

# College Admissions 2010



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# Issues Confronting Our Seniors

- Competitiveness
  - Holistic reading of applications (NY Times 11/1/2009)
    - Will it be possible to maintain?
      - “labor intensive, expensive”
      - UC-Santa Barbara:
        - 1997 20,700 applications
        - 2009 45,000 applications
      - Boston College: 5% increase in Early Action pool
      - Duke University: 32% increase in Early Decision pool
      - New York University: 5% increase in Early application pool
      - George Washington University: 24% increase in Early app pool  
(and 70 % over past 2 years)
      - Drexel University: 28% increase in applications

- Cost:

## Average Published Charges for Undergraduates by Type and Control of Institution, 2009-10 (Enrollment-Weighted)

Sector	Tuition and Fees				Room and Board				Total Charges			
	2009-10	2008-09	\$ Change	% Change	2009-10	2008-09	\$ Change	% Change	2009-10	2008-09	\$ Change	% Change
Public Two-Year	\$2,544	\$2,372	\$172	7.3%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Public Four-Year In-State	\$7,020	\$6,591	\$429	6.5%	\$8,193	\$7,773	\$420	5.4%	\$15,213	\$14,364	\$849	5.9%
Public Four-Year Out-of-State	\$18,548	\$17,460	\$1,088	6.2%	\$8,193	\$7,773	\$420	5.4%	\$26,741	\$25,233	\$1,508	6.0%
Private Not-for-Profit Four-Year	\$26,273	\$25,177	\$1,096	4.4%	\$9,363	\$8,986	\$377	4.2%	\$35,636	\$34,163	\$1,473	4.3%
For-Profit	\$14,174	\$13,315	\$859	6.5%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Source: The College Board, *Annual Survey of Colleges*.

**Percentage Changes and Dollar Changes  
in Published Tuition and Fees  
Four-Year Public Colleges by Region, 1999-00 to 2009-10**

	Region	2009-10 TF	10-year \$ change	10-year % change
<b>Highest Tuition and Fees</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>\$9,391</b>	<b>\$3,349</b>	<b>55%</b>
<b>Lowest Tuition and Fees</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>\$5,802</b>	<b>\$2,270</b>	<b>64%</b>
<b>Largest Dollar Increase</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>\$9,391</b>	<b>\$3,349</b>	<b>55%</b>
<b>Largest Percentage Increase</b>	<b>Southwest</b>	<b>\$6,768</b>	<b>\$3,253</b>	<b>93%</b>
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- Student Choice

- Special Talents

- Parent/Community Perceptions & Expectations

- Financial Considerations

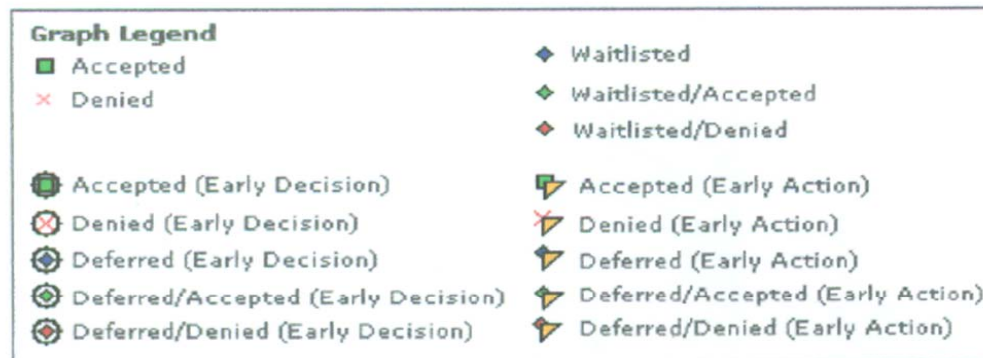
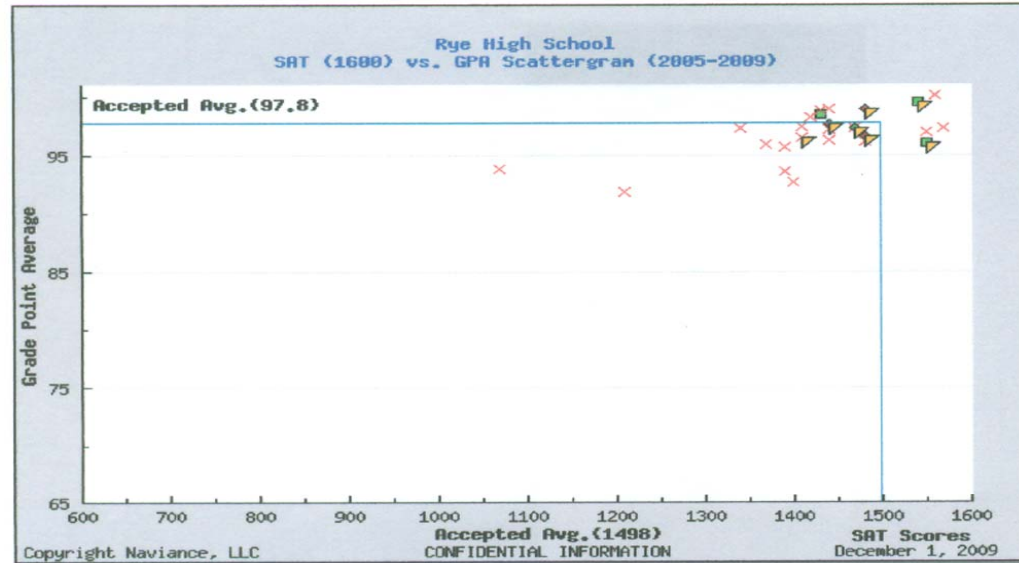
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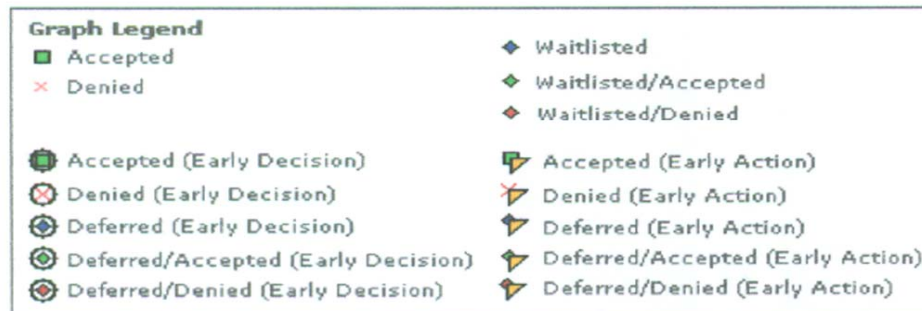
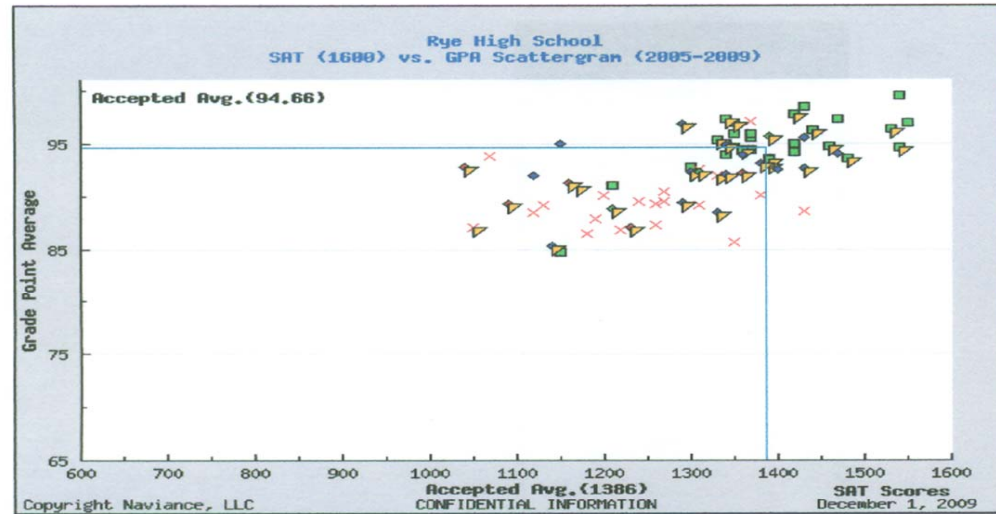
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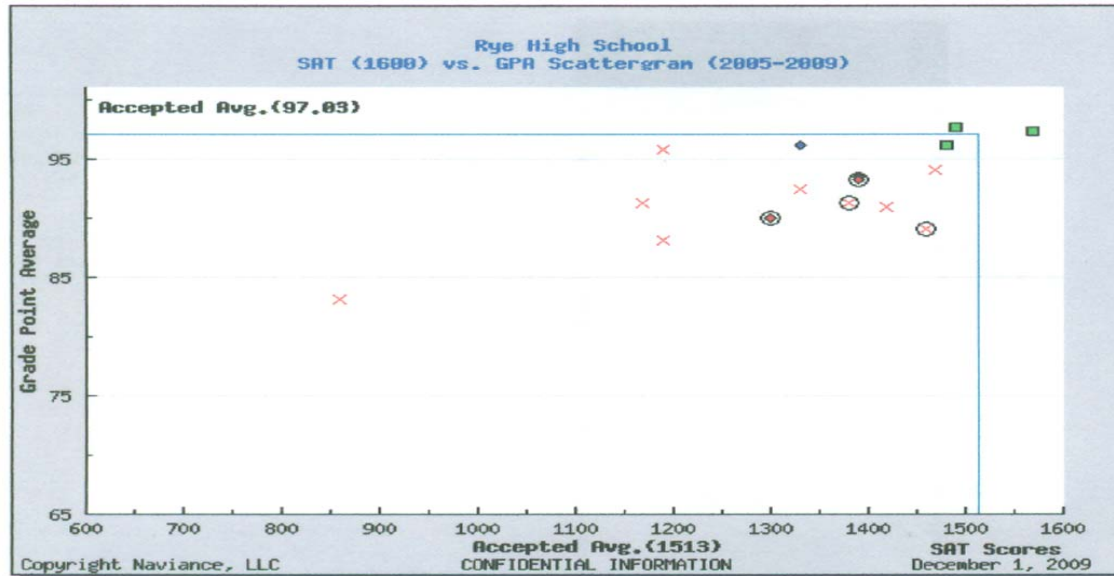
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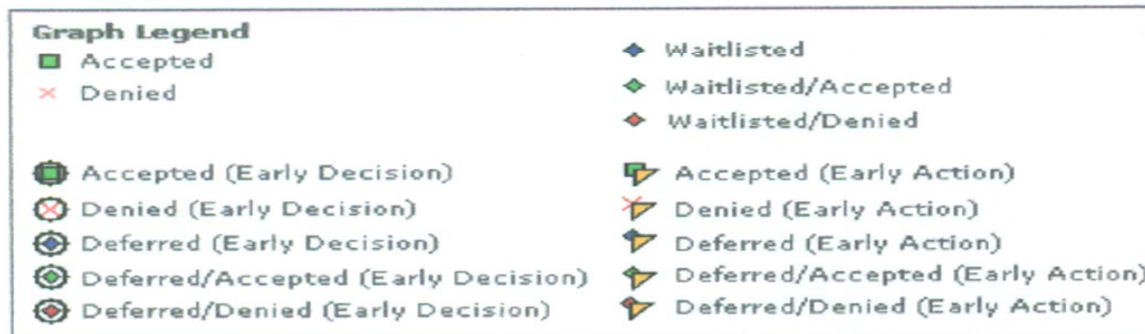
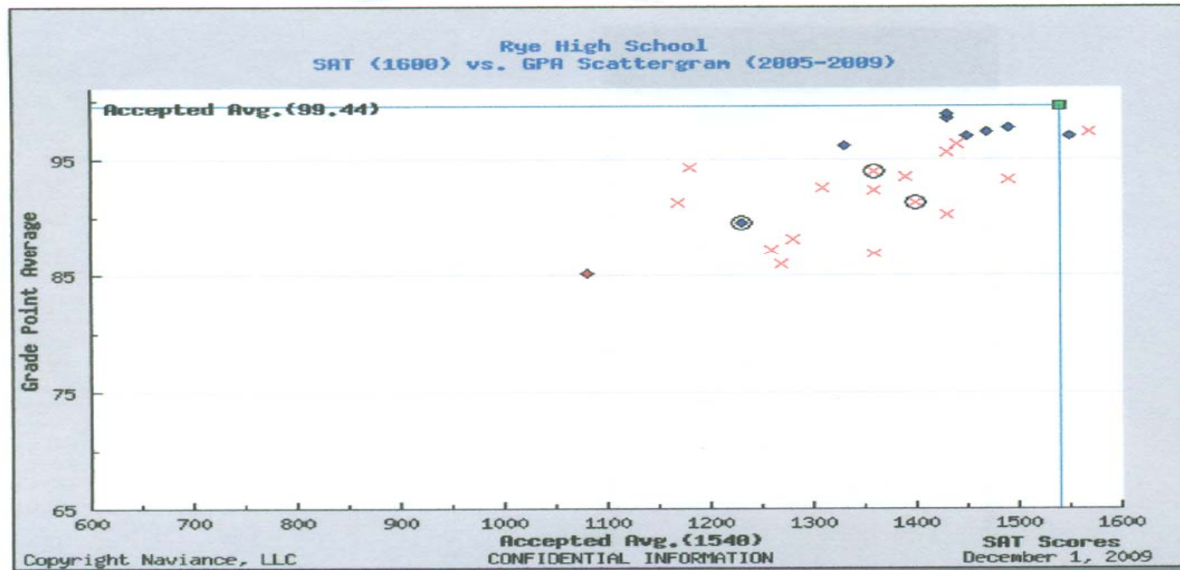
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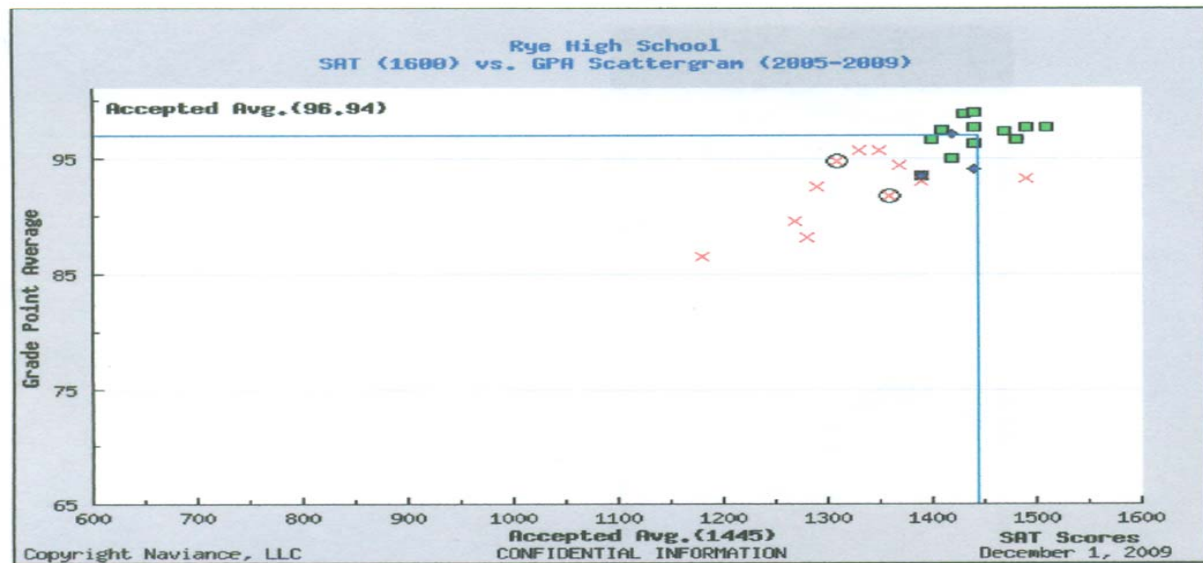
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# Preparation by the Class of 2010

- Managing Your Future
  - Requirement of all students
- Pre-Season for college applications
  - Afternoon and Evening opportunity
  - Common Application Workshop for parents
- College Representatives
  - Individual and Group meetings
  - 140 colleges visited from September-November
  - College Coach visits

- Special Talents:
  - Boston College, Bowdoin, Brown, Colby, Colgate, Columbia, Cornell, Duke, Elon, Georgetown, Syracuse and more to follow
- Rigorous Academics
  - Increase in Honors and Advanced Placement courses
    - US News and World Report Ranking
    - Newsweek Ranking
    - AP Articulation with neighboring schools districts

# Advanced Placement Statistics

## The 5th Annual AP<sup>®</sup> Report to the Nation

**Table 1: AP Equity and Excellence**

Percentage of Students Scoring 3 or Higher on an AP Exam During High School  
U.S. Public Schools: High School Class of 2008, 2007 and 2003

State	Percentage of Students Scoring a 3 or Higher on an AP Exam During High School <sup>5</sup>			% Change	
	2003	2007	2008	One Year	Five Years
Alabama	4.7	6.3	6.8	0.5	2.1
Alaska	11.0	12.0	13.3	1.3	2.3
Arizona	7.4	7.7	7.9	0.2	0.5
Arkansas	5.5	9.4	10.6	1.2	5.1
California	17.3	19.2	20.2	1.0	2.9
Colorado	14.6	18.3	19.0	0.7	4.4
Connecticut	16.1	19.6	21.0	1.4	4.9
Delaware	10.1	13.8	13.8	0.0	3.7
District of Columbia	8.7	5.7	6.9	1.2	-1.8
Florida	15.3	17.5	18.2	0.7	2.9
Georgia	12.2	15.1	16.3	1.2	4.1
Hawaii	6.7	8.1	8.0	-0.1	1.3
Idaho	7.5	9.8	9.5	-0.3	2.0
Illinois	13.0	14.5	15.2	0.7	2.2
Indiana	7.5	9.5	10.0	0.5	2.5
Iowa	5.9	7.5	8.3	0.8	2.4
Kansas	5.9	7.6	8.6	1.0	2.7
Kentucky	7.0	9.2	10.0	0.8	3.0
Louisiana	2.1	2.9	3.7	0.8	1.6
Maine	13.5	17.0	19.3	2.3	5.8
Maryland	17.7	22.6	23.4	0.8	5.7
Massachusetts	16.8	19.7	20.8	1.1	4.0
Michigan	10.5	12.3	13.0	0.7	2.5
Minnesota	9.9	13.1	14.2	1.1	4.3
Mississippi	2.8	3.4	3.9	0.5	1.1
Missouri	4.9	6.2	6.5	0.3	1.6
Montana	8.6	10.2	10.6	0.4	2.0
Nebraska	3.5	5.6	6.5	0.9	3.0
Nevada	10.3	13.6	13.5	-0.1	3.2
New Hampshire	11.2	14.2	15.5	1.3	4.3
New Jersey	14.8	16.4	17.3	0.9	2.5
New Mexico	7.5	9.4	9.9	0.5	2.4
New York	20.6	22.4	23.3	0.9	2.7
North Carolina	14.8	15.9	17.3	1.4	2.5
North Dakota	5.8	7.5	6.9	-0.6	1.1
Ohio	8.5	10.3	10.8	0.5	2.3
Oklahoma	8.2	9.0	9.8	0.8	1.6
Oregon	8.1	11.9	13.1	1.2	5.0
Pennsylvania	9.5	11.1	11.9	0.8	2.4
Rhode Island	7.3	8.8	9.5	0.7	2.2
South Carolina	12.7	12.5	13.8	1.3	1.1
South Dakota	7.0	9.6	9.7	0.1	2.7
Tennessee	7.7	8.6	9.2	0.6	1.5
Texas	11.9	13.6	14.5	0.9	2.6
Utah	19.2	18.8	18.9	0.1	-0.3
Vermont	13.8	18.3	19.8	1.5	6.0
Virginia	16.5	20.4	21.3	0.9	4.8
Washington	10.5	13.8	15.5	1.7	5.0
West Virginia	5.5	6.7	6.9	0.2	1.4
Wisconsin	12.2	15.6	16.6	1.0	4.4
Wyoming	6.2	8.3	7.5	-0.8	1.3
<b>Nation</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>3.0</b>

<sup>5</sup> This percentage was calculated as follows: The numerator includes each public school student in the graduating class of 2008 who earned an AP Exam score of 3 or higher on an AP Exam at any point in his or her high school years; if a student earned more than one AP Exam grade of 3 or higher, she or he was still only counted once. The denominator is simply the overall number of public school students graduating from high school in 2008, as projected in "Knocking at the College Door" (2008), Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

# Advanced Placement Comparisons

## Advanced Placement Results 2004-2009

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Number of AP Candidates</u>	<u>Total Number of Exams Taken</u>	<u>% of Grade 3 or higher</u>
2004	191	400	78%
2005	283	578	75%
2006	298	640	87%
2007	296	647	86%
2008	348	726	84%
2009	398	806	85%

# Advanced Placement Comparisons

## AP COMPARABLES

Subject	Rye 2009 Results		Bronxville 2009 Results		Edgemont 2009 Results		Horace Greeley 2007 Results *		
	Total	% 3 or more	Total	% of 3 or more	Total	% of 3 or more	Total	% of 3 or more	
US History	70	89	44	91		97	187	91	
World Hist.	75	96	20	100			1	100	
Art Drawing	1	100				80	16	25	
Art 2D Des.	5	100				60	15	93	
Art 3D Des.	6	100					4	100	
Biology	42	88	14	86		82	113	94	
Econ-Mac	116	79				85	1	100 NIC	
Eng Lang/Comp	66	98	59	98					
Eng Lit/Comp	47	94				97	38	100	
Env Science	112	67	9	100			110	85	
European Hist	26	92				100	105	92	
Govt & Pol	31	94				89	1	100	
French Lang	12	66				80	44	66	
Latin Lit	6	83				76	18	61 Vergil	
Calculus AB	26	85				92	70	97	
Calculus BC	20	90				100	30	100	
Chemistry	17	82	21	95		97	48	92	
Physics B	12	92	22	82		79			
Psychology	84	90				67	54	89	
Spanish Lang	31	58				76	58	62	
Music Theory	1	100					13	77	
Statistics			8	100			53	89	
Computer Sci A						86	1	0	
Computer Sci AB							10	90	
Chinese							1	100	
Physics C Mechanics							97	69%	
Physics C Elec & Mag							19	95	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>94%</b>		<b>546</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>1107</b>	<b>82%</b>

Rye: 398 students sat for 806 exams; 840 students enrolled (47% of student body)  
 Bronxville: students sat for 197 exams; 448 students enrolled (N/A)  
 Edgemont: 279 students sat for 546 exams; 949 students enrolled (29% of student body)  
 Horace Greeley: 538 students sat for 1107 exams; 1350 students enrolled; (39% of student body)  
 NIC – Not In Class

\* Only 2007 exam results are available at this time

“How can we help our students to be accepted at the most competitive colleges?”

## “Definition”

- Establish our priorities

**Wesleyan University:**

“Whatever you do, don’t give up the AP program”

**Tufts University:**

“Resonate strength of curriculum and level of understanding”  
through the AP program

**MIT :**

“AP program is defined by rigor”

“Looking for the most challenging program in each high school”

“AP curriculum represents students seeking rigor”

**Harvard University:**

“Competition comes in many forms and the AP program allows high schools and students the opportunity to demonstrate their acceptance of a rigorous academic program”



# “Definition” by our students

As colleges suggest the high school defines itself, students must also “**define**” themselves.

- Rigor of program
- Activities:
  - Overworked phrase: passion
    - “What does a student do” - not for the college application but because they are good at it, or love it.
- Essays
  - Example: MIT’s tell us about yourself
    - Honest description vs counselor or consultant’s efforts
    - Colleges see the differences

# Applications

As of December 22, 2009

- Early Decision/Early Action
    - **69% applied** through an Early program
      - 137 students
      - 354 applications processed
    - **58% accepted** through an Early program to date
      - 79 students with an acceptance
- (We are still waiting for many decisions)

94 (47%) seniors with at least one acceptance

1165 applications submitted

288 different colleges

# Rye High School – Acceptance to Date

## December 22, 2009

- American University
- The University of Arizona
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Bowdoin College
- Brown University
- Bucknell University
- UC – Berkeley
- Chestnut Hill College
- University of Chicago
- Coastal Carolina University
- Colby College
- Colby-Sawyer College
- Colgate University
- Colorado School of Mines
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Dominican College
- Drexel University
- Duke University
- U. of Edinburgh
- Elon University
- Evergreen State University
- Fairfield University
- Fordham University
- Georgetown University
- Gordon College
- Indiana University
- Ithaca College
- Johnson & Wales University
- Lafayette College
- Lehigh University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Lycoming College
- U. Massachusetts, Amherst

- Miami University
- University of Michigan
- Mitchell College
- U. of New Hampshire
- College of New Rochelle
- New York University
- U. of North Carolina- Wilmington
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- University of Notre Dame
- Oberlin College
- Ohio University
- Pace University
- Penn State University
- University of Pittsburgh
- U. of Rhode Island
- U. of Richmond

Rider University  
 Roanoke College  
 U. of Rochester  
 Rutgers University  
 St. Michael's College  
 Santa Clara University  
 Siena College  
 U. of South Carolina  
 U. of South Florida  
 Southern Methodist U.  
 Southwestern University  
 U. of St. Andrews  
 SUNY – Cobleskill  
 SUNY – Oneonta  
 SUNY – New Paltz  
 SUNY – Maritime  
 Susquehanna University

Syracuse U.  
 Temple U.  
 Texas Christian U.  
 Trinity College  
 Tulane University  
 U. of Vermont  
 Villanova University  
 U. of Wisconsin  
 Yale University

*Last minute  
 additions:*

Arizona State  
 Coll of Charleston  
 Iona College  
 Lesley University

# Projects for the Future

- College Speaker: Ann Larson, Senior Associate Director of Admissions, Miami University
  - College Admissions
  - Competitive Public Universities
- Case Studies presented by Marcia Landesman, Assistant Director of Admissions, Yale University
  - Faculty meeting/Area Guidance Counselors invited

- Improving Testing Strategies
  - With cooperation from Kaplan
  - Practice PSAT (March) will include 1 on 1 test evaluation with parents
  - New initiative: SAT/ACT combination exam
    - Which test is more appropriate for each student?
- Managing Your Future curriculum
  - Focus Group (December 2009)
  - Review and update curriculum by Counselors (December 2009)
- Newly created survey for Class of 2009

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