

JUNIOR TAP SESSION 1

INTRODUCTION TO THE COLLEGE SEARCH PROCESS
AND NAVIANCE



NOV- DEC TIMELINE

- November:

- Classroom presentations
- Make individual appointment with counselor
- Complete questions 1-13 of the Autobiographical Record before your meeting (today)

- December:

- Meeting between student and counselor during student's free/lunch period or after school to discuss thoughts and preliminary plans for life after HS
- PSAT scores released

JANUARY- JUNE TIMELINE

- January- Feb: Student and parent conferences
 - Family conference (parent, student, counselor) (you have to have completed your December meeting with counselor in order for your parent to schedule this family meeting)
- January: Grade Forum Meetings
- Spring semester-Transition Assistance Program (TAP):
 - Feb- course selection
 - May- Interview/Resume workshop
- March- June: Students may take standardized Tests (SAT, ACT, SAT subject tests)
- May-June: Ask 1 or 2 teachers if they will write a recommendation letter for you

WHAT IS NAVIANCE?

It allows you to:

- Search for colleges and careers
- Compare colleges and view scattergrams
- Search for scholarships
- Create and keep an updated resume
- Initiate and keep track of your supporting documents
- Be notified about colleges visiting Briarcliff HS

LOGGING IN TO FAMILY CONNECTION

- To log in: Go to the Briarcliff Manor Home Page (www.briarcliffschools.org), select the HS Students tab, and click on Family Connection
 - Username: Briarcliff E-mail address
 - first initial last name graduation year@briarcliffny.org (MSafer22@briarcliffny.org)
 - Password: Is it in your phone?

COLLEGE SEARCH

- Keep search broad
 - Try your first search with just size, location, selectivity and major (undecided is ok and if you don't have your PSAT scores from last year don't use test scores...)
- The percentages next to the colleges on your search result list is not your odds to get in- they represent how much that school matches the search criteria you entered.

THE SCATTERGRAM

- This graph compiles data (GPA/standardized test scores) from 5 years of Briarcliff specific history
- You are plotted on the graph amongst ONLY Briarcliff applicants from the past 5 years
- Scatterplots supply recent, relevant, and specific data, but they do NOT provide a complete picture of your college chances

Take a moment to look up the scattergrams for some of your schools

COLLEGE ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Grades
- Courses taken
- Standardized test scores
 - See fairtest.org for schools that do not require SAT/ACT
- Extracurricular activities
- Essay
- Recommendation letters (teacher and/or counselor)
- Interviews (where available)
- Demonstrated interest (not all colleges use this)

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Important To-Dos and Tasks

Relax, you have no overdue or upcoming to-dos and tasks.

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What's New

We want your feedback! SuperMatch is being reenvisioned and your early feedback will help us improve before it's launched this fall. Over the next few months, we'll be working to release the features you love and exciting additions. [Visit our FAQs](#) to learn what's coming soon and more!

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Select Criteria To
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To refine your results, use the arrows to move your criteria into the "Must Have" and "Nice to Have" boxes.

Must Have

A **Must Have** is anything you absolutely need to be happy and successful.

Nice to Have

A **Nice to Have** is anything that's important to you, but isn't an absolute must have.

No Results Yet


Fit Score ⓘ

Academic Match ⓘ

Pick what to show ▼

Pick what to show ▼

Pick what to show ▼

 Search by College Name

0 **PINNED** ▼ **THINKING ABOUT** 10 **APPLYING TO** 10 **MORE** ⓘ



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Change your fit criteria	Fit Score ⓘ	Academic Match ⓘ	Highlights ▾	Cost ▾	Pick what to show ▾
<div>Point Park University</div> <div>Pittsburgh, PA, Large City</div> <div>4 year, Private nonprofit</div> <div>★ PIN TO COMPARE</div>	<div>100%</div> <div>Why?</div>	<div>Match</div> <div>Average You</div> <div>GPA 3.26 3 ⓘ</div> <div>SAT 1000 N/A</div> <div>ACT 22.5 24</div> <div>Test Optional</div>	<div>Photos/Videos on Profile</div>	<div>Tuition & Fees \$27,780</div> <div>Room & Board \$10,840</div>	<div>Customize what you see here—</div> <div>Choose a category above</div>
<div>Queens University of Charlotte</div> <div>Charlotte, NC, Large City</div> <div>4 year, Private nonprofit, Presbyterian Church (USA)</div> <div>★ PIN TO COMPARE</div>	<div>100%</div> <div>Why?</div>	<div>Match</div> <div>Average You</div> <div>GPA 3.42 3 ⓘ</div> <div>SAT 1040 N/A</div> <div>ACT 23.5 24</div>	<div>No Highlights Available</div>	<div>Tuition & Fees \$31,360</div> <div>Room & Board \$11,538</div>	<div>Customize what you see here—</div> <div>Choose a category above</div>
<div>Maryland Institute College of Art</div> <div>Baltimore, MD, Large City</div> <div>4 year, Private nonprofit</div> <div>★ PIN TO COMPARE</div>	<div>100%</div> <div>Why?</div>	<div>Match</div> <div>Average You</div> <div>GPA 3.5 3 ⓘ</div> <div>SAT 1155 N/A</div> <div>ACT 25 24</div>	<div>Photos/Videos on Profile</div>	<div>Tuition & Fees \$43,760</div> <div>Room & Board \$12,450</div>	<div>Customize what you see here—</div> <div>Choose a category above</div>
<div>Holy Family University</div> <div>Philadelphia, PA, Large City</div> <div>4 year, Private nonprofit, Roman Catholic</div> <div>★ PIN TO COMPARE</div>	<div>100%</div> <div>Why?</div>	<div>Match</div> <div>Average You</div> <div>GPA 3.14 3 ⓘ</div> <div>SAT 930 N/A</div> <div>ACT N/A 24</div>	<div>Photos/Videos on Profile</div>	<div>Tuition & Fees \$28,762</div> <div>Room & Board \$13,576</div>	<div>Customize what you see here—</div> <div>Choose a category above</div>

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL BACKGROUND RECORD

COLLEGE SELECTION AND COUNSELOR RECS

WHAT SHOULD I WRITE?

- Be as honest as possible
- Be as elaborate as possible
- Write your answers on a separate Word document to ensure that you save it (the internet may time out or malfunction)
- Counselors can see your partial completions once you hit "save."

WHY DO WE HAVE TO DO THIS?

- It will help your counselor to help you
 - Choose a list of colleges
 - Write your letter of recommendation
- It may help you sort out what you are looking for in college
- It will help you with your college essay

STANDARDIZED TESTING

ACT, SAT & SUBJECTS TESTS...

PSAT/SAT/SAT II/ACT

- Your PSAT scores will be ready in December
 - My Big Future
 - Khan Academy
- Take the SAT/ACT Jan- June
 - You may take each several times
 - Score choice/Super score
 - SAT Subject tests (**most** schools do NOT require any)
 - You may take up to 3 in one day (same day as SAT)
 - See compassprep.com for a list of specific college requirements

ACT VS. SAT

- The ACT has many more questions than the SAT, but they are perhaps slightly easier
- The ACT has a science section (though it is more reading comp than science)
- Both include context based questions AND inferential questions
- SAT has 2 sections with scores ranging from 200-800. These scores are **added** together for your total
- The ACT has 4 sections with scores ranging from 1-36. These scores are **averaged** together for your composite

SO HOW DO I KNOW...

- If I should take the test?
 - We recommend that all students take one exam at least once in order to keep your options open
- How many times I should take the test?
 - Twice is a good number, but if you are happy with your first score, stop there. If you are unhappy with your second score and believe you can do better, try a 3rd time...
- When to take the test?
 - April (ACT) May (SAT) or June (both) is a good time to take your initial exam
 - Some students will feel ready in February (ACT) or January/March (SAT). Or before?
 - October 2020 scores make the November 1st ED/EA deadlines
- Which test I should take (ACT or SAT)?
 - Try a practice test in both and see which you do better on