

Welcome to College Planning Night



Coventry High School
School Counseling Department

Agenda

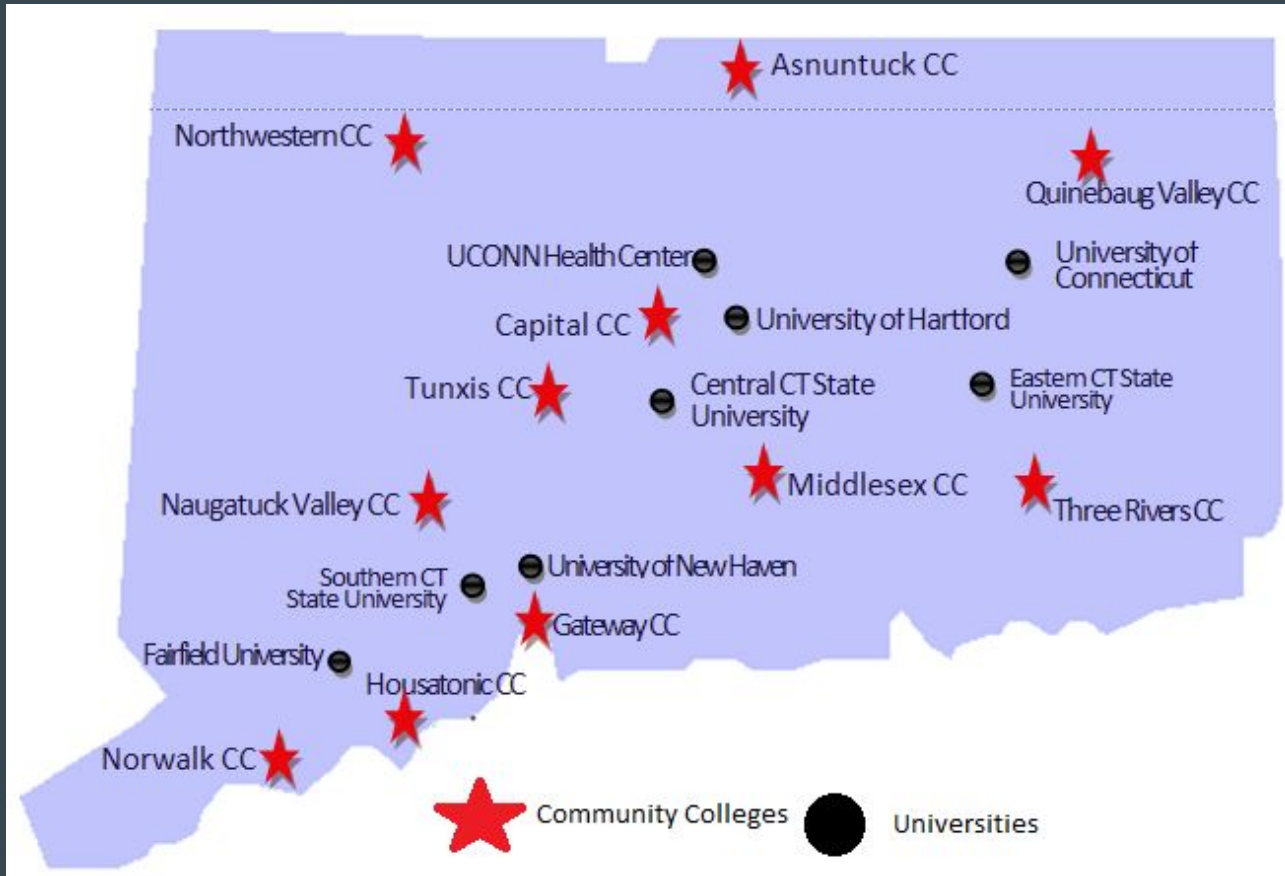
- Post Secondary Options
- College Research
- Naviance/CollegeBoard
- Application Process
- Testing
- Financing College
- Q & A



Post Secondary Options

- 4- Year College: Private/Public
 - Examples: Quinnipiac University/Eastern Connecticut State University
- 2- Year College: Private/Public
 - Examples: Dean College/ Manchester Community College
- Technical School
 - Example: Porter and Chester Institute
- Military
 - Example: Navy (ASVAB)
- Gap-Year
 - Gap Year Fair at Conard High School (West Hartford) on January 11th
 - www.usagapyearfairs.org

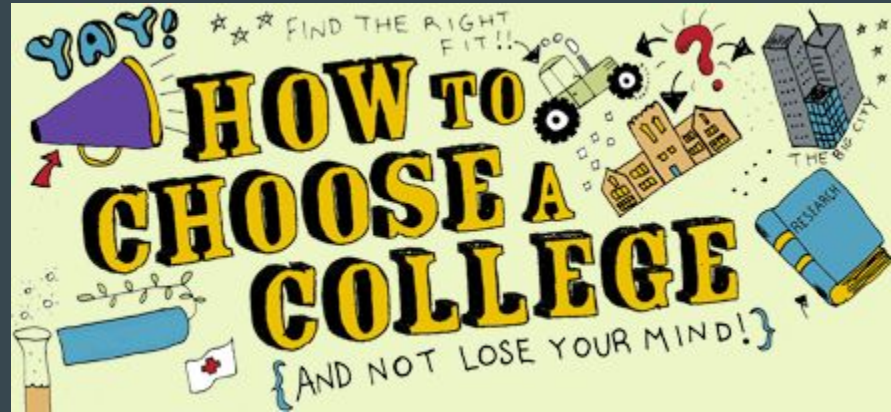
Connecticut Colleges and Universities



Selecting Colleges

Things to look at when creating your list:

- Competitiveness
- Average Student Profile
- Application Requirements
- Atmosphere of College
- Location
- Programs
- Cost



Tools For College Research

- Naviance
 - www.connection.naviance.com/coventry
- CollegeBoard
 - <http://www.collegeboard.com/>
- College/Universities Private Pages
 - Example: Eastern Connecticut State University
 - www.easternct.edu

Naviance: What does it do?

- Informs counselor of your up-to-date plans
- College search tools
- Personality & career surveys
- Compare colleges
- Links to additional resources
- Has schedule for CHS college Rep. visits

Naviance Link: connection.naviance.com/coventry

CollegeBoard Search

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>



Where are you in the process?

Creating Your College List

- Starting College Research
- College Comparisons
- College Visits & Interviews

Getting Ready to Apply

- Updating Naviance
- Testing: ACT/SAT
- Requesting Letters of Recommendation
- Transcript Release Form
- Complete Essay and Resume
- Complete Application

How many schools should be on my list?

- 1-2 Safety Schools
- 2-4 Target Schools
- 1-2 Reach Schools

Total = 4 to 8 Schools



College Interviews: Should I schedule an interview even if they are not required?

- If they offer them- YES
 - If it is convenient to schedule
 - It is a chance for you to interview the school
- Remember
 - Put your best foot forward
 - Prepare for the interview
 - Bring copies of your resume and references



College Visits

Representative Visits At Coventry High School

- Check Naviance for up to date schedule
- Sign up for Remind101 text reminders
- Ask questions
- Meet college admissions officers
- Attend College Fair at CHS

College Campus Tours or Open House

- Typically register through University web page or admissions department
- Try to tour when school is in session
- Bring a list of questions with you
- Meet current students

Remind 101: Text Reminders

To register simply text the appropriate message below to:

(860) 498 - 4314

Freshman: @CHSof2022

Juniors: @CHSof2020

Sophomores: @CHSof2021

Seniors: @CHSof2019

The Application

Types of Admission (Deadlines)

- Regular Decision
- Rolling Admission
- Early Action
- Early Decision

Remember!

- Deadlines
- Each school has different policies
- Read the “fine print”

Tips & Tricks

- Schools prefer online applications
- Many schools accept the Common Application
- Can complete apps in multiple sittings
- Follow directions carefully
- Pay fee online or complete fee waiver* documentation

Important: many school require supplements with the common application, carefully read all requirements

Register with Common Application or go to college websites to access their online application.
CommonApp website: <http://www.commonapp.org>

Testing: School Code 070116

Registering

- When should my student take the test?
 - All Juniors in school during the spring
 - Additional tests Spring of Junior year
 - Fall of Senior year
- CollegeBoard
 - SAT & SAT II (Subject Tests)
 - Register at: www.collegeboard.org
- ACT's
 - Register at: www.act.org

Sending Score Reports

- Student is responsible for sending score reports
- Send through student account
 - CollegeBoard Account
 - ACT Account
- Four free score reports are allowed upon registration for the SAT

Be sure to review each school's application and testing requirements

Letters of Recommendation

- Determine requirements for each of your schools
 - 2 Teacher letters
 - 1 Counselor letter
- Ask your teachers early
 - Give your teachers at least 4 weeks notice of deadlines!
- Provide your recommenders with:
 - Recommendation Request Form
 - Resume
- Be sure to thank your recommenders!



Materials STUDENTS are Responsible For

- Transcript Release Form
 - Signed and turned into Counseling Office 10 school days prior to deadline
- Request standardized test scores to be sent
 - Must do this by signing onto student account (CollegeBoard or ACT)
- Letters Of Recommendation Request Form
 - Provide all your recommenders with a copy of your resume
- Submitting your college applications
- Updating the “Colleges I am Applying to” list in Naviance

Transcript Release Form

- Must turn in 10 school days before your deadline
- Must submit your applications first
- If you are under 18 years old - must have parent signature

This form must only indicate the schools you have **completed and submitted an application to**. All additional applications will require additional transcript release form(s).

Date Received (Office Use Only) _____

COVENTRY HIGH SCHOOL

SENIOR TRANSCRIPT RELEASE FORM

In order to release your transcript and other supplemental materials, this form must be completed and submitted to the

*School Counseling Office at least **10 SCHOOL DAYS** prior to your application deadline.*

Student Name: _____

Counselor: Johnston Casale Zadrowski

Name(s) of individual(s) writing you a recommendation:

	Letter Request Form Given	Common Application FERPA Waiver Completed (Circle One)	Yes	N/A
_____ (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>			
_____ (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Common Application & Naviance Matching Process Completed (Circle One)	Yes	N/A
_____ (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>			

College Name Currently Applying To	Application Type <i>Common App, College Website App or Paper App</i>	Admission Type <i>Early Action, Early Decision, Rolling, etc</i>	Application Deadline <i>Ex. 12/1</i>	Rec Letters to Send- Indicate line number listed above <i>Ex. (1) & (2) Only</i>	Date Application Submitted by Student <i>Ex. 11/15</i>	SAT/ACT Scores Requested from Testing Agency	Counselor Use Only: Initial Materials Date Sent (E or M)
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Authorized Signature: _____ (Parent/Guardian or student (if 18 years of age))

It All Comes Together!

College/University Admissions Office

Student Sends:

1. Application
2. Fee/Fee Waiver
3. Essay
4. Resume
5. SAT/ACE Scores

**Remember to check each school's requirements!*

Counselor Sends:

1. Transcript
2. School Profile
3. Letters of Recommendation
4. Mid-Year & Final Grades

Financial Aid

- Check each college for forms & deadlines
- FAFSA can be filed starting October 1st
 - <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
- Private Schools may require *CSS Profile*
 - <https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>
- College Goal Sunday
 - <http://www.collegegoalsundayct.org/>
- For the best and most accurate advice contact the college's financial aid office

CHS Financial Aid Night: Fall 2019

Scholarships

- Naviance
- Dollars For Scholars
- Internet Searches
- Scholarship Search Engines
 - Fastweb.com
 - finaid.com
- Individual College Scholarships

Be Aware of Scholarship Service Scams!!

What you can do now:

- Review your transcript
- Continue to work hard in your courses as it will impact your GPA
- Complete student/parent Brag Sheets (Naviance)
- Update Resume
- Check in with your counselor regularly to go over post-graduation plans
- Prepare for Standardized testing (KHAN Academy)
- Think about your college essay
- Continue to create your college list
- Attend your Junior Planning Meeting
- STAY ORGANIZED

Keep Calm Your School Counselor Can Help

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