

Applying to College Class of 2024

College Counseling Office 2024

Self-Reflection

- Identify what you need. Find schools that meet your criteria. This is a process!
 - What are my goals? Why am I going to college?
 - Specific major? Undecided?
 - Academic fit: past admitted students had similar GPA and/or admission scores
 - How do I learn? Do I need support?
 - Distance from home
 - Cost
 - Activities
 - Campus culture

Research & Exploration

- Naviance
- College Board
- Niche
- Khan Academy
- College websites
- Visit campus
- PRHS Visits
- Virtual tours
- College fairs

Follow Junior Year Timeline

- Review past [College Planning Night](#) events
- Review [Khan Academy's Applying to College](#) Course
- Register with [NCAA Eligibility Center](#) for D1 or D2 athletics
- Research college admission/testing requirements. Is your college test-optional?
- Create an appropriate SAT/ACT testing timeline
- Research [summer enrichment](#) programs
- Update your resume
- Complete and return Parent Signature Form (Sapphire)
- Attend an Summer Workshop (Mrs. Whalen will send an invitation)
 - View past [workshops](#)

Letters of Recommendation

- Follow application directions. Many colleges no longer require or accept letters of recommendation. (Pitt, Penn State, Clemson, VT, USC, Arizona State, etc. Remember: If a college **does not require** a letter of recommendation, it cannot be used in the admission process.
- Ask 2 core academic teachers
 - Ask your teachers **in person** before the end of the school year
 - Follow their process for letters of recommendation
 - Give your teachers plenty of time to write a letter in the fall
 - They **can** say no!
 - Add teacher requests in Naviance
 - **Follow Naviance directions (These will be updated this summer)**
 - **Naviance does not open until August**

Applying To College

- When can you apply?
 - You can start working on the Common Application now.
 - Most applications officially open on August 1
- Where is the application?
 - Look on each college website under Admission – Apply
 - Search for schools on the Common App. Over 900 are listed.
 - Applications are **not** in Naviance

What Do We Use Naviance For?

- Sending the following information to colleges/technical/community colleges:
 - High school profile
 - Transcript
 - Senior Year schedule
 - Secondary school report form
 - Mid-year grades
 - School counselor/teacher letters of recommendation
 - Final transcript

Resources

- Common App
- School counselor
- College counselor
- College/community college/technical school admission office
- College websites
- Khan Academy
- CollegeData
- College Board's Free Virtual Advising
- SRAR