

# COLLEGE ADMISSIONS INFORMATION



# Graduation Requirements Regents Diploma

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<b>COURSES</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
▪ ENGLISH	4
▪ SOCIAL STUDIES	4
▪ MATH	3
▪ SCIENCE	3
▪ HEALTH	.5
▪ ART or MUSIC	1
▪ WORLD LANGUAGE (L.O.T.E.)	1
▪ PHYSICAL EDUCATION (4 yrs.)	2
▪ ELECTIVES	3.5
<b>TOTAL UNITS</b>	<b>22</b>

# Regents Diploma Requirements

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## REGENTS DIPLOMA

- ENGLISH 11
- MATH
- GLOBAL HIST.& GEO
- U.S. HISTORY & GOVT.
- SCIENCE REGENTS
- PATHWAY OPTION

(PASSING ALL WITH AT LEAST A 65)

## REGENTS DIPLOMA WITH AN ADVANCED DESIGNATION WITH HONORS

- (PASSING ALL WITH ABOVE 90)

## ADVANCED REGENTS DIPLOMA

- ENGLISH 11
- INTEGRATED ALGEBRA
- INTEGRATED GEOMETRY R
- INTEGRATED ALGEBRA II & TRIGONOMETRY
- GLOBAL HISTORY & GEO.
- U.S. HISTORY & GOVT.
- 2 SCIENCE REGENTS
- WORLD LANGUAGE

# Utilize the BHS Website



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## BHS Course Guide / Diploma Requirements

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ENGLISH >

# Steps to Help Simplify the College Planning Process

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Step 1

⑩ Consider the factors (Major, Location, Size and Cost)

Step 2

⑩ Research and visit colleges and universities

Step 3

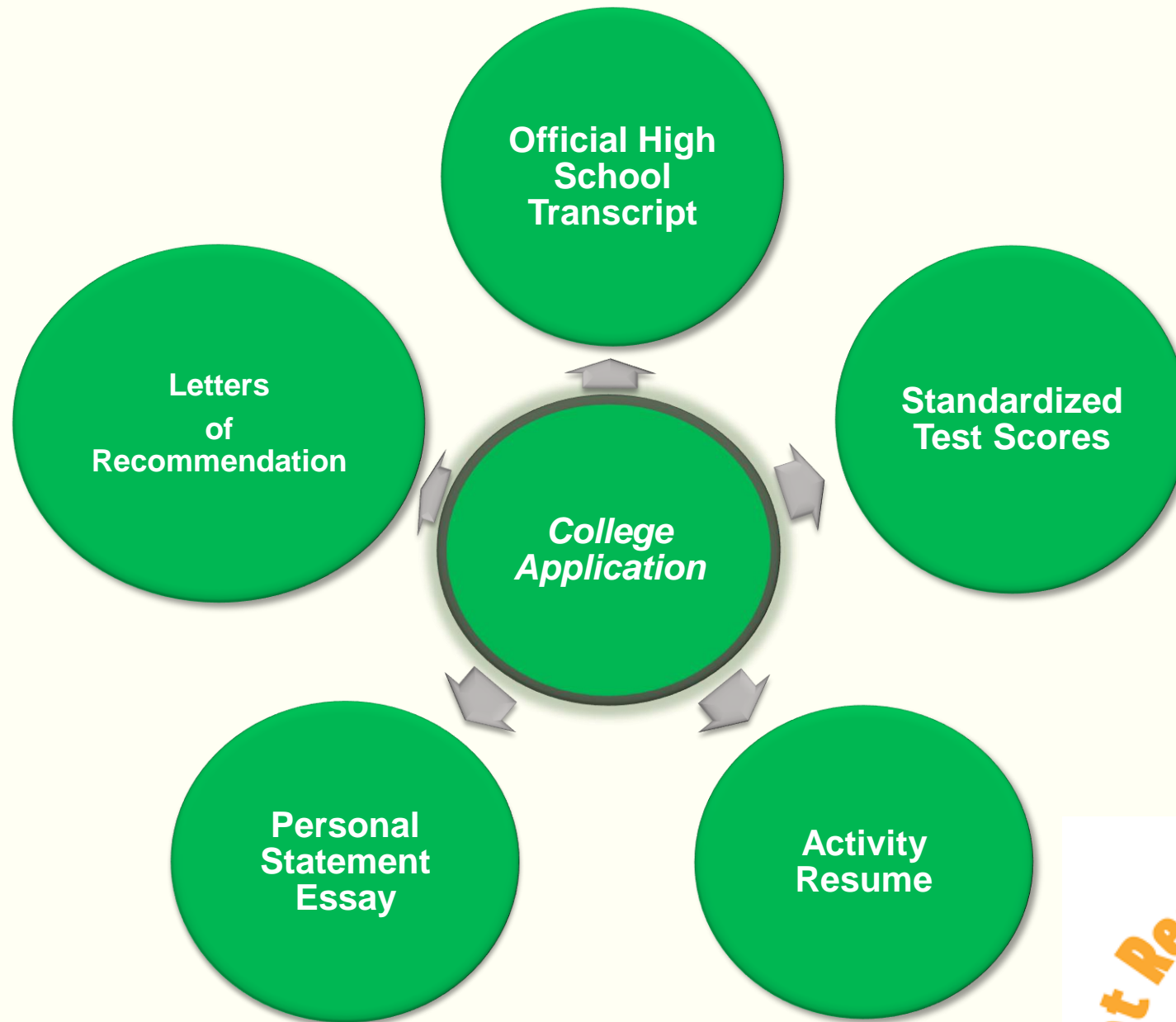
⑩ Learn admissions requirements

Step 4

⑩ Develop a financial plan

Step 5

⑩ Be mindful of deadlines



# What Colleges Consider

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## Primary factors:

- Quality/Rigor of Academic Courses
- Academic Performance/Grades
- Test Scores (SAT, Subject Tests, ACT's)

## Additional factors:

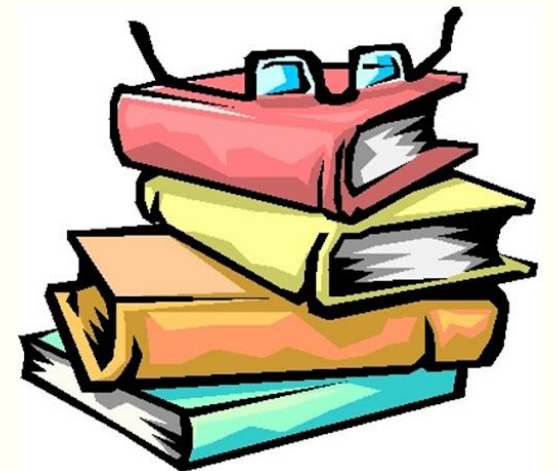
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- College Essay
- Activities Resume

# Grades & Course Work

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**Colleges will look at a few aspects:**

- Course selection: Rigor of course load (AP, Honors)
- Grades: Class and Regents Exams
- GPA trends: Keep improving every year
- Class Rank





# College Entrance Exams

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**SAT**



**ACT**



**[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)**

**[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)**

# Exam Details

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## SAT

### Two sections:

1. Evidenced Based Reading– Sentence Completion, Reading Passages.
2. Mathematics – Algebra, Geometry, Statistics and Probability.

## ACT

### Four sections:

English, Math, Reading and Science

### Optional:

Writing – measures writing skills taught in high school.



# Score Range for the SAT/ACT

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## The SAT

- Score range is 200 – 800 per section
- Total score two sections is out of 1600
- Evidenced Based Reading 200 lowest – 800 highest
- Math 200 lowest – 800 highest

## The ACT

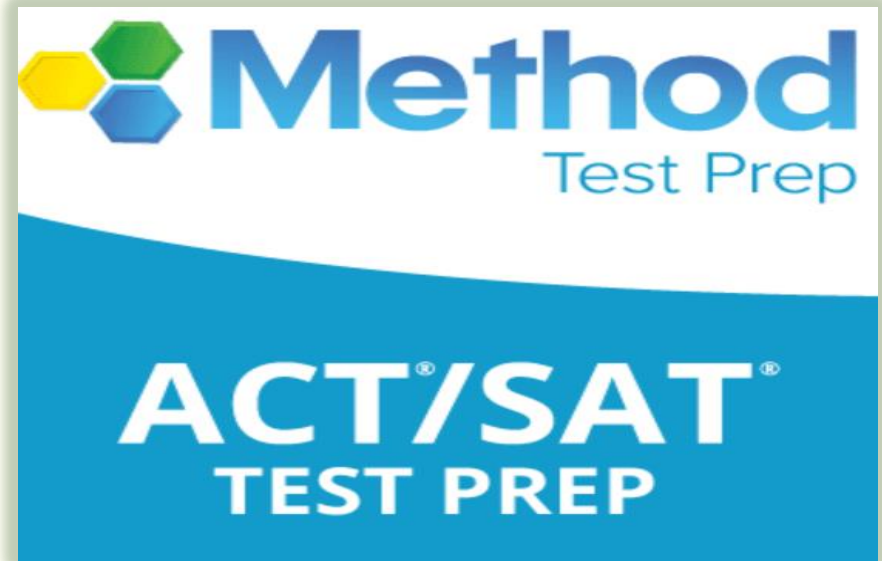
- Composite score range is 1-36
  
- ACT- SAT equivalent i.e. ACT 28 = SAT 1310



# Exam Preparation

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- Method Test Prep access through Castle Learning
- Khan Academy
- The Brentwood School District Website has various helpful websites under the “Guidance Department” link.  
[www.bufsd.org](http://www.bufsd.org)



***\*Remember, test scores are only ONE factor used for the college admission and scholarship decision***

# Letters of Recommendation

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- 2 teacher letters
- 1 counselor letter
- Employer/coach
- Someone that can write a “POSITIVE”, comprehensive, and detailed letter on your behalf



# College Essay(s)

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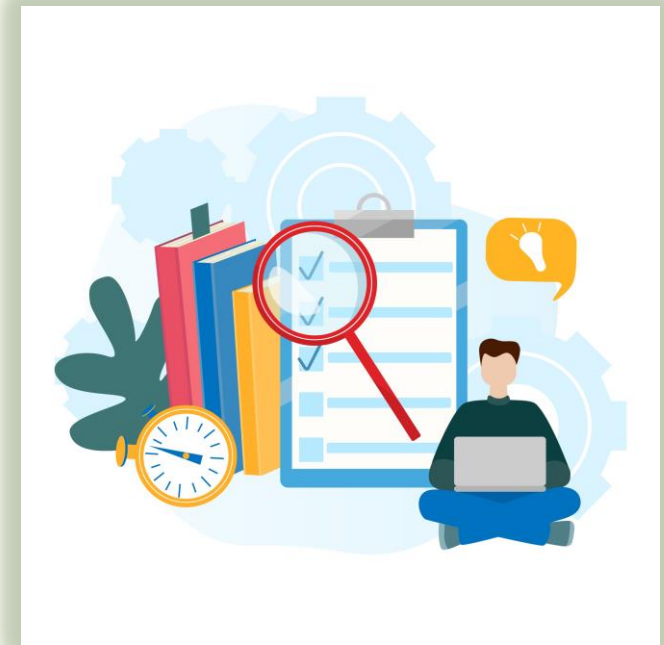


- May have to write more than one essay depending on the school to which you apply.
- Start early.
- Answer the question being asked.
- Write about something important to you (ex. adversity overcome).
- Have a teacher proof read your essay.

# Activity List

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- Student brag sheet questionnaire
- List if all activities 9-12
- Work experience
- Community service/volunteer work
- Talents/hobbies/sports
- Honors and Awards



# Sample Activities Resume

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**STUDENT OF THE YEAR  
101 SUCCESS WAY  
BRENTWOOD, NY 11717**

## **Activity- Description- Grades Participated**

- **Student Council Vice President** - Promotes tolerance and acceptance between diverse cultures within the High School. Organized assemblies that educated student body about global crises such as Darfur. 11,12
- **POW WOW School Newspaper Writer** - Contributing writer on feature stories that directly relate to the High School. Stories include articles of introduction on new staff members as well a featured story on article on the affects of stress on teenagers. 11,12
- **Latino's En Accion-** Club Participant in club that focuses on the education and awareness of the Latin culture. 10,11,12





# 1. The Person

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## Where do I fit?

- My grade point average is...
- My class rank is...
- My ACT/SAT score is...
- My high school course of study is...
- My profile vs. the profile at choice schools...



## 2. The Program

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### What will I study?

- Dream Career
- Favorite classes
- Work experience
- Leisure activities
- School activities



# 3. People

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## Who will I meet?

- Visit the campus
- Plan the trip
- Parent/guardian should accompany
- Take the campus tour
- Meet a department professor
- Ask questions
- Trust your instincts





# 4. The Place

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## Where am I going?

- Distance from home
- Residential life
- Campus setting
- Campus size
- Campus safety/security
- Health services
- Student activities
- Study abroad program



# 5. The Price

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## How much will it cost?

- Discuss with my family the cost of attendance
- Community college vs. private school costs
- COA (Cost of Attendance)
- EFC (Expected Family Contribution)
- Financial Need
- Scholarship Opportunities



# Making a College Selection

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## Factors that Influence College Choice

- Academic programs
- Geographic location
- Size of school/ Demographics
- Costs, Financial aid, Scholarships
- Resources
- Reputation
- College visit

## How do we use these factors?

- With the use of college search engines (Naviance and Common App), School Counselors help students develop a list of approximately 8 schools.
- It is suggested that students apply to 6-8 schools; 10 at the most.



# Making a College Selection Continued

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- **Safety Schools-** A school where your academic credentials **exceed** the admissions requirements of that school and your probability of acceptance is high.
- **Target Schools-** A school where your academic credentials **meet** the admissions requirement of that school and your probability of acceptance is moderate.
- **Reach Schools-** A school where your academic credentials **fall below** the admissions requirements of that school and your probability of acceptance is low and not assured.

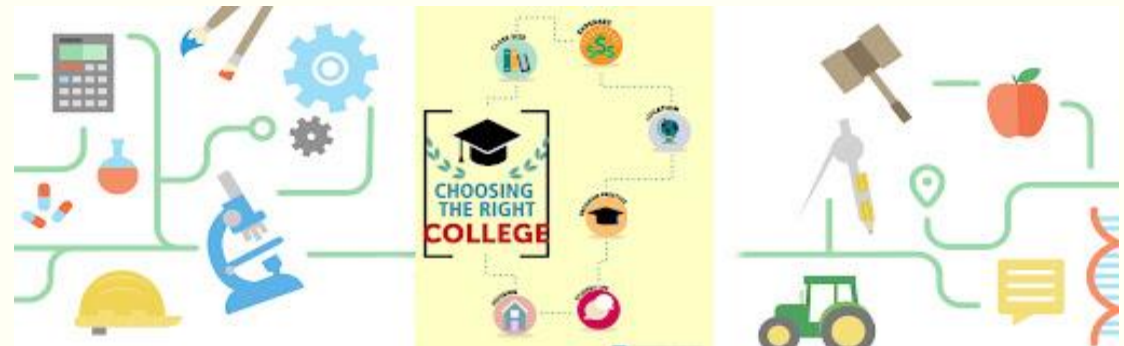




# After narrowing your choices...

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- Begin additional research on each school
- Schedule a campus tour
- Speak with an admissions counselor (you, not your parent!)
- Talk to students and faculty
- Read the student newspaper
- Ask about financial aid opportunities



# College Interview

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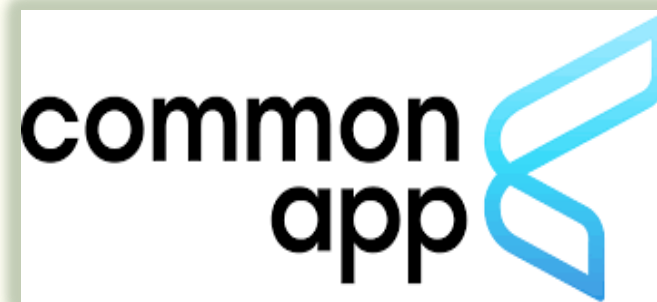
- Know why you want to attend this school
- Think of it as a conversation with interviewer to reduce anxiety
- Discuss interview process with guidance counselor beforehand
- Do research and know facts about the school
- Have questions to ask the interviewer
- Be yourself



# Naviance and Common App

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- Naviance- login through student apps
- Common Application  
<https://www.commonapp.org/>
- These applications help with connecting students with colleges/universities all around the country
- Assure email address and contact information is up to date
- College search tools
- Interest Inventories



# Student Responsibilities

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- Register/Prepare for SAT/ACT
- Submit Transcript Request Form
- Be aware of application deadlines
- Complete Resume/Activity sheet
- Ask teachers for recommendations
- Write and edit essay
- Send SAT/ACT scores to colleges
- Research scholarship opportunities



# Visit the College Room – DiPietro Center

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Thank you  
for your time and  
attention !

