Speak with faculty members for you majors of interest
- Explore the surrounding area
- Some colleges offer fly in programs, [see list here](#)





Testing

PSAT

Maximum Score: 1520

3 Hours

Math & Reading sections

Qualifying test for Juniors
for the National Merit
Scholarship Competition

SAT-Evidenced Based

Maximum Score: 1600

3 Hours no essay

2 Sections: Math &
English/Reading sections.
Essay optional
Most schools superscore

ACT- Achievement Based

Maximum score 36

3 Hours no writing; 3 hours
& 40 min. with writing.

4 Sections: Math, English,
Reading and Science. Essay
optional



Testing Continued...

(NEXT GENERATION) ACCUPLACER

- Tests knowledge of HS content: Arithmetic, Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics, ~~Advanced Algebra and Functions, Reading, and Writing~~
- Measures student readiness for credit bearing college courses.
 - Multiple choice
 - Determines course placement, NOT admission
 - Untimed

Students should take at least one test before the end of junior year.

Test Optional vs Test Blind

Fee waivers are available - see Mr. Trigo in the College & Career Center

Prep for test/classes (options)

General Application Information

Application Types

- Common App
- Coalition App
- Institutional App

Application Deadlines

- Early Action (non-binding)
- Early Decision I & II (binding)
- Regular Admission
- Rolling Admission

DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

What do the
different
Deadlines for
your
Applications
Mean?

The best advantage
to take is applying
to colleges that
have Early Action
Deadlines (not all
schools offer this)

Regular Decision

DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Rolling Admission

DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Action (EA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll and withdraw all other applications. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

COMMITMENT:

BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

What is important to understand now???

At the end of your Junior year:

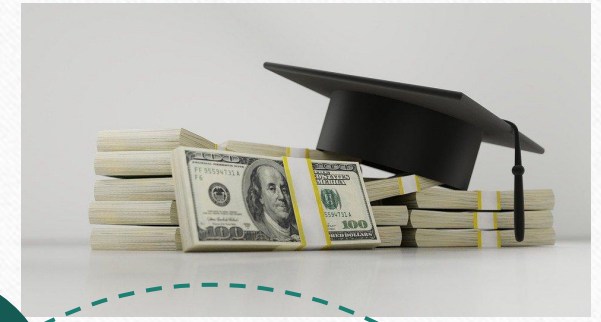
- Your GPA and Grades you finish with will be what the college/universities you apply to will use to evaluate you (9th, 10th, & 11th)
- If during senior year you are still listed as a junior, you will not be able to submit your transcripts until you are updated as a senior
- Put together your college list and mark the ones that will require you to submit your SAT/ACT test scores
- Create Common App account & match account with Naviance
- Complete Self-Reflection Questions (counselors write your letter of recommendation)
- Optional:* Students that get fee waivers for college applications have free and reduced lunch. Students can apply to be eligible.

During your Senior year:

- Ask teachers for letters of recommendation
- Finalize College List (pick both in and out of state schools)
- Have College Essay written & ready to submit
- Register for College Rep Visits on Naviance
- Submit Transcript Requests for colleges/universities
 - Only the first 5 transcripts are free, any additional is \$3.25
- Complete AEHS College Application Submission Form
- Submit college applications online (*seniors do not wait for your counselor or teacher to submit your letter*)
- Meet Early Action Deadlines!
 - Oct 15, Nov 1, Nov 15, Dec 1
- Colleges don't have access to 1st quarter grades (only when requested by university)
- Colleges will review mid-year grades at the end of 1st semester



Financial Aid



DIRECT COSTS

- Tuition
- Fees
- Room & Board (food plan)
*If you live on campus



INDIRECT COSTS

- Books
- Transportation
- Personal Expenses



COA

COST OF ATTENDANCE



Normally
Opens
October
1st

FAFSA
Free
Application
for Student
Aid

OUTCOME:
Loans
Grants
Scholarships

Scholarships



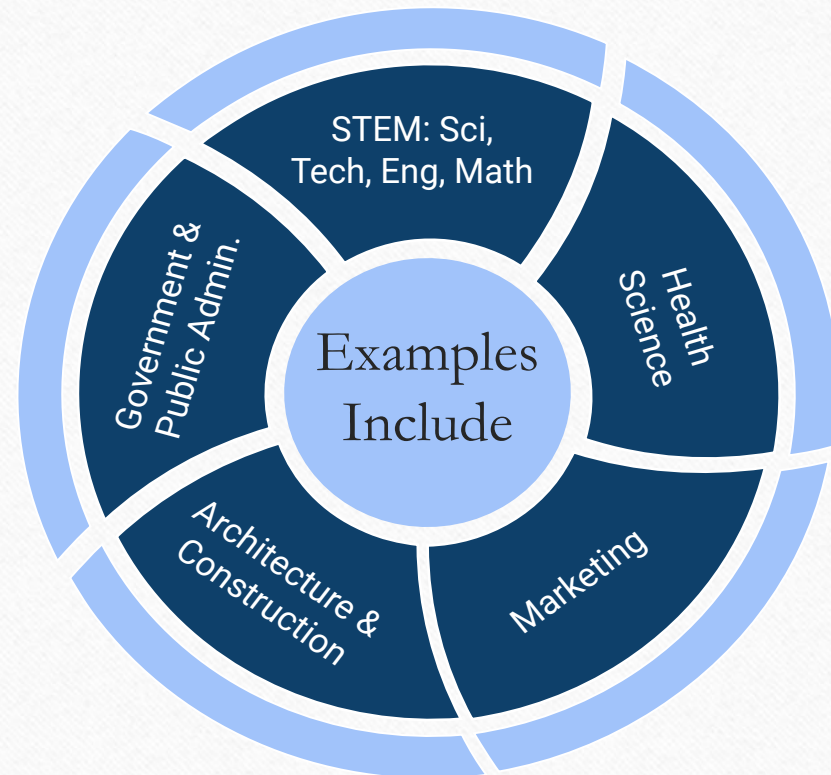
[Check out the list of Scholarships for Senior Year](#)



❖ Career Clusters on Naviance

Career Clusters Page:

“Career clusters are a way of grouping careers with common features and skills. Careers grouped into the same cluster typically require similar education and training. Exploring clusters can be a useful way to find a good career match, especially if you have general areas of interest but are not sure what specific careers match those interests. Career clusters can also help you better understand how your coursework in school can prepare you for certain types of careers.”



Opportunities Beyond Einstein High School

❖ Thomas Edison High School of Technology

➤ Application opens in Oct. & closes the first friday in Nov.

❖ Dual Enrollment

➤ Interested in taking college level courses while completing high school? Scan the QR code and fill out the form. Then meet Mr. Netterville in room 114A on Mon, Tues, Wed or Fridays to discuss next steps. You can also email him at joshua_j_netterville@mcpsmd.org

➤ Interest Meeting on December 4th at 10:20am in the Career Center

❖ Summer Rise Program

➤ The program is for **current 10th & 11th grade students** to participate in a **career-based learning opportunity** during the summer. Students will have the opportunity to engage in **hands-on learning opportunities** related to their field of interest.

➤ **Registration opens January 13, 2025 at 8am -
Interest Meeting at Einstein HS on January 15, 2025 at 9:30am**

➤ [Summer RISE 2024 Highlights](#) - [Summer RISE 2024 Closing Ceremony](#)

➤ Programs Earn: CTE
Certifications and
Licensure



MILITARY INFORMATION



- Meet with military recruiters
- Prepare for Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)
- ASVAB test will be offered this December & next Spring

Who Does What? How Do We Help?

Students, School Staff, Parents/Caregivers

Students

- Must be the driver!

School Staff

- Counselors, CCIC, Counseling Secretary

Parents/Caregivers

- Allow student(s) to take the wheel

**Einstein HS has two
College Prep Programs called:**

- **ACES**
- **CDI**

In order to be considered students need to apply in 10th Grade by each of their deadlines

ACES vs CDI

Achieving Collegiate Excellence & Success

- For 10th graders interested in starting at Montgomery College after high school and then transfer to a 4-year university
- Students will begin to receive support in their junior and senior year of high school. Support will continue in college.
- Admission Criteria
- **Deadline to apply is January 10, 2025**
- ACES application drive during lunch November 20 in Career Center
- Ms. Belvey Russ is the ACES coach as a office at Einstein, room 228
- Email: belvey.russ@montgomerycollege.edu
- [Application Link Here](#)

Collegiate Directions

- For 10th graders interested in starting at a 4-year university after high school
- Students will begin to receive support in their junior and senior year of high school. Support will continue in college.
- FARMS students encouraged to apply
- Minimum 2.6 GPA
- **Deadline to apply is February, 2025**
- Interest meeting on December 17 during lunch in Little Theater room
- Ms. Wendy Ayala is the CDI director and their office is located in Bethesda
- Email: info@collegiatedirections.org
- [Application Link Here](#)

10th Graders can apply for both programs but can only choose 1 to participate

College Fair Dates & Other Information

AEHS College Fair - Tuesday September 24, 2024

MCPS HBCU College Fair - Friday February 14, 2025

NACAC College Fair will be in April 2025. Juniors have the opportunity to meet hundreds of different college reps from across the country.

Typically over 800 Colleges Participate!

NCAA: Represents big colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada ([register here](#))

NAIA: Represents some smaller colleges and universities in the U.S.

Use the [College and Career Center Website](#) to access pages and view additional information

[Class of 2025 - Senior Presentation](#) (this will be updated for the class of 2026)

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- 2024-25 Academic Advisement/Course Registration ...Dec./Jan.
- Spring Break. April 14, 2025 to April 21, 2025
- SAT Test Dates: Dec. 7, March 8, May 3, June 7.
- ACT Test Dates: Dec. 14, Feb. 8, April 5, June 14, and July 12
- Rising Senior Caregiver and Student meeting ...
May 1, 2025, 6 - 7:30pm



**STUDENT
PANEL**

Thank you for

attending and have a
wonderful night!