

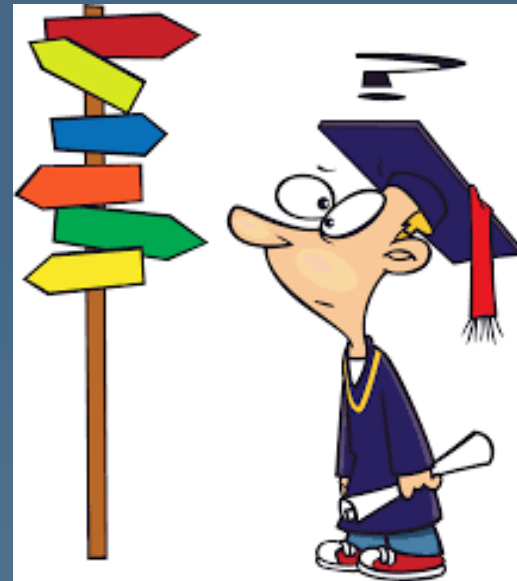


Getting Into the College of Your Choice

AVHS School Counselors

Our Take

- As a counseling staff, our goal in working with students in the college search process is to help them find the best match.



Information Gathering

The Basics of a College Search

- Size of school
- Student/faculty ratio
- Programs/majors
- Reputation and quality
- Location- distance and setting
- Learning focus- Liberal Arts or Specialized School
- Cost
- Honors/accelerated programs

Information Gathering

The Personality of the College

- Retention Rate and Graduation Rate
- Activities
- Dorm life/Greek life
- Facilities
- Male/Female ratio
- Multi-cultural breakdown
- Religious affiliation
- Research opportunities
- Study abroad programs

Factors that Influence Admission

- The high school transcript is the most important part of the application.
 - Grade point average
 - Course selection in high school (rigor-honors, AP) and breadth of study within each department.
 - Colleges look at trends, growth, challenge, and achievement

Factors, Continued

- College entrance exams (ACT or SAT)
- Other : co-curricular activities (long-term commitment), essay writing, interview (offered at some highly selective colleges), recommendations, leadership, community service, diversity, special talents, etc.

Selectivity and Admission Factors

Generally....The more selective the college, the greater the weight placed on strength of curriculum, essays, counselor and teacher recommendations, and extracurricular activities.

College Entrance Exams: ACT/SAT

- Traditionally required for admission to most four year colleges and universities (many colleges have gone test optional)
- Usually taken first in spring of junior year (AVHS will offer this test to juniors on April 4, 2023)
- Register as early as possible, to reserve test site!
- Web Resource: act.org

Early Admission Programs

- Early Action- non-binding
- Early Decision- binding, appropriate for strong applicants to first-choice college.
 - Prevents students from weighing scholarship offers from different schools
- Single-Choice Early Action- students may not apply ED or EA to any other colleges



Preview of Colleges



MN State Universities



MINNESOTA STATE

- Bemidji State
- Metropolitan State
- MN State, Mankato
- MN State, Moorhead
- St. Cloud State
- Southwest MN State
- Winona State

MN State Universities

What it takes to get in...

- Will generally be accepted if you can answer “yes” to one of the following questions...
 - Did you score a 21 or higher on the ACT?
 - Do you have a GPA of at least a 3.0
- You should also have completed specific coursework
- Apply early!



MINNESOTA STATE

Specific Course Requirements

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of social studies
 - including one year of U.S. history
- 3 years of math
 - two years of algebra and one year of geometry
- 3 years of science
 - including one year of biology and physical science
- 2 years of a single second language
 - including non-English native languages and ASL
- 1 year of the Arts
 - Music, drama, visual art courses





UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
Driven to DiscoverSM

Crookston
Duluth
Morris
Rochester
Twin Cities

University of MN- Twin Cities

- Admission is highly competitive:
 - Carlson School of Management (28-32 ACT)
 - College of Bio. Sciences (28-33)
 - College of Science and Engineering (29-34)
 - School of Nursing (27-31)
- Holistic Review of application
- Early Action I deadline of November 1



University of MN- TC Continued

- Academic Review factors:
 - HS coursework (admitted students typically exceed requirements)
 - Grades in academic coursework
 - Class rank/GPA (if available)
 - Rigor of academic curriculum
 - ACT or SAT scores (not required for 2023 applicants)



University of MN- Twin Cities

➤ Minimum High School Requirements

- 4 years English
- 4 years math
- 3 years science (Biological science, chemistry and physics are requirement for the College of Biological Sciences and the College of Science and Engineering)
- 2 years of a single second language (if English is not your first language, you have met this requirement)
- 1 year visual and/or performing arts



Minnesota Private Colleges

Augsburg University
Bethany Lutheran College
Bethel University
Carleton College
College of Saint Benedict
College of St. Scholastica
Concordia College, Moorhead
Concordia University, St. Paul
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamline University
Macalester College
Minneapolis College of Art and Design
Saint John's University
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
St. Catherine University
St. Olaf College
University of St. Thomas

MINNESOTA
PRIVATE
COLLEGES

Minnesota Private Colleges

- 17 member institutions
- Each college has their own specific requirement for GPA, class rank and ACT/SAT test.
- Share a liberal arts focus
- 95% of first- year students receive grants and scholarships
- Fewer than 20 students in the majority of classes
- <https://www.mnprivatecolleges.org/>

Reciprocity

- Minnesota students have reciprocity in the following:
 - North Dakota
 - South Dakota
 - Wisconsin
 - Manitoba
 - * also have a limited agreement with Iowa Lakes Community College in northwestern Iowa

- And may be eligible for reduced tuition through the Midwest Student Exchange Program at a limited number of public and private schools in:
 - Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska & Wisconsin

University of Wisconsin System

➤ Each university has their own specific requirement for GPA, class rank and ACT/SAT test.

Eau Claire

Green Bay

La Crosse

Madison

Milwaukee

Oshkosh

Parkside

Platteville

River Falls

Stevens Point

Stout

Superior

Whitewater



University of Wisconsin System



- 4 years of English
- 3 years of Math
- 3 years of Natural Science
- 3 years of Social Science/History
- 2 elective credits from any of the above areas, foreign language, fine arts, computer science, and other academic areas
- Two years of a single world language are required for admission to many UW university locations and three-four years of a single world language are required for **UW-Madison**
- All students are encouraged to exceed the minimum number of college preparatory credits required for admission

Tips for College Admission

- Take an appropriately challenging course load
- Visit the campus- it shows demonstrated interest
- Visit with admissions representative when they come to AVHS
- Take special care with your essays (if required)
 - Tell the admissions committee something that they can't see in other parts of your application.
- Beat the application deadline. If it's due on Jan. 1, send it in Dec. 1
- Select teachers who know you well for your recommendations and talk to them early on
- Ensure your college list includes both “competitive” options and “likely” options
- Examine closely the early decision/early action options

APPLE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

RECENT GRADUATES' POST-SECONDARY PLANS

Arizona State University
Augsburg University
Augustana University
Aveda Institute- Minneapolis
Baylor University
Bemidji State University
Bethel University
Bradley University
Buena Vista University
Carleton College
Carthage College
College of St. Benedict
College of St. Scholastica
Columbia University
Concordia College- Moorhead
Concordia University- St. Paul
Concordia University- Wisconsin
Cornell University
Creighton University
Dakota County Technical College
Dordt College
Drake University
Duke University
Edgewood College
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hampshire College
Harvard University
Inver Hills Community College
Iowa State University
Loyola University Chicago
Luther College

Macalester College
Marquette University
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Minnesota State University-
Mankato
Minnesota State University-
Moorhead
Minot State University
Montana State University- Bozeman
New York University
Normandale Community College
North Central University
North Dakota State University
Northwestern University
Saint Mary's College
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
South Dakota School of Mines &
Technology
South Dakota State University
Southwest Minnesota State
University
St. Catherine University
St. Cloud State University
St. John's University
St. Olaf College
Stanford University
Stony Brook University
United States Air Force Academy
United States Military Academy at
West Point
United States Naval Academy

University of Alabama
University of Colorado- Boulder
University of Iowa
University of Manitoba
University of Michigan- Ann Arbor
University of Minnesota- Duluth
University of Minnesota- Morris
University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
University of Nebraska- Lincoln
University of North Dakota
University of Notre Dame
University of Rochester- Eastman
School of Music
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of St. Thomas
University of Wisconsin-
Eau Claire
University of Wisconsin-
La Crosse
University of Wisconsin- Madison
University of Wisconsin- Platteville
University of Wisconsin- River Falls
University of Wisconsin- Stout
Upper Iowa University
Valparaiso University
Winona State University



Questions?