

For Seniors & Families:

Post-Secondary Planning Evening



**LOWER MERION SCHOOL DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 2020**



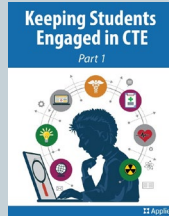
Agenda

A timeline for senior year

- ◇ Post-Secondary Options
- ◇ Timeline for College Applications
- ◇ Defining College Admission Options & Deadlines
- ◇ College Application Components
- ◇ The mechanics of Naviance and Common Application
- ◇ Financial aid
- ◇ Join with your counselor meeting.

Post-Secondary Options

Career/Technical Schools



Culinary, Cosmetology, Digital Media, Plumbing, Electrician, Auto Body & Mechanics, Carpentry & Building trades, Agriculture, **Healthcare**, Visual & Performing Arts

Military Service



Enlistment, National Guard Service, ROTC, Military College, Service Academies

Employment

Resume, references, *Linked In*, *Monster*, *Indeed*, *Seek Apprenticeships*



College/University



2 year, 4 year, Accelerated Programs.

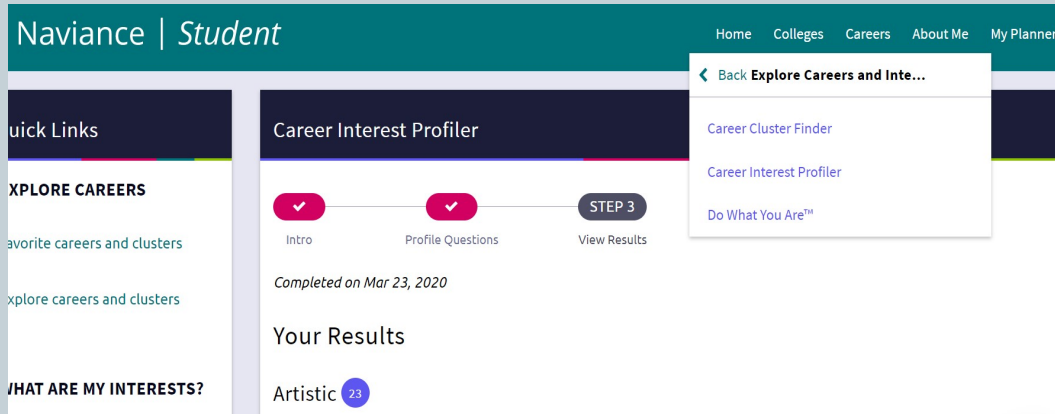
Gap Year



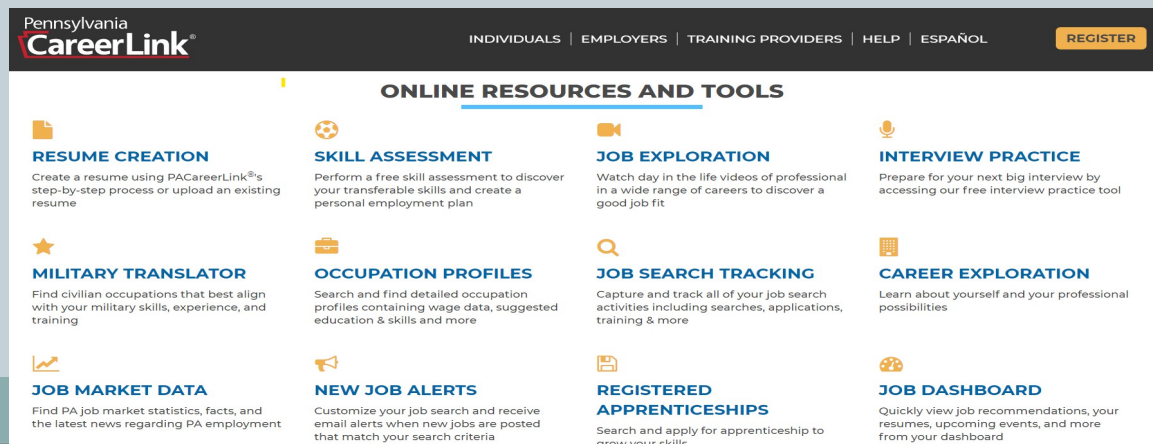
Develop plan, consider working with agency or counselor, travel, community service

Resources

- Naviance Careers Tab



- PA Careers Link:
- <https://www.pacareerlink.pa.gov/jponline/individual>





Senior Timeline



1. Carefully review your transcript
2. Discuss letters of recommendation with teachers and provide what they need
3. Decide if you will take standardized tests: ACT – 9/12, 10/24, 12/12; SAT - 9/26 (SAT only), 10/3, **10/14**, 11/7, & 12/5
4. Athletes: Register with the NCAA at EligibilityCenter.org for Div. I & II

5. Research and visit colleges virtually or in person, virtual college fairs, sign up for college visits for Harriton students
6. Settle on a list of colleges and enter into Naviance, Common Application, and/or The Coalition. Also UCAS and U Cal. Application.
7. Review deadlines, requirements for each application; begin to work on submissions
8. Consider meeting with your counselor/college access counselor – most have office hours during “lunch and learn”

Right About Now



Right About Now #1 CHECKLIST

2020 Edition
Almost everything is virtual.

Completed?	
	Mrs. Newberg and Mrs. Whelan mailed home a copy of your unofficial transcript. It is your responsibility to make sure everything is correct on your transcript before we send it to your schools. You will also need your transcript to help you complete any self-reported grades.
	Transcript Release Forms are being accepted by Mrs. Newberg. You MUST submit it to her at least 15 school days before your first deadline. Email: NewberM@lmsd.org The first date we will send transcripts and documents to colleges is September 21 st .
	Register for a Virtual College Visit in Naviance on the homepage. http://Student.Naviance.com/Harrington Virtual college visits are visits that will be done remotely and accessed via a link shared in Naviance. The virtual event link will be active 15 minutes prior to the start of the event. Attending a college visit is one way you can demonstrate interest! Be sure to ask meaningful questions when you are there. The college representative will likely be the person who is reading your application.
	Make sure two teachers have agreed to write a letter of recommendation for you and that you have provided them with any forms they may need, especially if they do not use Naviance. Don't forget to thank them, remind them of why you loved their classes, and see what they will need from you in order to send their letters (ex. stamped, addressed envelopes, etc.).
	Create a Common App account and begin filling it out. Website: http://www.commonapp.org/
	Match your Common App and Naviance accounts. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-HgtPb5cNqI
	Update Naviance's "Colleges I'm Applying to" AFTER you have matched your accounts. In years past,

Transcript Release Form



- Mail in first copy to:

Mrs. Mary Anne Newberg, Registrar
Harriton High School
600 N. Ithan Ave.
Rosemont, PA 19010



Harriton High School of Lower Merion School District

TRANSCRIPT RELEASE FORM

DUE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY concerns, please return this form in the enclosed self-addressed envelope when you have decided to which colleges you are applying. This gives your permission to release the transcript to all colleges or universities that you have documented in your "Colleges I'm Applying To" list in Naviance and as you have listed below. For every college you add later, you must submit a new TRF and you must also update your Naviance "Colleges I'm Applying To" list.

BEFORE TURNING IN YOUR TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- _____ List each college in the "Colleges I'm Applying To" tab in Naviance.
- _____ Match your Common App account with Naviance.
- _____ List any Common App colleges in your Common Application account.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

RECEIVED:

In accordance with the Federal Privacy Rights of parents and students, the following signed consent is necessary in order for Lower Merion School District to release student records.

The undersigned hereby consents to the release of all education records about the student (identifying data, birth date, academic work completed, level of achievement, grades, and attendance), letters of recommendation, and such other information as may be requested.

Yes _____ No _____

The undersigned hereby consents to the release of disciplinary records as requested by the post-secondary



Types of Admission



Non-Restrictive

- Rolling Admission
- Regular Decision
- Early Action (EA)

Restrictive

- Restrictive Early Action (REA)
Only early application!
- Early Decision (ED)
- Early Decision II
Must attend if accepted!

Deadlines

- *None (apply early!)*
 - ~ Jan. 1/15
 - ~ Nov. 1/15
- ~ Nov. 1/15
- ~ Nov. 1/15
- ~ Jan. 15/Feb. 1

NACAC Definitions of Admission Options

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Regular Decision

DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Rolling Admission

DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Action (EA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll and withdraw all other applications. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

COMMITMENT:

BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

Both EDI & II are binding



Admission Decisions



- ☐ Accepted! Offered admission; fall and January/Spring semester
- ☐ Denied admission
- ☐ Deferred
- ☐ Waitlisted
- ☐ Other possibilities

What does “Test Optional” really mean?



- More than 1200 four-year colleges and universities do not require the SAT or ACT
- **NACAC states:** institutions are making a definitive statement that they will not need test scores to make admission decisions this year. Despite the change in policies, ... “Does test optional really mean test optional?” The answer, simply put, is: YES. Colleges have affirmed that they will not penalize students for the absence of a standardized test score and endorse a student-centered, holistic approach to admission that will not disadvantage any student without a test score.



Mechanics of the Process



- All students will use Naviance Student.
 - *Student.naviance.com/harriton*
 - *Central clearinghouse for processing transcripts and recommendations*
- Most students will use The Common Application – 950 colleges of 4,000 are members.
- Some students may use The Coalition Application - 140 + colleges; a few colleges, such as the U of Maryland, College Park and The University of Florida are Coalition exclusive.
- University specific applications and self-reported process (SRAR) - input your own courses and grades.
- Deadlines are very important in the college process and communication is a key factor – stay in touch with your counselor when adding a college or changing a decision.



Who Sends What



Counselor

Sends transcript along with counselor recommendation & school profile

Students must provide 15 school days notice of deadlines

Teacher

Uploads letter to Naviance and sends or mails

Registrar

Uploads transcript to Naviance after receiving TRF

Applications may be sent at any time up to the deadline, transcript and letters of recommendation can be sent at any time before or after.

Student

Completes and sends

1. Common App (or College Specific or Coalition App, SRAR if required) and supplemental essays
2. Transcript Release Form (TRF)– send to Registrar
3. All Standardized Tests – self report or send an official score report

Communication is key.

Add teacher recommender to Naviance

Mechanics of the Process

Naviance



Welcome, Demo Whelan!

Search for Colleges



Type a college name

SE

Welcome Class of 2020!

Welcome to your senior year and we hope that you had a wonderful summer!

The Student Services Department is committed to assisting you to achieve your post high school plans. Throughout the school year, we will provide you information that will help you with the transition from high school to your post-



My Favorites



COLLEGES

I'm thinking about



COLLEGES

I'm applying to




CAREERS AND CLUSTERS

I'm thinking about



Adding colleges



 Naviance | Student

HomeCollegesCareersAbout MeMy Planner

Quick Links

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS

SuperMatch®

Advance college search

College lookup

MY COLLEGES

Upcoming college events

Colleges match

Colleges Visits

Colleges I'm thinking about

Colleges I'm thinking about

Search for colleges

+ Add Colleges to List

Compare Me

UPDATE INTEREST

MOVE TO APPLICATION LIST

REMOVE

* = extended profile available

College	Delivery type	Added By	Expected Difficulty*	Application Deadlines	Interest
<input type="checkbox"/> Bucknell University	CA	Student	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Colgate University	CA	Student	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A

Symbols – what do they mean?



<input type="checkbox"/>	* Elizabethtown College	CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	* University of Florida	CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	* Frostburg State University	CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Georgetown University	
<input type="checkbox"/>	* Hampton University	CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	La Sierra University	



Common Application School – transcripts accepted electronically through Common App – must “match” with Naviance

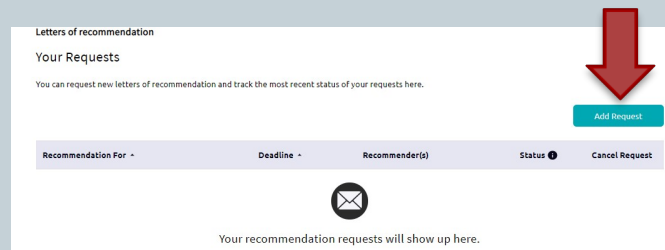
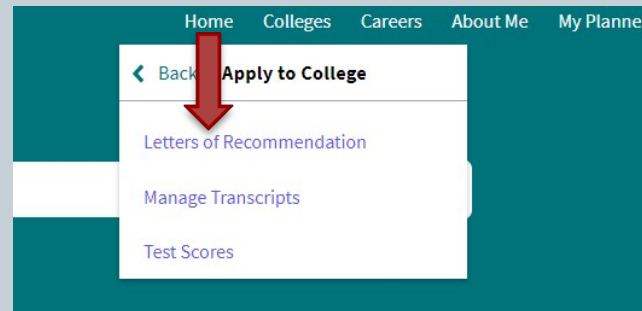
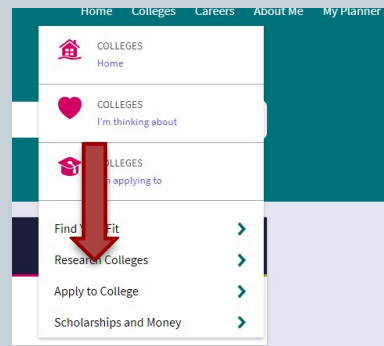
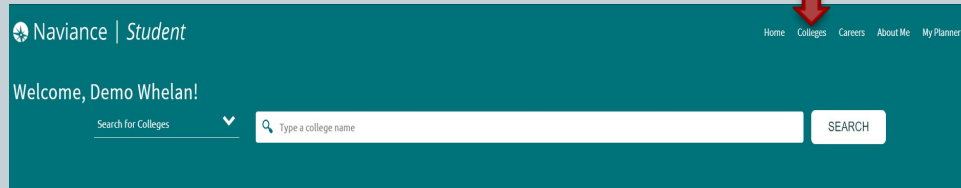


Requires stamped addressed envelope (address to college) and send/mail to Mrs. Newberg and teacher recommenders– (transcript and recommendation letters are not accepted electronically). Put your name on the inside flap of envelope and the due date



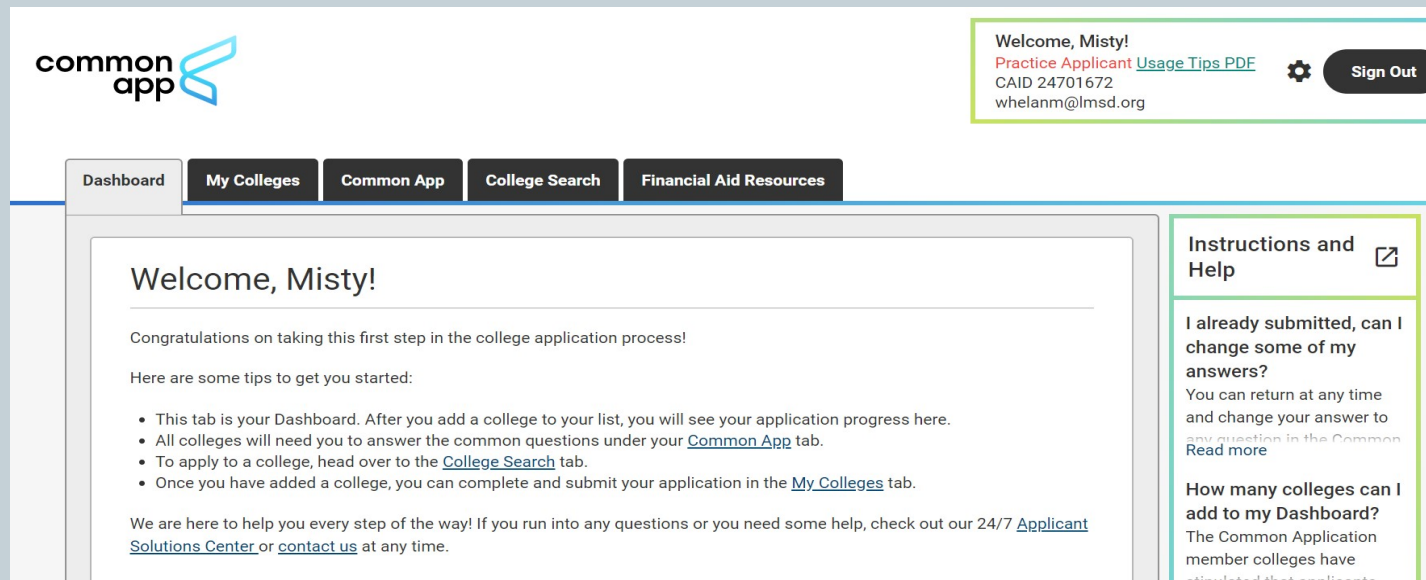
Not a Common Application school but the transcript can still be sent electronically

Adding a teacher recommender



Mechanics of the Process

Common Application



The screenshot shows the Common App dashboard for a user named Misty. The top navigation bar includes the Common App logo and a welcome message with the user's CAID (24701672) and email (whelanm@lmsd.org). Below the navigation bar, the dashboard is divided into two main sections. The left section, titled 'Welcome, Misty!', contains a congratulatory message and a list of tips for getting started. The right section, titled 'Instructions and Help', contains links to various help topics. The dashboard is designed with a clean, modern aesthetic using a color palette of blues, greys, and whites.

common app

Welcome, Misty!
Practice Applicant [Usage Tips PDF](#)
CAID 24701672
whelanm@lmsd.org

Sign Out

Dashboard My Colleges Common App College Search Financial Aid Resources

Welcome, Misty!

Congratulations on taking this first step in the college application process!

Here are some tips to get you started:

- This tab is your Dashboard. After you add a college to your list, you will see your application progress here.
- All colleges will need you to answer the common questions under your [Common App](#) tab.
- To apply to a college, head over to the [College Search](#) tab.
- Once you have added a college, you can complete and submit your application in the [My Colleges](#) tab.

We are here to help you every step of the way! If you run into any questions or you need some help, check out our 24/7 [Applicant Solutions Center](#) or [contact us](#) at any time.

Instructions and Help

I already submitted, can I change some of my answers?
You can return at any time and change your answer to any question in the Common [Read more](#)

How many colleges can I add to my Dashboard?
The Common Application member colleges have stipulated that applicants

[HTTPS://APPLY.COMMONAPP.ORG/COMMON/6/](https://apply.commonapp.org/common/6/)



The Common Application Dashboard



THE COMMON
APPLICATION

Welcome, Simon!

First Year / 2013-2014 | CAID 200005



Sign out

Dashboard

My Colleges

Common App

Recommenders

College Search

Start typing the college name

Add a College

My Colleges (2)

Deadline

Application

Writing Supplement

▶ Connecticut College

11/15/2013



▶ Gettysburg College

2/1/2014



Help Center 

Search help



Dashboard

The Application Dashboard will display all of your colleges and the status of your work for each ma ... [+]

Progress Statuses

Dashboard icons give a visual indication of the status of your progress. Green checkmarks signify ... [+]

Looking for a College?

You can quickly search for a new college to add to your college list directly from the Dashboard. ... [+]

Dashboard displays an overview of the application status for each college on a student's list.

FERPA Waiver

Family Educational Rights to Privacy Act



- Waiving your rights and the FERPA Waiver
- Completed in Common Application after adding colleges to your account.
- In “My College” tab, click on “Assign Recommenders” then the FERPA Release Authorization is the first item on that page.
- Click the blue text under the “FERPA RELEASE AUTHORIZATION” to complete the FERPA waiver.



Help Center



Dashboard

My Colleges

Common App

Recommenders

College Search

Common Application

Profile

Family

Education

Testing

Activities

Writing

▼ Household

Parents marital status: (relative to each other)*

Married



With whom do you make your permanent home?*

Select



Do you have any children?

☐ Yes

☐ No

[Back](#)

Continue

▶ Parent 1

▶ Parent 2

▶ Sibling

Help Center ➔

Search help



Miss or Mrs.

Please select Ms. as your choice. This title can be used for a married or unmarried woman (like Mr ... [+])

Half siblings

You may add siblings, half siblings, or step siblings only. For siblings who have not yet earned a ... [+]


more than five siblings

You are limited to entering only five siblings. If you have more than five, you can list them in th ... [+]



Connecting Naviance to CA



 Naviance | Student





Home Colleges Careers About Me My Planner

Colleges I'm applying to


Search for colleges

It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools.
Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started.

Match Accounts

 Manage Transcripts  Application Milestones  Compare Me 

* = extended profile available

+ REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS  REMOVE

College that I'm attending:

N/A

Update

Letters of recommendation

Some colleges require letters of recommendation to be submitted with your application. Please visit the [letters of recommendation section](#), accessible from the main colleges page, for more information

Scholarships and Financial Aid



- File for aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) beginning October 1
 - Financial Aid Night – Wed., Oct. 7th
 - FAFSA Completion Night – Thur., Oct. 22nd
- The 2020–21 FAFSA form asks for 2018 tax information. Application and information available at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid>
- The CSS Profile (College Board) may also be required.
<https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>
- Review each college's scholarship and financial aid sites
- For private and corporate scholarships: Fastweb.com, College Board, Naviance
- **Net Price Calculators** give estimates for each individual college of the potential cost of attendance

PHEAA



- The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency: <https://www.pheaa.org/>
- Borrowing for Higher Education Event:
<file:///C:/Users/whelanm/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/A7LNJHN7/Borrowing%20for%20College%20webinar%20flyer.pdf>

Event Dates:

- Wednesday, September 23th (12:00 pm/Noon Eastern Daylight Time)
- Tuesday, September 29th (12:00 pm/Noon Eastern Daylight Time)
- Thursday, October 1st (6:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time)

Career & College Access Counselor



Mrs. Whelan

Office Hours – look for email announcement each week

College Visits – Sign up on Naviance – visits start Sept. 21st.

College Application Evening (Virtual) Sept. 21 LMHS,
Sept. 22 HHS

Contact Info:

WhelanM@lmsd.org

(610) 658 - 3948

☑ ☑ ☑ Individual Counselor Meetings ☑ ☑ ☑



Mandy Carl: A - Da

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95249741510?pwd=dkkvUHFwSoFFcUx6SDg1R2M1NTcrdz09>

Barbara Serratore: De - Ka

Join Zoom Meeting

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Carla Coleman: Ke - Mo

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Kimberly Thompson: Mu - R

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Mike Mallozzi: S-Z

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Mandy Carl: A - Da

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Please complete the online evaluation



- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1C-dyaS-3nf3g7Tl2OnmKQkNSuQNH05QheTPeTd64WUA/edit>