

North Andover High School

College Bound Junior Night

2023



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

SAT REGISTERING AND SENDING RESULTS

SAT Registration (www.collegeboard.org)

- Create an account
- Select a test date
- SAT Prep- Khan Academy

ACT Registration (www.actstudent.org)

- Create an account
- Select test date (differ from SAT)
- ACT Prep- Kaplan

NAHS Library website has Peterson Test Prep resources for the SATs, ACTs, & APs

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.

2023 SAT AND ACT TEST DATES

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
March 11, 2023	February 10, 2023	February 28, 2023
May 6, 2023	April 7, 2023	April 25, 2023
June 3, 2023	May 4, 2023	May 23, 2023
** August 26, 2023		
** October 7, 2023		
** December 2, 2023		
ACT DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE
February 11, 2023	January 6, 2023	January 20, 2023
April 15, 2023	March 10, 2023	March 24, 2023
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 19, 2023
July 15, 2023	June 16, 2023	June 23, 2023

USEFUL WEBSITES



North Andover Guidance



Collegeboard



Common App



Princeton Review



Naviance

NAVIANCE



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



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

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.

COLLEGE FAIRS

- NEACAC College Fairs:
<https://www.neacac.org/fall-college-fairs-2022>
- Phillips Academy Andover (spring 2023)
- Peabody Veterans Memorial High School (fall 2023)

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 - 2022 - 2023

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: M: _____ E: _____ NAV: _____
	Regular Dec. ED EDII Early Action Restrictive EA Rolling Priority		1.	Common App Coalition App School Specific App Other: _____		M: _____
			2.			E: _____
	Regular Dec. ED EDII Early Action Restrictive EA Rolling Priority		1.	Common App Coalition App School Specific App Other: _____		M: _____
			2.			E: _____
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			2.		E: _____	

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

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.

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.



Financial Aid cont...

Massachusetts Educational Financial Authority (MEFA)

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

Upcoming Webinars:

- College Admissions: January 11, 2023 6:30-7:30
- Applying for scholarships: March 2, 2023 6:30-7:30
- Financial Aid 101: March 7, 2023 6:30-7:30
- Understanding Financial Aid: March 10, 2023 6:30-7:30

ACTION ITEMS

- Have a successful Junior year: academics, extracurriculars, etc.
- 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 before deadline
- Send official standardized test scores
- Complete FAFSA (CSS Profile)
- Submit application and supporting documents!





Q&A



Don't spend more than you can afford for your child's education.

“If your child did everything you asked and excelled in high school, saying no to her dream school seems like a betrayal.”

“The nature of a student's college experience – the work that he or she puts into it, the skills that he or she picks up, the self-examination that's undertaken, the resourcefulness that's honed – matters more than the name of the institution attended. . . . Education is indeed everything, but it happens across a spectrum of settings and in infinite ways.”



RECENT BOSTON GLOBE ARTICLE



COMMON APPLICATION ESSAY PROMPTS

- Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
 - The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
 - Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
 - Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
 - Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
 - Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
 - Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.
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