

College Admissions: Understanding the Process

Brentwood High School Guidance Department

Naviance and Common App Link

- Create a common Application Account
 - Complete the school section of the application
 - Add at least one college to the college list
 - Read and sign FERPA release
- Log on to Naviance
- Click the colleges I am applying to tab
- Place the email address you put in your common application and select the button link account.
- *TADA*your two accounts should now be linked!

Factors that Influence College Choice

- Geographic location
- Size of school/ demographics
- Class size / teacher ratio
- College visit
- Costs
- Admission (Safe, Target & Reach schools)
- Is the college a match for you?

Components of a College Admissions Folder

- Application
- Standardized Tests
- Personal statement/ Essay
- Letters of recommendation
- Resume/ list of activities
- Official Transcript

College Applications

Where do I get a college application?

- Common Application
- CUNY
- Suffolk County Community College
- SUNY

College Entrance Examinations

○ SAT

○ Reading, writing, math

○ ACT

○ 5 parts Reading, Writing Math, Science, Social Studies

Letters of Recommendation

- Ask 3 teachers from junior year or earlier who know you well and can speak positively about you. Also who might speak upon your intended major. i.e. you want to be an engineer, choose math and science teachers
- Resume or activity sheet should be submitted to the teacher you would like to write your recommendation
- Give enough time for your recommender to write your letter. You are not the only student asking
- Don't forget a thank you note

Resume

- Extracurricular activities 9-12
- Work experience
- Community Service/ Volunteer work
- Special skills
- Hobbies
- Honors and awards

College Essay

- Purpose is to allow the reader to develop a deeper understanding of the person you are
- What is going to make you stand out from the crowd!!
- Content, organization, spelling,
- Ask English teacher to review.
- Essay can be the deciding factor according to admissions reps

Art Portfolios

- For students applying to art or music colleges
- Should be made with guidance from art or music teachers in advanced level art or music classes senior year
- Mostly uploaded online through your college of choice
- Have very strict deadlines and guidelines for every college

College Interview

- Know why you want to attend this school
- Practice with a guidance counselor or teacher
- Review your resume
- Dress accordingly
- Ask questions
- Interviewer is usually alumni so ask them to tell you about their experience

EOP/HEOP

- For students from low income homes with average grades
- The average income for a family can vary to qualify.
 - For a family of 4 total income needs to be less than 45,510 (SUNY) look up individual schools for specific guidelines.
- The average GPA for acceptance can be lower approx. 81-89 on average
- Check with your counselor for specific guidelines or look up the individual school
- Same application process, just a box checked off in the beginning indicating EOP, required documents after with deadlines come later via email.

Suffolk Community College

- Honors College
 - Over an 85 average plus teacher recommendations
- Bilingual College
 - For students who need bilingual classes
- Associates Degree
 - 2 year degree in a trade or industry
- Dual Enrollment
 - Enrollment 2 a 4 year school based upon GPA in college