

# THE COLLEGE SEARCH AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Welcome to the Journey!

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not a prize to be won.*



# OVERVIEW

School Counseling- located on the high school website

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# JUNIOR YEAR

- PSAT Scores - released on 12/5/22
- Individual Meetings - Start January 17, 2023
  - Via Google Meet or in person
  - Book meeting with Time and date.com - we will be sending a link to book time/date to each family.
- What to expect in Junior year & Program of Studies
- College Representative Visits (Fall) - posted on Naviance
  - Spring College Fair Information will be posted on the Daily's (Counselor's Newsletter) & on our school counseling page. (Note - Spring Fairs have not been posted yet).
  - Go to College Website directly for Spring Info sessions & virtual tours.
- HHS College Information Site

# NAVIANCE

Web Based Program that is used for the following:

- Student Information
- Career Program & Information
- Scholarship Information
- College & Career Searches
- Streamlining Application
  - Transcripts, recommendations (teacher & counselor), & the school Profile are all send to colleges electronically via this program.
- Usernames/Passwords
  - Everyone has one - can be reset and/or resent - Mrs. Cocucci - our administrative assistance in the counseling office

# Important Factors to Consider

- Two/Four Year
- Public/ Private
- Large/Medium/Small
- Urban/Suburban/Rural
- Distance from Home
  - Commuting - Cost Factor
  - Attending University overseas
- Academic Programs
- Requirements for Admission
- Programs/Schools for Students with Disabilities
- Honors Programs
- Art School/Conservatories
- Athletics
- Military
- School Culture/Social Opportunities

## Application Types

1. Early Decision 1 & 2: Apply early, early notification, binding if accepted. Some schools have ED 2.
2. Early Action - Apply early, early notification, non-binding
3. Restricted Early Action - Can only apply to 1 school as Early Action. Apply early with early notification.
4. Regular Decision
5. Rolling - as application “rolls in”, evaluated and decision rendered. Ongoing throughout year.

## Glossary of Terms

# APPLICATION

## Parts of an Application

1. **Application** - Student
2. **Fee**- Student
3. **Essay** - Student
4. **Resume/Activities portion** -Student
5. **Transcript** - Counselor
6. **1Q/Midyear Grades**- Counselor/Student
7. **Recommendations** -  
**teachers,counselor,outside individuals** -  
Counselor/Student
8. **Standardized Tests scores** - Student
9. **Portfolio for specific programs**- Student
10. **SSAR** - Self reported Academic Record - Student


## ACTUAL APPLICATION

- Must apply via the Common Application, SUNY, CUNY, Coalition App or the College's direct site.
- SUNY - only SUNY schools
- CUNY - only CUNY schools
- Commonapp.org
  - Over 900 colleges/universities participate
  - One Application
- Coalition Application- for those schools that require.

# Physical Application Process

1. Students will:
  - a. Create an account to apply to a school. Typically the following are used to do so: commonapp.org, suny.edu, cuny.edu, the Coalition app or the college website directly.
  - b. Students will then MATCH their accounts with Naviance (Counselors will do that process with them early Senior year). Reason for this is so that counselors can see where students are applying and send information out electronically.
  - c. Upon completion of the application, students will submit.
2. **IF** students are submitting SAT/ACT scores for review, they **MUST** request and send those scores directly from the College Board or ACT. College will **NOT ACCEPT** scores from the high school.
3. **DEADLINES!!** Check with each school individually.

# Individual Meetings

- ❖ Each family will have an individual college meeting - with student, counselor & family member.
  - ❖ Prior to the meeting, each family will receive a personal email with the following items attached ( to be discussed at the meeting ):
    - Transcript
    - Course Selection sheet
    - Link to the Parent Brag Sheet
    - Link to the Student Brag Sheet
  - ❖ All facets of the process will be discussed at this meeting including:
    - The application process
    - Standardized Testing/Test Optional
    - How, where and when to apply
  - ❖ The student will also be selecting their senior year courses.
    - We recommend that you take some time to review the courses offered
    - Visit: [9-12 grade offerings](#) and [The Program of Studies](#)
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# Standardized Testing



1. SAT /AP      Collegeboard.org
2. ACT            Act.org
3. TOEFL - Students who are in the country less than three (3) years.      Ets.org

Registration **MUST** occur via those websites.

Testing Dates can be obtained from:

- The websites directly (listed above)
- School website (hohschools.org)

**NOTE:** Hastings is NOT a testing location

AP Scores:      potential college credits

- Cost to take the exam ( \$95 - \$100)  
Cost to send score from College Board ( Approx. \$15.00)  
to attending college - optional to report/send

# Students with IEP's & 504 Plans

- Understand the differences in levels of service and how application of the laws may differ at the post-secondary level
- Discuss the fine points of disclosure with your students counselor
- Further information is offered on our school site for Students with [Learning Differences.](#)

# Financial Aid

- **FAFSA** - [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)
  - [Financial Aid Information](#) available on our school counseling site
  - Start Online Application October 1st of Senior Year.
- **TAP** - Tuition Assistance Program -
  - Automatically generated when you file FAFSA and add a school within the State of NY
- **CSS Profile** - [www. Collegeboard.org](http://www.Collegeboard.org)
  - Not all schools require - check the individual college websites.
- **Scholarships**
  - Employer, Union
  - Local Scholarships ( available each Spring )
  - College
  - Naviance Scholarship Tab
  - Finaid.org
  - Fastweb.com
  - **EXCELSIOR SCHOLARSHIP** - for SUNY or CUNY schools only.

# In Conclusion

You are the consumer - shop for a good fit!

You will be most happy at a school that fits your ideals, standards, beliefs, budget and abilities.

You create a profile for the type of school where you would be happy.

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# PANELISTS

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Ben Kavanaugh - Bucknell University

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