

Livingston High School's 2021 College Admissions Panel

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A photograph of a campus scene. In the background is a large brick building with a prominent white tower and a weather vane. The building has a large glass-paned entrance. In the foreground, there is a concrete walkway, a large tree on the left, and a gravel area with some small plants. The sky is overcast.

***Welcome to our
Panelists!***

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TONIGHT'S GOALS

Keep
calm...

THE SEARCH PROCESS

*Exploring the college
options*

THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

*Demonstrated interest,
testing & cost*

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

*Essays, interviews &
recommendations*

ADMISSIONS DECISIONS

Options and next steps

Your School
Counselor is
here to help!

THE SEARCH PROCESS



- As students examine prospective colleges, what should they be looking for?
- Can students rely on the “rating” and “ranking” systems that many magazines use to evaluate colleges?
- How can students with learning disabilities find out about colleges that offer special programs?



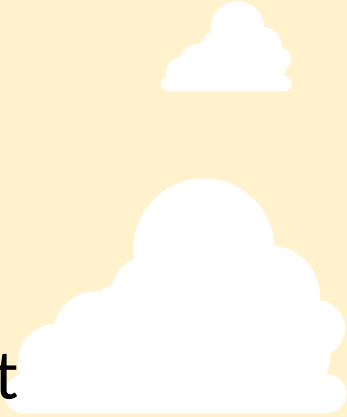
THE SEARCH PROCESS



- How do colleges view consistency with Honors and AP selections from year to year?
- Can you share any words of wisdom for students regarding course selection and its impact on college plans?
- What does it mean when admissions recalculates weighted grades?

THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

- Is there any way to learn in advance just how colleges make their admissions decisions?
- Do you really only look at the highest scores when superscoring? What if my score on a particular section went down?



THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS



- How is the admissions process different due to COVID-19?
- How can students show demonstrated interest currently?
- What does it really mean to be test-optional, and will this continue to be an option in the coming years?



THE COST OF COLLEGE & FINANCIAL AID



- How strongly should cost influence the decision to apply to a school?
- If a student discloses that he/she will need financial aid, will this hurt their chances of admission? (*Need-Blind vs. Need-Aware*)



ESSAYS, INTERVIEWS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- How will the essay influence a student's chance of admission?
- Whom should students ask for letters of recommendation?



ADMISSIONS DECISIONS

- How can students improve chances of admission if they are deferred or placed on the waitlist?
- If a student is considering transferring in the future, what steps should they take now?



THANK YOU!

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