


TOPICS

- Timeline: Applying to College (handout)
 - SAT/ACT dates, College Fair, Financial Aid Workshop
 - Quick Naviance College Search Refresher
 - “Getting Ready For College” Packet
 - Recommendations, Transcript Release, Other Forms
 - Application Process
 - Early Action vs. Early Decision
 - Common App & Naviance (Match)
 - Teacher Recommendations Process
 - Sending SAT/ACT Scores, Super Score, Test Optional
 - 1st & 2nd Quarter Grades by Request Only
 - Finances: FAFSA, CSS, Scholarships
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Timeline: Applying to College

The following is a typical timeline, check with each college for individual deadlines and application procedures!

September: Attend appointment with your guidance counselor & obtain senior college packet/forms
Create a Common App account on www.commonapp.org
Begin your “College Application Process” steps in your senior packet
Request letters of recommendation from teachers *in person* after completing the FERPA
Complete Activity Resume & hand in to guidance and teachers for recommendations
Write, edit and rewrite your College Essay
ACT testing available

October - December:
Apply online via www.commonapp.org or college website
Enter “Colleges I am Applying to” & “Teacher Recommendations” into Naviance
Submit College Processing Forms to guidance for ALL schools in which you apply
Complete CSS Profile, if required, online at www.collegeboard.org
Send SAT/ACT scores to colleges via SAT/ACT website
Research Scholarships utilizing Naviance as well as web resources

October:
Begin FAFSA Application Process Oct. 1st, Follow link on Naviance
SAT & ACT testing available
Attend College Fair Oct. 16th 5:30pm @ Radisson Hotel - Hauppauge
Complete NCAA Clearinghouse Application online – Athletes Only
Oct. 15th Early Action/Early Decision College App Processing Forms due in guidance
Attend Financial Aid Information Workshop October 16th

- November: SAT testing available
Early Decision & Early Action deadlines (Nov 1st or 15th)
***Watch for Dec. 1st college deadlines ***
- December: SAT & ACT testing available
Early Decision & Early Action decisions released ~ starting Dec 15th - January
- January - March: Watch college admission application deadlines!!
- March & April: Hear from your schools regarding admission decisions!
Compare Financial Aid Packages offered from your schools
Apply for Local Scholarships, Info and Applications on Naviance
- May: Decide where you want to go and send your deposit!
Update Naviance with ALL college admission decisions you received
Hand in Final Transcript Request Forms for the college you are attending
- June: *GRADUATION!!!!*

Be aware of Application, Scholarship, FAFSA & CSS Profile deadlines at each school you are applying

SAT Test Dates:

October 6, 2018 – Late Register by September 26, 2018

November 3, 2018 – Register by October 3, 2018

December 1, 2018 – Register by November 1, 2018

March 8, 2019 – Register by February 8, 2019

May 4, 2019 – Register by April 4, 2019

June 1, 2019 – Register by May 1, 2019

ACT Test Dates:

October 27, 2018 – September 21, 2018

December 8, 2018 – November 2, 2018

February 9, 2019 – January 11, 2019

April 13, 2019 – March 8, 2019

June 8, 2019 – May 3, 2019

HOW DOES MY APPLICATION GET TO COLLEGE?

From Home: Common Application & Supplement
or College Online Application
Activity Resume & Essay



From School: Transcript (Gr. 9-11, GPA & Rank)
Teacher Recommendations (2+)
Counselor Recommendation
Courses in Progress
1st Quarter Grades *upon request only*
Mid Year Grades *upon request only*



From College Board / ACT : Test Scores
*YOU must request these online



NEW 2ND YEAR 😊 COLLEGE APPLICATION DROP IN ASSISTANCE

During Lunch Periods on Fridays
Throughout September and October
Clinic Manned by Guidance Counselors
Application & Resume Assistance

**More than 800 colleges.
Only one application.**



Steps to Applying

1. Open Common App Account & Complete FERPA
2. Link Common App to Naviance (Steps 1 - 7)
3. Add ALL Colleges Applying to on Naviance
4. Request Teacher Recommendations (2) w Forms & Resume
5. Add Teacher Recommendation Requests to Naviance
6. Complete and Send Common App Online to Colleges
7. Hand in Green College Processing Form to Guidance
8. Send SAT/ACT Scores from Testing Website
9. Complete FAFSA & CSS Profile beginning Oct. 1
10. Request 1st Quarter & Midyear Grades if Required

Please note we CANNOT send SAT/ACT scores, YOU do!

2018-19 Common Application Essay Prompts

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

SHOW ME THE \$\$\$

Financial Aid Resources

- **Financial Aid Night October 16th 7pm**
 - FAFSA (Forecaster) & CSS Profile
 - Scholarship Search (Naviance, Local, Merit, Other)
- Online Resources: Big Future, My College Dollars, College Goal NY, College Board

FAFSA Application October 1st!

IMPORTANT DATES

- ▶ Next SAT: October 6th Late Reg by **September 26th**
November 3th Reg by **October 24th**
 - ▶ Next ACT: October 27th Reg by **September 21st**
 - ▶ October 1st Begin FAFSA Application Process
 - ▶ October 16th College Fair, Radisson Hotel
 - ▶ October 15th Early Action/Decision Forms Due
 - ▶ October 16th Financial Aid Workshop [HERE](#)
 - ▶ Oct 15th, Nov 1st, Nov 15th EA/ED Deadlines
 - ▶ Dec 1st Common SUNY Deadline
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