



IB CLASS OF 2021

University Admission and Selection

University Admissions Officers.... (What we look for)

- 1. Academic strength of curriculum
- 2. Trend of Performance (GPA – Meaningful senior year)
- 3. Programs with external validation (IB assessment process)
- 4. Research and writing skills
- 5. Accepts educational challenges
- 6. Critical thinking skills
- 7. Interview skills
- 8. Extracurricular involvement
- 9. Recommendations
- 10. Maturity and responsibility

College applications: What is actually being evaluated?

- Academic preparedness/course rigor and relevant grades. Colleges recalculate GPA.
- Standardized Testing
- Extracurricular engagement “LEADERSHIP”
- Personal Qualities: Seen in recommendations, essays
- Institutional priorities

University Admissions Office Role

- Manage enrollment
- In some cases, manage enrollment so as to meeting target tuition revenue for the University.
- Balance institutional priorities for enrollment: “The equitable distribution of unhappiness.”
- Recruit, select and yield a qualified, talented and diverse group of students for the entering class.
- Serves as the public face of the University

Key elements of a successful college strategy

- Apply early
- Submit QUALITY over QUANTITY
- Keep it manageable (4-6 applications)
 - 1-2 Safety schools
 - 2 Good fits
 - 1-2 Reach schools (NOT DREAM SCHOOLS)

The College “fit” ... Key variables to consider

Type of school	Curriculum
Quality of education	Size of the school
Location of the school	Admissions Requirements
Facilities	Campus life and security
Housing and resources	Cost

College variables.....the details

Type: College, university, community college, technical, professional, trade schools, public or private

Curriculum: What do I want to major in? Does the school offer the necessary courses? Do you want a range of potential majors and study programs? Does it have professional certifications that my major requires? Does it have special programs such as study abroad, internships, co-op availability?

Quality of Education: How accessible are the professors? Will professors or graduate students teach my courses? How involved do you want to be in research and learning outside of the classroom?

Size: Do I want to be on a large campus with many majors and lots to do? Do I prefer a smaller schools where I know everyone? Do you prefer large lectures or small classes with lots of student participation?

Location: Which part of the country would you like to experience? Do you want an urban or a small town setting? Climate? Do you want to stay close to home....or as FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE?

Admission requirements: What does the school require for admission? What does the school look for in prospective students? What are your chances of being accepted?

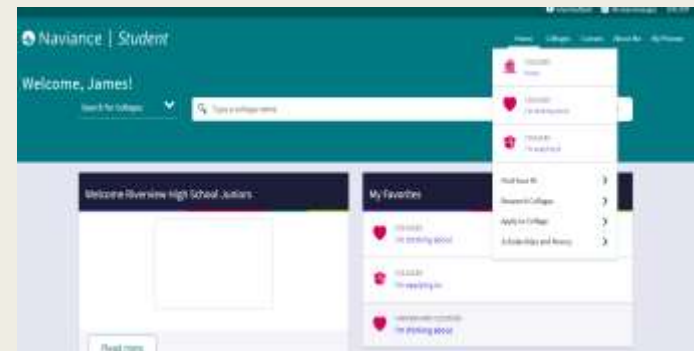
Facilities: What would I like to see on or near your college campus? Are restaurants, shops, health clubs, laundry, library, computer labs and research facilities important? Transportation on and around campus?

Campus life: How is life outside the classroom? What special interest groups, activities and fraternities/sororities do you want to be involve with? Athletics? How are the sports facilities?

Campus security: What's the local community like? How safe is the campus? How safe are the surrounding neighborhoods?

Housing and resources: What is the quality of dorm life? Is housing guaranteed for returning students? Are there off campus housing opportunities? Meal plans available? Retention and graduation rates? Percentage of students who stay for four years and graduate? What sort of career planning or job placement services are available?

Cost: What will it cost? What financial aid options are offered? How much can you afford?



Complete College SuperMatch



Student Success Center

- College application information sessions
- Guidance with college essay
- Create a college resume
- Scholarship resources – launchyourplan.com and Naviance
- College admission rep visits

Scholarships

- Florida bright futures: 100% with full IB Diploma and completion of 100 Service Hours: 75% completion of DP curriculum with minimum SAT/ACT score
- Maximum number of transfer credits
- Honors colleges....advanced study programs
- Merit/need based
- University based scholarships
- Community based scholarships
- Work-related scholarships

Current trends in college admissions

- Sticker price is just the sticker price!
- State universities are being underfunded
- 60%-70% Riverview IB stay in state
- Not having a manageable number of applications is counter-productive
- Riverview IB is “sought-after”
- Safety/solid universities will compete \$\$ against each other for IB
- Early action is popular
- Early decision is viable
- Showing interest is always a plus: College reps, tours, etc....

And now....tips for parents

Do:

- **Listen with an open mind;**
- **Accept the role change from your child shifting from dependence to independence;**
- **Be involved and interested in the college selection process;**
- **Be realistic about your expectations;**
- **Be patient about your child's follow-through with the myriad tasks surrounding college admissions**
- **Be in tune to your child's emotions. There may be a message behind the procrastination**
- **Use the Riverview IB team as a resource! We are invested in your children.**
- **Have a sense of humor – brace yourself for some weird moments**

Don't:

- Live vicariously through your son or daughter. Let them follow their dreams, their path to their destiny;
- Indulge in “cocktail party college talk” – making college selection decisions for your child based on the basis of others’ positive or negative experiences;
- Assume responsibility for aspect of the college search and admissions process that are the responsibility of your child;
- Expect your child to follow the family alumni track. It may not be a realistic option based on the ever-changing college market.

Please help us by not accepting or excusing school absences, tardies and acting out. There is a strong correlation between junior/senior year performance and college performance. The trend of performance matters!

KEY DATES

October 1: FAFSA opens
 November 1: UF & FSU Deadlines and scholarship priority deadlines
 November TBD: IB Pinning Ceremony
 November 15: Phase 1 applications completed
 December TBD: Final Extended Essay Deadline
 December 1: Phase 2 applications completed
 December 21: End of semester (Mid-year reports for Mid-January)
 April 7: All internal assessments completed
 May, 2021: IB EXAMS conducted