

# **Grade 9 Parent College Night and Course Selection Information**

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# Harker College Counseling



SELF  
REFLECTION



COLLEGE  
RESEARCH



COLLEGE  
LIST



APPLICATION  
PROCESS



ESSAY  
FEEDBACK

A large group of diverse students sitting in bleachers, some cheering and some looking thoughtful. The students are of various ethnicities and ages, mostly teenagers. Some are clapping, some have their hands on their heads, and others are looking towards the camera or each other. The setting appears to be a school gymnasium or arena.

# Standardized Testing

Test Optional  
Test Free

Should my student test?  
When?



# What do colleges look for?

Curriculum

Grades

Extracurriculars

Recommendations

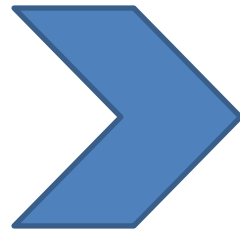
Application Writing

The image shows two white hurdles on a red running track. The hurdles are positioned in a perspective that recedes into the distance. The track has white lane markings. The text is overlaid on the lower part of the track.

How will colleges evaluate curriculum?

How do I know I'm taking the right classes?

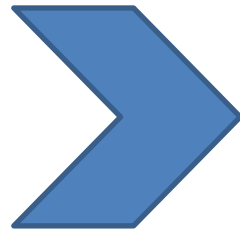
Trends  
&  
Patterns



GPA



Engagement  
Quality  
Authenticity



Quantity  
Formula  
Template



# Uncontrollable Admission Factors

Institutional priorities

Institutional environmental  
factors

Single door admission vs  
admit by major/division

Capacity of major/program

Applicant pool



# Resources

## Harker Parent Portal Resources

- College Counseling Timeline
- Grade 9 Academic Planning & College Counseling Guidance
- College Visit Guide

## Common Ground Videos (link on Harker Parent Portal Counseling Tile)

- College Admissions in a Persistent Pandemic, Oct. '22
- The Price You Pay for College: An Entirely New Roadmap

## Books

- Who Gets In and Why: A Year Inside College Admissions by Jeffrey Selingo
- The Price You Pay for College: An Entirely New Road Map for the Biggest Financial Decision Your Family Will Ever Make by Ron Leiber

## Blogs

- Georgia Tech Admission Blog (<https://sites.gatech.edu/admission-blog/>)
- Brennan Barnard, Forbes Education Contributor  
(<https://www.forbes.com/sites/brennanbarnard/#334396ca783f>)

# Upcoming Webinars

**Athletic Recruiting in College Admission - Feb 8 at 6pm  
with JT Thomas**

Registration link:

[https://castilleja.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_KifZBFuvQD-q75HEmf47EA#/registration](https://castilleja.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KifZBFuvQD-q75HEmf47EA#/registration)

**Fine Arts Night/Applying to College Arts Programs - Feb  
15 at 6pm with Amy Mitchell (Emerson College)**

Registration link:

[https://crystalspringschool.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Dcy9vggVT2OJz69cViadTQ](https://crystalspringschool.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Dcy9vggVT2OJz69cViadTQ)