College Planning Night

GlenOak High School
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Higher Education Options:

- Four-year public universities
- Four-year private universities
- Two-year colleges/regional campuses
College Information Sources:

- Websites (Naviance - College Supermatch)
- College Representatives/College Fairs
- Counselors and Teachers
- Parents, students, alumni
- Visiting Campuses
College Visits:

- Schedule in advance
- Types of visit opportunities
- What to pay attention to on your tour
- Questions you should ask
Is Getting into College Hard?

- How are admission decisions made?
- Admissions Criteria
  - curriculum, grades, test scores, rank, extracurricular
  - ACT v. SAT, what is “superscoring”?
- Academic Preparation for College
- Extracurricular activities
ACT and SAT testing

- What are the tests like?
- How are the tests different from one another?
- Which one should I take?
- How do you use the test results in the Admissions process?
- What is “superscoring”
The Application Process:

- Online/Common App
- Application Fees
- Requesting transcripts (Naviance)
- Sending ACT/SAT scores
- Essays
- Letters of Recommendation (Naviance)
The Application Process:

● Possible Outcomes:
  Accepted
  Denial
  Deferred
  Wait-listed

● Accepting an offer:
  May 1
  Deposit
  Housing/Orientation
Scholarships and Financial Aid

- Types of scholarships & Financial aid, and how do you access them?
- Merit based v. Need based
Athletic Eligibility?

- NCAA Clearinghouse?
- How do you apply to the Clearinghouse?
College Search Timeline

- Freshman Year
- Sophomore Year
- Junior Year
- Senior Year