



**SENIOR PARENT NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**

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Tonight's Agenda

- ❖ **Review Graduation Requirements**
- ❖ **College Admissions Criteria**
- ❖ **Application Process & Procedures**
 - **Student Responsibilities**
 - **School's Responsibilities**
 - **Forms! Forms! Forms!**
 - **Deadlines**
- ❖ **How to Ease the Stress**
- ❖ **Naviance**
- ❖ **NCAA Clearinghouse**
- ❖ **Financial Aid Night**
- ❖ **Questions**

Graduation Requirements

25 Credits



Status letters sent home in August

Humanities: 9 Credits		Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics: 9 Credits	
English	4 Credits	Mathematics	3 Credits
Social Studies	3 Credits: including .5 Civics and 1.0 US History	Science	3 Credits
Fine Arts	1.0 Credit	Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Business Electives	3 Credits
Humanities Elective	1.0 Credit	Physical Education and Wellness	1 Credit (.25 each yr.)
World Language	1 Credit	Health & Safety Education	1 Credit (.25 each yr.)
		Mastery-based Diploma Assessment (Performance)	1 Credit (.25 per PGR Rubric)
		Electives	3 Credits

Standardized Testing Requirement:

- ✓ SAT: 480 EBRW and 530 Math
- ✓ Proficiency on NGSS

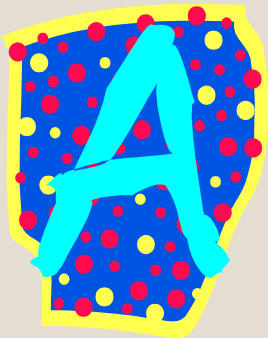
Colleges' Top Ten List

What they are looking for...

- Ability to master a challenging curriculum
- Grades that represent strong effort and an upward trend
- Solid scores on Standardized Tests:
SAT/ACT Many are Test Optional since COVID 19.
- “Passionate Involvement” in a few select activities
- High quality community service activities
- Work or out of school experience
- A well written essay
- Teacher recommendations that describe special characteristics
- Supplementary rec. from adults who have had significant contact with the student
- Anything special that makes the student stand out: art portfolio, music and drama auditions

Transcript & GPA

- ❖ The student's **Transcript** is the most important piece of the college admission requirements.
- ❖ Official academic record
- ❖ Shows the levels and final grades from classes taken during grades 9–11 & senior year work in progress.
- ❖ Cumulative, weighted GPA
- ❖ WE DO NOT RANK.



What does Test Optional mean in this post COVID Admissions Process?

- Many colleges and universities moved to a **test-optional policy for Standardized Testing (SAT/ACT) during the application process the last two years.** Test-optional institutions are making a definitive statement that they will not need test scores to make admission decisions. Despite the change in policies, high school students and their parents are asking, **“Does test optional really mean test optional?”**
- ***YES. But read the requirements for each school.***
- **TEST OPTIONAL RESOURCES:**
 - **WWW. FAIRTEST.ORG**
 - **The individual college website is the BEST resource.**

College Admissions Testing Dates and Deadlines

SAT

<u>TEST DATE</u>	<u>REGISTER BY</u>
10/1/22	9/20/22 <i>Late*</i>
11/5/22	10/7/22
12/3/22	11/3/22

REGISTER AT:

WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG

ACT

<u>TEST DATE</u>	<u>REGISTER BY</u>
10/22/22	9/16/22
12/10/22	11/4/22
2/11/23	1/6/23

REGISTER AT:

WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG

Fee waivers are available to those who meet the requirement guidelines. Please see your School Counselor for more information.

College Board: Multiple Uses

- Register for the SAT
- Test preparation information & practice tests
- Send scores to colleges/universities
- AP Test Information
- College Search Engine
- Individual College Information
- Financial Aid Information
 - **Apply for the CSS Profile**

Where are you in the process?

- **Students are all at different stages in the process:**
 - Have not done a search yet
 - Have a list of schools they are interested in but have not yet visited
 - Have visited a few schools but not sure if the schools are likely, match or reach schools
 - Know all the schools applying to and have begun the Common Application
 - Have completed the application and ready to submit it

Important Points to Keep in Mind When Choosing Colleges

- There is no absolute when it comes to applying to a range of colleges. The goal, of course, is to be admitted to one college of your choice.
- Most students will apply to one or two schools in the “Reach” category, between four and six in the “Target” category, and at least two or more in the “Likely” category.
- The definition of each category varies based on the individual student. What may be a “Likely” school for one student may well be someone’s “Reach” school.
- Give as much thought to your Match and Likely schools as your Reach schools.
- Apply only to schools where you believe you would be happy for 4 years, even for “Likely” schools.

Remember, you are looking for the best match for you!

Understanding Admissions Procedures

Rolling Admissions: Applications are reviewed on a continual basis and a decision is made when all information has been received.

Early Decision – Binding: An application plan where a student makes a commitment to attend a college if accepted. Apply by Nov. 1, decision rendered by Jan. 1.

Early Decision II: another ED opportunity typically due by the regular application deadline: Jan 1, Jan 15.

Early Action: A form of early application which also requires credentials be submitted early; however, students are not committed to enroll.

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Early Action Single Choice/Restricted Early Action: A non-commitment enrollment option but a student is only allowed to apply to one college under this option. The expectation is that the student doesn't apply to any other schools early. ****may apply to other institutions for rolling admission, regular decision, a public school's early application or international schools.**

School Counseling Dept.

FORMS! FORMS! FORMS!

- **Purple** Parent Brag Sheet
- **Pink** Educational Records Release Form(FERPA)
- **Blue** Teacher Recommendation Form
- **Green** Counselor Recommendation Information Form
- **Resume**
- **1st quarter grades will be sent automatically to all schools**
 - **Form will be available to stop 1st quarter grades being sent.**
 - **Caution: if a school requires the 1st quarter grades, they will need to be sent in order to complete the application.**
 - **Not sending them could jeopardize the application.**

All necessary forms are available on the LOLHS Website

Application Process Organization is Key!!



Student Responsibilities:

- Personally ask teachers to write letters of recommendation.
 - Request the teachers through Naviance.
 - Give teachers Blue Recommendation Form
- Request Transcripts through Naviance.
- Complete Counselor Recommendation Form and give resume to SC.
- Submit all required forms to the School Counseling Department.
- Send SAT scores to the colleges through the official website:
www.collegeboard.org (if necessary, you may be able to self report)
- Send ACT scores to the colleges through www.actstudent.org. (if necessary)
- Complete and Submit application which may include:

Essays	Portfolios
Supplements	Interviews
Fee	Auditions

MEET ALL DEADLINES

Colleges and LOLHS

- **Students must submit all the required materials to their School Counselor and Teachers at least 3 weeks prior to their first college application deadline.**
- **Please use the chart below to ascertain the date the forms and the Naviance Transcript Request MUST be submitted to your School Counselor/Teacher**

College Application Deadline:

November 1, 2022

November 15, 2022

December 1, 2022

December 15, 2022

January 1, 2023

Submit Forms to your School Counselor by:

Friday, October 7, 2022

Friday, October 21, 2022

Friday, November 4, 2022

Friday, November 18, 2022

Monday, November 28, 2022

(due to holidays)

- While we appreciate and encourage the submission of your materials in advance of the 3-week minimum, please note that we prioritize the processing of all materials including sending the transcript and the counselor letter of recommendation by the student's first application deadline.

School Responsibilities:

Teachers:

Upload and send the Teacher Written Evaluations and Forms through Naviance.

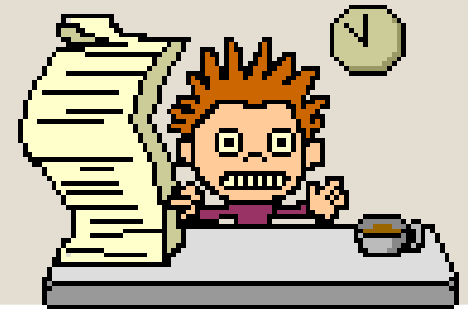
School Counseling Department:

Submit through Naviance or Mail a hard copy of:

- Transcript & Classes in Progress
- School Profile
- Secondary School Report Form
- Counselor Recommendation
- 1st Quarter Grades
- Mid Year Transcript
- Final Transcript

‘What’s Happening’ to ease the stress?

- Many seniors are enrolled in the ‘Writing & Communication for the Real World’ class.
- Forms are on the LOLHS Website and Canvas.
- Counselor & senior meetings begin this week and will continue throughout the process.
- Students can ask English teachers to review/edit college essays.
- Virtual and in-person College Representative Visits occurring here at LOLHS
- Virtual and In Person College Fairs



Naviance Student

- Naviance is an online program used to facilitate and manage the college application process.
- Naviance Student–LOLHS-specific data since 2002.
- Each student has a personal Naviance Account with user name and password.
- Parents also have user names and passwords.
- **LOLHS will submit transcripts and counselor/teacher letters of recommendation electronically using Naviance eDocs.**

What Can Be Accomplished on Naviance Student?

- Complete a College Search
- Create a List of Colleges you are applying to
- Request transcripts & teacher recommendations
- Track College Deadlines
- See Scheduled College Visits & Sign up
- See SAT/ACT test scores, GPA
- Search for Scholarships
- **Receive emails from the School Counseling Office**


<https://student.naviance.com/lolhs/>

Naviance Demonstration

https://student.naviance.com/lolhs/

Welcome, Trial!

[Search for Colleges](#) 

 Type a college name


SEARCH


Fall 2018


Welcome to the Naviance Student Website

This internet based College and Future Planning management system is our online connection to students and families. The Naviance Studnet program enables the School Counseling Office

My Favorites

 COLLEGES
I'm thinking about

 COLLEGES
I'm applying to

 CAREERS AND CLUSTERS
I'm thinking about

Financial Aid Preview

- ED/EA often prompts earlier dates for Financial Aid information to be filed: *three forms may be required*
- **CSS Profile**: access it through www.collegeboard.org
- **FAFSA**: is available as of October 1, 2022 and will use your 2021 tax information. This is good news.
Access it through www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Investigate all financial aid deadlines and requirements as you proceed through this process.
- Begin paying attention to Merit Scholarships available through the colleges.
- Be proactive and look at the **LOLHS Scholarship Bulletin** as well as on Naviance as the list is longer and sortable.

Financial Aid Night

Thursday, September 29, 2022
6:30 pm



Jessica Hatfield
Connecticut College
Financial Aid Office



NCAA Clearinghouse

www.eligibilitycenter.org

- **For students interested in Division 1 or 2 athletics in college**
- **Students should check their GPA and course requirements to ensure they have what is required.**
- **Students need to register with the clearinghouse and request their transcript through the on-line system.**
- **Requires that students submit their high school transcript and SAT scores.**
 - **SAT scores must be sent by STUDENT, code 9999**
 - **Transcripts must also be requested through Naviance.**
- **Final Transcripts will be sent from LOLHS by end of June.**
- **Students should call Clearinghouse directly, 319-337-1492, with questions.**

Web Resources

- www.collegeboard.org: SAT Info, CSS Profile, AP
- www.actstudent.org: ACT Info
- www.fairtest.org: list SAT/ACT optional schools
- www.commonapp.org: Common Application
- www.fafsa.ed.gov: Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
- www.BLS.gov: Career Search/Statistics

Senior Parent Night Evaluation

- Please take the time to complete the evaluation of tonight's event.
- Your input is very helpful as we plan for future events both for you and the future Seniors and their parents.

Thanks for your Help and Support!!

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS:

