

North Andover High School

College Bound Junior Night

2022



AGENDA

- SAT/ACT
- Naviance
- Creating a list of colleges
- Applying to college
- Financial Aid Overview



RELAX! TAKE A DEEP BREATH

There are 5,300 colleges and universities in the United States, you will get in!



GETTING STARTED

01. START TALKING!

Car rides, friends, dinner table, parents, siblings, teachers, guidance counselors, etc.

02. MAKE A PLAN!

Make a 5-year and 10 year plan. Where do you see yourself?

03. YOUR PREFERENCES

Have conversations about colleges, jobs, where relatives attended, what they do for work, what do others like and dislike about college

2022 SAT AND ACT TEST DATES

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
March 12, 2022	February 11, 2022	March 1, 2022
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022	April 26, 2022
June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022	May 25, 2022
** August 27, 2022		
** October 1, 2022		
** December 3, 2022		
ACT DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022	January 21, 2022
April 2, 2022	February 25, 2022	March 11, 2022
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	May 20, 2022
July 16, 2022	June 17, 2022	June 24, 2022

SAT REGISTERING AND SENDING RESULTS

SAT Registration (www.collegeboard.org)

- Create an account
- Select a test date
- Will take about 30 minutes to register
- Many students will take the March SAT and then the May or June SAT

ACT Registration (www.actstudent.org)

- Create an account
- Select test date (dates are different for ACT)
- If student has testing accommodations in school they may receive for tests, speak to guidance counselor about applying

Test Optional

The number one question asked by the high school class of 2023 is,
"Should I take the SAT/ACT?"

The answer is YES. Test optional admissions may be here to stay. However, some majors will require SATs, some schools will offer merit based on test scores, and some schools will still require standardized tests for admissions.

COLLEGE SEARCH RESOURCES



NAVIANCE



NA GUIDANCE



PRINCETON REVIEW



COLLEGEBOARD



CAPPEX



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COLLEGE LIST

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REACH SCHOOLS

These schools are usually the top choices and dream schools. It is okay to include long shots.

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REALISTIC OR POSSIBLE SCHOOLS

Schools that possess the significant features a student desires and at which the probability of admission is slightly better than even.

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SAFETY OR LIKELY SCHOOLS

Schools that have most of the features a student desires and at which the probability of admission is highly to certain.

*** One of these schools should also be financially safe

NAVIANCE



<https://nahs.northandoverpublicschools.com/>



DEMONSTRATED INTEREST

COLLEGE REP VISITS

Each fall, college admission representatives are invited to connect with NAHS students to give presentations about their schools. Registration is done through Naviance.

CAMPUS VISITS

College visit forms must be returned to Guidance 2 days prior to college visit for absence to be considered documented

- Juniors have 3 documented college visit days.
- Seniors have 5 documented college visit days.

COLLEGE VISITS



A simple line-art icon of a lightbulb with a person's head inside, symbolizing an idea or question. It is positioned to the left of the title.

QUESTIONS TO ASK ON COLLEGE VISITS

- What is it like to live here?
- How do you get involved in the school community?
- What do you do on the weekends? Do most kids stay or go home?
- Do you have a car on campus? If not, is it easy to get around the city/town?
- Why did you choose this school?
- What do you like most about college classes?
- How do you balance your school work with your job/extracurricular activities/internship?
- Is there help with job placement after graduation?

REQUESTING RECOMMENDATIONS

TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Speak with the teacher personally in the spring of junior year to request a letter of recommendation. Follow up with the teacher in the fall to verify the student's first application deadline. Teachers cannot upload recommendations until transcript release form is turned in.

COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Counselors will write on behalf of all of their students. Students must complete student recommendation form in Naviance when (before) they hand in the Transcript Release Form. Parents are encouraged to complete Parent recommendation form on Naviance.

APPLICATION TYPES & DEADLINES



EARLY ACTION

Non-binding



EARLY DECISION

Binding



REGULAR DECISION



ROLLING ADMISSIONS



**EVERY SCHOOL
IS DIFFERENT**



THE APPLICATION



- Application - You will need to list extracurricular activities, work experience
- Supplements
- Recommendations
- Essay
- Payment
- <https://www.commonapp.org/>

REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS

North Andover High School - Transcript Release Authorization Form - 2021 - 2022

Name (please print) _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Guidance Counselor _____

Requests for transcript packages must be made at least ONE MONTH prior to the application deadline. I hereby authorize and request North Andover High School to forward transcript packages (which include transcripts and recommendations) to the colleges I have indicated below. **Seniors must pay a one-time flat fee of \$25.00 or \$12.00** for students receiving Qualified Free or Reduced Lunch, which covers the cost of sending ALL of your transcripts and recommendations to colleges. **Please pay on-line at our [payment portal located on the Guidance website homepage](#).** *Please print neatly and complete ALL requested information for each school or the form will be returned to you.*

ONE-TIME FLAT FEE PAYMENT DATE: _____

Application Deadline	Circle Type	College/School - Which Campus (Address if not on Common App)	List teacher names who will be writing your Teacher Recommendations	How are you applying? (Circle one)	Prior to submitting this form – YOU MUST Complete the FERPA Waiver under the “My Colleges” tab on the Common App (2) If you are applying through the Common App YOU MUST add those schools to your Common App account (3) YOU MUST enter your Common App email address and date of birth under the “My Colleges” tab in Naviance	Guidance Use ONLY
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NAHS GUIDANCE USE ONLY:

Form Received in Guidance on: _____

Counselor's Initials: _____ Secretary's Initials: _____

Fee Paid: _____

Colleges Matched & Entered on Naviance: _____

FERPA signed: _____ Teacher Recs: _____

\$ Amount _____



FINANCIAL AID

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- FAFSA application will open on October 1st
- <http://www.fafsa.gov>



College Scholarship Service (CSS) Profile

- Each school has its own CSS Profile deadline, but many schools request applications by the students earliest deadline.
- <http://cssprofile.collegeboard.org>

The major difference between the FAFSA and the CSS Profile is that the FAFSA provides federal grants, loans, and other types of government assistance, and the CSS Profile is an application that universities use to gauge how much non-federal financial aid you need.

Massachusetts Educational Financial Authority (MEFA)

- <http://www.mefa.org>



COMPONENTS OF THE FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE

- **Grants** – students do not have to repay grants. They are typically given for athletics, academics, special talent, need-based, etc.
- **Scholarships** – Students also do not have to repay scholarships. Scholarships can be awarded for athletics, academic excellence or special talent.
- **Loans** – These must be repaid. There are two types of loans: federal student loans and private loans.
- **College Work Study** – Work study allows colleges to hire students for employment to pay their own way as they attend college. You do not repay the money earned.

ACTION ITEMS

- Search and build list of colleges in Naviance
- Register for standardized test(s) - SAT in March @ NAHS
- Keep a file of usernames and passwords of all of your accounts (Naviance, College Board, Common App, FAFSA)
- Visit colleges in person or virtually
- Solidify recommendations (teacher & guidance counselor)
- Fill out Student/Parent Recommendation Form in Naviance
- Start Common Application
- Submit Transcript Release Form - 30 days prior to earliest deadline
- Send official standardized test scores to colleges via College Board or ACT website
- Complete FAFSA (CSS Profile) and attend Financial Aid Night - Fall



POST-SURVEY

