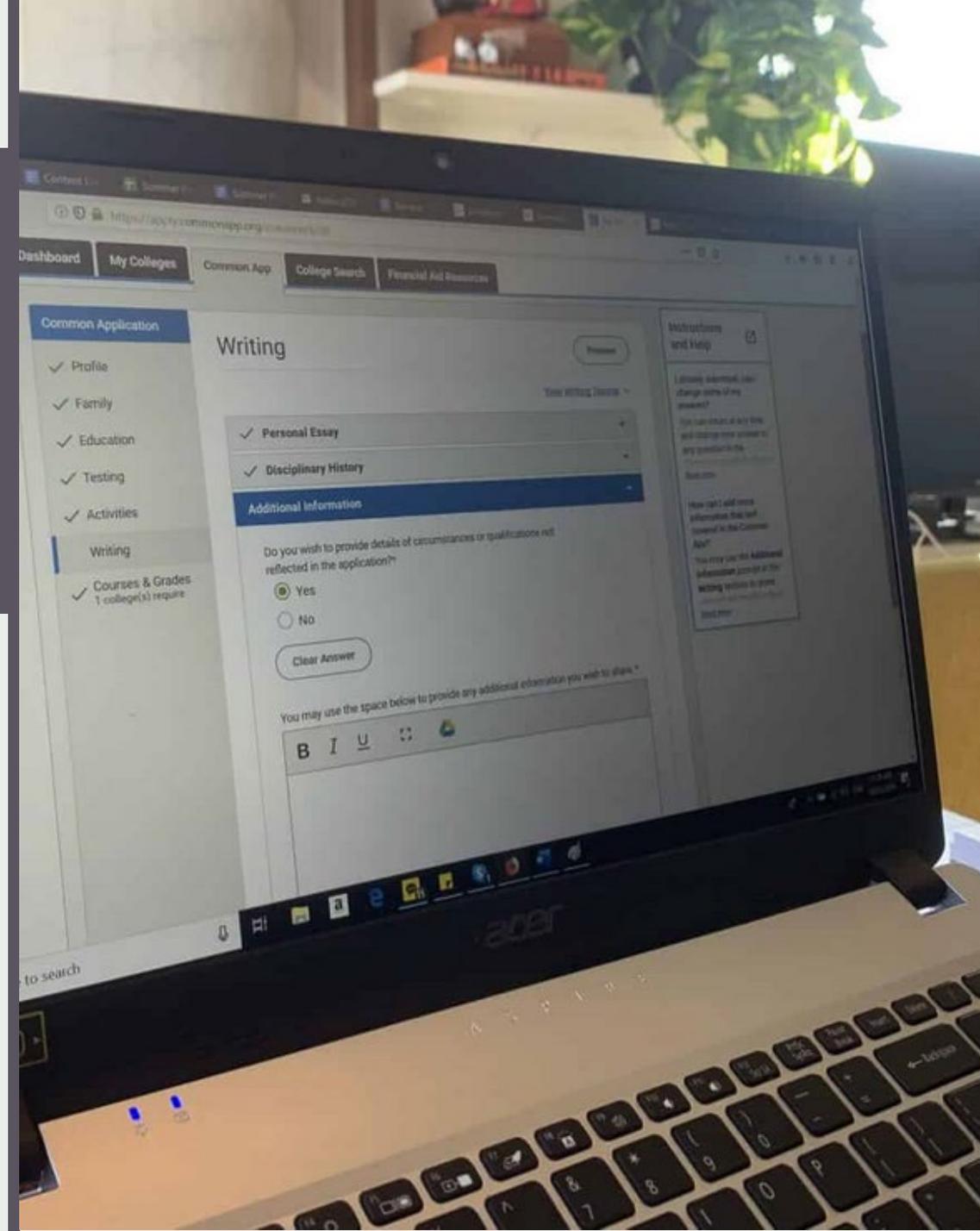


COLLEGE APPLICATION OVERVIEW

Class of 2024



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Today's Agenda...

Middle school credits on the high school transcript

Choosing an option after high school that makes sense for you

Fastest growing occupations

College application parts, process, timeline, terminology, & resources

Naviance resources & ways to organize and refine your college list

What you can do this summer

This PowerPoint will be on the [Counseling & Wellness Center website](#) with additional information

The only place
where **success**
comes before
work is in the
dictionary

- Vidal Sassoon

Congratulations on all your hard work!

Reminder - High School credit earned in Middle School

- For high school credited courses taken in middle school (Algebra 1 & higher, WL, etc.), meet with your counselor **before the end of 11th grade** to pick up the [form](#) needed to remove the credit, or credit and grade, from your transcript
- No form needed if you want to keep those credits and grades on your transcript
- Parent/guardian signature needed on the form
- Turn form into the NHS Registrar, Ms. Aldridge

After Newport, There Are Many Options...

- Employment
- Apprenticeships
- Technical/Trade Programs
- 2-year College
- 4-year College
- Military Academies
- Gap Year
- Volunteer Programs



College Certificate & Degree Terminology

2yr College & Technical College:

- **Certificate/Diploma Program** – Specialized tech. training followed by employment – 6mo to 2yrs (*may or may not transfer to a 4yr college*)
- **Associate Degree** (many options; typically, transferrable) – 2yr avg
- **Bachelor's Degree** (BA, BS, etc.) – 4yr avg

Undergraduate Degrees at 4 yr Uni:

- **Bachelor's Degree** (BA, BS, BBA) – 4yr avg

Graduate Degrees at 4 yr Uni:

- **Master's Degree** (MA, MS, MBA, MFA, MEd) – 2yr to 3yr avg, after BA
- **Doctorate Degree** (PhD, PsyD) – 4yr to 10yr avg, after Masters
- **Professional Degree** (DO, DDS, MD, DVM, JD, Ed.D.) – 3yr to 6yr avg, after Masters

Apprenticeships

What is it?

- Combines on-the-job training with classroom instruction
- Earn while you learn (no st. loans)
- Supervised by a journey-level professional
- Program completion gives a professional credential that is nationally recognized
- Often competitive

Explore apprenticeship prep programs in Washington

- <https://www.lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/apprenticeship/apprenticeship-preparation>
- Careers in Aerospace, Medical, Software & Tech, Construction, Other Trades like automotive, cosmetology, firefighter, manufacturing, culinary, etc.

Technical College vs 2-year College

- Hands-on Training for a Specialized Career
- Classes do not include general courses
- Emphasis on practical learning
- May take a few months to complete
- Machines, tools, and equipment are used in training
- Offers Associates and Bachelor's degrees (and Certificates, Diplomas)
- Average cost \$33,000
- Scholarships, loan options

- Coursework is compatible with most universities
- Theory-based learning
- A learning environment of lectures
- Typically takes two years to complete
- May be lectures-only and available online
- Programs offered are AA & BA degrees certificates and diplomas
- Costs as low as \$10,000 year
- Field-specific scholarships

Two Year Colleges = Great Opportunities!

- There are 34 two-year colleges in Washington
- SAT/ACT tests not required; no essay; admission not based on GPA
- Potentially high paying careers with less time in school; pathways to a BA degree
- Several two-year colleges offer bachelor's degrees
- *Bellevue College has 14 & Lake Wash Tech has 11 bachelor's degrees, including Computer Science, Cyber Security, Accounting, Dental Hygiene, Gaming & Interactive Media, Public Health, etc.*
- A fraction of the cost of most 4-year universities
- About 60% of students who earn an AA degree from a two-year college have zero student loan debt

COMMUNITY COLLEGE BENEFITS TO CONSIDER

LOWER TUITION FEES



IMPROVE YOUR
TRANSCRIPT FOR
SCHOLARSHIPS



REDUCED
COST OF LIVING



MORE WORK
FRIENDLY



MORE
OPPORTUNITY
FOR MAJOR
SELECTION



Consider a Two Year Technical/Trade School Program

TRADE SCHOOL BENEFITS OVER COLLEGE



27%
of trade school
grads earn
more money



21%
more likely to work
in their field
of study



4%
higher
employment rate



\$65,000
average salary for
skilled trades

- Most programs are 9 – 24 months long
- Enter workforce sooner (earning at least two more years of income)
- Average cost or attendance is much lower
- Less debt = possibility of higher net earnings
- High paying: The average annual pay difference between trade school and bachelor's degree earners is just \$12,000, for entry level employment
- No essay and no SAT/ACT
- Apprenticeships available in many programs

High Paying Trade School Careers	Education Required	Median Salary 2021	Projected Job Growth Rate (2021-2031)
<u>Elevator Installer and Repairer</u>	Apprenticeship	\$97,860	3%
<u>Radiation Therapist</u>	2yr degree	\$82,790	6%
<u>Web Developer</u>	2yr degree	\$78,300	23%
<u>Dental Hygienist</u>	2yr degree	\$77,810	9%
<u>Diagnostic Medical Sonographer</u>	2yr degree	\$75,380	10%
<u>Electrical Line Worker</u>	Apprenticeship	\$74,530	6%
<u>Respiratory Therapist</u>	2yr degree	\$61,830	14%
<u>Electrician</u>	Apprenticeship	\$60,040	7%
<u>Plumber</u>	Apprenticeship	\$59,880	2%
<u>Mortician</u>	2yr degree	\$58,900	8%
<u>IT Technician</u>	2yr degree	\$57,910	6%
<u>Wind Turbine Technician</u>	2yr degree	\$56,260	44%
<u>Legal Assistant</u>	2-4yr degree	\$56,230	14%
<u>HVACR Technician</u>	Cert or 2yr deg	\$48,630	5%
<u>Licensed Practical Nurse</u>	1yr certificate	\$48,070	6%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics & <https://www.bestcolleges.com/trades/best-trade-school-jobs/>

High Paying Trade School Careers & Their Salaries

Important Consideration: Fastest Growing Occupations Between 2021-2031

OCCUPATION	GROWTH RATE, 2021-31	2021 MEDIAN PAY
Nurse practitioners	46%	\$120,680 per year
Wind turbine service technicians	44%	\$56,260 per year
Ushers, lobby attendants, and ticket takers	41%	\$24,440 per year
Motion picture projectionists	40%	\$29,350 per year
Cooks, restaurant	37%	\$30,010 per year
Data scientists	36%	\$100,910 per year
Athletes and sports competitors	36%	\$77,300 per year
Information security analysts	35%	\$102,600 per year
Statisticians	33%	\$95,570 per year
Umpires, referees, and other sports officials	32%	\$35,860 per year
Web developers	30%	\$77,030 per year
Animal caretakers	30%	\$28,600 per year
Choreographers	30%	\$42,700 per year
Taxi drivers	28%	\$29,310 per year
Medical and health services managers	28%	\$101,340 per year
Logisticians	28%	\$77,030 per year
Physician assistants	28%	\$121,530 per year
Solar photovoltaic installers	27%	\$47,670 per year
Animal trainers	27%	\$31,280 per year
Physical therapist assistants	26%	\$61,180 per year

Explore more here:

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/fastest-growing.htm>

https://www.careerbridge.wa.gov/Search_Occupation.aspx?cmd=txt&adv=true&txt=

4-Year College Application Process

1. Finalize your list

2. Organize

- *Check application deadlines and put in calendar or spreadsheet*
- *Review admission requirements (essay prompts, LORs, exams, etc.)*

3. Start Applications (in order of due dates)

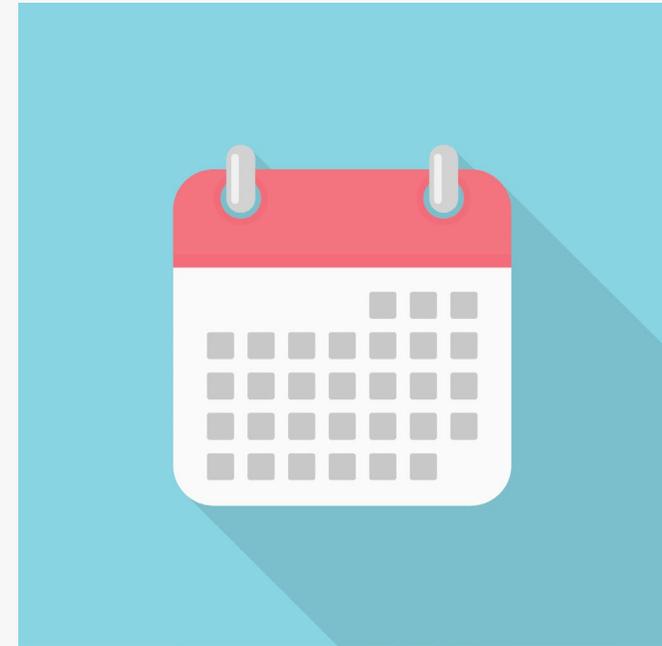
4. Letter of Rec (only if needed)

- *Complete Counselor LOR packet 3 weeks before 1st application deadline (Naviance and NHS Counseling Website)*
- *Request teacher letters of rec (1-2 teachers ONLY)*

5. Essay – set aside time every week and attend editing sessions

6. Transcripts – Order official transcripts in Naviance

7. ACT/SAT scores if taken – **many universities are test optional (college websites)**



Application Timeline

Summer – Fall

- Refine and narrow College List
- Start Applications
- Senior Blitz meeting w/counselor
- Complete Counselor Letter of Rec Packet (if needed)
- Take ACT or SAT (if needed)
- Attend Super Wednesday for essay help
- FAFSA/WASFA December (this year only)



Winter (Nov – Jan)

- Early decision and early action applications due (Nov 1-15)
- Regular applications due
- Apply for scholarships



SPRING

- Colleges notify students of decision (Dec-April)
- Decision Day (May 1) Tuition and Housing Deposits Due
- Final Transcript sent to one college (July 1)
- Continue to apply for scholarships
- Have fun and enjoy your last days of high school!



Fall Senior Year:

- **Senior Counselor Lesson** (Sept)
- **Senior Blitz** – Individual meetings with Counselor (Sept - Oct)
- **Super Wed Senior Workshop** - App and Essay Help (Oct)
- **Super Wed School Based SAT** (Oct)
- **College & Career Advisor** (available by drop-in and appointment)



Where to Start: Build or Refine Your List



Use 3-4 search engines to begin building a list of colleges

- Naviance
- College Navigator
- Big Future
- Campus Explorer
- Niche

Add to your list by also

- Going to College Fair in Fall
- College visits at Newport
- Campus visits

What is a Good College List?

- In the Single Digits
- Has at least 2-3 “Likely” schools
- Every school should match your priorities
- You would be happy attending any of the schools
- Consider your family’s financial situation
- Represents collaboration between yourself, your parents/guardians, and others involved



**HOW MANY COLLEGES SHOULD
I REALLY APPLY TO?**

Naviance is a Great Resource!

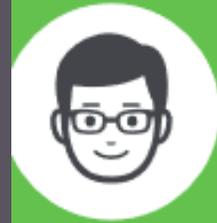
- **Super Match College Search**
- **Scattergrams**
- **Search by Major**
- **Career Search**
- **Interest Tests - Know yourself!**

The screenshot displays the Naviance website interface. At the top, the logo reads "NAVIANCE BY POWERSCHOOL". The navigation bar includes links for Home, Self-Discovery, Courses, Careers, Colleges, and Planner. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are icons for a heart, "12th Grade", social media icons, and a "CLOSE DEMO" button. Below the navigation bar, a dropdown menu is open, listing various college-related options such as "College Home", "Find Your fit", "SuperMatch College Search", "College Events", "Scattergrams", "Advanced College Search", "College Lookup", "Research Colleges", "Colleges I'm Thinking About", "College Visits", "College Compare", "College Resources", "Acceptance History", "Enrichment Programs", "College Maps", "Apply to College", "Colleges I'm Applying to", "Manage Transcripts", "Letters of Recommendation", "Test Scores", and "Scholarships & Money". Below the dropdown menu, there is a welcome message for Newport High School's Naviance Program, followed by a "Read more" button. On the right side, there are four sections, each with a heart icon and a title: "COLLEGES I'm thinking about", "COLLEGES I'm applying to", "COURSES I'm thinking about", and "CAREERS AND CLUSTERS I'm thinking about".

Organize what you know

- Utilize Naviance to organize colleges you're researching
- Worksheets on NHS' [Counseling Website](#)
- Create a spreadsheet to track your choices

WORKSHEET: CHOOSING THE RIGHT COLLEGE



STEP 1
In the top row, make a preliminary list of colleges that interest you.



STEP 2
Think about important factors you want your college to have. Then, prioritize each factor in the level of importance column.



STEP 3
Cross off to not have for. Rank in order.

Level of importance	Factors to consider	College (fill in names of colleges that interest you)		
		1.	2.	3.
	Program of study: Which programs does the college offer to help you achieve your career goals?			
	School size: Would you prefer a large or small school? What is the student population?			
	Class size: How large do you like your classes to be? What is the student-to-teacher ratio?			
	Support programs: Which programs does the college offer to help you stay in school and graduate?			
	City and neighborhood: Do you prefer a city or a small town? What is the population of the city or town?			
	Campus culture: When visiting each college, get a feel for its "personality."			

Picking A “Good Fit” College

In the location/environment you want

Offers academics that match your interests

Internships/research/study abroad/career placement

Offers Activities and Clubs you want to join

Is affordable for you and your family

Is a place that will both challenge and support you

Fit vs Rankings

Guiding Questions:

- What is “fit” and why does it matter? (previous slide)
- What do college rankings really measure?
- Are students who attend more selective colleges better off later in life?

Findings:

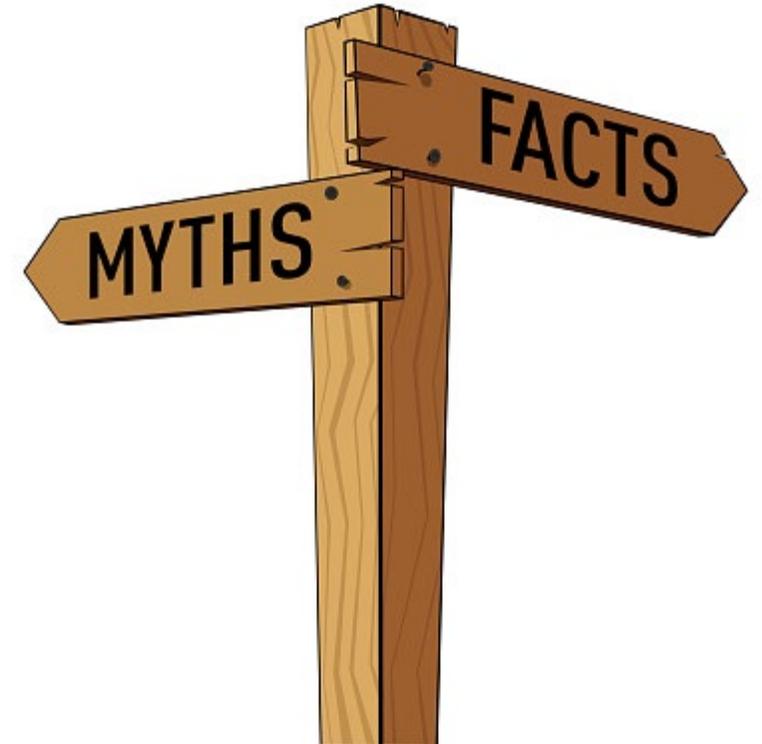
- Engagement in college is more important than where you attend
- Rankings are not accurate indicators of a college’s quality or positive outcomes for students
- College selectivity is not a reliable predictor of student learning, job satisfaction, or well-being

Source: Stanford Graduate School of Education

https://ed.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/challenge_success_white_paper_on_college_admissions_10.1.2018-reduced.pdf

Stress inducing Myths, Thoughts, Feelings

- I need *all A's* to get into a “good” college
- If I don't get into a “**Brand Name**” college, I won't get a good job
- A public university will **cost me less** than a private one
- My **test scores** will make or break my college admission
- **College rankings** in US News & World Report are a good way to find a good college



Terminology – what do they mean when they say…?



Confident/Safety

Almost sure to be admitted. GPA & test scores significantly higher than their average student. *Tuition expense within means.*



Likely/Match

Reasonably certain to be admitted. GPA & test scores in line with average admitted student.



Reach

Your academic profile at mid/lower end of admitted students.



“Lottery” Reach School

Highly selective schools cannot possibly admit all whose academic profile meets their criteria.

WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Nonrestrictive Application Plans

Regular Decision

DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT:
NONBINDING

Rolling Admission

DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT:
NONBINDING

Early Action I & II

Nov. 1st or 15th

DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:
NONBINDING

Restrictive Application Plans

Early Decision I & II

Nov. 1st or 15th

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

COMMITMENT:
BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

COMMITMENT:
NONBINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

Letters of Recommendation

- ✓ Typically, **only needed** for Private Colleges
- ✓ **No state colleges in WA/OR/CA require letters**
- ✓ Teacher letter - 1-2 (*do not ask more than req*)
- ✓ Teachers: Ask directly in spring or early fall
- ✓ Counselor letter? (*check college requirement*)
- ✓ Counselors: Packet on [Counseling Center website](#)
- ✓ Submit materials 4 weeks prior to deadline
- ✓ Be sure to thank all who write letters for you



What Can I Do This Summer?

- Refine your college list (about 3-9 schools and ALL ones you'd be HAPPY attending)
- Visit colleges and programs
- Create your Common Application account (Aug 1)
- Start working on college applications & essay
- Continue working on community service projects
- Enjoy your summer vacation time with friends/family!



Important Tips

Have fun with your search---there are no wrong choices

Nothing is due in the summer

Counselors have a different timeline than students

A complete submission is better than an early submission

Talk to your parents about options and financial aid

Come to the Student Q & A Session(s)!

Thursday June 1st

Tutorial

Counseling Center

Drop in/Bring laptop



Summer School

- [BSD Summer School](#)
- Credit Recovery only
- FREE!
- Talk to your counselor!



RESOURCES

[NHS Applying to College webpage](#)
[Trade School vs Traditional College](#)
[HBCU - Historically Black Colleges & Universities](#)
[Build Your Own College Rankings](#)
[College Application Calendar](#)
[Colleges: Need-Based & Merit Aid awarded](#)
[Steps to Picking a Major](#)



Questions???

