



College is Not a Dream...
It's a Plan

How many colleges
are in North
Carolina?



133

How many colleges are in the
U.S.?



5,300

What do you think of when you hear the
word “college?”



College Myth Busting

True or False?

Most schools require you to take both the SAT and ACT.

False

True or False?

SAT and ACT test scores are more important than the grades you receive in high school.

False

True or False?

It's better to get all A's in standard level courses than it is to get lower grades in AP or Honors courses.

False

True or False?

You must decide on a career and/or major before you apply to college.

False

True or False?

Only the top academically performing students or the most talented athletes receive money for college.

False

True or False?

Colleges only take into consideration my grades from 11th and 12th grade.

False

Types of Colleges

- College or University
 - Bachelor's Degree
 - Teacher, Accountant, Business Manager, Engineer
- Community College
 - Associate's Degree
 - Police Officer, Dental Hygienist, Welder
- Vocational or Trade School
 - Certificate/Diploma
 - Cosmetologist, Massage Therapist, Pharmacy Technician

How Do I Get to College?

- Ask Questions
 - Teachers, counselors, parents and other adults can help you stay on track for college
- Get Involved
 - Try out for a sport, join a club or participate in community service
- Push Yourself
 - Take challenging courses! Don't be afraid to take those Honors, AP, IB or dual-enrollment classes



Research

- What major are you interested in?
- Would you prefer a small or large campus size?
- How far from home are you willing to go for college?
- What is the cost of tuition?
- Is the school a good social fit?



Likely, Target, Reach!

- Likely
 - Your academic information falls above the academic averages of the university
- Target
 - Your academic information falls within the academic averages of the university
- Reach
 - Your academic information falls below the academic averages of the university

Apply

- CFNC
- Common Application
- Coalition Application
- University/College Website

Application Deadlines

- Early Decision
 - Applications are binding
- Early Action
 - Earlier deadline, not binding
- Regular Decision
 - Later deadline, not binding
- Rolling Admissions
 - Applications are accepted until the program spots are full



What Do I Need to Submit an Application?

- Application
- Application Fee
- High School Transcript
- SAT/ACT Test Scores
- Essays

Questions?

