



Naviance: College Scattergrams

Scattergrams are a great way to determine where you fit in a particular college's application pool. This document will show you how to find them and use them effectively in your college search.

- 1) **Log into your Naviance Account**
 - a. Visit <http://washburn.mpls.k12.mn.us/>
 - b. Hover over Students
 - c. Click on Naviance
 - d. Enter your user-name and password
 - i. If you can't get in, e-mail danielle.seifert@mpls.k12.mn.us to get access.
- 2) **Click on the Colleges Tab** located on the top of the page.
- 3) **Click on Scattergrams** located at the middle right of the page.

The screenshot shows the Naviance website interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the text "family connection" and a yellow speech bubble that says "Here are all the tools for getting into cool schools". Below the header is a navigation bar with buttons for "home", "colleges", "careers", "about me", and "my planner". On the right side of the navigation bar is a cartoon character. Below the navigation bar is a search bar with the text "search for colleges:" and a "Go" button. To the right of the search bar is a "MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >>" link. Below the search bar is a "resources" section with a link to "test scores". The main content area is divided into two sections: "my colleges" and "college research". The "my colleges" section has a link to "colleges I'm thinking about" and "colleges I'm applying to". It also has a section for "Upcoming college visits" with links for "10/13/15 Carleton College details", "10/19/15 Lawrence University details", and "10/20/15 University of Northwestern details", and a link to "view all upcoming college visits". The "college research" section has links for "SuperMatch™ college search", "college match", "college compare", "college lookup", "college search", "college resources", "college maps", "scattergrams", "acceptance history", and "enrichment programs". A red arrow points to the "scattergrams" link.

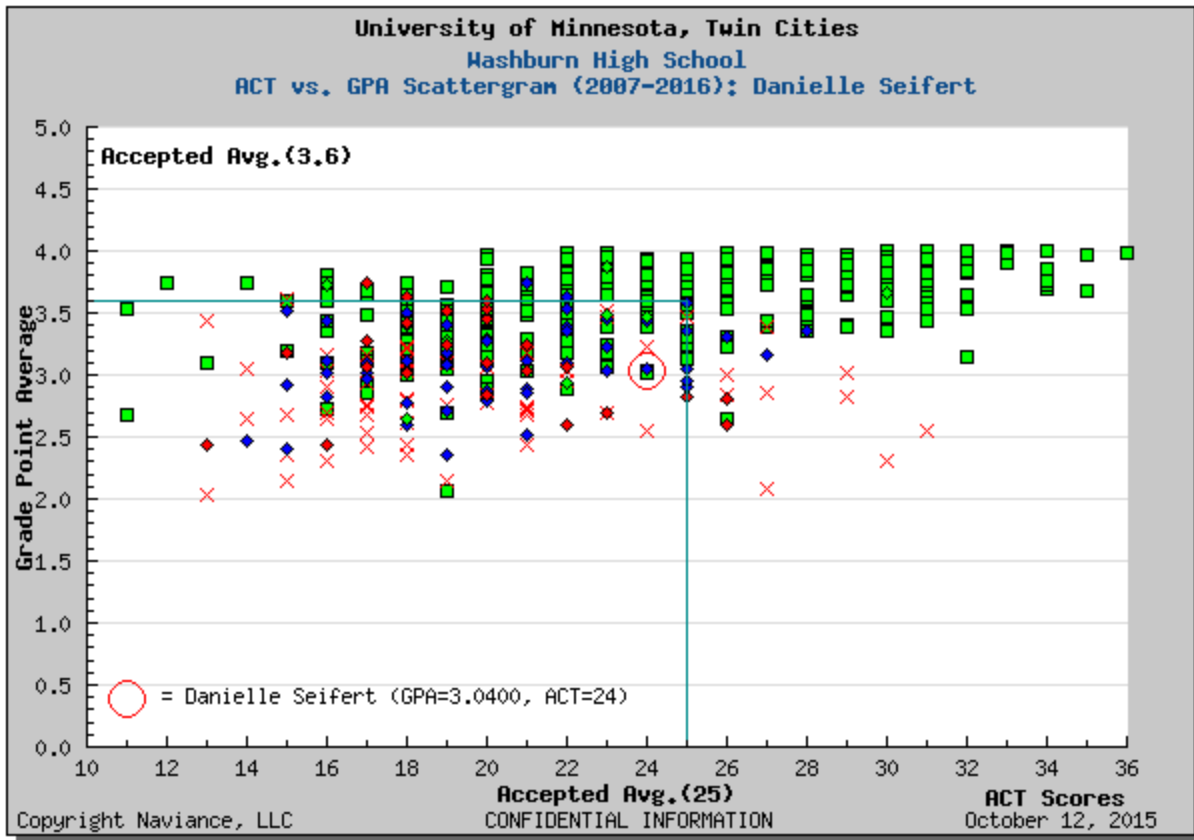
- 4) **Enter the university or college of interest**
- 5) **Change the test type to the ACT or SAT** depending on your best score.

scattergram

→ College: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (631 apps)

→ Test type: ACT

Display Graph



HOW TO READ A SCATTERGRAM

- 1) **Read the Graph Legend** – Each symbol represents a student applicant.
- 2) **Find the Red Circle** - This is you, the prospective applicant.
- 3) **Find the Blue Lines** - The point at which they meet is Washburn's average accepted student.
 - a. **Reach Schools** – The red circle is *inside* the blue lines, *typically* surrounded by more red X's than green squares.
 - b. **Target Schools** –The red circle is *right near* the blue lines, *typically* surrounded by more green squares and diamond shapes.
 - c. **Likely Schools** – The red circle is *outside* the blue lines, *typically* surrounded by mostly green squares.

NOTE: Scattergrams do not represent holistic admissions processes which may include many alternate factors including involvement, recommendations, interviews, and personal challenges. They are meant to be an orienting tool for starting your search.

IF THERE IS NO SCATTERGRAM

- 1) Check that there are enough applicants from past years.
- 2) Check that you have picked the right test!
- 3) Go directly to the college's undergraduate admissions website.