

# Westlake High School College Night For Juniors

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This Evening's presentation

- 1) Searching for colleges that best "Fit" your needs
- 2) What colleges look for in the college admissions process





## The Search

- Begin early, it is never too early to **visit** a college campus. What alternatives are there?
- Use variety of sources and resources (school counselor, network, guide books, internet, Naviance, and educators)





# What questions should I be thinking about?

- Location, Location, Location!
- Setting (urban, suburban, rural)
- Climate
- Size (>2,000, >7,000, etc...)
- Co-Ed/Single Gender
- Religiously Affiliated
- Majors
- Extra-Curricular / Co-Curricular Offerings



# The college visit experience

- Where/when matter
- Purpose of event
- Schedule visit
- Do your homework
- Check in at visit
- Take notes/pics
- Talk to guide
- Observe students
- Walk around
- Ask questions!
- Grab newspapers
- Hang out in campus Starbucks







# The virtual visit experience

- Virtual Tour
- Virtual Information Session
- Virtual Open House
- Virtual High School Visit
- Zoom Interview
- Live Student Chat
- Interactive Classroom Experience
- Athletic Events
- Facebook/Instagram Live
- Snapchat Q&A
- Ask Questions!



# Great questions to ask

- How accessible are teachers outside of the classroom?
- What is the culture of the campus?
- What is the one event all students go to on campus?
- What is the campus like on the weekend?
- How's the food or what's your go to order on campus? What should I avoid?
- Describe the support/advisement/tutoring services available
- What was the hardest adjustment to make?
- If you could change one thing about your experience, what would it be?
- What is the number one complaint you hear most of the other students make about the school?
- What has been your most memorable moment or favorite tradition so far on campus?



# What colleges look for in the application process

- GPA/High School Transcript
- Standardized Testing (SAT/ACT)
- Interaction Quotient / Demonstrated Interest
- Interview
- Recommendations
- Essay
- Extracurricular Involvement
- Communication Flow (Phone Calls, Emails, Social Networks)
- Attention to details on application





# Thank You For Attending!

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