

Haverford High School **COUNSELING NEWSLETTER** Summer 2023



Class of 2024 Must-Knows

- #1** Review the [Transcript Request Instructions](#)
- #2** Complete the Post High School Planning Reflection and Activities Record in Naviance.
- #3** If you have not already done so, create a personal email address that can be used for post-high school planning. Your school district email should not be used.
- #4** Watch the FAQ "How to" videos available on the counseling website under Post High School Planning.
- #5** Attend Application Completion days in August
- #6** Review the [Senior Year Planning Checklist](#)
- #7** Check out the [essay writing resources](#) under Resources for Post High School Planning on the Counseling website!

Upcoming Events **Application Completion Days**

August 15th between 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
August 22nd between 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Counselors will be available to support the Class of 2024 in completing their applications. HHS English Teachers will also be available to offer their support with essay writing. Both sessions will take place in the library. Students should bring their charged Chromebook.

Letters of Recommendation:

Teacher Letters of Recommendation

It is recommended that you choose ONE teacher to write you a letter of recommendation unless your school requires two. You must see a teacher in person and make a verbal request for a letter of recommendation OR communicate through email BEFORE you add a request in Naviance. Requests can be added in Naviance at the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

Counselor Letter of Recommendation

If your college requires a Counselor to write a Letter of Recommendation, you must complete the Post High School Planning Reflection and Activities Record in Naviance. Also, it is helpful, but optional, if your parent/guardian completes the Parent Information Sheet in Naviance.

Resources:

The Common Application

An online college application that is accepted by over 900 post-high school institutions. Please take some time to preview The Common App's [Application guide for first-year students](#) to learn more about applying using the Common Application.

Presentations

[The College Application Process and Naviance Presentation](#)
[Post-high school planning resources available on the planning tab of the counseling website.](#)

Helpful Videos

[How do I know if I need a teacher or counselor letter of recommendation?](#)
[What do I need to complete in Naviance for a teacher or counselor letter of recommendation?](#)
[How do I request a teacher letter of recommendation in Naviance?](#)
[How do I match my Common App account in Naviance?](#)
[How do I complete the Transcript Release Permission Form?](#)
[How do I request an Official Transcript?](#)
[How do I find my class size and class rank?](#)

College Board updates

- [SAT test dates and deadlines](#) for the 2023–2024 school year.
- HHS will offer the SAT in August and October.
- [SAT Test Prep resources](#)
- To help students keep their college readiness skills sharp, College Board and Khan Academy® will continue to provide [free resources online, including full-length practice tests and personalized learning tools](#).

ACT updates

- [ACT test dates and deadlines](#) for the 2023–2024 school year.
- [ACT Test Prep resources](#) include:
 - practice test and study guide
 - online practice test
 - online test prep and events
 - ACT test prep sample classes

Class of 2025, 2026, & 2027 Must-Knows

Create a personal email address

Create a personal email address that can be used for post-high school planning. Your school district email should not be used. Use this newly created personal email address to signup/register on CollegeBoard and ACT if you plan to take the SAT or ACT.

Planning Checklists

[Freshman Year Planning Checklist](#)
[Sophomore Year Planning Checklist](#)
[Junior Year Planning Checklist](#)

Schedules

Please carefully review your schedule when you receive it later this summer. Confirm that you have all of your core classes and that they are at the correct level. Counselors will be available the first week of school to fill study halls.

Plan on taking the PSAT in October of 2023

The PSAT is practice for the SAT and is open to 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students. It also qualifies 11th grade students for the National Merit Scholarship Program. The PSAT assesses the same knowledge and skills as the SAT, providing a check-in on college readiness before taking the SAT. Please look for registration information at the beginning of the school year.

Tips on Researching Post High School Institutions

- Talk to students who attend the Post High School Institution that you are interested in.
- Contact each school's admissions office and ask them to help you connect with a current student to ask them about their experience.
- Visit and delve into each school's website. Websites provide a wealth of information. Explore widely those things that matter to you.
- Sign up to be on the mailing list for every school you're considering. This will demonstrate your interest in the college, and keep you updated on happenings at the school: admissions information sessions, tours, and other programming opportunities.

Planning Ahead

- Continue to use and familiarize yourself with Naviance to identify your interests, research careers, and colleges, organize personal data, and maintain a list of prospective colleges.
- Continue to explore your post-high school options by gathering information. Visit and use the Counseling website, use the tools in Naviance, look at websites, and talk to friends, family, and recent graduates of Haverford to gather information on careers, majors, and schools.
- Attend virtual and in-person college and career events.
- Communicate with schools you want to learn more about.
- Explore possible summer opportunities (volunteering, employment, internship, or summer learning program).
- If you are interested in playing sports in college, research the [National College Athletic Association \(NCAA\) eligibility requirements](#).
- If applicable, start to gather material for a portfolio (drama, music, art, sports, etc.).

How to log in to Naviance

1. Go to your portal: <https://clever.com/in/haverfordsd>
2. Log in with your Clever username and password:
Username: Google username
Password: Google password
3. Click on the Naviance icon in your portal.

Graduation Requirements

English	4.0 credits
Mathematics	4.0 credits
Social Studies	4.0 credits
Science	4.0 credits
Arts and Humanities	2.0 credits
Physical Education and Health	1.5 credits
Financial Literacy (Beginning with the Class of 2026)	0.5 credits
Electives	6.5 credits

26.5 credits are required for graduation

Keystone Pathways to Graduation

Keystone Exams (Algebra I, Literature, and Biology) will continue as the statewide assessment that Pennsylvania uses to comply with accountability requirements set forth in the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Effective with the Graduating class of 2023, students will demonstrate postsecondary preparedness by meeting one of the five statewide graduation pathways.