

FIRST-GEN. NIGHT

Highly Selective Schools



*Introduction
To Our
Presenters!*

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What is a *highly selective* school?

Any university/college or specific program that has a **25% or below admit rate**.

Certain GPA or test scores **do not guarantee admission**.

Unpredictable in who is admitted.

Varies based on the applicant pool for the individual year.

★ Programs within a college/university that are “space-limited”:

- Engineering
- Business
- Computer Science
- Nursing
- Architecture



Some
examples of
highly
selective
public
schools:

University of
North Carolina -
Chapel Hill



University of
Michigan



College of
William and Mary



Georgia
Tech



University of
Texas - Austin



UC _____
(LA, Berkeley, San
Diego, etc.)



University of
Washington -
Seattle



University of
Virginia



Some
examples of
highly
selective
private
schools:



Emory

Notre Dame

MIT

Claremont System

Johns Hopkins

Carnegie Mellon

NYU

Stanford

Case Western

U of Southern CA

Tulane

Williams

Bates

Bowdoin

Colby

Tufts

Carleton

Grinnell

Middlebury

Rice

Georgetown

Wash U

U Chicago

George Washington U

Northwestern University

Vanderbilt

Wake Forest

Duke

Ivy League

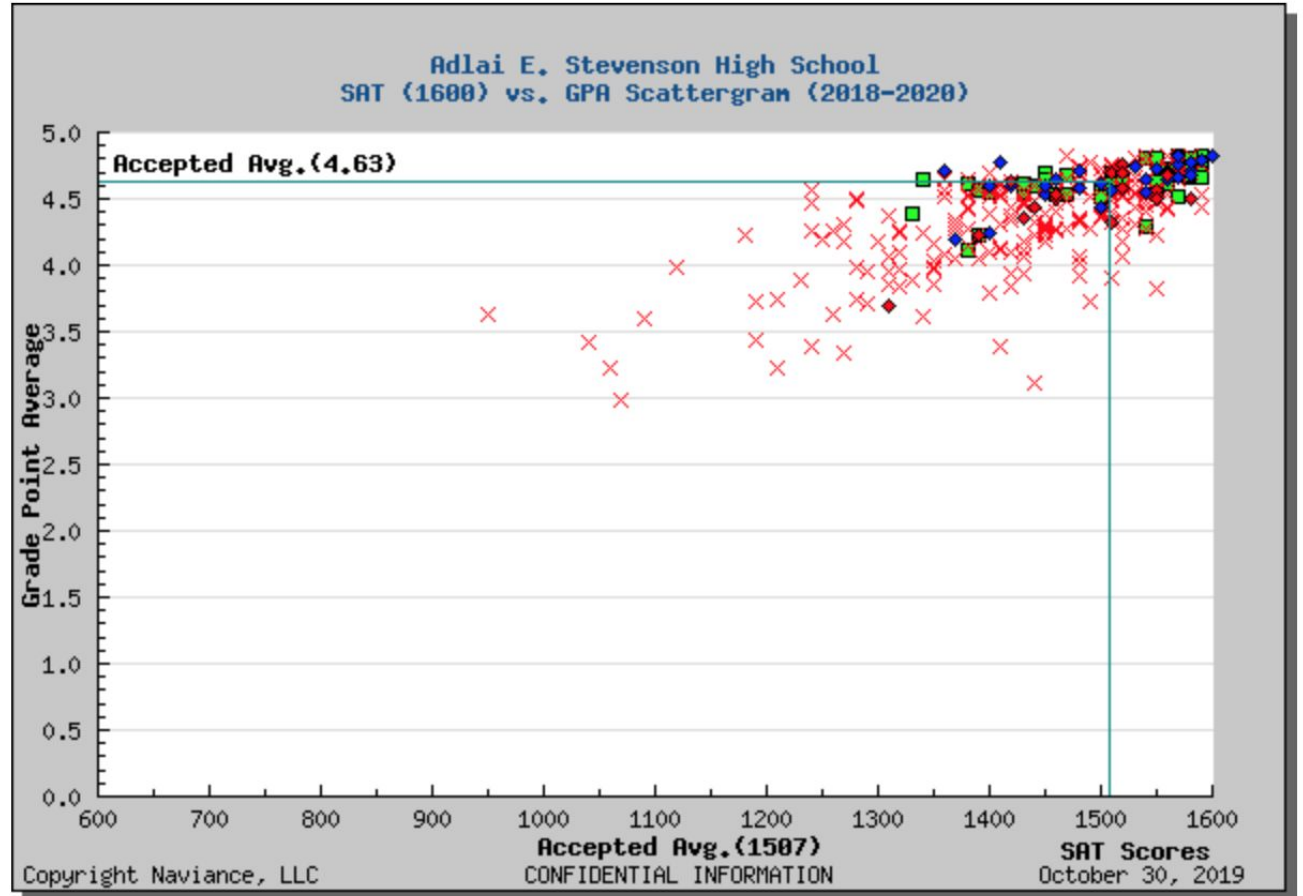
Boston University

Boston College

Northeastern

Diversify
your list!

Northwestern

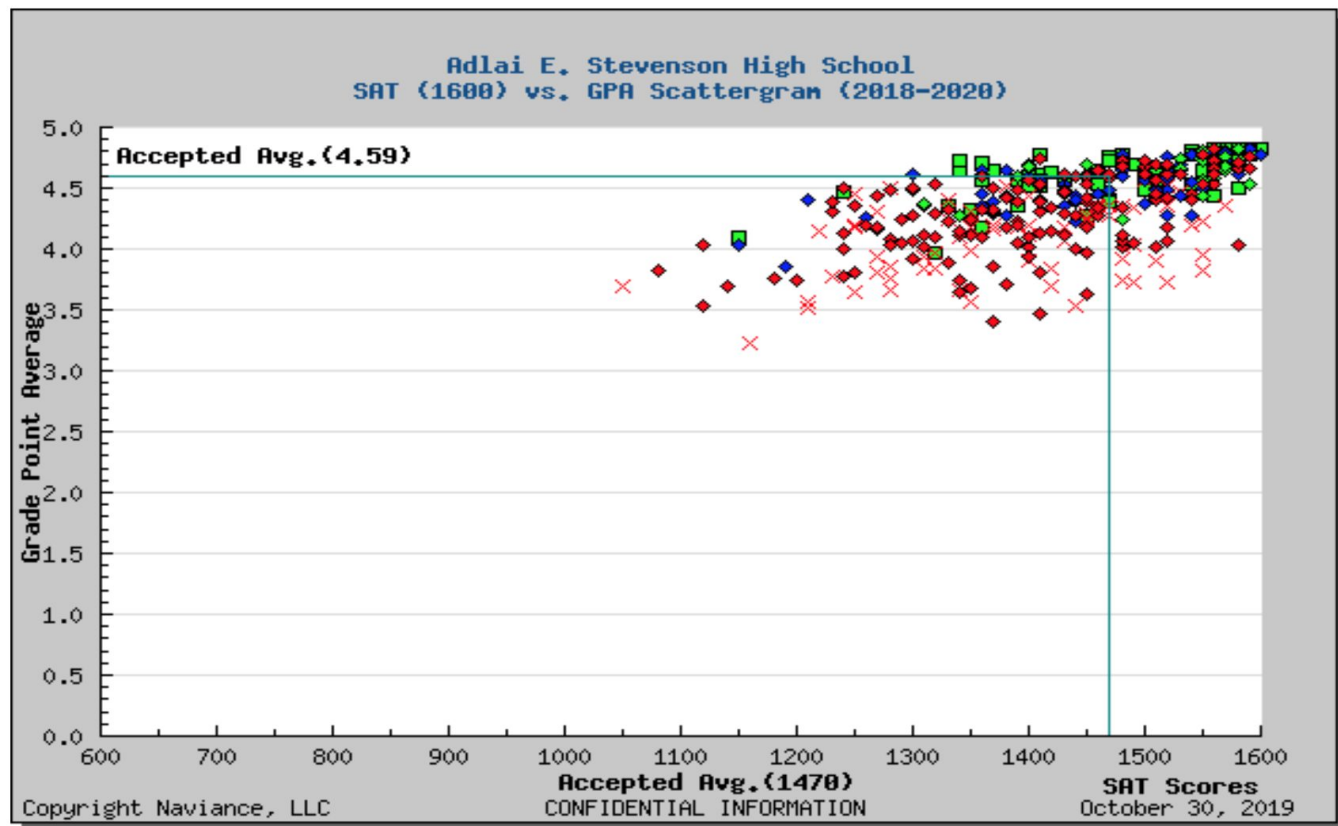


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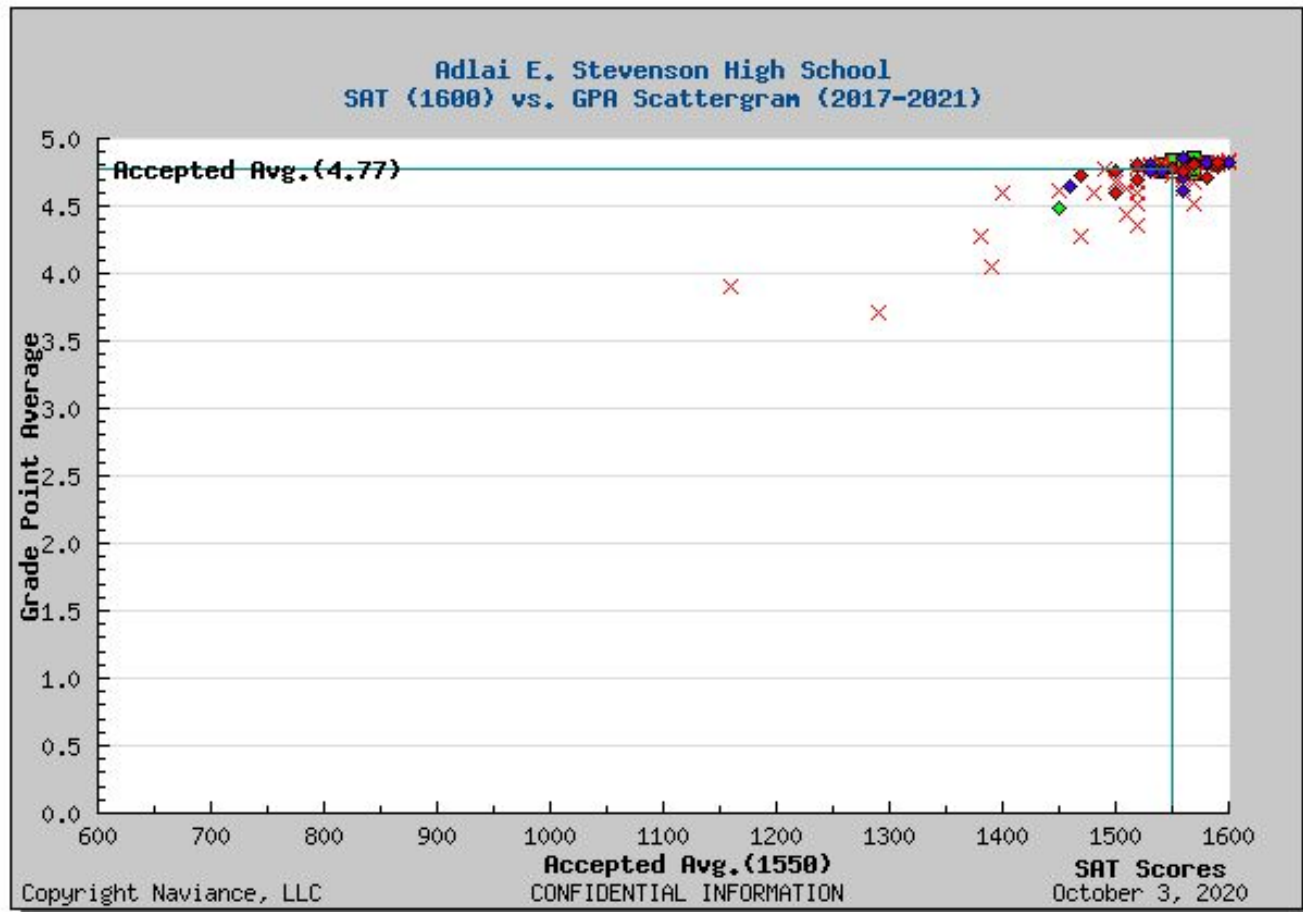
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Highly Selective Admissions

PRESENTATION GOALS

- ▶ Holistic Admission
- ▶ Diversifying Your College List
- ▶ Demonstrated Interest
- ▶ Types of Financial Aid
- ▶ Final Tips

HOLISTIC ADMISSION

► What does a strong applicant look like?

- Beyond the perfect gpa and test scores



► What is holistic admission?

- Academics
- Involvement
- Essay(s)
- Recommendation(s)
- Interview



DIVERSIFYING YOUR COLLEGE LIST

► Reach, Match, Safety

- Honors programs



Example of a balanced college list, created using [College Raptor's match tool](#).

► Deadlines and how colleges use them

- Early Action, Early Decision, Regular Decision

DIVERSIFYING YOUR LIST

Safety

- “Slam Dunk” for admission
- Financially reasonable

Target

- Meet all admission requirements
- Financially attainable

Reach

- May be deficient in some admission requirements
- May be a financial reach
- **All colleges with less than 25% admit rate (regardless of students' academics)**



*A school that is a reach for some may be a target for others.

DEMONSTRATED INTEREST

► What is demonstrated interest?

- Demonstrated interest is the degree to which you show a college that you are sincerely interested in attending their school.

► Does it matter?

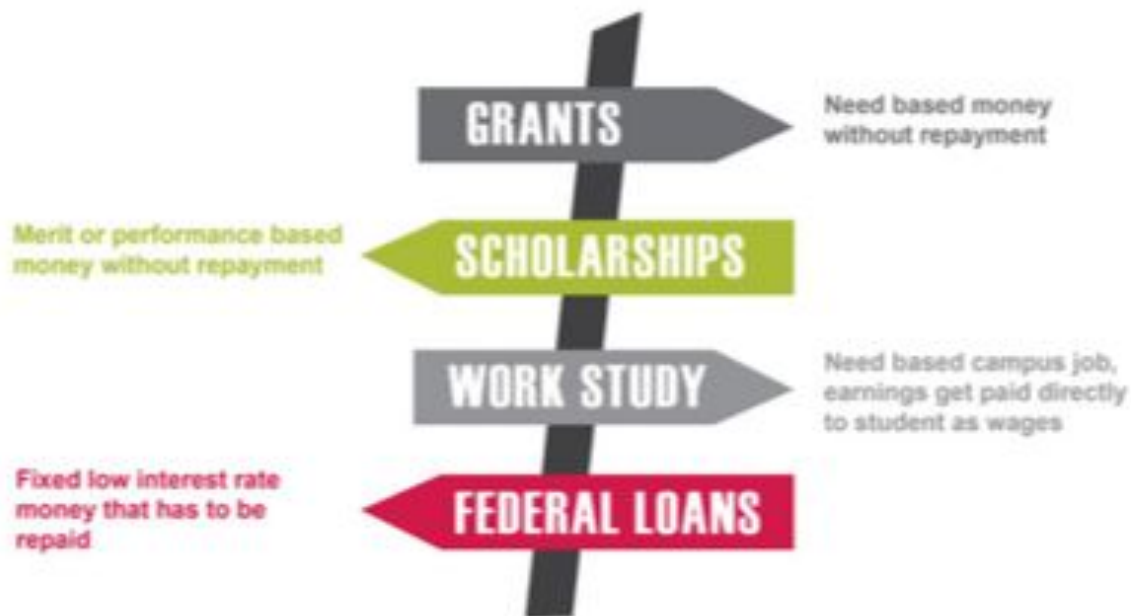
- Yes and No - not one size fits all across all colleges
- It's ok to ask

► Types of demonstrated interest

- Campus visit
- High school visit; local presentation
- Interview; in-person meeting w/regional rep
- College fairs
- Social media; mailing list; emails/calls



TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID



FINAL TIPS

**Tips to Reduce Stress about
College Admissions?**



Please fill out our survey!

Link in the chat!

