

COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Junior

Start Now!

Below are 5 things that you and your child can be actively doing to prepare for the college process.

1. Increase College Knowledge
2. Build a Resume
3. Explore Career Interests
4. Clean Up Social Media
5. Take Academics Seriously

GPA

A student's grade point average is the cumulative average of semester grades from grades 9 through 12. Harding has a weighted scale for AP and honors classes.

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Definition of "College Fit" Article

There is no algebraic equation for the perfect number of colleges to which you should apply. But students who thoughtfully curate a balanced list of schools tend to have less stressful application processes than those who apply to dozens. They end up with a list of colleges they're excited about, plenty of which are well within their admission and financial reach. And they feel more in control of their college destiny because they're not at the mercy of admissions decisions from a long list of highly selective colleges. As you are crafting a list of schools that meet your best fit college specifications, include schools that fall into each of the following three categories: dream, target, and safety.

Read more at <http://www.princetonreview.com/college-advice/dream-match-safety-schools>.





Naviance

Family Connection

Naviance is a comprehensive college and career readiness solution for middle and high schools that helps align student strengths and interests to post-secondary goals, and improve student outcomes. All Harding students grades 7 through 12 have access to Naviance. It is a tool that the counseling office uses constantly throughout each school year.

Naviance helps students:

- Build a resume for college and scholarship applications
- Keep track of colleges in which the student has applied
- Research college interests
- Increase college knowledge
- Communicate with counselors and teachers about recommendations
- Schedule course classes
- Explore career interests based on assessments

Access Naviance through the Harding website or the Harding Counseling Blog.

“College Fit” Article

The most selective schools in this country deny 90% or more of the students who apply. For every 100 students that apply, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Stanford and the like take only 5, 6, or 7 students. It is important to realize that no matter who you are, these schools are a Huge Reach for anyone and everyone who applies.

You might find 12 or more colleges that meet all of your criteria, but if they are all reach schools, this list is incomplete.

For both academic AND financial reasons, it is so important that your schools spread the selectivity spectrum from Huge Reach, to Reach to Match to Near Safety to Safety. This will ensure that you have options when it comes time to make a final college choice.

You may be able to get into a selective school, but if you cannot afford it, it's not a good fit. Alternately, you may be able to afford a college, but what if you don't find the people as warm and welcoming as you'd like? This would not be a good fit either.

There are intangible variables that are also important in choosing a college. Each school has a distinct personality that becomes much easier to identify when you have visited the campus, talked to students, read the school newspaper and the like.

Learn more at <https://www.collegeraptor.com/college-guide/college-applications/college-fit-reach-match-safety-schools/>.

