

# THE ROAD TO COLLEGE #2

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JUNIORS CLASS OF 2023



# WHAT INFORMATION ARE WE SHARING?

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- Timeline
- Building your list of schools
- Starting a resume
- Essays
- What's coming up next?
  - Think about letters of recommendation



## December - March 2022

SAT/ ACT prep

Wednesday March 2nd  
SAT at HSPVA

## Spring Break

Visit colleges if able

## March - July

Take SAT (again) or ACT  
if applicable

Narrow down your list of  
schools – no less than 5  
is the recommendation

## March - August

Ask 2 HSPVA teachers  
for letters of  
recommendation.  
1 academic and 1 art  
or 2 academics if not  
pursuing art in the fall

Take SAT (again) or ACT  
if applicable

Work on essays &  
resume



August 2022

Receive an unofficial copy of transcript with GPA and rank

determine if you want to share your rank with schools

September 2022

Begin applying to colleges

Apply to scholarships

October 2022  
– January 2023

Complete FAFSA

Complete CSS profile (is applicable)

Continue applying to colleges

February 2023  
– May 2023

Collect admissions decisions

Collect Award letters

Collect Scholarships offers

May 1, 2023

Enroll in your chosen school



# BUILDING YOUR LIST OF SCHOOLS

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What type of degree do you want to earn?



What are you considering majoring in for a future career?



Use information from previous graduates

Naviance - Scattergrams looking at GPA & SAT/ACT with admissions decisions of alumni

Naviance - What are the popular schools per Art Areas?



Consider other criteria that is important to you

Naviance – College Super Match

Research, take virtual tours,  
schedule in person visits if possible

Look up individual schools in Naviance for lots of information



# RESEARCH YOUR OPTIONS

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2 Year college – Associate's degree and/or certifications

4 Year university - Bachelors degree

Do you only want to major in your art area?

- Look at conservatories or programs with intense training
- Be prepared for auditions/portfolios
- Much more intensive application process

Do you want to double major in your art area and another field (i.e.. STEM), or minor in one of them?

- Look at colleges and universities with dual programs, or great art programs that also offer academic majors
- Be prepared for auditions/portfolios
- Might have more intensive application process

If you don't want to major in your art area –that's ok too!

- Look for schools that offer programs you're interested in and in the location you want to live



# BUILDING YOUR LIST OF SCHOOLS

Advice	Questions to ask		Things to consider	
Safe schools & reach schools	How will this be financed?	Do I want to be involved in the community around the school?	Are sports important to me?	Do I have to live on campus?
Keep doors open until May of senior year, then close them	What type of atmosphere do I want to live in?	What do I want to study?	Do I want to join a fraternity or sorority?	Are food plans required and do they cost extra?
Minimum of 5 – don't put all your eggs in one basket	Does this school require the SAT or ACT?		How often will I need to pay for travel?	How far away is the airport?





# USING NAVIANCE FOR COLLEGE RESEARCH

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- Look up information about individual schools
- Use College Super Match for criteria based search
- HSPVA applicant admissions & acceptance comparison history per school
- HSPVA application decision per school on Scattergrams to compare GPA and SAT/ACT scores
  - \*Important: auditions and portfolios are still considered part of some admissions decisions and may affect the data on Scattergrams







The Juilliard School ❤️  
New York, NY, United States  
juilliard.edu

Communicate

Overview

Studies

Student Life

Admissions

Costs

### AVERAGE NET PRICE <sup>1</sup>

**\$18,904**

Family Income

\$0 - \$30k ▼

[More about Cost & Aid](#)

From 2021

### GRADUATION RATE <sup>1</sup>

**85%**

4 Year

6 Year

[More about learning environment](#)

From 2021

### ACCEPTANCE RATE <sup>1</sup>

**7%**

[Check out Scattergrams to see how this relates to you](#)

From 2021

### NEXT DEADLINE

November

**15**

**Priority Deadline**

[See all deadlines](#)

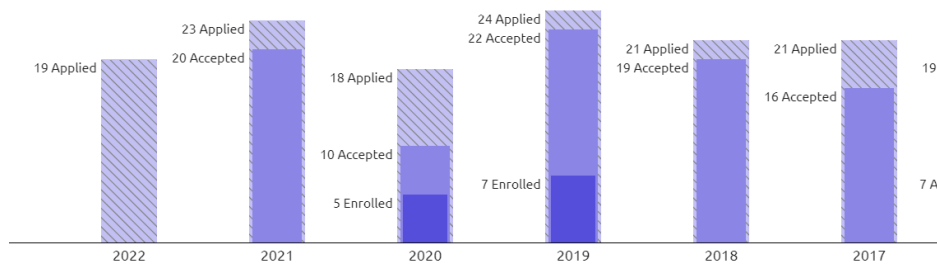
## Get to know the college

[Learn more about The Juilliard School.](#)

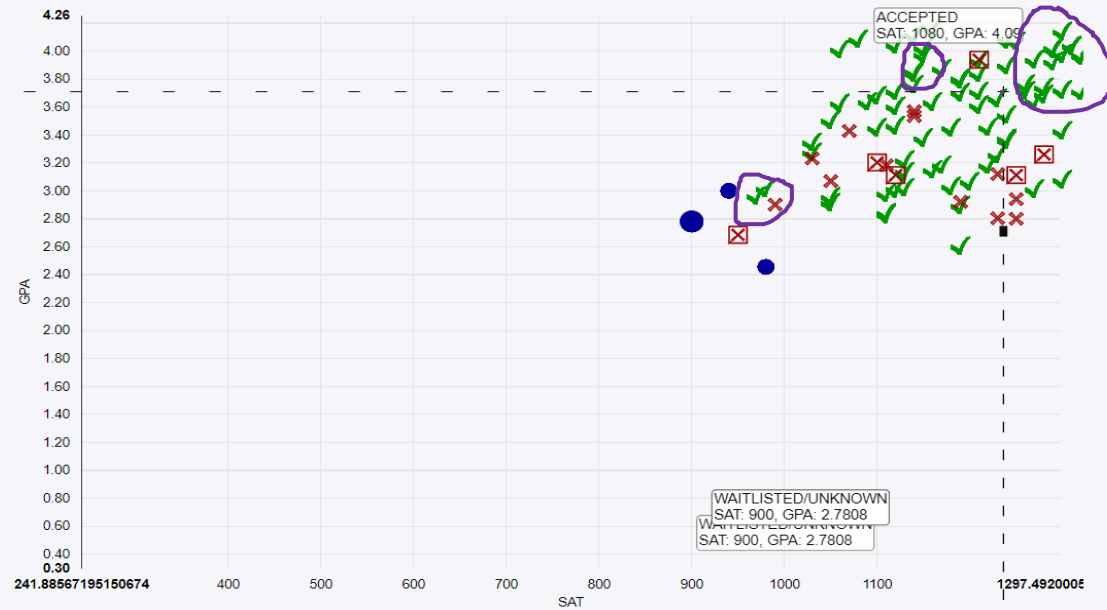


# University of North Texas

Your high school's application history

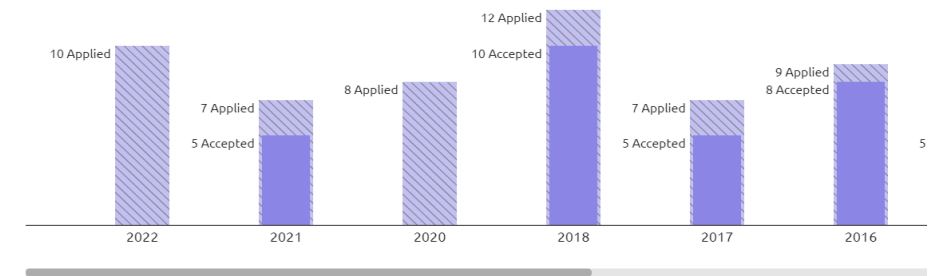


Comparing Weighted GPA with SAT (1600)



# Berklee College of Music

Your high school's application history



Comparing Weighted GPA with SAT (1600)



# BUILDING A RESUME

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A resume is a **summary of your academic and personal experiences (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade only)**, including before and after school activities, art area involvement, volunteer work, and/or jobs.

- Creating this is a way to highlight your achievements & show the schools how you utilize your time
- Enhances your application
- Most schools will allow these optional submission, some schools could make it a mandatory part of your application.
- Bring multiple copies with you to interviews and auditions
- Colleges like to see students involved because it reflects how you may be involved on campus in the future



# WHAT SHOULD I PUT ON MY RESUME FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS?

- Your name and contact information
- Educational Information
- Artistic Experience
- Work Experience
- Volunteer Experience
- Extra-curricular
- Clubs & Organizations
- Awards

<https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/186116>

Resume Building for Senior Capstone



# WRITING A COLLEGE ESSAY

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- Essays are included in your application (example: Common Application, Coalition, Apply Texas)
- Variety to choose from, most students only need to choose one
- Opportunity to make your voice heard, be more than just a transcript, you want to be a whole person with your own voice and experiences
- Be self-reflective, don't just state your resume
- Enhance your application and build your personal narrative
- If you include a struggle or obstacle, be sure to include how you grew, what you learned, and how you overcame it





# 2021-2022

## COMMON APPLICATION ESSAYS

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- Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
- The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
- Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
- Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
- Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
- Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
- Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.





## 2021-2022: COALITION ESSAYS

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- Tell a story from your life, describing an experience that either demonstrates your character or helped to shape it.
- Describe a time when you made a meaningful contribution to others in which the greater good was your focus. Discuss the challenges and rewards of making your contribution.
- Has there been a time when you've had a long-cherished or accepted belief challenged? How did you respond? How did the challenge affect your beliefs?
- What is the hardest part of being a student now? What's the best part? What advice would you give a younger sibling or friend (assuming they would listen to you)?
- Submit an essay on a topic of your choice.



## 2021-2022 APPLY TEXAS ESSAYS

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- **Essay A:**  
Tell us your story. What unique opportunities or challenges have you experienced throughout your high school career that have shaped who you are today?
- **Essay B:** Some students have an identity, an interest, or a talent that defines them in an essential way. If you are one of these students, then tell us about yourself.
- **Essay C:** You've got a ticket in your hand – Where will you go? What will you do? What will happen when you get there?



# GOAL FOR JUNIORS

Before you leave for summer, ask TWO teachers if they will write your letter of recommendation for college next year

## **Who?**

Two academic teachers (Junior or Sophomore teachers) and if you are going into an art area, one art teacher as well

## **Why?**

Many (but not all colleges) require students to have letters of recommendations for part of your application in the fall

## **When?**

Between January and May

This gives teachers time to plan ahead and write letters during the summer

This is completely optional for teachers and done during their “off time”, some may say no and you need time to ask another

## **How?**

Approach them before or after class, during tutorials, or even email them and nicely request a letter. They may have you complete a survey for them

**\*THIS IS NOT AN OFFICIAL REQUEST UNTIL IT IS IN NAVIANCE IN FALL OF SENIOR YEAR – MORE INFO WILL BE SHARED LATER\***

