

Hollis Brookline High School



JUNIOR COLLEGE PLANNING

January 17, 2024

What Do Colleges Look At?



- Student transcript/academic record
- Standardized Test Scores (many are optional)
- Engagement outside of classroom
- Community Service
- Institutional priorities
- Demonstrated Interest

How do I start a College Search?



College Search – Naviance (Supermatch)

- Admission statistics
- Location/size
- Majors/ Programs
- Financial Aid
- Retention & Graduation Rate
- Environment
- Cost/Benefit Analysis
- Extracurricular Activities
- Fit

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How to Select Colleges



- Be able to make more informed choices by researching schools and visit campuses
- Look “beyond admissions” - For example: look at specific programming
- Having a broad range of colleges selected will help diminish stress
- As you narrow down your list, remember
 - Safety – exceed criteria range
 - Target – meet criteria range
 - Reach – outside of criteria range

Standardized Testing



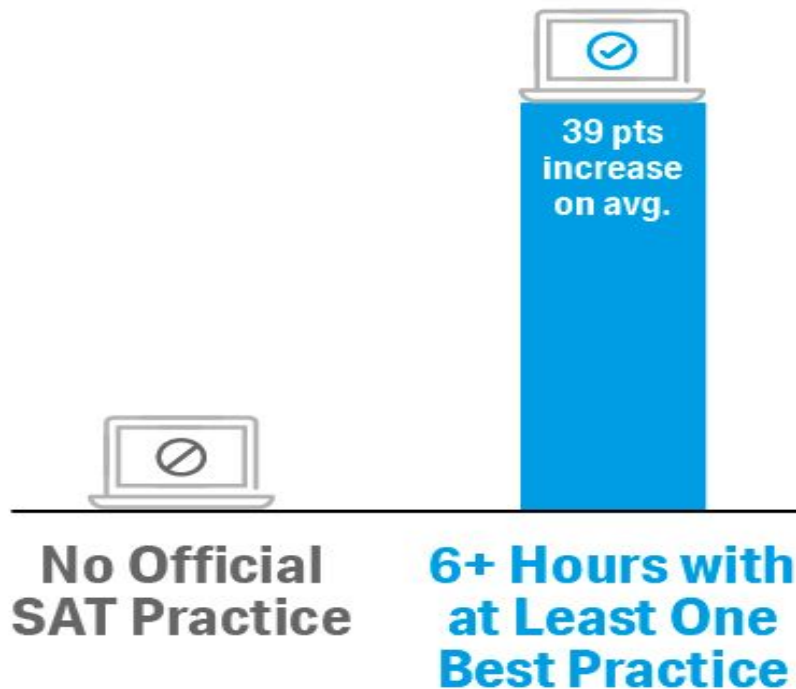
SAT

- All Junior students will be taking the SAT in March (Date TBD), this will include the SAT Essay
- ACT
 - Students must sign up on act.org to take privately if needed.
 - Includes a Science section
 - Writing (ACT) is optional

SAT Test Prep - Khan Academy, Free!



SAT Achievement Associated with Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy



The Three Best Practices



Following personalized skill recommendations



Taking a full-length practice test



Leveling up skills

*These associations control for student demographics and PSAT/NMSQT scores.

HBHS Winter SAT Preparatory Course



- Classes will meet twice a week, on Mondays & Wednesdays, for 2 hours each:
 - Math classes will be instructed on Mondays by Mrs. Stacey Plummer.
 - Reading/Writing classes will be instructed on Wednesdays by Mr. Patrick Groleau.
 - An early class which will meet from 5 pm – 7 pm and a late class which will meet from 7 pm – 9 pm.
- The cost of the course is \$350
- SAT Prep class will begin on Monday, January 29th and the course will end on Wednesday, March 13th
- Registration for this winter session will begin today, Wednesday, January 17th (will close January 24th)

Sending SAT and ACT Scores



- Students must contact the testing agency to request scores to be sent to each college.
 - You need to log in to your College Board account to send test scores. Counselors do not have this information. If you do not have your login information please contact College Board customer service.
- HBHS does not report SAT or ACT scores on transcripts.

SAT - www.collegeboard.org

ACT – www.ACT.org

Activities to Include on your College Application



- Student Council
- Performing Arts Activities
- Yearbook
- Sports: School and any Out-Of-School Experiences
- Community Service/Volunteer Experience
- Outside of School Learning Experiences, Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO).
- Other Activities (i.e. religious activities, hobbies, clubs, etc.)
- Summer or Special Travel Experiences
- Employment
- Honors and Awards – academic, athletic or other
- [Activities List Outline](#)

How do I get my recommendations?



- Two Teacher Recommendations
 - Ask your teachers, in person this spring (typically most four year colleges need one to two) Blue Form.
 - In the fall, when you have solidified your requests, please follow up with the teachers and add requests into Naviance.
 - Consider who to ask and why/be sure to check specific college recommendation requirements. Please only request letters from teachers that are needed for your application. For example, if a college asks for one letter, they will only review one letter.
 - Please be sure to send a written thank you to your recommenders.

Counselor Recommendation



- **If your college requires a counselor letter of recommendation:**

Please fill out the Parent and Student Questionnaires on Naviance

Have these filled out at least 3 weeks prior to your earliest application due date.

Click on the blue circle with initials (in the upper right hand corner) > Surveys > Surveys from my school.

The screenshot shows the Naviance Planner interface. At the top, there is a black navigation bar with the word "Planner" on the left and several icons on the right: a heart, a notification bell with a red "9", a question mark, and a blue circle with the initials "SA". Below the navigation bar, the main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a home icon, the text "About Me Home", the heading "Account", and the link "My Account". The right column contains the heading "Documents and Notes" followed by a list of items: "Document Resources", "Resume", "Goals", "Portfolio", "Journal", "Test Scores", "Documents Shared with Me", "Surveys", "Surveys from Your School", "Game Plan Survey", and "Graduation Survey".

FERPA



- Family Educational Rights Privacy Act
- HBHS practice adheres to non-disclosure of college recommendation letters to maintain confidentiality
- HBHS Staff provide letters of recommendation with the purpose of enhancing the application packet of the student
- Recommenders have the right to refuse to write letters of recommendation if the student selects not to waive their right
- Waiving your right improves the fidelity of your application from the viewpoint of college admissions

When to Apply - Deadlines



- Early Action
- Restrictive Early Action
- Early Decision I & II
- Priority
- Regular Decision
- Rolling Admission

Military Academies



- These programs require early planning due to nomination process/early application
- If you are pursuing a military academy, please see your School Counselor in Spring of your Junior Year
- Check military or specific academies for further information

NCAA



- Students planning on participating in Division 1 or Division 2 college athletics **MUST** register online and notify their counselor
- Students and families should be familiar with all NCAA requirements
- www.NCAA.org - General information, allow access to eligibility center for registration as student athlete

Two vs. Four Year College: What's the difference?



- Similar process
- Online or paper application
- SATs not required for admission but can be looked at for placement
- NH Transfer Connections Program/Dual Enrollment
- Advantages:
 - Financial
 - Readiness for College
 - Exploration
 - Early College - Two free classes per year with the NH Community College System

Financial Aid



- Grants, Loans and Scholarships
- **FAFSA –Free Application for Federal Student Aid**
 - Federal form which must be completed to receive any aid for any college in the U.S., including student loans. **This is a graduation requirement and is mandatory for all students starting this year. This can be waived by a parent/guardian if applicable.**
- CSS Profile
 - Form used by some private colleges in conjunction with the FAFSA form.
- Check Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) [calculator](#)
- Attend our Financial Aid Night Presentation – Fall 2024
- Resources: [Granite EdVance](#), [lendEDU](#), [StudentAid.gov](#), college specific websites

Important Things To Do-Action items

- ❑ Complete Class of 2025 Counselor Recommendation Request Form by June 1st-In Naviance under “About Me” and “Surveys From Your School” If your schools require a counselor letter.
- ❑ Complete Teacher Recommendation Request Forms by June 1st.
- ❑ Encourage Parent/Guardian to complete the Class of 2025 Parent Brag Sheet by June 1st.
- ❑ Have a list of at least 5-8 colleges you expect to apply to in the fall (safety, target, reach).

College Essay



- What does the Essay provide?
 - Personal information not found elsewhere in the application
 - Provides opportunity hear from you in your own words
 - Gain insight into your thinking process
 - Assess your writing ability
- This can be the most lengthy and stressful part of the application
- Topics/subjects provided through Common App or by College

***Some colleges also accept video portfolios

Social Media/Online Etiquette



- Students and their social media use is currently a hot and important topic in the college world.
- College admissions reps and scholarship judges freely admit they check up on students via social media.
- Students can use social media to their advantage by sharing their hard work, community service, and desire to get into college.
- Create a college email address/do not use school address. Make sure address sounds professional.

What Resources Are Available?



- [Naviance](#)
- [CollegeBoard.org](#)
- College Representative visits and College Fair at HBHS (Fall)
- College Websites
- Campus Visits
- College Admissions Representatives
- Meet with your School Counselor!!

Senior Student Panel



- What important thing about college admissions do you wish you knew as a Junior?
- One piece of advice you would give regarding applying to college?
- In your personal application journey what would you have done differently?

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Final Remarks

- The admission process can be taxing on the parent/child relationship
- Juniors take ownership of the admission process
- Parent's role/student role/counselor role
- Plan ahead & stay organized