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**A B C**<sup>s</sup>

**OF COLLEGE**



# ssociate degree

A 2-year degree that is usually granted by a community college.



B

achelor's  
degree

A 4-year degree that is granted by a college or university.



# Classes

Make sure the classes you're taking in high school match with the college you want to attend and the career you're interested in.



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ual credit

Earn college credits AND high school credits  
while in high school—for free!

# EFCC

## **Expected Family Contribution**

Used to determine how much financial aid you could receive.



# Financial aid

Money to help pay for college including grants, loans, scholarship and work-study.

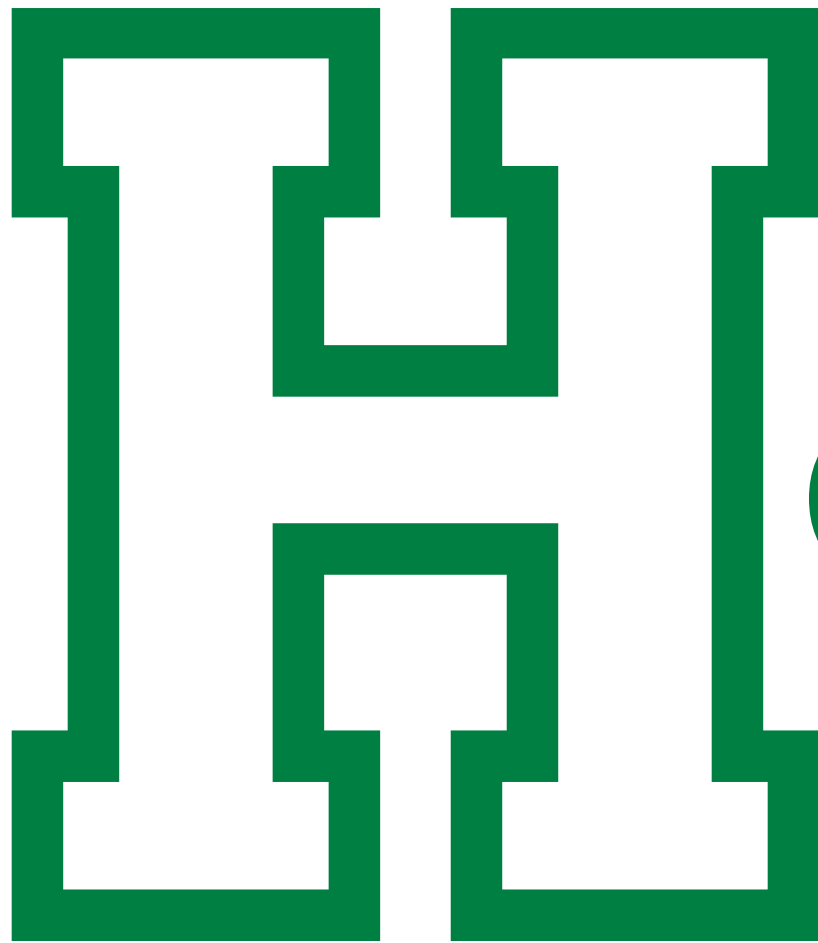


# GPA

## Grade Point Average

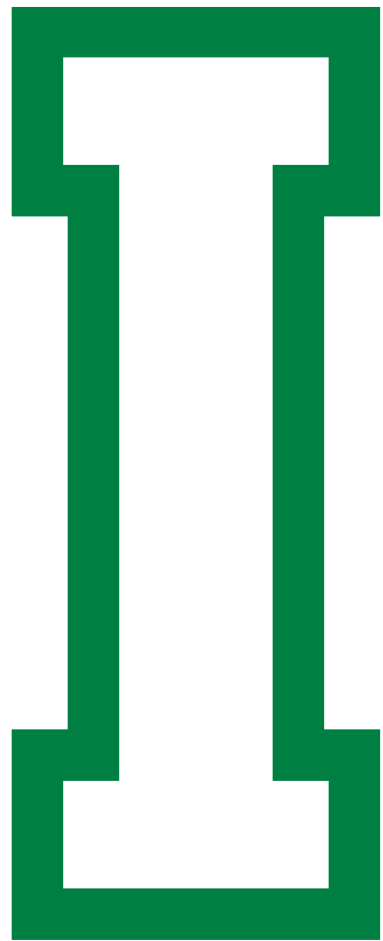
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# onors

Colleges look for students who take challenging classes so sign up for AP, honors or dual credit classes that your school offers.



# nternship

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knowledge

Know what it takes to get into and succeed in college: focus on academics, get involved, find support and stay organized.



# L oans

Money for college that has to be paid back; make sure you don't borrow more than you need.



# Majors

What a student chooses to study in college—  
like Engineering, English or Education.



# Net price

The actual price you will pay for college—don't be fooled by sticker prices! Look for the Net Price Calculator on college websites.



# rientation

A dedicated time before college starts to get to know the campus, meet students and staff, and prepare for classes.





# Placement tests

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Some colleges require tests to determine which class you should take.

# Quad

A rectangular space or courtyard, often the center of activity on a college campus.



# Recommendation letters

Many colleges and scholarships want to hear from teachers or adults that know you well.



# scholarships

Free money for college! Many scholarships require an essay or other application requirements.

# Tests

Many colleges require the SAT or ACT as part of the application process. Be sure to study so you can do your best.



ndergraduate

A college student who is working towards an associate or bachelor's degree.



# Vaccinations

Many colleges require students to have certain vaccinations before they can enroll.



# WAWAIVERS

Many students are eligible for fee waivers or deferrals for admission tests and college applications.





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tracurriculars

Colleges want to see well-rounded students so in addition to getting good grades, consider joining a club, playing a sport or volunteering.



YOU

It's up to you to decide what you want to study,  
where you want to go to college, and your  
future career.

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eta

A Greek letter, used in the names of some sororities and fraternities, which are social organizations for women and men.