

# College Access Program



*Preparing Youth for  
their Future*

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# Session Overview

- College Prep Curriculum
- Testing
- Getting Involved
- Making Connections
- Applying to College
- Money for College
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade College Access Program

# College Admissions Game

$A=4$  (100-90)

$B=3$  (81-90)

$C=2$  (80-75)

$D=1$  (74-70)

$F=0$  (69-0)

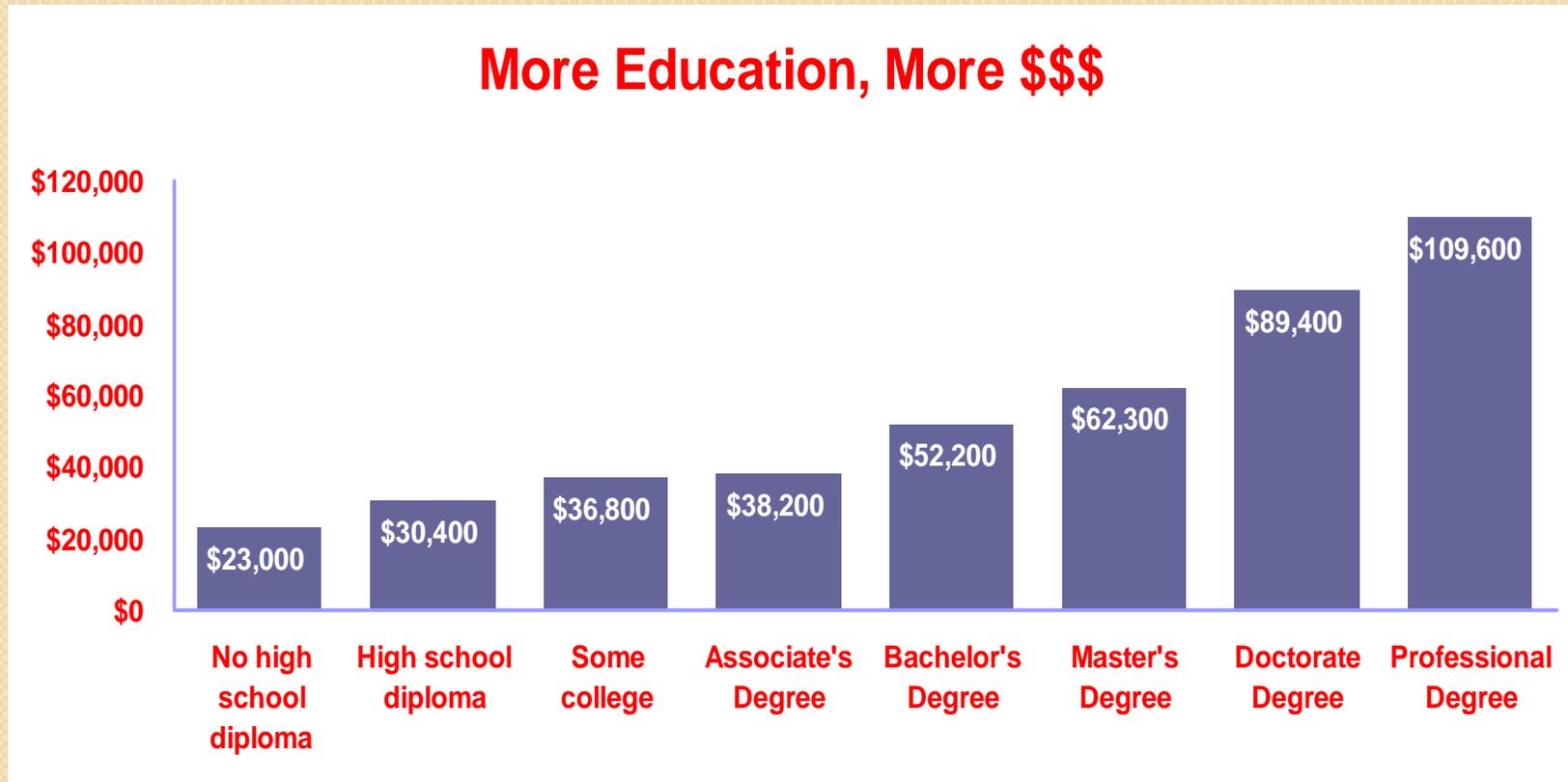


# **WHY COLLEGE?**

# Who is College Eligible in OC?

	<u>% Enrollment K-12</u>	<u>%UC/CSU Eligible</u>
Latino	44%	17%
White	37%	45%
Asian	12%	60%
Af. American	2%	27%
Filipino	2%	53%
Pacific Islander	1%	23%
American Indian	1%	40%
Multiple/DNS	1%	37%

# Why College



*Source: USA Today/U.S. Census Bureau, 2004*

# Applying to College



# Types of Institutions



Community College  
*Associate's Degree*  
*(2 years)*



University  
*Bachelor's Degree*  
*(4 years)*



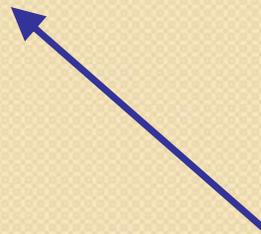
Graduate or Professional  
School  
*Masters, Doctorate*



Technical School  
*Certificate*  
*(6 months – 2 yrs)*



High School  
*Diploma/GED*



# What Can Educators Do?

- Take students on a fieldtrip to the different types of institutions or ask for guest speakers to come speak to your students
- Ask your students to write down what they are looking for in a college
- Talk to them about your college experience





# **PREPARING FOR COLLEGE**

# College Prep Curriculum in Middle School

- Language Arts
  - English, Literature
- Math
  - Pre-Algebra, Algebra
- Science
  - Physical, life and earth sciences
- Foreign Language
  - Spanish, French, etc.

# High School

- **HS Graduation Requirements**
- **Recommended College Prep Curriculum (A – G requirements)**
- **4 years of English:** English 1, English 2, English honors/AP, Literature
- **4 years of Math:** Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2, Trigonometry, Calculus
- **3 years of Lab Science:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- **3 years of Social Studies:** World History, American History, Civics, Economics
- **3 years of the same foreign language;** American Sign Language is acceptable
- **1 year of art:** Art History, Art Practice, Performing Arts

# Academic Preparation

- **Challenge Themselves**
- **Grade Point Average**
- **Maintain Good Grades**
  - 3.0 – 3.5 GPA (Good)
  - 3.6 – 4.0 GPA (Great)
- **Get Help in Classes**
  - Teachers
  - Tutoring
  - Make Sure They Know You Care!

## GPA

A= 4.0 (90-100)

B= 3.0-3.9 (80-89)

C= 2.0-2.9 (70-79)

D= 1.0-1.9 (65-69)

F= 0 (0-64)

# What Can Educators Do?

- Find out your state requirements for graduation
- Find out the available AP & honor courses available in local schools
- Find out about local writing, learning, tutoring or resource centers for your students
- Ask students for grade reports
- Prepare and deliver a workshop for students/parents on “Preparing for College” using the information you learned today



**TESTING**

# TESTING

- Elementary and Middle School Exams
  - Standardized tests
  - Measure progress
- High School Exit Exams
  - CAHSEE
  - Required to graduate

# TESTING:

## *College Admissions*

- PSAT/NMSQT ®
  - ACT ®
  - SAT ®
  - SAT Subject Tests ®
- Take one or both at least twice (beginning Junior year)

*Prepare by studying, taking practice exams, and workshops*

# What Can Educators Do?

- Hang up a calendar that highlights test application due dates and test dates
- Ensure that your students are registered for tests
- Integrate sample test questions into your lessons/activities
- Encourage your students to talk to their counselor about fee waivers
- Help them research test prep classes and other test prep options
- Encourage them to get enough rest before the exam
- Encourage them to eat a healthy breakfast before the exam – demonstrate what a healthy breakfast looks like
- Prepare and present a workshop on “Testing” using the information you learned today

# SAT® Question of the Day

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**Today's Question** Friday, March 13

**Read the following SAT test question, then click on a button to select your answer.**

If  $\sqrt{x-a} = \sqrt{x+b}$ , which of the following must be true?

- A.   $a = 0$
- B.   $b = 0$
- C.   $a + b = 0$
- D.   $a - b = 0$
- E.   $a^2 + b^2 = 0$

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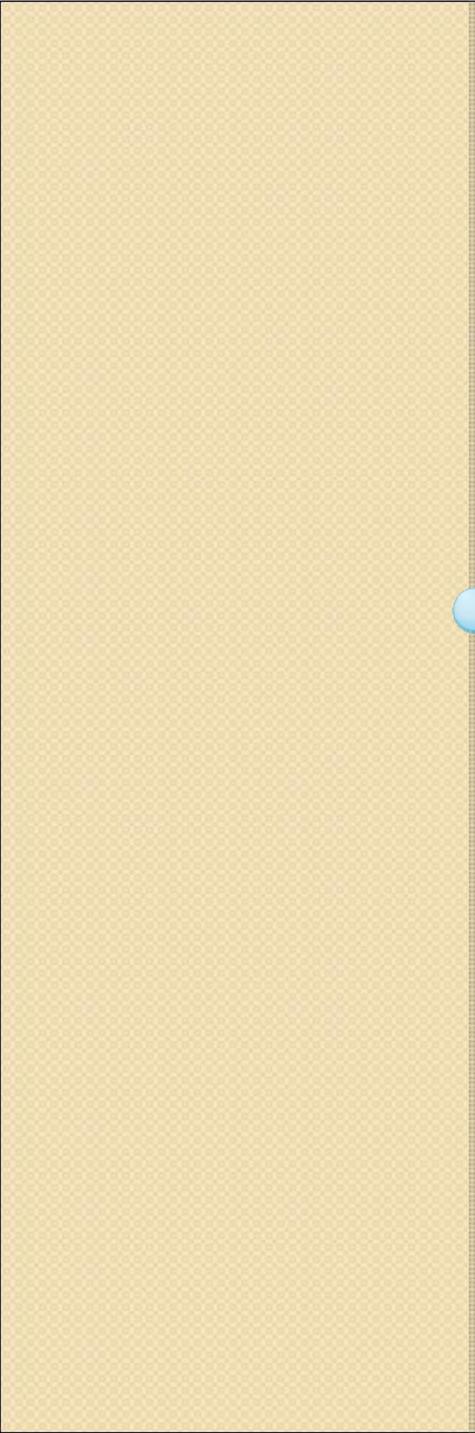
**Today's Responses**

**Section:** Mathematics

**Responses:** 66,331  
(Total So Far)



Correct:	56%
Incorrect:	44%



**GETTING INVOLVED  
AND MAKING  
CONNECTIONS**

# Getting Involved: The Well-Rounded Student

- Your opportunity to shine!
  - Try new activities and dedicate yourself
  - Increase leadership and organizational skills
  - Volunteer
  - Diversify your activities
  - Develop special talents

school & faith based activities, community service, work experience or internships

# Support Network: Cultivating Relationships

- Build relationships with:
  - Counselors
  - Teachers
  - Coaches
  - Employers
  - Community leaders
  - Mentors



**Communication  
is Key!**



**Letters of  
recommendation!**

# Academic Resume

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## EXPERIENCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Excellent organizational skills

Strong computer skills

## Awards

Involvement in events or community

Earned "A" or "A+" in all computer classes.

Built personal computer from scratch.

## VOLUNTEER HISTORY

Hilldale Public Library 2005-2006

American Red Cross 2003-2004

## RELEVANT HIGH SCHOOL STUDIES

Technical writing; advanced composition; debate; video production;  
computer classes,

## SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS

Hilldale High School Math Club 2003 - 2005

Vice-president 2005

National Honor Society 2003 - 2005

Clayton Middle School Library 2000 - 2002

Student Librarian 2000

## EDUCATION

Hilldale High School 2003 - 2005

Graduation Date: 2007

Clayton Middle School 1999 - 2002

# Building Your Résumé:

## Important for:

- ✓ Personal statements
- ✓ Letters of recommendation
- ✓ Applications

## What to include:

- Extracurricular activities
- Course work & GPA
- Test Scores
- Awards & accomplishments
- Work/Volunteer experience

# What Can Educators Do?

- Help students create an academic resume – plan a resume writing workshop
- Encourage students to engage in a few community events
- Plan a group community service project
- Check in regularly about extracurricular commitments; provide them with internship or volunteer opportunities or give them time to research them
- Schedule and take student on college tours
- Help them keep track of application deadlines
- Hold an info night for parents on how to build a support network

# Tiger's Action Plan – Community Service Opportunity

TIGER'S ACTION PLAN    TEACHERS    STUDENTS    ORDER MATERIALS    DOWNLOAD CURRICULUM    PARTICIPANTS    CONTACT US

**STUDENTS**

**STUDENTS**

HOW IT WORKS

ASK THE KIDS

MORE TO EXPLORE

VOLUNTEER MATCH

INTEREST SURVEY

CAREER EXPLORATION

## It's Up To You To Take Action

Inspired by the book *Start Something*, written by Tiger Woods' father, Earl Woods, Tiger's Action Plan is a program that's all about helping you discover your dreams and goals and showing you how to reach them.

Tiger's Action Plan is designed around specific activities and Volunteer Service Projects you create and execute. Along the way, we'll give you lots of tools and information to help you find out more about yourself, develop your talents, explore future careers, and make a difference in your world.

# Money for College



# How Much Does College Cost?

Average cost = Tuition + Room & Board

COST PER YEAR

**2-year Public:**

\$1,309 - \$3,483

**4-Year Public:**

In-State:

\$10,852 - \$15,269

Out-of-State:

\$21,855 - \$26,397

**4-year Private**

\$22,218 - \$38,562

# Money for College: Financial Aid

- Grants
- Loans
- Work Study
- Scholarships
- Savings



# What is a scholarship?

A Scholarship....

- Is money that does not have to be paid back
  - Has an application process- ALWAYS FREE!
  - Has a deadline
  - Is competitive
  - Has specific criteria that is unique to that scholarship
- Never pay for access to scholarship information***

**Apply to as many scholarships as you can, there is no limit!**

# Scholarship Criteria

- Academic
- Financial need
- Talent: arts, sports, music, writing
- Community service
- Personal characteristics: gender, ethnicity, parent's employer
- Pretty much anything else you can imagine!

**Many scholarships use one or more of these criteria to grant a scholarship.**