

Cold Spring Harbor College Application Process Class of 2021



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Welcome!

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This Evenings Agenda

- ▶ **Post Secondary Planning**
- ▶ **Student Responsibilities**
- ▶ **The College Process and Procedures**
- ▶ **Common Application, Matching with Naviance**
- ▶ **Letters of Recommendation**
- ▶ **Standardized Tests (SAT, ACT, Subject Test)**
- ▶ **Financial Aid and Scholarships**
- ▶ **Q&A**



Post Secondary Planning

Lets Review...

- ▶ All students have options!
- ▶ It's not where you go, but what you do when you get there
- ▶ Everyone's path will be unique; try not to compare
- ▶ Organizing post secondary planning into steps can reduce stress
- ▶ Our role as school counselors in the process is to advise and support

Student Responsibilities

▶ Own the Process!

- ▶ Have you verified the accuracy of your transcript and signed and submitted to guidance the Authorization For Release of Records form?
- ▶ What steps have you taken to research schools and complete applications on time?
- ▶ Have you started working on your college essay?

▶ Communicate and Monitor

- ▶ Have you identified your likely, target and reach schools?
- ▶ Have you requested official SAT/Subject Tests/ ACT scores to be sent to colleges?
- ▶ Do you know if your schools have changed their testing policies or moved deadlines due to COVID?
- ▶ Do you know which schools you are applying to require supplemental essays?
- ▶ Do you know how to utilize Naviance to request recommendation letters and transcripts?

Student Responsibilities

- ▶ **Students must maintain senior year grades**
 - ▶ Mid-year report (Showing 1st and 2nd marking period grades) will be sent to every college that you applied to.
- ▶ **Demonstrate Interest (Visiting colleges, attending college fairs, emailing admissions, setting up an interview, attending college visits in The Counseling Center.)**
- ▶ **Student athletes must submit material to NCAA (Naviance Code: 9999)**
- ▶ **Please inform counselors of all decisions (accepted, deferred, denied, waitlisted)**
- ▶ **If accepted Early Decision I or II, you must withdraw from all other applications immediately!!**
 - ▶ 1st marking period grades will be sent to all EDI and EDII colleges

Documents Students are Responsible for Sending:

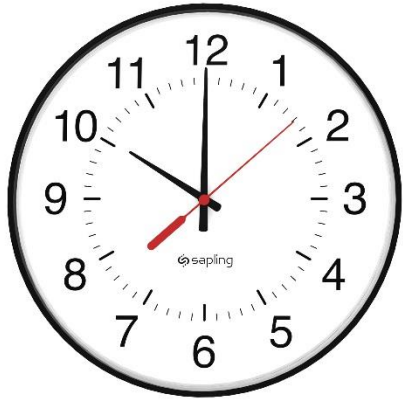
- ▶ **Applications**
 - ▶ Common Application
 - ▶ Coalition Application
 - ▶ SUNY or CUNY Applications
 - ▶ Applications directly on the college or universities website
- ▶ **Standardized Tests**
- ▶ **Personal Statement (650 word max essay)**
- ▶ **Supplemental essay (Varies per college)**
- ▶ **Activity Resume**
- ▶ **Financial Aid Forms (FAFSA, CSS Profile)**
- ▶ **NCAA forms**

College Admission Criteria

- ▶ Transcript
- ▶ Standardized Tests, however there are over 1,500 colleges and universities that are now test optional. You can find a full list at www.fairtest.org - this list is growing daily in response to COVID
- ▶ Extracurricular activities
- ▶ Letters of recommendation
- ▶ Essay/ supplemental essay
- ▶ Interview (If offered or required)

College Application Procedures

- ▶ **All college application related material will be submitted electronically only after a student has requested their transcript to be sent through Naviance. The material that will be sent to each college from the guidance office includes the following:**
 - ▶ Transcripts
 - ▶ Counselor recommendations and a secondary school report
 - ▶ Early Decision agreement
 - ▶ Mid-year report
 - ▶ Final transcript



Do Not Wait Until The Last Minute

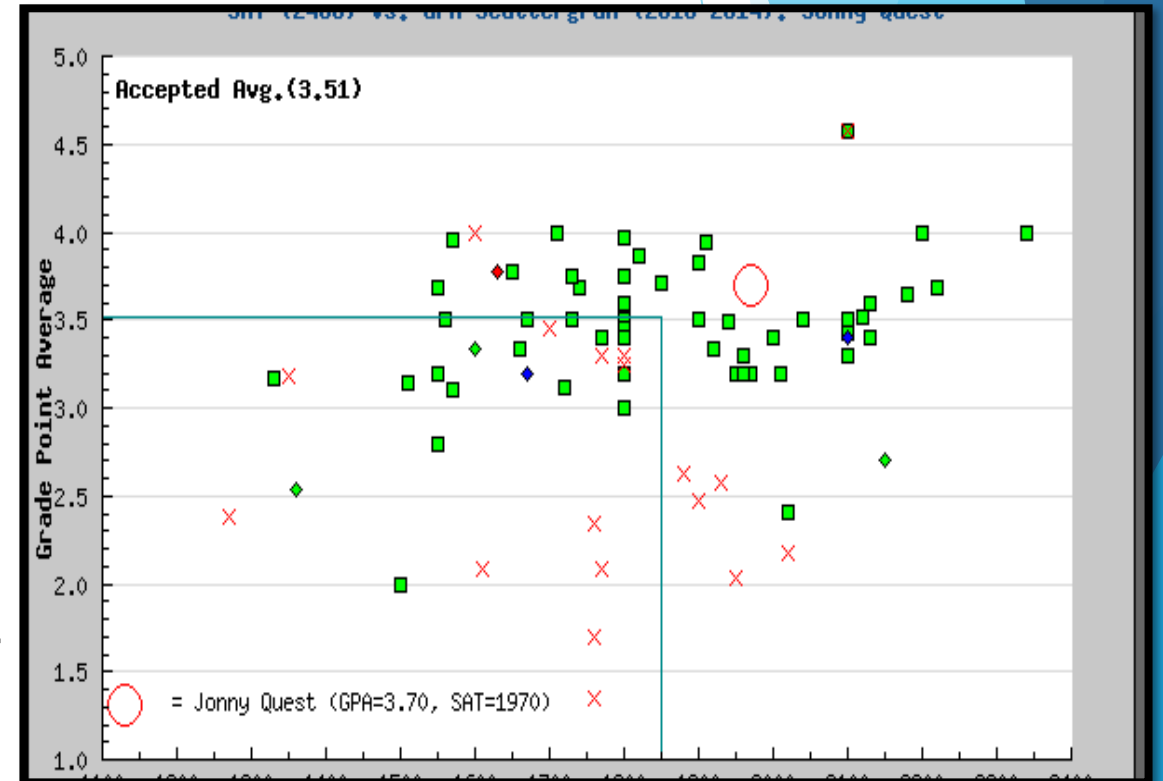
- After submitting your signed authorization for Release of Records Form;
 - You MUST request your transcript at least 10 school days prior to the college application due date.
 - Request your transcript using Naviance.
 - As questions arise, speak with your counselor for help with the process

Identifying Likely, Target, and Reach Schools

- ▶ ***Likely school*** is one where your GPA and ACT/SAT scores are above the average for admitted students, your biography puts you in a competitive position and you are likely to be admitted.
- ▶ ***Target school*** is one where chances of admission are 50/50 – the school might accept you, but they also might not, depending on how strong other applicants are during the year that you are applying.
- ▶ ***Reach school*** is one where the college's admission rate is 30% or lower, there is a significant competition, your GPA and SAT/ACT scores may be below the schools requirements and where chances of admission are unlikely.

Identifying Likely, Target, and Reach Schools

- ▶ Utilize Naviance and all that it has to offer!
- ▶ Under the “College” tab, search a college/university
 - ▶ Once you are on that colleges home page click the tab that says “Admissions”
 - ▶ Scroll down and see the scattergram.
 - ▶ This scattergram will show you how your child falls in comparison to previous applicants from CSH. This scattergram will help you to identify if the school is a likely, target or reach.




College Application Options

- ▶ Regular Decision: “I am interested and if accepted, I might want to attend”
- ▶ Early Action: “I am very interested and if accepted, I may attend but I do not have to attend.”
- ▶ Early Decision(EDI & EDII): “It’s true love, and if accepted, I **MUST ATTEND**, because it is **contractually binding**.”
- ▶ Single Choice/Restrictive Early Action: Very specific to each school. May limit your options with other EA and/or ED applications. You must research each school if you are considering this option. **(Non-binding)**
- ▶ Priority: This application tends to be linked with merit scholarship, scholarships and accelerated programs.
- ▶ Rolling Admissions: “I must apply as soon as possible because applications are reviewed and decisions are made on a rolling basis.”

Common Deadlines in the Admissions Process

MANY COLLEGES HAVE ADJUSTED DEADLINES THIS YEAR AND THEY WILL VARY

- ▶ Early Decision (EDI) is typically on November 1st or November 15th
- ▶ Early Decision (EDII) is typically on January 1st or January 15th
- ▶ Early Action (EA) is typically on November 1st or November 15th
 - ▶ Some southern & western schools have EA deadlines of October 15th
- ▶ Restrictive Early Action is usually due on November 1st
- ▶ Regular Decision (RD) is typically on January 1st



Check
your
deadlines!

Please be aware that every college and university sets their own deadline and it is your responsibility to be aware of each deadline!

Common Application FERPA

What is FERPA?

- ▶ FERPA stands for Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

How does FERPA relate to your application?

- ▶ FERPA gives you the right to review your letters of recommendation under certain circumstances

Why are you asked to WAIVE your FERPA rights for LORs?

- ▶ Waiving your right lets colleges know that you do not intend to read your recommendations, which helps reassure colleges that the letters are candid and truthful.

What happens if you don't waive my rights?

- ▶ You run the risk of teachers/counselors choosing not to write you a LOR. Additionally, college admission offices may devalue the LOR and it could impact your admission.

Common Application FERPA

The screenshot shows the Common Application interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Dashboard, My Colleges, Common App, College Search, and Financial Aid Resources. The 'My Colleges' tab is active, and a dropdown menu shows 'University of South Carolina-Columbia' selected. Below this, there is a sidebar with options: College Information, Application, Questions, Recommenders and FERPA (highlighted), and Review and Submit - Common App. The main content area is titled 'Recommenders & FERPA' and features a yellow warning icon next to the heading 'FERPA Release Authorization'. The text below explains that before inviting counselors, teachers, recommenders, parents, or advisors, the user must complete the FERPA release authorization process. A blue button labeled 'Complete Release Authorization' is prominently displayed. To the right, there is a 'Help' section with a green border, containing questions like 'Who can I list if I do not have a counselor?' and 'I'm out of high school. Who do I list if I no longer have a counselor?'. Each question has a 'Read more' link.

- After creating a Common Application, you must select the tab “College Search” type in a college name, then towards the bottom click “Search.” Select the schools name and then click “Add”
- After completing these steps, you are able to proceed with Recommenders and FERPA

Common Application FERPA

× Release Authorization

Rights and Privacy Act. Since FERPA is a complex law, we want to provide some key information before you respond. We encourage you to learn about FERPA by [reading our FAQ](#). We also suggest discussing FERPA with your counselor, parent, guardian, or other school official to be better informed about your rights.

- 1. How does FERPA relate to your college application?**
 - FERPA regulates the privacy of student education records, which could include your application to the college where you enroll. FERPA also gives you the right to review confidential letters of recommendation provided as part of that application after you enroll.
- 2. In a moment, you'll be asked if you want to waive the right to review confidential letters of recommendation. What should you know about this waiver?**
 - Waiving your right lets colleges know that you do not intend to read your recommendations, which helps reassure colleges that the letters are candid and truthful.
 - Some recommenders may decline to write a letter for you if you do not waive your rights. Check with your counselor or teachers to see if any of them follow such a policy.
- 3. Still unsure how to respond?**
 - That's OK. Many students are. Before you move on, take a moment to discuss your decision with your counselor, another school official, or your parent/legal guardian. For more information about FERPA, visit the [Help Center](#).

I have read and understood the FERPA Release Authorization explanation above.*

[Continue](#)

Common Application FERPA

Release Authorization

FERPA Form

I acknowledge that every school that I have attended may release all requested records and recommendations to colleges to which I am applying for admission. I also understand that employees at these colleges may confidentially contact my current and former schools should they have questions about the information submitted on my behalf.*

Please select one: *

I waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.

I DO NOT waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.

I understand that my waiver or no waiver selection above pertains to all colleges to which I apply and that my **selections on this page cannot be changed once I sign and click Save below.***

Signature *

Date *

The image shows a screenshot of the Common Application FERPA Release Authorization form. The form is titled "Release Authorization" and "FERPA Form". It contains several sections with checkboxes and radio buttons. Yellow arrows point to the first checkbox, the radio button selection, the second checkbox, the signature field, and the "Save and Close" button. The background shows a blurred view of the application interface with various navigation elements and help links.

Common Application Linking With Naviance

Welcome, Laurel !

[Search for Colleges](#)



SEARCH

Graduation Survey

Seniors: Fill out the graduation survey, listed on the left side of the screen under "about me," to update your college admissions decisions and indicate where you plan on attending in September. See your counselor if you have any questions.

Deciding

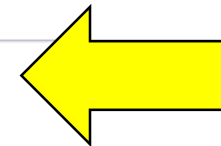
[Read more](#)

My Favorites

 COLLEGES
[I'm thinking about](#)

 COLLEGES
[I'm applying to](#)

 CAREERS AND CLUSTERS
[I'm thinking about](#)



Common Application Linking With Naviance

Colleges I'm applying to

It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools. Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started.

Match Accounts

Manage Transcripts Compare Me

+ = extended profile available + REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS REMOVE

College	Type	Deadline	Transcripts	Office materials	Submission Type	Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Binghamton University	RD	Regular Decision	January 15	no request	Pending	Unknown
<input type="checkbox"/> University of Delaware	RD	Regular Decision	January 15	no request	Pending	Unknown
<input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania State University	RD	Regular Decision	November 30	requested	Pending	Unknown
<input type="checkbox"/> Syracuse University	RD	Regular Decision	January 1	no request	Pending	Unknown

Common Application Linking With Naviance

Close Common App Account Matching

Note: Once you match account, your FERPA status can no longer be changed and you cannot unmatch your account.

We're excited that you are ready to apply to colleges. Some colleges allow you to apply with Common App. You can match your Common App and Naviance Student account to track your applications in one place! In just a few short steps, we'll have your accounts matched.

Get Started with Common App

- Create a Common App account on [Common App Online](#)
- Sign the Common App (CA) FERPA Waiver on [Common App Online](#)

Match Your Accounts

Tell us the email address you are using for Common App and your date of birth.

Common App Email Address

Date of Birth


[I don't need this](#)


TIPS

These tips will help you successfully match your accounts.


- Make sure you use the **email address** that you chose for your Common App account
- Make sure that **last name** on your Naviance Student account matches the last name you used to create your Common App account.
- Make sure the **date of birth** on your Naviance Student account matches the date of birth on your Common App account.


Success!

 Naviance | *Student*

 **Confirmation**
Successfully matched!

Colleges I'm applying to

 **Your Common App account has been matched.**
Your FERPA status is waived. You're ready to apply to colleges using Common App.

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College that I'm attending:

N/A

Letters of recommendation

Colleges I'm Applying To (Requesting your transcript)

Colleges I'm applying to

 Search for colleges


















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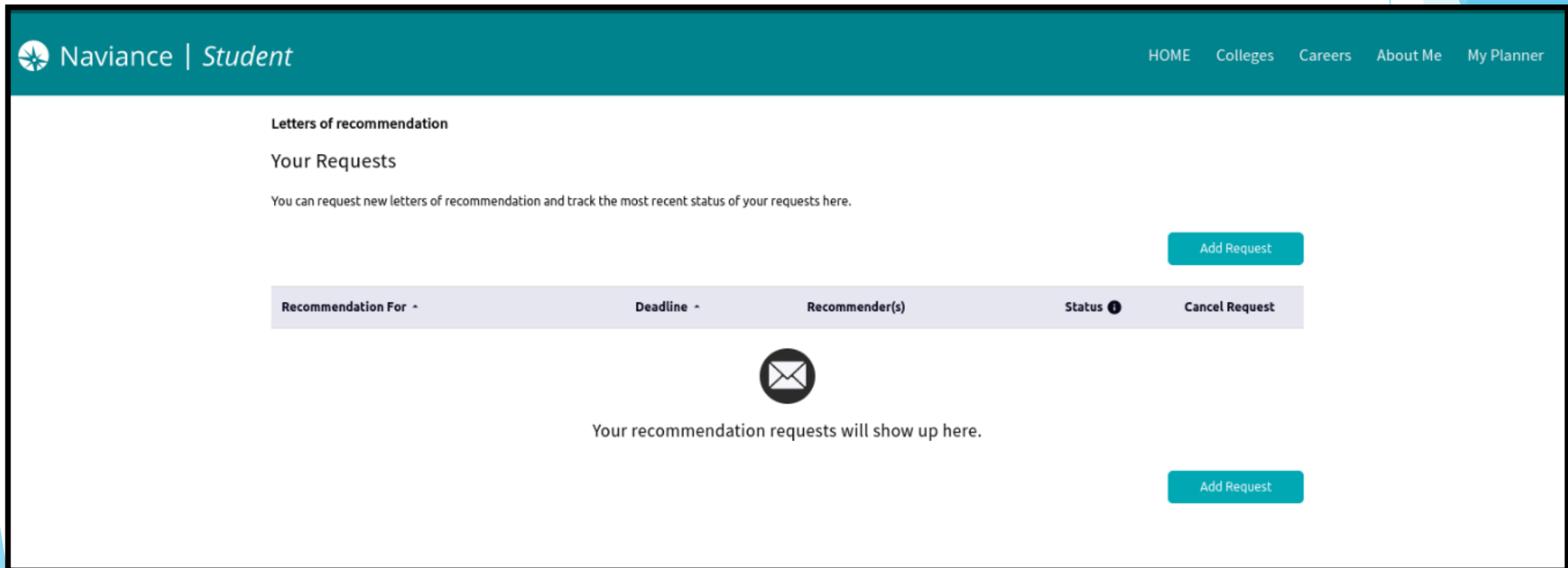
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Letters of Recommendation

- ▶ **2 core-academic recommendations**
 - ▶ First, ask each teacher in person or via email
 - ▶ Next, request recommendation through Naviance
 - ▶ Understand that some schools may only accept 1 teacher letter of recommendation, so make sure if you want a specific teacher to write on your behalf, you are specifying this on Naviance.
- ▶ **1 counselor letter of recommendation**
 - ▶ Each counselor will write on behalf of their students and forward all letters to all Common Application colleges and non Common Application Colleges where applicable
- ▶ **Provide teachers and counselor ample time to write your letters**
 - ▶ Please request letters 3 weeks prior to your deadlines

Requesting Recommendation Letters on Naviance

- ▶ Under the “College” tab
 - ▶ My college section, select, “Letters of recommendation”
 - ▶ “Add request”



The screenshot shows the Naviance Student interface. At the top, there is a teal header with the Naviance logo and the text "Naviance | Student". To the right of the header are navigation links: "HOME", "Colleges", "Careers", "About Me", and "My Planner". Below the header, the page is titled "Letters of recommendation" and "Your Requests". A sub-header reads: "You can request new letters of recommendation and track the most recent status of your requests here." On the right side, there is a teal button labeled "Add Request". Below this is a table with the following columns: "Recommendation For", "Deadline", "Recommender(s)", "Status", and "Cancel Request". The table is currently empty, and in the center, there is a circular icon of an envelope with a white envelope symbol inside. Below the icon, the text reads: "Your recommendation requests will show up here." At the bottom right, there is another teal button labeled "Add Request".

Requesting Recommendation Letters on Naviance

Naviance | Student HOME Colleges Careers About Me My Planner


Letters of recommendation

Add new request

Here you can ask a teacher to write you a letter of recommendation. If you don't have any colleges in your list yet, you may still make a request. Make sure you give your teachers plenty of time to write your recommendations!

Cancel Submit Request

1. Who would you like to write this recommendation?*



2. Select which colleges this request is for:*

- Choose **specific** colleges from your *Colleges I'm Applying To* list
- All current and future colleges I add to my *Colleges I'm Applying To* list **!**

3. Include a personal note to remind your recommender about your great qualities and any specifics about your request:

3000 characters remaining

Cancel Submit Request

*Indicates a required field

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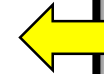
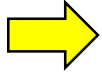
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All Applications?

Or...

Just to a specific college?



Where do you want this LOR to go?

2. Select which colleges this request is for:*

Submit Request

All current and future colleges I add to my *Colleges I'm Applying To* list **i**

*Select only if you have no preference for which teachers will meet the recommendation requirements for each college

Choose **specific** colleges from your *Colleges I'm Applying To* list

Standardized Test Submittal

- ▶ **You must submit your SAT and or ACT scores directly from ACT or College Board to each college/university**
- ▶ SAT score report
 - ▶ www.collegeboard.com
 - ▶ College Board customer service (866) 756-7346
- ▶ ACT score report
 - ▶ www.act.org
 - ▶ ACT customer service (319) 337-1270
- ▶ AP scores
 - ▶ www.collegeboard.com/apcentral
 - ▶ AP customer service (888) 225-5427
- ▶ Cold Spring Harbor High School Code: 331437

Self Reporting Transcript & Test Scores

- ▶ Some colleges ask applicants to self-report:
 - ▶ Transcript grades for each course
 - ▶ Unweighted GPA
 - ▶ Weighted GPA
 - ▶ SAT, ACT, AP, and Subject Test Scores
- ▶ Admission is contingent on verification of all self-reported data
- ▶ Be honest and consult with your counselor if you have any questions.

Financial Aid

**CSH Financial Aid Night- Wednesday, September 30th at 6pm* via Zoom
(*please note time change)**

- ▶ **CSS/ Financial Aid Profile**
 - ▶ The **CSS Profile** is an online application that collects information used by nearly 400 colleges and scholarship programs to award non-federal aid.
 - ▶ Some colleges may require the CSS Profile from both biological/adoptive parents in cases of divorce or separation.
 - ▶ You may complete the CSS Profile as early as October 1st, 2020
 - ▶ <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>
- ▶ **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
 - ▶ Federal student financial aid, such as Pell grant, student loans, and college work-study. In addition, most states and schools use FAFSA information to award their financial aid.
 - ▶ Available beginning 10/01/2020
 - ▶ www.fafsa.ed.gov

Scholarships

- ▶ Naviance > Scholarships (updated frequently)
- ▶ <https://www.fastweb.com/>
- ▶ <https://www.scholarships.com/>
- ▶ <http://finaid.org/>
- ▶ Religious organizations, employer, cultural organizations, service organizations may offer scholarships
- ▶ Merit scholarship: awarded by the university/college in recognition of achievement, usually in academics, athletics and or the arts



Special Considerations

- ▶ NCAA <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- ▶ Portfolio Requirements <https://nationalportfolioday.org/>
 - ▶ Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Architecture, Writing, Music Composition...
 - ▶ May have to upload through SlideRoom www.slideroom.com
- ▶ Audition Deadline
 - ▶ Drama, Music, Voice, Dance
 - ▶ May have to upload through SlideRoom
- ▶ Learning Accommodations/Student Support Services
 - ▶ ACT accommodations (319) 337-1332
 - ▶ SAT accommodations (844) 255-7728

Application Bootcamp

- ▶ Application and Naviance help for students
- ▶ Run by your school counselor
- ▶ All accessible via Zoom
- ▶ Rotating Periods
- ▶ Students come during free periods or lunch
- ▶ No RSVP Needed!
- ▶ Email your counselor for their Bootcamp schedule



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