

Counseling Services for College Admissions: Orientation for the Board of School Directors

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The College Process

- 90% of Abington Senior High School graduates attend some form of post-secondary school
 - Four-year college
 - Two-year college
 - Trade/technical college
 - Community college
- Two optimal outcomes:
 - The right college
 - The right career

Components of the Process

- Academic Achievement
- Standardized Testing
- Extracurricular Involvement
- The Application
- Letters of Recommendation
- Interview Skills
- Financial Aid
- Scholarships

Academic and College Coaching

The Abington Process

- College admission (five-year) program starting in grade 8
- Individualized to the needs of the student and family
- All counselors trained to work with students
 - Alphabetical assignments promote continuity within families – 3-year relationship with each student
 - Counselors aware of trends in components of the admissions process
 - Encourage most rigorous academic program to which a student can be successful, beginning in grade 7

College Admissions Process

Naviance

- Interactive college planning tool for students and families
- Scholarship database
- Review and analyze historical information
- For Class of 2013, forum for online submission of application materials
 - Recommendations
 - Transcript/test scores
 - First quarter/semester updates

College Admissions Process

What can Students do on Naviance?

- My Personality Type
- Create a Resume
- College Game Plan
- Complete a Career Survey
- Search for Colleges
- Compare Schools
- Apply for Scholarships
- Communicate with colleges
- Share ideas with guidance counselor

Students and families can access Naviance through the Senior High website: Click the Naviance link on the main Senior High page

[Log in to Naviance](#)

College Admissions Process

Classroom Presentations

- Naviance “Do What You Are” Learning Style/Personality Inventory
 - 8th grade English classes
- Naviance “Career Interest Profiler”
 - 9th grade Social Studies classes
- PSAT Score Distribution
 - Grades 10-11 English classes
- Naviance as a College Planning Tool
 - Grades 10-11 Science classes
- The Application Process and Financial Aid
 - Grade 12 Health classes

College Admissions Process: Evening Events/College Information Nights

- Open to parents and students
- Schedule of events posted on the district calendar and SHS Guidance web page
- New in 2011: some events videotaped and available for download
- Events publicized via automatic telephone message and the Senior High List Serv

College Admissions Process: College Information Night Topics

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College Planning

All Senior High School and Junior High School parents are invited, encouraged, and welcome to attend our college seminars for the 2011-12 school year. All seminars will be held in the Abington Senior High School Audion, from 7-8:00pm. Listed below are the dates and topics for all of our upcoming seminars. We hope to see you there!

Tuesday, September 20, 2011	Completing The Admissions Application Download Video (.wmv)
Monday, October 17, 2011	The Admissions Process: What are Colleges Looking For Download Video (.wmv)
Tuesday, November 16, 2011	How to Evaluate a College: Is it Right For My Child
Tuesday, December 6, 2011	Testing: PSAT, SAT and ACT
Tuesday, January 17, 2012	Financial Aid Process. Guest Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Bonnie Behm, Director of Financial Aid, Villanova University
Tuesday, February 2, 2012	Completing the FAFSA
Wednesday, March 7, 2012 @ 7:00 pm	Parent Course Selection Workshop
Thursday, April 19, 2012 @ 7:00 pm (Gymnasium)	College and Career Night

**ABINGTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS
JUNIOR YEAR:**

- Discuss college options with parents, guidance counselors, teachers, and other informed adults. Make sure you have an appointment with your guidance counselor to review your academic record, plan for standardized tests (i.e. SAT, ACT, Subject tests) and specify goals for your college search. Write and/or update your resume, listing all school and work experience, extracurricular activities, awards, honors, and community service.

College Admissions Process

Individualized Planning

- Grade 10
 - Counselor introduction meetings
 - Review of permanent school record, high school transcript and standardized testing
 - Review of preliminary career interests
 - Academic achievement support
 - Management of course selection process
 - Summer programs/experiences
 - Overview of Naviance tools

College Admissions Process: Individualized Planning

- Grade 11
 - Academic achievement support
 - College “Profiling” via Naviance
 - College Search engines
 - Career interest survey review
 - Identifying strong programs within colleges to match career interest of student
 - Use of college tools (Rugg’s Recommendations, Fiske Guide, etc.)
 - Strategies for narrowing the college search
 - Overview of application process
 - Management of Course Selection Process
 - Dual Enrollment Opportunities

College Admissions Process

Naviance Tools

The screenshot displays the Naviance website interface. On the left, there is a search bar with the text "search for colleges:" and a "Go" button. Below the search bar is a link for "resources" and a sub-link for "test scores". The main content area is divided into three sections: "my colleges", "college research", and "scholarships & money". Each section contains a list of links and a sub-section for "Upcoming college visits".

search for colleges:
 Go
MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >>

resources
> [test scores](#)

my colleges

- > [colleges I'm thinking about](#)
- > [colleges I'm applying to](#)

Upcoming college visits
No upcoming visits.

college research

- > [SuperMatch™ college search](#)
- > [college match](#)
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scholarships & money

- > [scholarship match](#)
- > [scholarship list](#)
- > [scholarship applications](#)

Internet 100%

College Admissions Process

Naviance Scattergrams

search for colleges: **scattergram**

Go

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >> College:

Test type:

my colleges

- > [colleges I'm thinking about](#)
- > [colleges I'm applying to](#)
- > [college visits](#)

college research

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University of Pennsylvania
Abington Senior High School
SAT (1600) vs. GPA Scattergram (2008-2012): Joe Abington

Grade Point Average

Accepted Avg. (4.39)

SAT Scores

Accepted Avg. (1385)

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○ = Joe Abington (GPA=4.4210, SAT=1300)

Graph Legend

- Accepted
- × Denied
- ◆ Waitlisted or Deferred
- ◆ Waitlisted or Deferred (Accepted)
- ◆ Waitlisted or Deferred (Denied)

College Admissions Process

Naviance Scattergrams

search for colleges: **scattergram**

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >>

College: Franklin and Marshall College (44 apps)

Test type: SAT (1600 scale)

my colleges

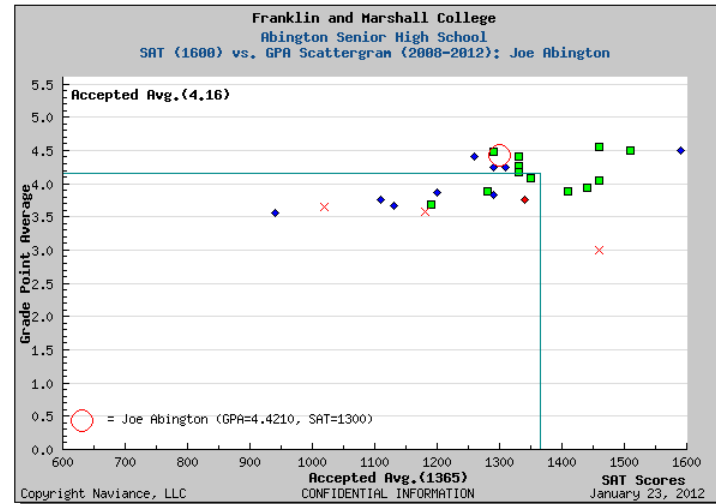
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College Admissions Process

Individualized Planning

- Grade 12
 - Academic achievement support
 - Navigation of application process
 - Submission of application, high school transcript, letters of recommendation and supplemental materials
 - College essay and resume building support
 - Contact with admissions offices and representatives
 - Financial aid and scholarship search support
 - Support for families through successes and “tragedies”

Counselor Preparation

- Completion of Master's degree in:
 - Counseling Psychology
 - Counselor Education
 - Secondary School Counseling
- Completion of praxis exams in:
 - Reading
 - Writing
 - Mathematics
 - Guidance
- Application for certification

Counselor Preparation

- Attendance at events/programs
 - Naviance Summer Institute
 - Advanced Placement Workshops
 - College Board Regional Forum
 - PA State System of Higher Education Counselor Information Sessions
 - Johns Hopkins University Counselor Forum
 - PA School Counseling Association Conference
 - Delaware Valley Minority Student Achievement Consortium events at the University of Pennsylvania
 - Minority Student Day at Villanova University
 - Reach One to Teach One Conference at Montgomery County Community College
 - Regional college fairs and information sessions
 - ASHS college visits

Counselor Preparation

- Professional Membership/Certifications
 - American School Counseling Association Member
 - National Certified Counselor
 - National Association of College Admissions Counselors (NACAC) Member/Member Institution
 - College Board Member Institution
 - College Counseling Certificate Program through UCLA

Counselor Preparation

- Ongoing Professional Development
 - Data review during department meetings and in-service days
 - Research review through professional publications
 - Networking with other departments for “best practices”
 - Networking with college representatives
 - Mentoring of new counselors and faculty
 - Naviance data and trend review

Outcome Information

- Classes of 2008-2011
 - Approximately 67% attend four-year colleges
 - Approximately 20% attend two-year colleges
 - Approximately 3% attend other schools
- Eastern Center for Arts and Technology
 - 70% of certificate-earning graduates from the Class of 2011 attending post-secondary institutions

Outcome Information

- Acceptance Rates
 - Ivy League acceptance rates on par with national averages
 - Highly competitive college acceptance rates above national average
 - Overall acceptance rate of 64% to all post-secondary institutions excluding community colleges
 - Top 40 students in Classes of 2008-2011 acceptance rate of 69% at some of the most competitive schools in the nation!

Abington Highly Competitive College Acceptances 2008-2012

- Barnard
- Boston College
- Cornell
- Dartmouth
- Duke
- Emory
- Harvard
- Haverford
- Holy Cross
- Johns Hopkins
- Lafayette
- Maryland Institute College of Art
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- McGill
- Morehouse
- New York University
- Penn
- Princeton
- Rice
- Spelman
- Swarthmore
- The George Washington University
- The Juilliard School
- Tufts
- University of California – Los Angeles
- University of Michigan
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Virginia
- Yale

College Acceptances 2008-2011

Top 40 Students

College	Abington Top 40 Students 2008-2012 Percent Accepted	National Acceptance Rate
American University	100%	43.47%
Barnard College	100%	27.83%
Boston College	100%	31.10%
Boston University	100%	58.48%
Case Western Reserve University	100%	66.69%
Dickinson College	100%	47.78%
Elon University	100%	48.51%
Emory University	100%	29.66%
Franklin and Marshall College	100%	44.67%
Gettysburg College	100%	40.30%

College Acceptances 2008-2011

Top 40 Students

College	Abington Top 40 Students 2008-2012 Percent Accepted	National Acceptance Rate
Haverford College	100%	25.97%
James Madison University	100%	61.40%
Pennsylvania State University, University Park	100%	51.62%
Rochester Institute of Technology	100%	58.92%
Skidmore College	100%	46.80%
Union College	100%	42.34%
University of Michigan	100%	50.63%
University of Pittsburgh	100%	58.53%
University of Richmond	100%	32.99%
Villanova University	100%	45.16%
Wesleyan University	100%	22.03%

Scholarship Information

- During the past five years, Abington graduates have amassed close to \$20 MILLION in scholarships!
 - Total includes only utilized scholarships – does not include scholarship totals from schools at which our student chose not to attend.
 - The Class of 2011 earned \$3.8 MILLION in scholarships!

National Recognition

- From 2008-2012:
 - 11 National Achievement Scholars
 - 6 National Hispanic Scholars
 - 74 National Merit Commended Scholars
 - 8 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists
 - 22 National Merit Scholarship Finalists
 - 1 Gates Millennium Scholar
- The Class of 2012 produced 29 National Merit students

Points of Pride

- Recognition as a College Board Advanced Placement Honor Roll school – 2011
- During the past two years, 24 students recognized for earning a score of 800 on one or more sections of the SAT
- Increase in overall matriculation rate since inception of Opportunities To Learn (80% to 90%)
- Versatility of Guidance Counselors' ability to support students through the process

Looking Ahead

- Initiatives to provide cost-effective, efficient options for students who pursue college
 - Electronic application material request through Naviance
 - Electronic application material submission through Naviance
 - Advanced Placement exam registration and Senior Survey completion through Naviance
- Utilization of the National Student Clearinghouse as a tool to track graduate performance