

# Senior Parent Night

Reavis High School  
September 20th, 2017  
6:00pm

# Goals for Tonight's Presentation

- Review post-secondary pathways
  - Four-year universities
  - Community college
  - Apprenticeship/workforce
  - Military
- Review senior year timeline
- Understand college application process
- Understand standardized testing
- Understand resources available

# Class of 2017 Profile

## Post-Secondary Plans

- 77% college-bound
  - 26% to four-year universities
  - 51% to community college
- 4% to technical/trade school
- 3% to the military
- 1% to apprenticeship/workforce
- 15% undecided

## Top Five Universities

1. University of Illinois at Chicago
2. St. Xavier University
3. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
4. Illinois State University
5. Loyola University

# Four-Year Universities

## High School Courses

- 4 years of English
- 3-4 years of Math
- 3 years of Science
- 2-3 years of Social Studies
- 1-2 years of Electives
  - Foreign Language
  - Fine Arts
  - Vocational Education

## Additional Factors

- Grade point average
  - 2.5 GPA
- Test scores
  - 18 ACT / 940 SAT
- Grade trends
- Personal statement
- Letter of recommendation
- Demonstrated interest

# Four-Year Universities

## Steps

- Research colleges
  - SuperMatch college search
- Create a list of 3-6 schools
  - Safety, match, and reach
  - Public and private
  - “Colleges I’m applying to”
- Choose application plan
  - Early Decision
  - Early Action/Priority
  - Rolling
  - Regular Decision

## Timeline

1. Complete applications
  - Complete by November 1st
2. Complete FAFSA
  - Opens on October 1st
3. Review admission decisions
  - Fall through spring
4. Review financial aid package
  - Winter through spring
5. Make final decision
  - May 1st

# College Applications

- Applications can be found on college's website
- Student must create account to start application
- Application fee
  - Free/reduced lunch
  - Fee waiver

## Application

- Personal information
- Academic information
- Family information
- Enrollment plans
- Intended major/career interests

## Transcript

- Sent electronically through Naviance

## Test Scores

- A few colleges are test optional

# Community College

## Program Information

- Open admission
- Transfer programs
  - General education courses
  - 2 + 2 agreements
  - A.A. or A.S. degree
- Career programs
  - Certificate programs
  - A.A.S. degree programs
- Non-credit programs
  - English Language Learner
  - Adult Basic Education (GED)

## Steps to Enroll

1. Complete enrollment form
  - By end of first semester
2. Complete FAFSA
  - Opens on October 1st
3. Take placement testing
  - Early spring 2018
4. Attend New Student Orientation
  - Late spring 2018
5. Submit final transcript
  - May 2018

# Testing Information

## SAT

- Reading & Writing and Math
- Scores range from 400-1600
- Class of 2018 average: 968
- Moraine Valley minimum:
  - Reading & Writing: 480
  - Math: 520
- Morton College minimum:
  - English and Reading: 490
  - Math: N/A

## ACT

- English, Reading, Science & Math
- Scores range from 1-36
- Class of 2016 average: 18.5
- Moraine Valley minimum:
  - English and Reading: 20
  - Math: 20
- Morton College minimum:
  - Reading & Writing: 18
  - Math: N/A



# Testing Information

## SAT

- Register online at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
  - \$46 no writing/\$62.50 with writing
  - Free/reduced lunch or fee waiver:
    - 2 test fee waivers
- Send scores
  - Official scores on Reavis transcript
  - \$13 for each additional score report

## ACT

- Register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
  - \$46 no writing / \$60 with writing
  - Free/reduced lunch or fee waiver:
    - 2 test fee waivers
    - 4 additional score reports
    - 4 application fee waivers
- Send scores
  - Official scores on Reavis transcript
  - \$12 for each additional score report

# Apprenticeships & Workforce

- Requirements: HS diploma, driver's license, drug testing
- List of apprenticeship programs and contact information on [www.cisco.org](http://www.cisco.org)
- Many programs offer paid training
- Typically 4 years for full training/wage
- Benefits often include health insurance and retirement accounts

# Additional Programs

## For-Profit Colleges

- Be cautious when considering these schools - their primary goal is to make a profit.
- Make sure they are accredited
- Many certifications also offered at community college
- Talk to your student's counselor if you are unsure about a school's credentials.

## Military

- Each branch visits Reavis twice per school year
- Only provide your contact information if you are serious about enlisting
- Talk to recruiter about eligibility and requirements for branch
- ASVAB score determines job placement

# Resources

## College & Career Center

- College application workshops
- FAFSA completion workshops
- Campus visits
- College representatives
- Career speakers
- Field trips
- Moraine Valley rep (Tuesdays)
- ISAC rep (Wednesdays)

## Naviance Account

- Research colleges
- Sign up to see college representatives
- Sign up for local college events
- Manage and organize college application list
- Request transcripts
- Request letters of recommendation
- Research and apply for scholarships

# Stay in the loop!

- Attend visits at Reavis with college representatives
- Visit college campuses
- Attend college fairs
- Utilize Naviance account
- Check Reavis email
- Talk to your counselor

# Tips for Parents

## DO:

- Take your student to visit colleges
- Proofread applications/essays and give feedback
- Research financial aid and scholarships
- Complete the FAFSA with your student

## DON'T:

- Apply to schools for your student
- Write essays for your student
- Complete the FAFSA without your student
- Apply for scholarships for your student
- Force your student to apply to a school they're not interested in

# Questions?

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