

**Cold Spring Harbor
College Application Process
Class of 2021**



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Welcome!

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- ▶ 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



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- ▶ 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

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▶ 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?

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▶ 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

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- ▶ 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

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- ▶ 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)

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- ▶ **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



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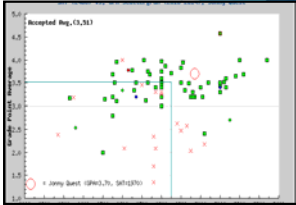
- After submitting your signed authorization for Release of Records Form;
 - You **MUST** request your transcript at least 10 school days prior to the college application due date.
 - Request your transcript using Naviance.
 - As questions arise, speak with your counselor for help with the process

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- ▶ **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.

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- ▶ 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.



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- ▶ 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."

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MANY COLLEGES HAVE ADJUSTED DEADLINES THIS YEAR AND THEY WILL VARY

- ▶ Early Decision (ED I) is typically on November 1st or November 15th
- ▶ Early Decision (ED II) 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!

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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?

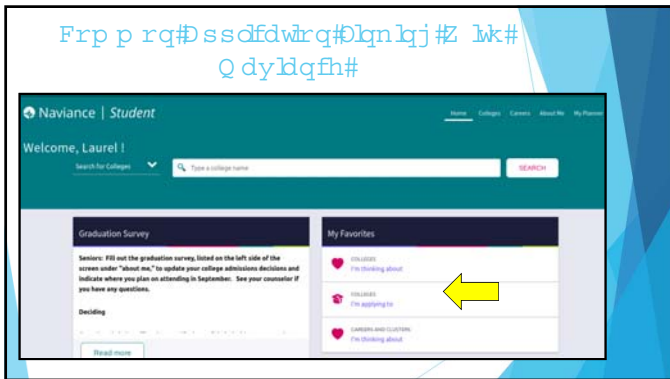
- ▶ Waiving your right lets colleges know that you do not intend to read your recommendations, which helps reassure colleges that the letters are candid and truthful.

What happens if you don't waive my rights?

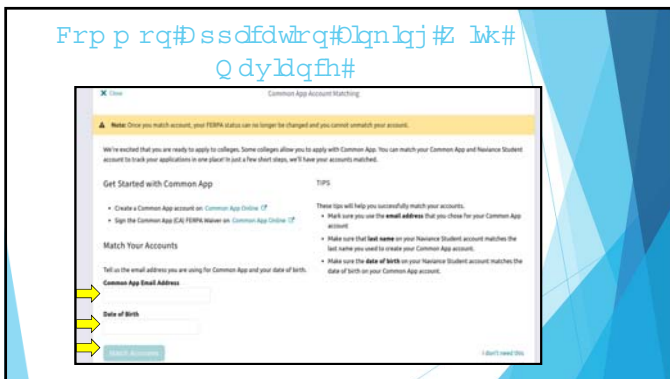
- ▶ You run the risk of teachers/counselors choosing not to write you a LOR. Additionally, college admission offices may devalue the LOR and it could impact your admission.

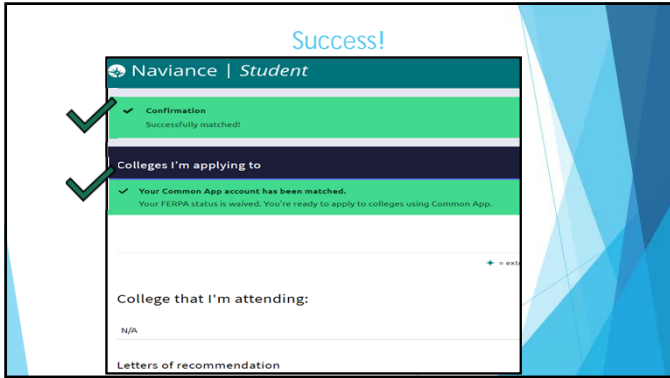
After creating a Common Application, you must select the tab "College Search" type in a college name, then towards the bottom click "Search." Select the schools name and then click "Add"

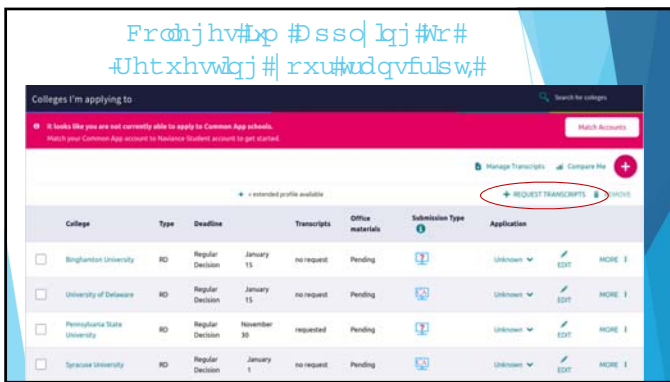
After completing these steps, you are able to proceed with Recommenders and FERPA

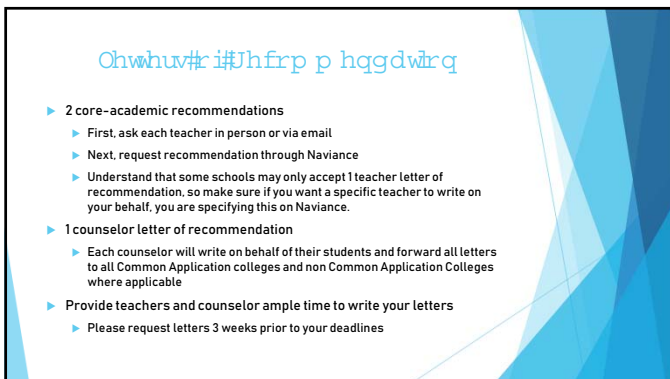






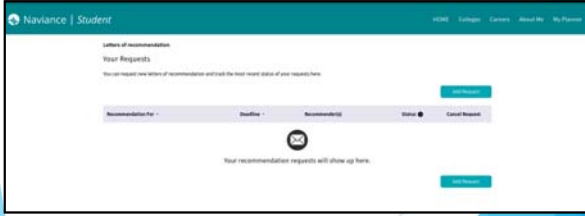






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- ▶ Under the "College" tab
- ▶ My college section, select, "Letters of recommendation"
- ▶ "Add request"



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All Applications?
Or...
Just to a specific college?



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2. Select which colleges this request is for:

Submit Request

- All current and future colleges I add to my Colleges /m Applying To list
 - *Select only if you have no preference for which teachers will meet the recommendation requirements for each college
- Choose **specific** colleges from your Colleges /m Applying To list

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- ▶ **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.

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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

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- ▶ Naviance > Scholarships (updated frequently)
- ▶ <https://www.fastweb.com/>
- ▶ <https://www.scholarships.com/>
- ▶ <http://finalid.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

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- ▶ 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

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- ▶ 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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