



QUINCE ORCHARD H.S.

Sophomore Parents Meeting
"Looking ahead to College
Readiness"

Welcome

Counselors:

A-Az - Ms Mastromatteo

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Pb-Si - Ms Goldstein

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Common Myths

- 'Colleges only look at 11th grade'- NOT TRUE
- 'I don't need to worry about college planning until next year'- NOT TRUE
- 'Having lots of extracurricular activities will get me into college'- NOT TRUE
- 'It is better to get an 'A' in an honors than a 'B' in an AP Course'- NOT TRUE
- '4.0 students can get into any college they want'- NOT TRUE
- 'Don't worry, I got it taken care of'-
DON'T BELIEVE IT

Expectations of 10th Grade

- 10th grade is a year when students need to take more responsibility for their education
- Students are expected to be more independent
- Work load is heavier and 'higher thought process' is expected
- Students need to be more self-sufficient
- Competitive college admission's process necessitates students starting to prepare earlier in high school
- Student needs to have 'complete package'- i.e. GET INVOLVED in EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Why are the 7 Keys so
important?

Key 5 -
Algebra 2 with a 'C' or higher by
11th grade



**SEVEN KEYS TO
COLLEGE READINESS**

Key 5

**Algebra 2 by Grade 11,
"C" or higher**

Key 6- 3 on an AP exam



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Key 6

3 on AP exam,
4 on IB exam

Key 7 - 1650 SAT/ 24 ACT



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1650 SAT, 24 ACT

What implications does this have on planning the next two years?

- Encourage your child to challenge themselves to their maximum ability
- Monitor their performance regularly
- Never let them take an SAT/ACT un-prepped
- Encourage electives that are in their area of interest for college
- Start researching what colleges are looking for re: grades, SAT's, high school courses, etc
- Begin a dialogue with your child about what they are thinking about for after high school

Standing out from the 'pack'

- 'Depth more important than breadth'
- Keep up/Improve grades
- Take challenging courses
- Get involved and build a resume of activities
- Contribute to the community
- Become a leader
- Develop good relationships with teachers
- Start thinking about what defines you and what makes you unique

ANY
QUESTIONS???



THANK YOU

