

# LOOMIS CHAFFEE COLLEGE OFFICE

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PARENTS OF 9<sup>TH</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

# OVERVIEW

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- TIMELINE
- WHAT GOES INTO A COLLEGE APPLICATION?
- COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE
- HOW CAN I HELP?

# FOUR YEAR COLLEGE GUIDANCE CURRICULUM

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9<sup>th</sup>:

- Feb: Course Selection Open Office Hours

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10<sup>th</sup>

- FALL –PSAT
- WINTER – Receive College Counseling Assignment
- SPRING – Practice ACT & Spring College Fair (Hopefully!)  
--Class Speaker – Starting the college process.
- WINTER/SPRING – Cohort Meeting with College Counselor

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## 11th – FALL:

- Family Weekend Programming
- PSAT and College Fair
- Cohort Meeting with Counselor
- Opportunities to meet with college reps as they visit LC campus



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## I I<sup>th</sup> – WINTER

- Individual meetings begin with counselor
- Practice SAT/ACT over break
- Standardized test registration
- Standardized test prep workshops on campus

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## 11<sup>th</sup> – SPRING:

- Standardized Testing
- College Admissions Case Study Program (Pelican Day)
- College Fair
- College essay program with English Department
- “Preparing for the Months Ahead” parent program

# WHAT MAKES UP A COLLEGE APPLICATION

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- Transcript (courses and grades)
- SAT/ACT
- Extracurricular Resume
- Essays
- Recommendations



## WHAT DO ADMISSION COUNSELORS CONSIDER **HIGHLY IMPORTANT?**

84% Grades in College Prep Courses

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68% Strength of Curriculum

59% SAT/ACT scores

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24% Essay

21% Demonstrated Interest

19% Counselor Recommendation

16% Teacher Recommendations

6% Interview

5% SAT Subject Tests and AP exam scores

5% Extracurricular Resume

# TESTING !

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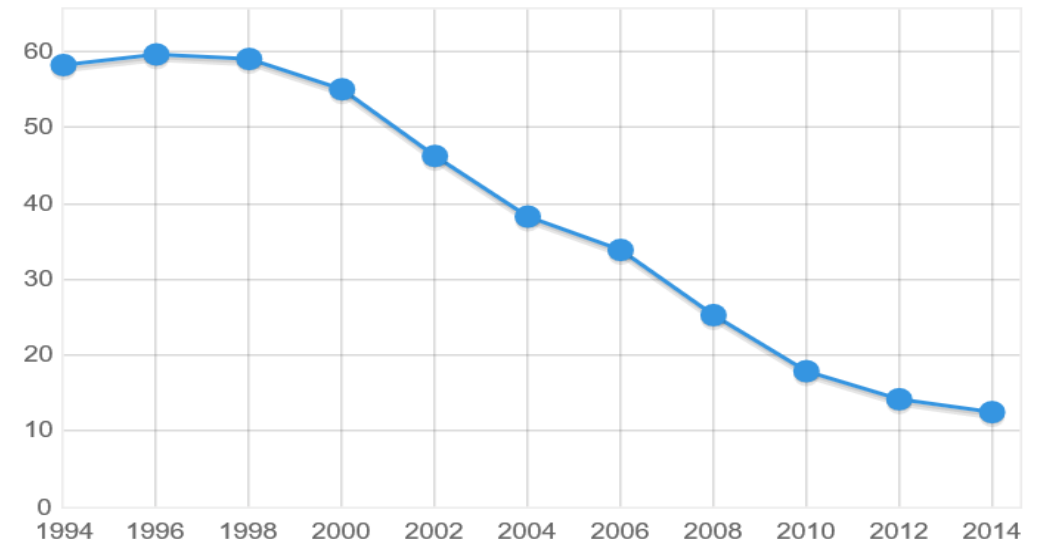
- Timeline
- Test prep
- Rarely most important thing
- Don't start too early!
- Test Optional
- Subject tests and APs

# SOME HISTORICAL DATA...

- Northeastern University:
  - 1990: 10,300 of 10,600 applicants were admitted
  - 2018: 19% admit rate

## VANDERBILT ACCEPTANCE RATES

Since 1999, Vanderbilt University has become more selective in the number of prospective students it accepts. At a projected 12.5 percent this year, the acceptance rate would again mark an all-time low.



Source: Vanderbilt University  
Duane W. Gang / The Tennessean

# ROLE OF THE STUDENT

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- Assume responsibility for the process
- Focus on academics
- Keep an open mind
- Do Loomis Well

# ROLE OF THE PARENT

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- Focus on the things you can control and maximize your efforts in those areas (offer campus visits, organize test prep)
- Ask questions – there are no wrong, dumb, inappropriate questions in this process (Except “Is that a GOOD school?”)
- Attend workshops and parent programs
- Encourage student to own the process
- Educate yourself on the climate of college admissions in 2020



# AND REMEMBER...

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- Loomis students typically do very well
- Nationally, most students won't end up at their 1<sup>st</sup> choice school, but most students will LOVE the college they end up attending (UCLA Study)
- Students who enter into this process with a focus on self-exploration, research and fit end with a very high level of satisfaction with the process