



WELCOME!

COLLEGE APPLICATION 101

Class of 2023

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Senior All Night Party



Fun for you! Fun for our kids!

Watch for tickets to go on sale this summer!

Junior Parent/Guardian Sneak Peek: Sunday 6/5 at MIDNIGHT

- 50+ years of keeping our kids safe and giving them one last memory as a class.
- The ONLY party after graduation! Held at BHHS on graduation day from 9pm-2am.
- Senior parents start meeting over the summer to fundraise and organize the June event...plan to join us! Bring your ideas, sponsors, leadership skills, etc....
- Shhhhh...the event details are a secret for your kids, but there will be a live show, tons of games and activities, food, and great prizes!
- Attend the Sneak Peek and help with tear down so we know where everything is next year! We pack a whole semi-truck with stuff! Sign up using the QR code above.
- Questions? Contact Melissa Vitale Feldman at melissa@vitaleevents.com

BHHS COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS

Brian Fitzgerald: A-C

Jim Fogle: D-G

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Melanie Brooks: P-Si

Tony Midea: Sj-Z

COLLEGE & CAREER RESOURCE CENTER (CRC)

CRC Coordinator: Lou Ann Frantz

The CRC has a wealth of information available to students:

- College visits
- AP Test Registration
- ACT/SAT Prep Information
- College Reference Materials
- Scholarship Information
- Summer Enrichment Opportunities

BEFORE THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDS...

Look at what is required by the colleges to which you are applying from the Naviance search you did. If you need a recommendation letter, initiate a conversation with one or two academic teachers (depending on how many letters are required) who would write a positive letter of recommendation for you.



HOW TO REQUEST A TEACHER LETTER

Official teacher letter requests will be made through Naviance and will not be available until we return to school.

This process will be reviewed during the mandatory senior meeting in September.



COUNSELOR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

If a college requires a letter of recommendation from your counselor, you must complete the Student Questionnaire and have a family member complete the Parent/Guardian Questionnaire (check the college/universities website)

[Student Questionnaire](#)

[Parent/Guardian Questionnaire](#)



NCAA



- If you are planning to participate in collegiate-level athletics you should have already registered on the NCAA Clearinghouse. If you have not, you must do so **before the school year ends** (transcripts are sent to NCAA in June)
- Website: [NCAA Eligibility Center](#)
- School code: 850251
- Must send ACT/SAT to Clearinghouse; use code 9999
- It is your responsibility to track and monitor NCAA requirements

JUNE

- You will receive a letter home regarding your graduation status
 - Check your transcript carefully
- In the fall 2021, you completed your college search using Naviance and you should have already added at least 3-5 colleges to your “**Colleges I’m Thinking About**” list
- You can continue to add or remove schools as you continue to research colleges

NAVIANCE

 Naviance | *Student*



NAVIANCE STUDENT

The following Naviance tasks were assigned during 9th, 10th and 11th grades:

- Annual short-term & long-term goal setting
- Game Plan
- Career Interest Profiler
- Resume Builder (should be complete)
- Do What you Are (Personality Assessment)
- Strengths Explorer
- College Searches/SuperMatch

*These were only the required activities, please explore all of the other benefits of the Naviance program over the summer

NAVIANCE STUDENT: COLLEGES

The screenshot displays the Naviance Student web application interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes links for Home, Self-Discovery, Careers, **Colleges** (highlighted with a red circle), and Planner. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are icons for a heart, a speech bubble, an envelope with a '3' badge, a user profile icon labeled 'LB', and a 'LOG OUT' button. Below the navigation bar, a welcome message reads 'Welcome, Lawrence!'. A search bar is present with the placeholder text 'Search for Colleges' and a dropdown arrow, followed by a larger search input field with the placeholder 'Type a college name' and a 'SEARCH' button. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column features a school-specific welcome message: 'Welcome Bloomfield Hills High School Black Hawks!' with a language selector set to 'English' and a 'Go' button. Below this, a paragraph describes the mission of the School Counseling Office at Bloomfield Hills High School. A 'Read more' button is located at the bottom of this section. The right column is titled 'My Favorites' and contains a list of four items, each with a heart icon: 'COLLEGES I'm thinking about', 'COLLEGES I'm applying to' (highlighted with a red circle), 'CAREERS AND CLUSTERS I'm thinking about', and 'SCHOLARSHIPS & MONEY Favorite Scholarships'. A red arrow points from the 'Colleges' tab in the navigation bar to the 'COLLEGES I'm applying to' item in the 'My Favorites' list. At the bottom of the page, there are two teal-colored sections: 'Important To-Dos and Tasks' on the left and 'What's New' on the right. A 'Show Me How' button with a question mark icon is located in the bottom right corner.

NAVIANCE
BY POWERSCHOOL

Home Self-Discovery **Colleges** Planner

Welcome, Lawrence!

Search for Colleges

Type a college name SEARCH

Welcome Bloomfield Hills High School
Black Hawks!

English Go

The mission of the School Counseling Office at **Bloomfield Hills High School** is to assist each student to attain their maximum potential in realizing their post-high school dreams.

We are happy to introduce our students to **Naviance Student** with enhanced features. **Naviance Student** offers innovative, easy-to-use web applications for high school students and their parents/guardians. **Naviance Student** will help guide students'

Read more

My Favorites

- COLLEGES
I'm thinking about
- COLLEGES
I'm applying to**
- CAREERS AND CLUSTERS
I'm thinking about
- SCHOLARSHIPS & MONEY
Favorite Scholarships

Important To-Dos and Tasks

What's New

Show Me How

WHAT SHOULD I DO OVER THE SUMMER?

- Take advantage of the summer to visit colleges
- Complete [Student & Parent/Guardian Questionnaire](#) (only if a counselor letter is required by the college).
- Complete your Service as Action requirements by filling out the [Google Form](#) on the Community Service page of the website (due in January)
- Finish creating your resume using the resume builder on Naviance
 - Helpful to teachers & counselors for letters



WHAT TO DO OVER THE SUMMER (CONT.)

****Do not send your application to a college until after school starts in the fall****

- Begin working on your applications: Follow directions carefully!
- Use an appropriate personal email account if you don't already have one for college applications. Your bloomfield.org address will not be available after you graduate.
- Watch for the fall 2023 college applications to be posted to college websites (July/August)
- Sign Up Here to attend Summer Bootcamp
- Common Application goes live on August 1 but you can create an account now and it will rollover to the new cycle
 - Common App tab section only

COMMON APPLICATION VS. COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY-SPECIFIC APPLICATION


Common Application:

- Same application is accepted by 979 colleges
- Common Application has a mobile app as well

College/University-specific Applications:

- Accessed directly through each school's website and only used for that specific school
- Some colleges offer the choice to use the CA or a school-specific app

MICHIGAN COMMON APP SCHOOLS

Albion College - Counselor Letter	Eastern Michigan University	Olivet College
Alma College	Hillsdale College	Saginaw Valley State Univ
Aquinas College	Hope College	Spring Arbor University
Baker College	Kalamazoo College-CA only, Counselor Letter	University of Detroit Mercy- Counselor Letter
Calvin University	Kettering University	University of Michigan - CA Only; Counselor Letter
Central Michigan University	Lake Superior State University	University of Michigan-Dearborn
Cleary University	Lawrence Tech University	University of Michigan-Flint
Concordia University Ann Arbor	Madonna University	Wayne State University - CA Only
Cornerstone University	Michigan State University	Western Michigan University
Davenport University	Northwood University	common app 

THE COLLEGE ESSAY: ESSAY MYTHS

- The essay should sound sophisticated
- Students need an impressive topic
- Admission officers do not read them
- Colleges do not know if students get too much help
- There's a secret formula

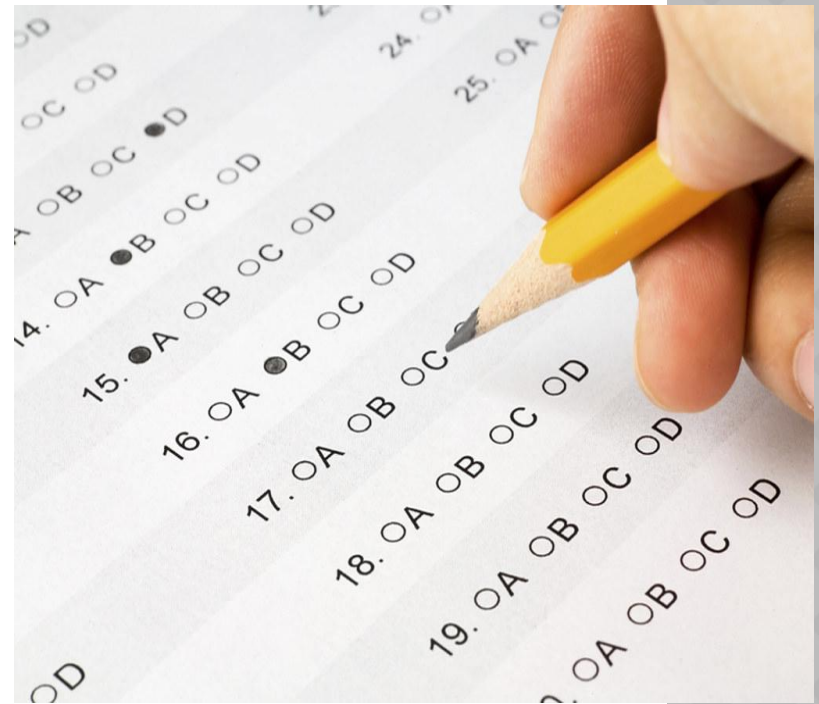
ESSAY TIPS

- Understand the prompt
- Brainstorm ideas
- Focus on a theme
- Speak from the heart / use your voice
- Think about “what do I want people to know about me”
- Have a peer/adult read your work

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO APPLY “TEST OPTIONAL”?

- Not all colleges will require students to submit an ACT/SAT test to complete an application
- It is your responsibility to monitor application requirements
- One resource that lists test optional schools is [fairtest.org](https://www.fairtest.org)
[Fair Test Website](https://www.fairtest.org)


*We highly advise you ALWAYS double check this on the colleges' websites








NAVIANCE: NEXT STEPS

Once you have determined which colleges you are applying to, you must shift all of those schools from the “Colleges I’m thinking about” page to the “Colleges I’m applying to” page on Naviance

COLLEGES I'M THINKING ABOUT

**NAVIANCE**
BY POWERSCHOOL

HomeSelf-DiscoveryCareersCollegesPlanner

About Me▼

Quick Links

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS

SuperMatch®

Advanced college search

College lookup

MY COLLEGES

Upcoming college events


Colleges match



Colleges Visits




Colleges I'm thinking about


























Colleges I'm applying to


Colleges I'm thinking about

 Search for colleges

   * = extended profile available

College	Delivery type 	Added By	Application Deadlines	Interest
 * Hope College		Student	Multiple Deadlines  <div>Application Deadlines</div>	N/A  MORE 
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign		Student	Multiple Deadlines 	N/A  MORE 
 * Illinois State University		Student	Multiple Deadlines 	N/A  MORE 
 * Michigan Technological University		Student	Priority January 15	N/A  MORE 
 University of Michigan-Ann Arbor		Student	Multiple Deadlines 	N/A  MORE 

 Show Me How

MOVING COLLEGES TO “APPLYING TO” LIST

NAVIANCE BY POWERSCHOOL

Home Self-Discovery Careers **Colleges** Planner

Heart Chat 3 Mail LB About Me LOG OUT

X Cancel

STEP 1 STEP 2

Add Applications Request Transcripts

Hope College

Which application deadline do you prefer?

Early Action November 1 ✓

How will you submit your application?

Via Common App ✓

☐ I've already sent my application

Add Applications ADD AND REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS

NAVIANCE BY POWERSCHOOL

LB Logged in as Lawrence Blackhawk

LOG OUT Show Me How

Tell us how you are applying to that college....School's app or Common App?

COLLEGES I'M APPLYING TO

Naviance | Student

HomeCoursesCollegesCareersAbout MeMy Planner

Colleges I'm applying to

Search for colleges

✓ Your Common App account has been matched.
Your FERPA status is not waived. You're ready to apply to colleges using Common App.

Manage TranscriptsApplication MilestonesCompare Me

+ REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS REMOVE

+ = extended profile available

College	Type	Deadline	Transcripts	Office materials	Submission Type	Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Grand Valley State University	RD	Regular Decision	July 25	Pending		Unknown▼ EDIT MORE
<input type="checkbox"/> Indiana University at Bloomington	RD	Regular Decision	February 1	Pending		Unknown▼ EDIT MORE
<input type="checkbox"/> Michigan State University	RD	N/A		Pending		Unknown▼ EDIT MORE
<input type="checkbox"/> University of Michigan	RD	Regular Decision	February 1	Pending		Unknown▼ EDIT MORE
<input type="checkbox"/> The Ohio State University	RD	Regular Decision	February 1	Pending		Unknown▼ EDIT MORE

College that I'm attending:

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Deadlines: Pay close attention to application deadlines

- Regular Decision
- Rolling Admission
- Early Action
- Early Decision (binding)
- Restrictive Early Action

Enrollment & Deposit
Deadline: May 1

*Admissions Deadline Definitions



FALL: APPLICATION PROCESS



Attend mandatory senior meeting in September:

- Review your transcript again
- The process for requesting a transcript will be reviewed in the fall
- Invite your teacher recommender through Naviance

FALL: APPLICATION PROCESS

For your first transcript request, you should submit the following:

- Transcript requests will be made through Naviance
- **If using the Common App, match your Common App and Naviance accounts (IMPORTANT)**
- Your student and parent questionnaires should have been submitted if a counselor recommendation letter is required
- Essay (if available, this is helpful for your counselor letter of recommendations)
- Send ACT, SAT or TOEFL scores to colleges if applicable
 - ACT, SAT, TOEFL

AFTER APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED

- RELAX AND TAKE A DEEP BREATH!
- Don't catch senioritis – stay healthy and do well
- Check the status of your application on each college's online portal to make sure your application is complete – **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT**
 - When in doubt, call the college directly
 - Be patient...it may take a few weeks for your application status to be updated

***Junior year gets you in,
senior year keeps you in!***

ACCEPTANCES



- As soon as you have made a decision on which school you will attend, send a deposit right away
- Inform the schools whose offer you are declining that you will not be attending. This helps for admission of deferred students
- Enter all decisions into Naviance as well as which college you will be attending

THINGS TO DO!



- [Sign Up Here](#) to attend Summer Bootcamp, August 2
- College Night TBD
- Financial Aid Night at BHHS (Sept 28)
- College Rep Visits – During school day
- Attend In-Person or Virtual College Campus Days & Tours
- Apply for scholarships (Check the Counseling newsletter, Canvas and Naviance)
- Complete your Service as Action requirements! This is due at the end of January (Three Community Service Experiences)

SIGNING UP FOR SCHOOL-DAY COLLEGE REP VISITS

- Log into Naviance Student
- Click on the “Colleges” home tab at top of screen
- Underneath the heading “Research Colleges”; click on “College Visits”; Click on “Register”
- In the fall you will see all the colleges visiting BHHS
- Check back often, colleges are added throughout the summer and fall

STAYING INFORMED AND CONNECTED

EMAIL & NAVIANCE!

- Counselors will be doing a great deal of corresponding with students using your Bloomfield email account. You **MUST** check your Bloomfield email regularly and frequently to stay informed and updated on various items
- Checking Naviance regularly will expedite the processing time of your applications and you can also verify that your documents have been sent through your Naviance account

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Naviance
- Counseling Newsletter
- Canvas
- BHHS Website – “Counseling” link
- College specific scholarships (see college website)
- www.fastweb.com



HELPFUL RESOURCES

Common App Ready

Common App Help Page

Exploring Colleges

Common App Essay Prompts

Test Optional Schools & Information

Planning for College

Free Essay Writing Resources

Preparing for College

Parent/Guardian Questionnaire

Student Questionnaire

Definitions of Admissions Deadlines

**THANK YOU FOR
ATTENDING!**

**Have a
Wonderful Summer!**

