Brownsburg High School Team 2024

COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT

Team 2024

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Tonight's Agenda:
The College Application Process

- Preparing for college applications
- When & How to apply to colleges
- SAT and ACT Testing Information
- Naviance- Transcript & Letter of Recommendation Requests
- Common Inquiries
- Application Status
- Admission Decisions

Communication & Resources for Seniors

College and career information will be communicated on a regular basis
- Via Schoology
  - All seniors are members of the Schoology Team 2024 Group
  - Newsletters and Updates will be sent to seniors in Schoology
  - Same information sent to families via ParentSquare

Resources available:
- Schoology – Resources Folder in Team 2024 Group
- Naviance Home Page – "Additional Information from Your School" section

Important Items to Reference:
- College Application Quick Guide
- Naviance Video Tutorials- Transcript & Letter of Recommendation Requests

Preparing for College Applications

Research College Websites

- **Undergraduate Admissions**
  - Review Admission Criteria
  - Research Majors
  - Direct Admission Programs
  - Campus Visit Opportunities
  - Scholarship Information
  - Learn the school's application process

Make a Plan for College Applications

Stay Organized with College Applications

It is highly recommended seniors do the following BEFORE starting on applications:

- Make a list of colleges they plan to apply to
- Review application deadlines
- Research required materials to submit in addition to college application
- Look at the application option(s) offered by each school & note the application they will complete by college

It is highly recommended seniors do the following AFTER submitting applications:

- Check e-mail regularly
- Make sure all required items for admission review are complete

When to Apply to Colleges

College Applications are open now
- Select preferred start term and admission plan deadline on application

Check application deadlines for EACH college and prioritize them
- College admission websites provide their application deadline dates, as well as when to expect a decision. **Many colleges have a Priority/Early Action deadline of <u>November 1st</u>.**
- Other types of deadlines include Rolling Admission, Regular Decision, Restrictive Early Action, & Early Decision-binding (admission sites explain deadline definitions/options)
- It's important to meet the application deadline to be considered for admission-based scholarships.
- Colleges are not flexible on late applications, so submitting in advance is highly recommended.
- Other popular deadlines: Oct. 15, Nov. 15, Dec. 1, Dec. 15, Jan. 1, Jan. 15, Feb. 1
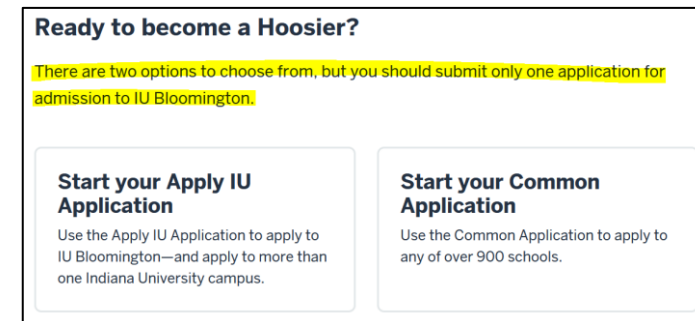
How to Apply to Colleges

To apply to a college, visit the Undergraduate Admissions website to find the application.

- Some colleges offer one application to complete. Students must use that application.

- Some colleges offer more than one application, allowing students to select the application of their choice.
  - There is no preference to complete one application over the other. **Just be sure to select one.**

APPLY TO PURDUE UNIVERSITY IN INDIANAPOLIS AND PURDUE UNIVERSITY IN WEST LAFAYETTE

- Apply with the Common Application.

Ready to become a Hoosier?

There are two options to choose from, but you should submit only one application for admission to IU Bloomington.

Start your Apply IU Application

Use the Apply IU Application to apply to IU Bloomington—and apply to more than one Indiana University campus.

Start your Common Application

Use the Common Application to apply to any of over 900 schools.

College Application Options

INSTITUTIONAL APPLICATION

College's own direct application- found on specific college admissions website

Start your Apply IU Application

Use the Apply IU Application to apply to more than one Indiana University campus.

COMMON APPLICATION

The *"Common App"*- found at www.commonapp.org .

Examples of College Application Components

Cumulative GPA

Academic Major

Senior Year Courses

Honors

Activities

Testing

Essay

Application fee

SAT/ACT Testing Information

- Websites: www.collegeboard.org for SAT and www.act.org for ACT

- Colleges accept either test.

- This year's dates & registration deadlines are on the testing websites.

- **Research testing Information on college admissions websites.**
  - Check to see if SAT or ACT test scores are required or not required
  - If the college has a "test-optional policy," research:
    - School's test optional explanation
    - Any FAQs provided to better understand their testing policy
    - Eligibility for scholarship consideration, direct admission, honors college consideration, etc.

- If the college is "test-optional," applicants will be asked if they would like their test scores reviewed for admission on their application.

- Check admission sites for information on how scores are to be submitted.

- To send *official* SAT & ACT test scores to colleges, they must be sent directly from the testing companies. **This is done through student SAT & ACT accounts**. Their accounts will walk them through how to do this.
  - Students can type in the names of the colleges or enter the SAT/ACT 4-digit code for the colleges (which can be found on the college website).
  - When registering for an SAT/ACT test, students can also choose to have them sent to colleges once your scores are available.

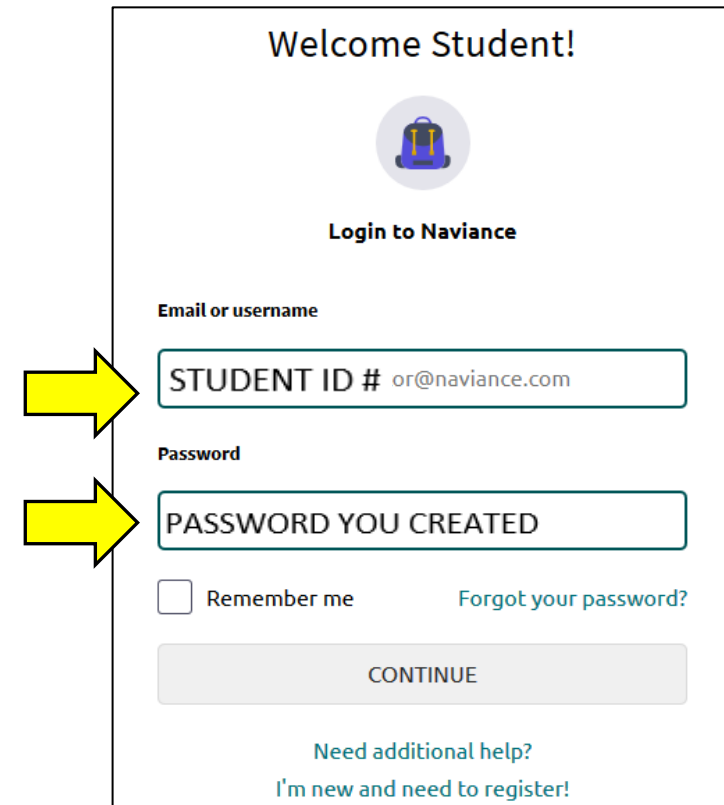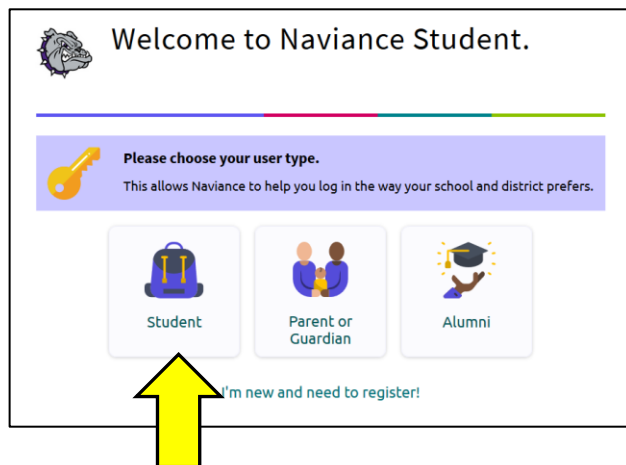- Most colleges will super-score if more than one set of test scores are sent to them.

Naviance

Visit: **https://student.naviance.com/brownhs**

Select **"Student"**

Log-in Info:
- Username: **Student ID #**
- Password: **Password created prior to this year**

Naviance

For students, Naviance serves as a college/career platform to:

• Research colleges & careers

• Take career assessments

• Research scholarships

• Create a resume

• Keep us informed of colleges they are applying to on their "Colleges I'm Applying To" page

• Make **"transcripts requests"** for colleges they are applying to- IMPORTANT

• Make **"teacher letter of recommendation requests"** for colleges (check admission sites to see if required, recommended, or not allowed)

Naviance

For counselors, Naviance serves as an electronic platform to:

- **Submit** high school transcripts to colleges
  - Students _**must**_ make **"transcript requests"** in Naviance in order for their transcript to be processed to colleges.
  - We upload transcripts and send them.
  - Please give us time to process transcripts, and we appreciate transcript requests made in advance.

- **Submit** teacher letters of recommendations to colleges
  - Students _**must**_ make a **"letter of recommendation request"** in Naviance in order for the teacher's letter to be processed to colleges.
  - BHS teachers upload letters for students to Naviance, and we send them.
  - Please ask the teacher first and give them 2-3 weeks advance notice.

Video Tutorials

VIDEO TUTORIALS demonstrating how to make *"Transcript Requests" and "Teacher Letter of Recommendation Requests"* are posted in multiple locations for students- Naviance, Schoology, and Team 2024 website.

Naviance & Connection to Common Application

- Naviance is connected to the Common Application.

- Students using the Common Application to apply to schools **must MATCH** their Common App account to their Naviance student account. *If not using the Common Application, the matching does not need to be completed.*

- Students complete the **"Match Accounts"** process in Naviance. This must be done so their transcript can be processed to the schools they are applying to through the Common Application.
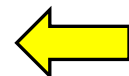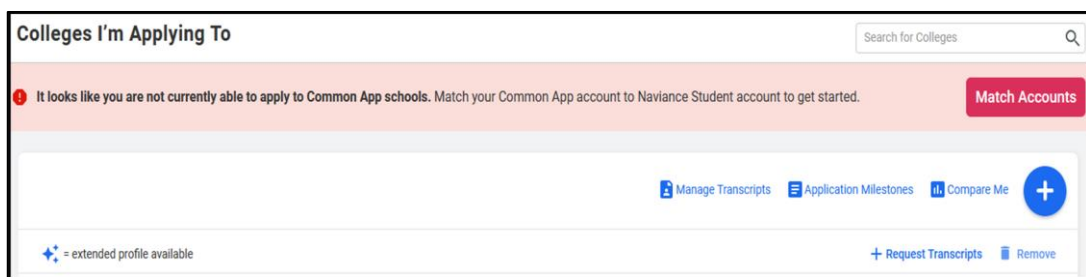
Schools listed in students' Common App accounts will automatically populate their "Colleges I'm Applying To" list in Naviance once the match accounts process is complete.

- **Students SHOULD NOT request teacher letters of recommendation from BHS teachers in their Common App (called "inviting recommenders").** *Doing this would cause issues with getting letters submitted through Naviance to schools due to the Naviance/Common App connection.*

Common Inquiries

- Current high school transcripts include *semester* grades from years 9, 10, 11
- Naviance contains students' Cumulative GPA.
- Students can submit a college application before their transcript has been sent- they do not have to wait to submit the application.
- Students should contact us if they need a transcript for a scholarship.
  - Transcripts are not sent to scholarship organizations through Naviance; they are only sent to colleges.
  - Scholarships will provide transcript submission instructions.

Application Status

- **After applying, students will most likely be e-mailed instructions from the college to create an account/portal. This is where they can check their application status.**
  - Check items *received* by the college as well as *pending or "to-do"* items
  - Ensure their application is "complete"– be sure all materials required for review have been received by the college
    - Many colleges will include the status of their application (Complete, Incomplete, Under Review, Decision made, etc.).

- **We do not receive notifications of "incomplete items" for college applications students submit. Students can only check their status.**
  - We can only see if transcripts, letters of rec, & school reports have been sent via Naviance.
  - There is a process with submission & retrieval of transcripts and letters of rec – *submitted* by us via Naviance, *downloaded* by the college, and marked as *received* by the college.

Admission Decisions

- It varies by college on the turn-around time for receiving an admission decision.

- Depending on the college, admission decisions are communicated via e-mail, within the student account/portal with the college, and/or mail.

- For deferred decisions, the college may want additional information to be sent, such as 7th semester grades (1st semester of senior year).

- Senior year grades are important- Final high school transcripts are sent to attending colleges after graduation

- May 1st – National Candidate's Reply Date- deadline for officially accepting offer of admission

Future Dates

FINANCIAL AID PRESENTATION

- **Presented by:** INvestEd
- **Date:** Tues., Sept. 12th @ 6:30 p.m.
- **Location:** BHS Auditorium

*FAFSA/Financial Aid information will be communicated with seniors and families.

*Scholarships
- College websites include information on admission-based scholarships, competitive scholarships & scholarships by major
- Scholarships we receive are posted in Naviance for seniors
- Local Scholarships become available 2nd semester

HCCF SCHOLARSHIPS

2024 HCCF Scholarships Timeline

Applications Available: August 2, 2023
Applications Due: August 30, 2023

Additional criteria and information on all HCCF scholarshps along with the application can be found at:
https://hendrickscountycf.org/for-our-community/scholarships/overview.html

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