

The College Selection Process

Peachtree Ridge HS

Morehouse

UGA

UPENN

Tennessee

Emory

Northwestern

UCLA

Ga Perimeter

Yale

Graduation Requirements

- ✓ 4 units of Language Arts
- ✓ 4 units of Math
- ✓ 3 units of SS
 - ✓ World History, US History, Political Systems/Economics
- ✓ 4 units of Science
 - ✓ Biology, Chemistry, Physics, student chooses 4th
- ✓ 3 unit of fine arts, business or foreign language*
- ✓ 4 elective units
- ✓ .5 unit of Intro. to Lifetime Fitness
- ✓ .5 unit of Health

*2 units of the same language required for admission to
4-yr colleges

High School Testing Requirements

✓ Gateway

Required for diploma in GCPS

✓ EOCT and/or Georgia High School Graduation Test

-State requirement

-Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Writing Test



✓ SAT

✓ ACT

✓ SAT II

Required by some colleges and majors

✓ COMPASS

College placement exam

✓ AP Exams

Optional; could potentially earn college credit

To choose the wrong college, place all of your emphasis on:

- The *most popular* school
- The school with the “best” athletics
- Where your mom and dad attended college
- Where your friends are applying
- The school with the most parties
- The school with the cutest guys/girls

To choose the best fit *FOR YOU*, consider:

Admission Requirements:

- ✓ CPC, SAT, GPA, etc.

Cost:

- ✓ Tuition, Room & Board, Personal Spending

Size

- ✓ Enrollment, Class Size, Campus Size

Location:

- ✓ Setting, Distance from Home

Academics:

- ✓ Majors, Programs & Services



✓ **4 Year College or University**

Bachelor's degree

✓ **2 year college**

Associate degree

✓ **Technical College**

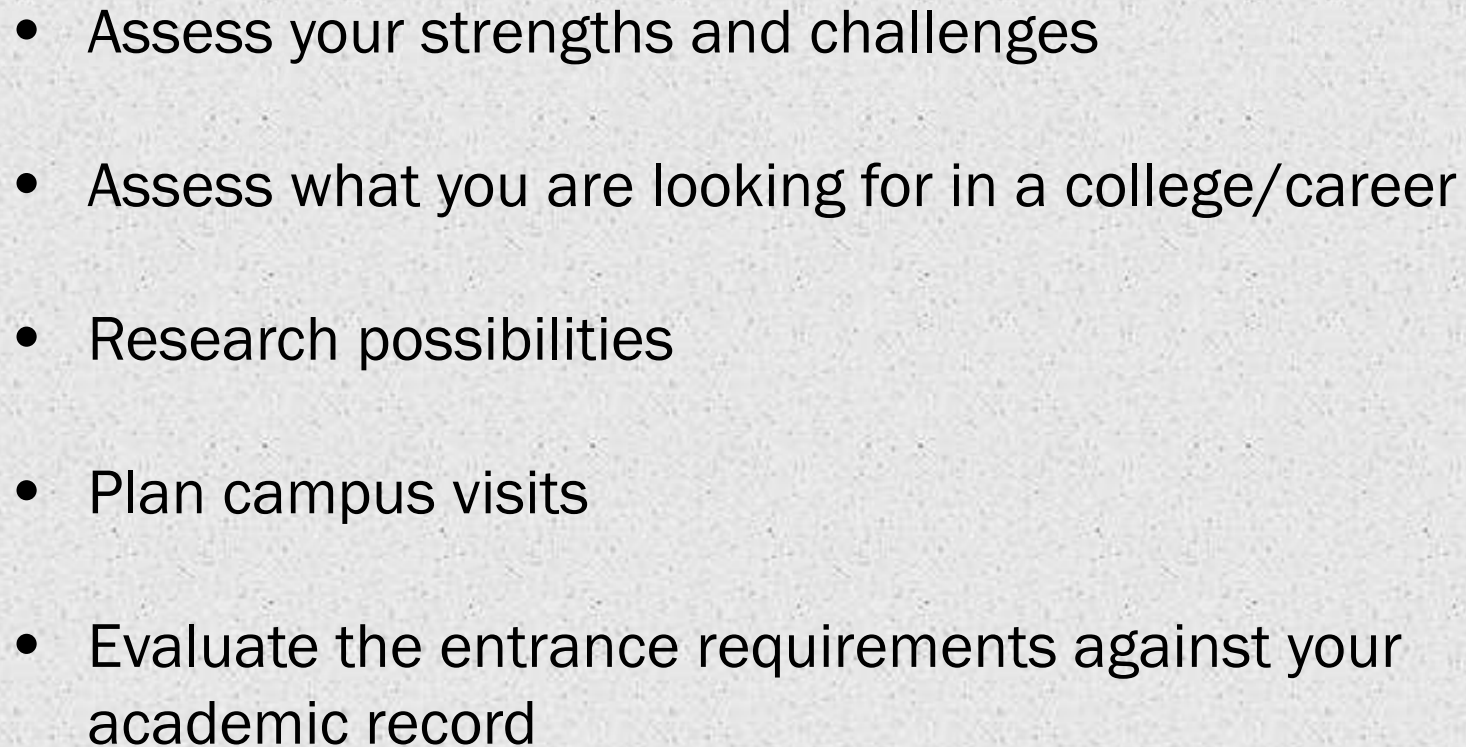
Associate degree

Diploma programs

Certificate

✓ **Specialty Schools**

Institutions that have long standing reputations for their academic majors

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- Assess your strengths and challenges
 - Assess what you are looking for in a college/career
 - Research possibilities
 - Plan campus visits
 - Evaluate the entrance requirements against your academic record



C- ore classes

R- ank in class

I- nterests

T- ests

E- ssays

R- ecommendations

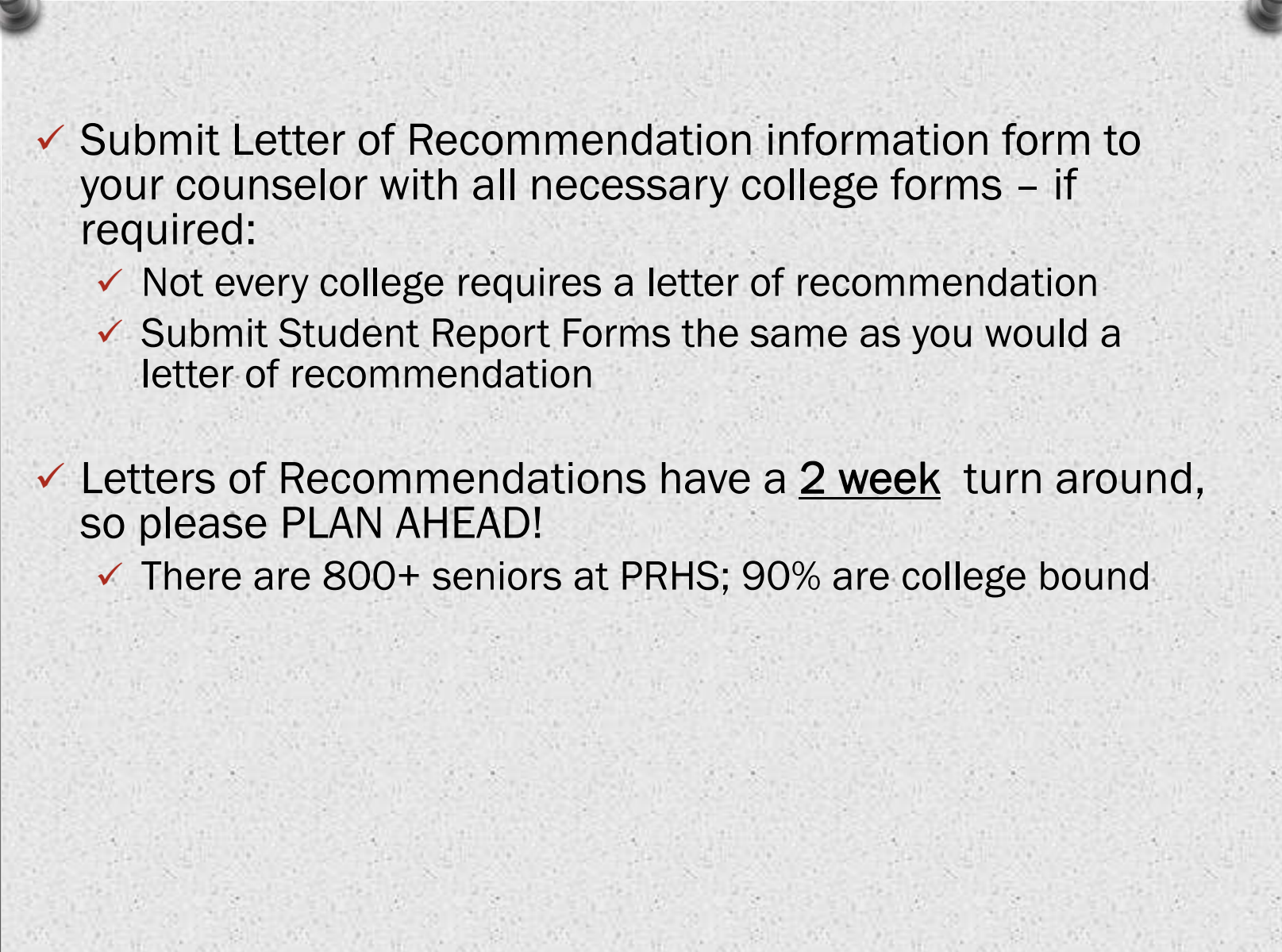
I- nterviews

A- cademic GPA

Do your research and make sure you meet the basic requirements for admission.

College Admissions Process

- ✓ Electronic application preferred by most colleges
 - ✓ Georgia colleges-create an account at www.gacollege411.org
 - ✓ ADHERE TO DEADLINES
- ✓ Submit most recent transcript
 - ✓ Online via gacollege411- free
 - ✓ Paper copy from counseling- \$5 per copy. 24 hr processing time; student must pick up and mail to college
- ✓ Be sure you have completed everything on the admissions checklist
 - ✓ Incomplete applications are not viewed by colleges
 - ✓ Application fees/fee waivers MUST be submitted
- ✓ Only submit those items that the college is requesting

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- ✓ Submit Letter of Recommendation information form to your counselor with all necessary college forms – if required:
 - ✓ Not every college requires a letter of recommendation
 - ✓ Submit Student Report Forms the same as you would a letter of recommendation

 - ✓ Letters of Recommendations have a 2 week turn around, so please PLAN AHEAD!
 - ✓ There are 800+ seniors at PRHS; 90% are college bound

✓ Compare Colleges

www.gacollege411.org

www.princetonreview.com

✓ Attend college fairs in the metro Atlanta area

✓ Attend the college's open house events

✓ Attend college visits at local school

✓ Virtual Campus Tours and Admission Sessions

www.ecampustours.com

www.collegeweeklive.com

**Suggested to narrow list of interested colleges to 3-5
by senior year**

✓ **Early Decision (ED)**

- ✓ Students who apply under early decision make a commitment to enroll at the college if admitted and offered a satisfactory financial aid package. Application deadlines are usually in October or November with a mid-to-late-December notification date.

✓ **Early Action (EA)**

- ✓ EA is a nonbinding program in which a student can receive an early admission decision from several colleges, but is not required to accept an admission offer before May 1. Application deadlines are usually in October or November with a mid-to-late-December notification date.

✓ **Regular Admission (Regular Application or Regular Decision)**

- ✓ Regular Application students have additional months of time to complete and submit their applications and they have no restrictions on the number schools they can apply to.

✓ **Rolling Admission**

- ✓ Colleges with this type of admission procedure consider each student's application as soon as all the required credentials have been received (e.g., high school record, test scores). The college usually notifies applicants of its decision within two weeks.

✓ **Deferred admission**

- ✓ Students applying under the early application process are “deferred” from being an early applicant and are “pushed” back to be part of the regular admission pool of applicants

✓ **Open Admission**

- ✓ This refers to a policy in which colleges accept any high school graduate, regardless of grades, until all spaces are filled. Many technical colleges have an open admission policy.

QUESTIONS

Schedule an appointment with your counselor in the PRHS guidance office for specific questions about the info posted here.

