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Strategies for Large-Scale Financial Aid Workshops

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Tell Me About Yourself...

Oak Lawn Community High School



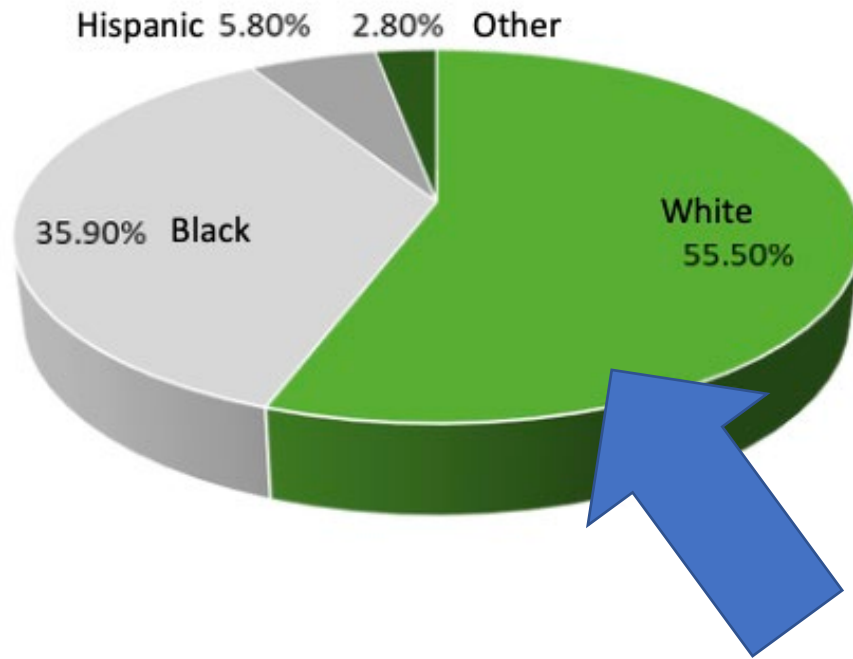
- SW border of Chicago
- Approx. enrollment 1850

School Counselor Team



- 8 Counselors, 1 Interventionist
 - ELL Counselor
 - ½ Counselor, ½ Interventionist
 - College & Career Counselor

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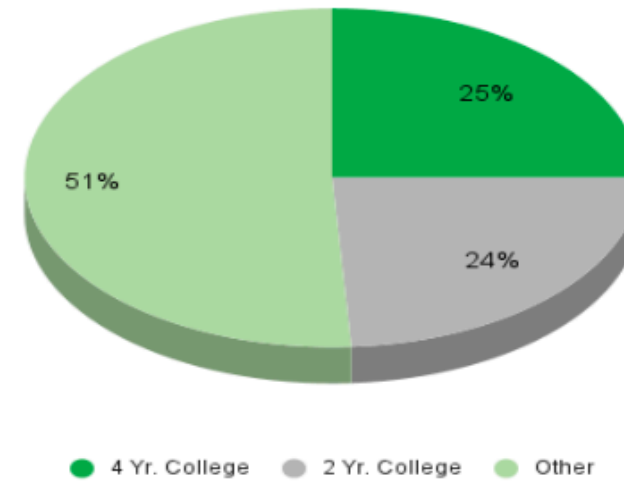


Includes a large Arab-American population

Total Continuing Education: 49%

4 Year Colleges: 25%

2 Year Colleges: 24%



Source: Naviance graduation survey

**Other includes Military, Career, Employment, Year off*

Intro to Post-Secondary & Financial Aid



FRESHMAN

- Career Cluster Finder
- Strengths Explorer
- AchieveWorks Learning & Personality
- Road Trip Nation
- Create 4 Year Plan



SOPHOMORE

- PSAT - NMSQT
- Strengths Explorer
- Career Interest Profiler
- Game Plan Survey
- AchieveWorks Intelligences
- Update 4 Year Plan



JUNIOR

- SAT
- SuperMatch College Search
- Create College list
- Attend college visits
- AchieveWorks Personality
- Game Plan Survey
- Update 4 Year Plan



SENIOR

- SAT Re-take
- Update College list
- Attend college visits
- AchieveWorks Personality
- Game Plan Survey

Intro to Post-Secondary & Financial Aid



Program	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Seminar			X	X
College 101	X	X	X	X
Intro to Financial Aid		X	X	X
College Application Workshop				X
FAFSA Completion Workshop			Early Grads	X
Award Letter Workshop				X

FAFSA Completion Workshop



- Minimum of two workshops, with possible addition of third
 - October – evening
 - Late January/early February – Saturday or Sunday morning
 - Possible third workshop in April
- Registration/Appointment based

FAFSA Completion Workshop – Who?



- Target Audience
 - Fall workshop:
 - Seniors and parents/guardians
 - Emphasis on free/reduced lunch, fee waiver families
 - Spring workshop(s):
 - Seniors and parents/guardians
 - Juniors who plan to graduate early the following year
- Staffing FAFSA Experts
 - School Counselors
 - ISACorps volunteers

FAFSA Completion Workshop – What and Where?



- What to Bring:
 - List provided to all families upon registration
 - Sign-in sheets for families
- Where to Go:
 - School Media Center
 - School Computer lab
 - Seat assignments

WHAT DO I NEED TO COMPLETE MY FAFSA?

Here is a list of information you will need to bring in order to complete the FAFSA. For both parent(s) and student:

- FSA ID numbers (obtained at www.fsaid.ed.gov)
- 2021 tax forms and the W-2's used to create those tax forms (e.g. 1040a, 1040);
- Any untaxed income information, such as social security, disability, etc.;
- Current bank statements OR an idea of what is in checking/savings
- Social security numbers *If you or one of your parents do not have this, let me know, we will just do a different type of form*
- Driver's license (If you don't have one that is OK)
- Records of business, farm, and assets (stocks and bonds)
- Dates to know:
 - Birthdates (MM/DD/YYYY) for student and parents
 - If parents are married, the month and year they were married. If parents are separated or divorced, the month and year of separation.

FAFSA Completion Workshop – When and How?



- Mix of available times:
 - Fall workshop evening format (6:00 - 9:00 pm)
 - Spring workshop(s) weekend morning format (9:00 am – 12:00 pm)
- Ways to advertise:
 - Student announcements
 - Parent email
 - School Messenger
 - Social Media (Hootsuite rocks!)
 - School and Dept. website
 - Skyward Message Center
 - Canvas announcements

FAFSA Completion Workshop – Registration & Special Considerations



- [Example of Registration form](#)
- [Example of Confirmation letter](#)
- Have you thought of...
 - Language barriers?
 - Guest login and/or WiFi access?
 - Refreshments?

FAFSA Completion Workshop

Special Considerations & Follow-Up



- Financial Aid Award Letter Workshop
 - Early April
 - During school day – SAT day?
 - Evening appointments for parents
- Email me for templates!

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Thank you!