

# College Night For Senior Parents



BRHS Counseling Department  
2019-2020

# College Presentations & Opportunities

- School Counselors meet with all Seniors to explain the college application and transcript request process.
- The Admissions Game –October 2, 2019 - 7 pm-9pm
- College Fair – October 15, 2019 - 7pm-9pm
- Financial Aid Night- October 23, 2019 - 6:30pm
- College visits- 2 permitted: submit note to attendance office.
- College Admissions Visits to BRHS (sign up in Naviance)
- RVCC

# Creating the List

On average, students apply to 7-10 colleges.

<u>Type of School</u>	<u>Description</u>
Reach Schools	Your GPA and SAT/ACT scores fall below the school's range for the average freshman. Reach schools are long shots. You should apply to 2 reach schools.
Match Schools	Your GPA and SAT/ACT scores fall within (or even exceed) the school's range for the average freshman. The majority of schools to which you apply should be match schools.
Safety Schools	Your GPA and SAT/ACT scores are above the school's range for the average freshman. You should apply to at least 2 safety schools.

# Types of Admission

- **Regular Decision**
- **Early Decision –Binding\***
- **Early Action-** early deadline that is not binding –receive your decision about a month after deadline.
- **Rolling-**applications are reviewed and decided upon as they are submitted and received.
- **Open-**all high school graduates are admitted on the basis of high school diploma (RVCC)
- **Special Circumstances:** determined by school

# FERPA Waiver

- Students will receive in Senior Seminar
- FERPA waiver must be submitted asap for non-common app schools!
- If FERPA is not submitted, it will delay processing of applications.
- Please turn in to Mrs. LoBrace in Guidance Office

# COMPONENTS OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS

**STUDENT'S PIECE**  
COLLEGE APPLICATION

**THE COUNSELOR'S  
PIECE**  
(TRANSCRIPT, LETTER OF  
RECOMMENDATION,  
SCHOOL PROFILE, SSR)

**THE TEACHER'S  
PIECE**  
(LETTER OF  
RECOMMENDATION)

**STANDARDIZED  
TEST COMPANY**  
(SAT/ACT SCORES)

# College Application Process

- Transcript-what is and what is not on there?
  - Students should review and make sure all is accurate
- Overview of organization, reading directions, meeting deadlines etc.
- Students are not able to request transcripts until 10/1

## SCHEDULE FOR SUBMITTING YOUR STUDENT'S FIRST TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

Application Due Date:	Request Transcript By:
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	October 14 <sup>th</sup>
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	October 24 <sup>th</sup>
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	November 5 <sup>th</sup>
January 1 <sup>st</sup>	December 2 <sup>nd</sup>



# SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE APPLICATIONS

- **Rutgers**
  - No transcript or recommendations required for the application
  - Relies on the “self-report” method
  - Make sure to add Rutgers in Naviance under Colleges I am applying to; however, DO NOT request transcripts for Rutgers
- **UC (University of California) and Cal. State Schools**
  - Same as bullet points under Rutgers; add the school but do not request transcripts
- **Penn State**
  - Does not require teacher or counselor recommendations
- **University of Florida, University of Maryland & University of Washington**
  - Exclusively using the Coalition for Access & Affordability only
- **RVCC**
  - Considered an “Open Admissions” College
  - SAT not required/ Recommendations not required
  - If a student takes the SAT it can be used instead of taking the RVCC placement test

# Special Circumstance Applications Continued...

- **UNC Chapel Hill and George Tech - Early Action**

- October 15<sup>th</sup> deadlines – only for application and fee
- Document deadline is different (transcript, letters of recommendation etc.)
- UNC Chapel Hill-documents due 11/1
- Georgia Tech-documents due 11/15

- **University of Virginia - Early Decision**

- October 15th deadline and all supporting documents are due on October 15th.

# Using Common Application and Naviance

- Creating a Common Application Account
  - [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- Linking Common App with Naviance
  - Add at least one college
  - Complete Education Section of Common Application
  - Complete FERPA in Common Application
  - Log into Naviance and match accounts under “Colleges I’m Applying To” tab

## Using Common Application and Naviance continued...

- Adding Colleges on Naviance-make sure all schools listed in Common App are also on Naviance list
  - Indicate type of admission (ED, EA, Regular etc.)
  - Indicate how you applied (Common App, Direct to Institution)
- Complete brag sheet for counselor
- Requesting Transcripts Through Naviance
- Requesting Teacher Recommendations
  - **Only use Naviance exclusively to request recommendations from BR teachers**

# REQUESTING TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

**There are now two options:**

1. You can choose to have teachers send their recommendations to all colleges on your list

2. You may specify which college(s) you would like teachers to send recommendations:

- If you are not sending a teacher's recommendations to ALL of your colleges, you **MUST** be in communication with the teacher in addition to making the request on Naviance

- Every time you add a transcript for a school and you wish for their recommendation to go to, you **MUST** tell your recommender.

# OUTSIDE BRHS STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Examples: Outside Coaches, Work Supervisors, Community Service Supervisors, Youth Group Advisors**
- **Option 1 (Common App Schools only):**
  - Student may invite a non BRHS staff recommender on Common App as an “outside recommender” in the Assign Recommender section
- **Option 2 (Any Non Common App School):**
- **“The Paper Route”**
  - Supply the recommender with:
    - Addressed & stamped envelope for each College
    - Addressed to College Admissions Office
    - A paper FERPA waiver for each college
    - Blank FERPA waivers are available in the guidance office lobby

# COALITION FOR ACCESS & AFFORDABILITY

- [www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org](http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org)
- There are three main sections to the Coalition:
  - **Profile:** Houses general student information. This info will be input into all listed college applications
  - **Locker:** Ability to hold essays, projects, transcripts and more
    - \*\*IMPORTANT\*\* DO NOT use the Official Document Section of the locker, Official documents should be requested through Naviance ONLY
  - **Colleges:** Area to add colleges you are applying to, track progress of application and access school specific content
    - Some of the Coalition colleges have self-report transcripts, EX: Rutgers

# Financial Aid & Scholarships

- Financial Aid –can apply as of October 1<sup>st</sup>
- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Scholarships- on Naviance
- Scholarship Search in Naviance
- Local Scholarships –Application in the Spring
- REMINDER FINANCIAL AID NIGHT OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup>!



# NCAA

- Division I or II – must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center
- Request a transcript be sent to NCAA via Naviance
- Test scores must be sent from testing center to NCAA (code 9999)
- Division III – Contact the college for eligibility requirements

# Managing College Decisions

- Acceptance, Deferral, Rejection
- Wait List
- Comparing offers (May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to commit)
- Choosing THE college

# Keeping Naviance Updated

- Updating Results
- Spring-indicate where you intend to enroll  
(final transcript will be sent)
- Please reach out to your child's counselor if you have any questions at any time.

Questions ?

