

# **Lenape High School Counseling Department**

## **College & Post-secondary Discussion**

# Purpose of Tonight

Assist you and your student with the college application process

## **We will be discussing:**

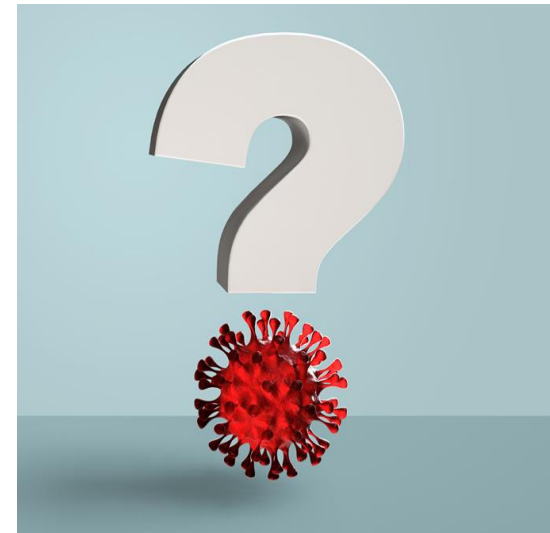
- College Search
- Application procedures
- Transcript requests
- Letters of recommendation
- Financial Aid
- College Alternatives



# Uncertainties

related to Covid-19

- Testing
  - Most are test-optional
- Visits
  - Virtual, some open houses
- Admissions Requirements
- Cutting programs
  - Majors, Activities, Sports
- Housing
- Virtual Delivery of Instruction vs In-person



*Check the individual colleges' websites for specific information. Every school is proceeding differently*

# College Search Process

- Narrow down to a list of 4-6 schools.
  - ❖ including 1-2 safe schools,
  - ❖ 2-3 good match schools and
  - ❖ 1-2 one reach schools.
- Consider basics:
  - ❖ Major
  - ❖ Location
  - ❖ Size,
  - ❖ Setting (rural/urban/suburban),
  - ❖ Extra-curricular activities.



College campuses pictured:  
Top: Young Harris College (GA)  
Left: Belmont University (TN)  
Right: New York University

Use Naviance to determine where you might fit when you apply to a school. The scattergrams use data from the last 5 years of Lenape students' application. Some questions to ask:

- 1) Does this school offer what I'm looking for?
- 2) Can I get in?
- 3) Can I pay for it?
- 4) What ways can I get involved?
- 5) What opportunities are available for me when I'm in school, when I'm looking for internships, and when I graduate?

Naviance | Student

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Rowan University  
Glassboro, NJ, United States | www.rowan.edu

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Overview Studies Student Life Admissions Costs

AVERAGE NET PRICE **\$26,970**  
Income: \$48 - \$75K  
More about Cost & Aid

GRADUATION RATE **69%**  
Within 6 years  
More about Learning Environment

ACCEPTANCE RATE **69%**  
Check out Scattergrams to see

COLLEGE OVERLAPS **341**  
Students who apply to this college also applied to these 341 colleges

REGULAR DECISION - FALL  
April **15**  
See all deadlines

Scattergrams | Applications for Lenape High School

Comparing Weighted GPA with SAT (1600 Scale)

Legend: You (blue starburst), Accepted (green checkmark), Waitlisted/Accepted (green circle), Waitlisted/Unknown (blue circle), Waitlisted/Denied (red circle), Denied (red cross)

# College Search (cont'd)

Other good resources for search:

- CollegeBoard BigFuture
- College Scorecard
- College Navigator
- UniGo
- College Confidential
- College Raptor



College Affordability and Transparency Center  
**College Scorecard**

**uniGO**



**College  
Confidential**



# APPLICATION PROCEDURES

## Applying Online

- Start by checking application deadlines
- Begin applications with earliest deadline first
- Apply either through the college website, Common Application website (**commonapp.org**), or Coalition (**coalitionforcollegeaccess.org**)
  - Common App - 820 schools
  - Coalition - 140 schools
    - Most Coalition schools also accept Common App
- Determine admissions deadline type
  - Regular, Early Action, Early Decision, Rolling

# DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION



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College Admission Counseling  
Guiding the way to higher education

## STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

### Non-Restrictive 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:

NON-BINDING

#### Rolling Admission

##### DEFINITION:

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

##### COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

#### Early Action (EA)

##### DEFINITION:

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

##### COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

### Restrictive Application Plans

#### Early Decision (ED)

##### 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:

NON-BINDING

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.



# THE COMMON APPLICATION

The Common Application is a college admission application that may be used to apply to approximately **820** colleges and universities in the U.S.



Welcome, Steve!  
Practice Applicant [Usage Tips](#)  
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The screenshot displays the Common App user interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Dashboard, My Colleges, Common App (selected), College Search, and Financial Aid Resources. On the left, a sidebar menu lists various sections: Common Application, Profile, Family, Education (highlighted with a red circle and a red arrow), Testing, Activities, Writing, and Courses & Grades (0 college(s) require). The main content area is titled "Education" and includes "Video Tutorials" and "Preview" buttons. Below this is a section for "Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School" with a dropdown arrow. The selected school is Cherokee High School, located at 120 Tomlinson Mill Rd, Marlton, NJ 08053-2599, USA, Public, with a CEEB Code of 310761. There are "Change" and "Remove" buttons at the bottom of the school entry. On the right side, there is an "Instructions and Help" section with a link icon and a text box that reads: "Why can't I find my school in the high school search screen? When searching for your high school within your Common App, you may not Read more".

# THE COMMON APPLICATION

Go to college search and add at least one college to your “my colleges”

A screenshot of a web application's navigation bar and search interface. The navigation bar has five tabs: 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', 'College Search', and 'Financial Aid Resources'. The 'College Search' tab is active. Below the navigation bar is a search form with the title 'College Search' and a button for 'Application Requirements'. The search input field contains 'Drexel'. Below the input field is a note: 'Separate multiple search terms with a comma, e.g.: Washington, Boston'. There is a 'More filters' button. Below the search results, it says '1 result' and 'Sort by: College Name'. A single result is shown: 'Drexel University' with a green checkmark and 'Philadelphia, PA - USA'. The result is circled in red.

Dashboard My Colleges Common App College Search Financial Aid Resources

## College Search

Application Requirements

College or City Name

Drexel

Separate multiple search terms with a comma, e.g.: Washington, Boston

More filters

1 result

Sort by: College Name

✓ Drexel University  
Philadelphia, PA - USA

# THE COMMON APPLICATION

## Sign FERPA waiver



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- Drexel University**
- College Information
- Application
  - Questions
  - Recommenders and FERPA**
  - Review and Submit - Common App
- Temple University

### Recommenders & FERPA

#### ! FERPA Release Authorization

Before you can invite your counselor, teachers, recommenders, parents, or advisors, you must complete the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release authorization process.

[Learn more about FERPA](#)

[Complete Release Authorization](#)

### Instructions and Help

Who can I list if I do not have a counselor?

If there is no Counselor at your school, you may list your principal or other [Read more](#)

I'm out of high school. Who do I list if I no

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# THE COMMON APPLICATION

## Release Authorization

### FERPA Form

- I acknowledge that every school that I have attended may release all requested records and recommendations to colleges to which I am applying for admission. I also understand that employees at these colleges may confidentially contact my current and former schools should they have questions about the information submitted on my behalf.\*

Please select one: \*

- I waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.
- I DO NOT waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.
- I understand that my waiver or no waiver selection above pertains to all colleges to which I apply and that my **selections on this page cannot be changed once I sign and click Save**

Back

Save and Close

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Signature \*

Date \*

Back

Save and Close



# NAVIANCE AND THE COMMON APPLICATION

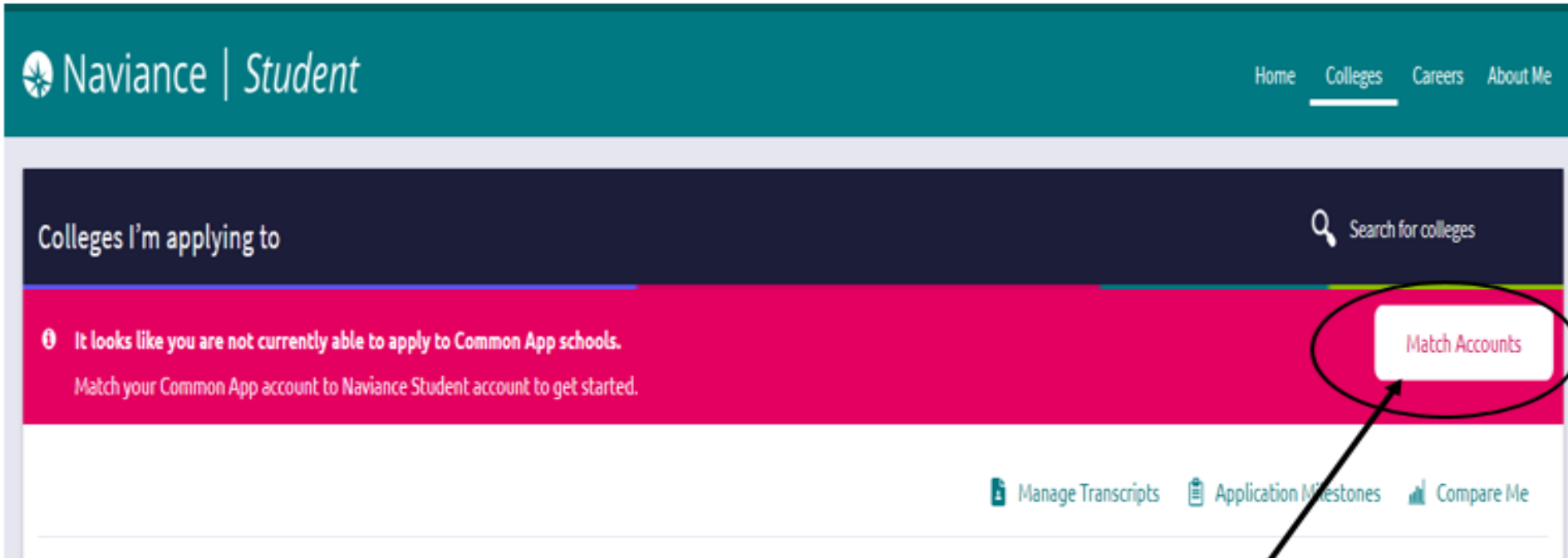
The image shows a screenshot of the Naviance Student dashboard. At the top, there is a teal header with the Naviance logo and the text "Naviance | Student". To the right of the header, there are links for "Home", "Colleges", "Careers", and "About Me". Below the header, a "Welcome, Kathy!" message is displayed. A search bar for colleges is present, with the placeholder text "Type a college name".

On the right side, a navigation menu is open, listing several options: "COLLEGES Home", "COLLEGES I'm thinking about", "COLLEGES I'm applying to", "Find You / Fit", "Research Colleges", "Apply to College", and "Scholarships and Money". The "COLLEGES I'm applying to" option is circled in black, and an arrow points from this circle to a text label "Colleges I'm applying to".

Below the header, there are two main content areas. The left area is titled "Welcome" and contains text about the counseling staff at Cherokee High School. The right area is titled "My Favorites" and lists several items: "COLLEGES I'm thinking about", "COLLEGES I'm applying to", and "CAREERS AND CLUSTERS I'm thinking about". The "COLLEGES I'm applying to" item in this section is also circled in black, with an arrow pointing from the text label "Colleges I'm applying to" to it.

At the bottom left, there is a "Read more" button.

# Matching the Common App and Naviance



Match Accounts

Enter the same email address that you used to create a Common App account

# RUTGERS PROCESS

## Step 1: Application

RUTGERS

Undergraduate  
Admissions

Apply

Visit

HOW TO APPLY

REQUIRED CREDENTIALS

STATUS SCREEN

## Choose the Correct Application



### Undergraduate Application

If you have never enrolled in courses in a degree program at Rutgers, apply using the Rutgers Application or Coalition Application (submit only one). The credentials and criteria for review are identical, regardless of which

RUTGERS APPLICATION

CONTINUE RUTGERS  
APPLICATION

COALITION APPLICATION

# RUTGERS APPLICATION PROCESS Cont'd



UNDERGRADUATE  
ADMISSIONS

Undergraduate Admissions Online Services

Create an account to begin your application.

Full Legal Name *(no nicknames)* ?

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Your Email Address *(used as log in username)* ?

Your email is your username and will be used for official correspondence from Rutgers and password recovery. You may update this email later if your preferred email changes. See our [privacy policy](#) for more information about the use of collected information.

Retype Your Email Address

Must match your email address above.

Create an 8-Character Password

Use letters and numbers only. Be certain to remember your password and keep it secure.

Retype Your 8-Character Password

Must match password above.

**CREATE ACCOUNT**

or [Go back to welcome page](#)



# RUTGERS PROCESS

## Step 2: Complete the SRAR

### SRAR- Self-Reported Academic Record

SRAR Login page

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RUTGERS

Self-Reported Academic Record

Welcome to the Rutgers Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR). The Rutgers SRAR allows you to enter, track, and submit your academic record electronically to Rutgers University. You may start the SRAR at any point but can submit it only after you submit the application for undergraduate admission.

If you already have a **MyRutgersFuture** account or have previously started the **SRAR**, please log in to the SRAR with the same account credentials (email address and password) which you have already established.

If you have applied using the **Rutgers** application and have not yet started the SRAR, log in with the same email address and 8-character password that you used for your application for admission.

#### Self-Reported Academic Record

PLEASE LOG IN

Email

Password

Login ▶

#### Quick Links

[Forgot My Password](#)

# TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Ask two teachers *in person* if possible – email is ok if you have to
- Use recommendation form for teachers
- Put teacher recommendation request in Naviance
- Give at least **3 weeks** notice
- Check Naviance or confirm with teacher(s) to see when letters have been uploaded
- **Note - Once uploaded, you will not be able to read teacher recommendations**

# TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS IN NAVIANCE

- To submit teacher recommendation request in Naviance:
  1. Click on Colleges → Apply to College → Letters of Recommendation
  2. Add Request
  3. Select teacher's name from drop down bar.
    - a. Choose "All current and future colleges I add to my Colleges I'm Applying to List."
    - b. Click Submit Request
- Check Naviance to see when letters have been completed.
- Once letters have been submitted, transcripts can be requested

# TEACHERS RECOMMENDATIONS IN NAVIANCE - Step 1

The screenshot displays the Naviance Student dashboard. At the top left, the logo reads "Naviance | Student". The navigation bar includes "Home", "Colleges", "Careers", and "About Me". A welcome message "Welcome, Kathy!" is shown above a search bar labeled "Search for Colleges" with a dropdown arrow and a search icon. The search bar contains the placeholder text "Type a college name".

A dropdown menu is open, showing options: "Back", "Apply to College", "Letters of Recommendation", "College Choice", "Manage Transcripts", and "Test Scores". The "Letters of Recommendation" option is circled in black, and a black arrow points from this circle to the text "Letters of Recommendation" located below the dropdown menu.

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled "Welcome", contains a paragraph about the counseling staff at Cherokee High School and a "Read more" button. The right column, titled "My Favorites", lists three items: "COLLEGES I'm thinking about", "COLLEGES I'm applying to", and "CAREERS AND CLUSTERS I'm thinking about".

# TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS IN NAVIANCE - Step 2

Letters of recommendation

## Add Request

Your Requests

You can request new letters of recommendation and track the most recent status of your requests here.



Add Request

Recommendation For ^

Deadline ^

Recommender(s)

Status 

Cancel Request

# TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS IN NAVIANCE - Step 3

## Letters of recommendation

### Add new request

Here you can ask a teacher to write you a letter of recommendation. If you don't have any colleges in your list yet, you may still make a request. Make sure you give your teachers plenty of time to write your recommendations!

Cancel

Submit Request

1. Who would you like to write this recommendation?\*

Select A Teacher

2. Select which colleges this request is for:\*

Choose ~~specific~~ colleges from your Colleges I'm Applying To list

All current and future colleges I add to my Colleges I'm Applying To list **1**

3. Include a personal note to remind your recommender about your great qualities and any specifics about your request:

Thank you for writing a letter of recommendation for me!  
My first deadline is 11/1

3000 characters remaining

Final step:  
Submit Request

Cancel

Submit Request

# TEACHERS RECOMMENDATIONS IN NAVIANCE

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Add Request

Recommendation For ^	Deadline ^	Recommender(s)	Status ⓘ	Cancel Request
All Applications ⓘ	See applications	Kimberly Conduro Kathryn Desantis James Goetschius	Submitted Submitted Submitted	✕ ✕ ✕

Status Update

Add Request

# COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATIONS

## Do you need a counselor letter of rec?

If yes, please fill out the counselor form found in Naviance.

- About Me
- My Surveys
- Surveys Not Started

Please don't write paragraphs –  
bullet points are just fine!

Home Colleges Careers About Me

My Surveys

Filter by  
Not started

Counselor Form for Letter of Recomme...  
NOT STARTED

Record of Student Volunteerism  
NOT STARTED

ABOUT ME  
Home

LUCY TEST  
My Account

My Stuff >

My Assessments >

My Surveys >



# TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

- One for EVERY college/university, scholarship, agency that wants an official transcript
- If letters of recommendation are needed- do NOT turn in form until you see “in progress” in Naviance.
- Must submit at least 2 weeks prior to deadline.
- Fill out transcript requests online via Google form
- Still submit the transcript request form for Self Report schools (Rutgers, Delaware, Penn State, etc.)

# Transcript Request Process

Here's how you submit a transcript request form:

- From the Lenape home page, scroll down to find the link where it says “*Transcript Requests*”

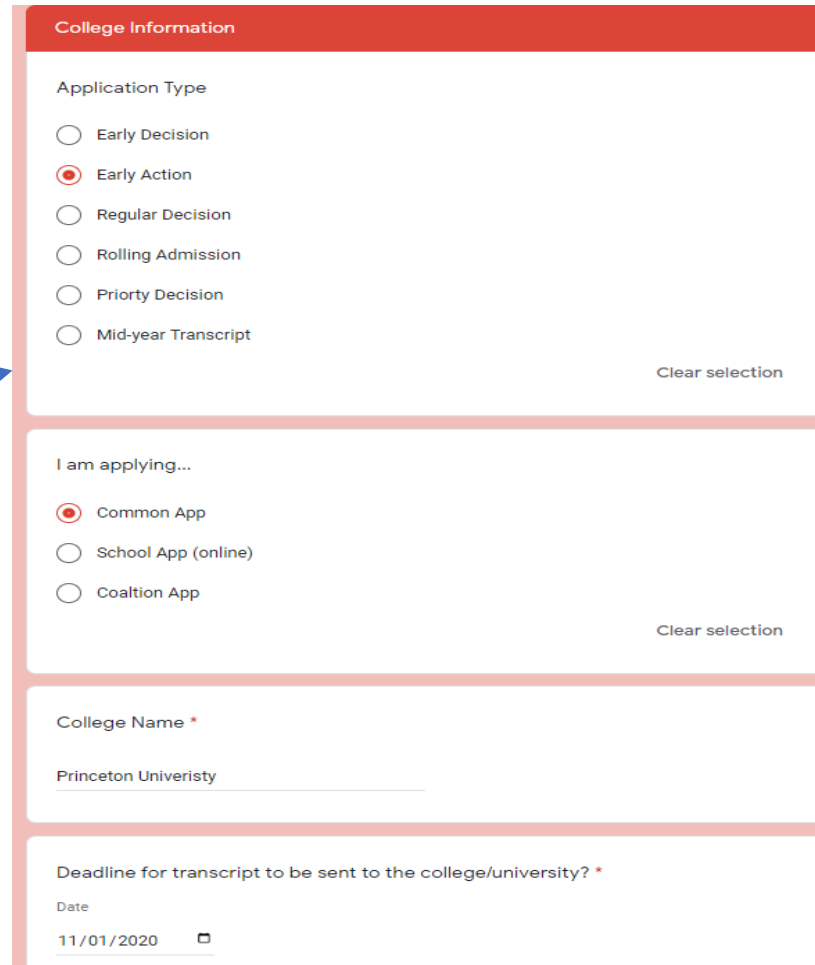
OR go on the Counseling Department page (or type in <https://www.lrhdsd.org/Domain/1281> straight to your address bar)

- Click *Current Students*

- Fill out Google Doc.

Page by page it will be:

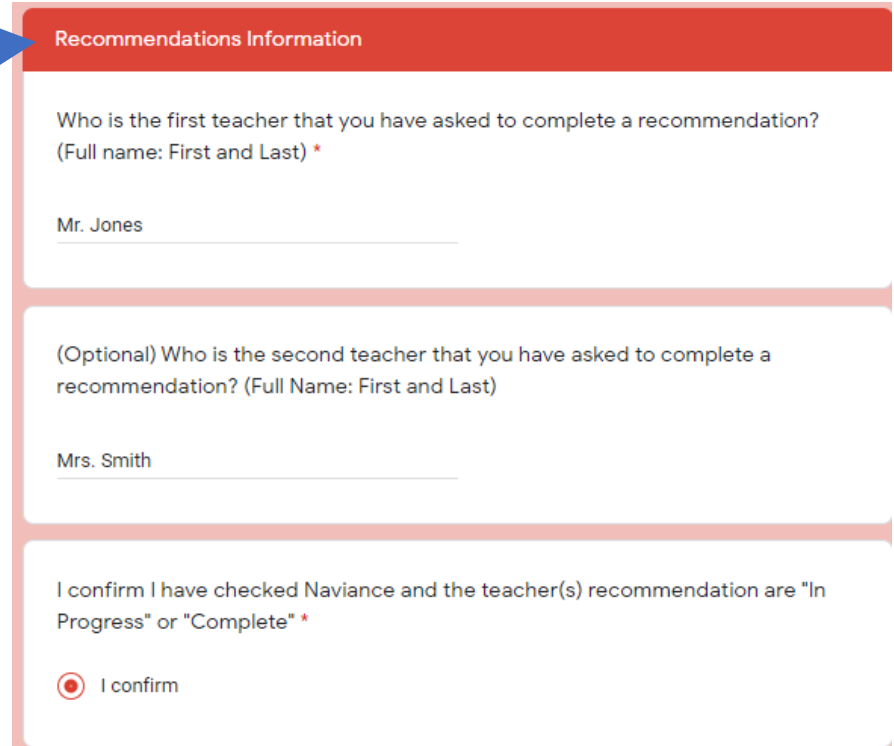
1. Basic info
2. Transcript action (to college vs. other, e.g. NCAA)
3. College information including
  - a. Application type (e.g. Early Action),
  - b. How you are applying (e.g. Common App),
  - c. College name, and deadline



The screenshot shows a web form with a red header bar labeled "College Information". Below the header, there are three main sections. The first section, "Application Type", contains radio buttons for "Early Decision", "Early Action" (which is selected), "Regular Decision", "Rolling Admission", "Priority Decision", and "Mid-year Transcript". A "Clear selection" link is at the bottom right of this section. The second section, "I am applying...", contains radio buttons for "Common App" (selected), "School App (online)", and "Coalition App". A "Clear selection" link is at the bottom right of this section. The third section, "College Name \*", has a text input field containing "Princeton Univeristy". The fourth section, "Deadline for transcript to be sent to the college/university? \*", has a "Date" label and a text input field containing "11/01/2020" with a calendar icon to its right. A blue arrow points from the text "College information including" in the list to the "College Information" section of the form.

# Transcript Request Process

4. Address of institution
5. Letters of recommendation requirement
6. Recommendations information. Confirm they're submitted in Naviance!
7. Confirm that you'll send your SAT/ACT scores separately (if applicable)



Recommendations Information

Who is the first teacher that you have asked to complete a recommendation?  
(Full name: First and Last) \*

Mr. Jones

(Optional) Who is the second teacher that you have asked to complete a recommendation? (Full Name: First and Last)

Mrs. Smith

I confirm I have checked Naviance and the teacher(s) recommendation are "In Progress" or "Complete" \*

I confirm

Note: Very often, students submit transcript requests, counselors send all the info, and schools will still say they do not have information. Counselors can't do anything more once materials are submitted. It is then up to the student to contact the college. Colleges will often say one of three things: 1) we have it here; we just haven't processed it; 2) we've processed it, but it's not showing up on your end; 3) we don't have it. If they don't have it and the counselor sees that it was delivered via Naviance, please get a contact email address for the counselor to send it directly to.

# MID-YEAR REPORTS AND FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

- Submit a mid-year transcript request form for mid-year grades
  - same process as initial transcript request, just click mid-year
- Forms will be available to students in the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period, transcripts will be sent early **February**
- In **May/June** students must report to the registrar via Naviance which college they will be attending

# SAT/ACT TEST SCORES

## Sent Directly from Testing Agency

- 4 free score reports when registering for SAT's
- SAT scores are sent as quickly as possible to you, chosen colleges, and scholarship programs
- Within 9 days of taking the test, you can change or remove a college from score report
- If you need to order more than four score reports, or send score reports more than 9 days after, it will cost approximately \$12 for each

## TESTING WEBSITES

[CollegeBoard.org/SAT](http://CollegeBoard.org/SAT)      [ACT.org](http://ACT.org)

Check out **FairTest.org** for over 1,000 schools that do not require SAT or ACT as entrance requirements. *Note: SAT/ACT optional schools may have other requirements like minimum GPA, additional essays, or similar.*

# COLLEGE TERMS TO KNOW

**Accreditation** - Academic programs, faculty quality, facilities, etc must adhere to standards previously set forth by regional and state bodies. Agencies regularly send teams to colleges to analyze different areas

**Affirmative Action** – Institutional efforts toward equal employment and educational opportunities for everyone.

**Apply** – Submitting an application in hopes of gaining admission to the College.

**Application fee** – where one must pay an amount of money specified by the college

**Assessment Test** – As identified by the State of New Jersey, skills are assessed in reading, writing and mathematics. All incoming degree-seeking students or students registering for eight or more credits are required to take assessment tests designed to demonstrate strengths and weaknesses.

**Associate Degree** – The degree typically awarded by community and junior colleges following the completion of a two-year program of study. RCBC offers four such degrees in a variety of career and transfer fields.

**Audit** – The process by which a student may register for a course on a no-grade basis.

**Bachelor's/Baccalaureate Degree** – The degree typically awarded by a college or university for successful completion of a four-year program of study.

**Commencement** – Graduation ceremonies.

**Common App** – One application that, when complete, allows students to apply to over 600 colleges and universities at one time (a fee often applies to each submission)

**Corequisite** – A course that you are required to take while enrolled in another, related course.

**Course Number** – The three-letter and three-digit designation that appears before each course name. The designation will indicate the curriculum area and level of each course.

**Credit Hour** – Each credit hr is a unit of time that a class meets each week during a given semester e.g. 3 credits = 3hrs

**Curriculum** – A set of courses designed to lead to a goal, such as a degree or certificate.

**Dean's List** – Students who have demonstrated significant academic achievements during a given semester.

**Degree Requirements** – A list of the exact courses, subject areas, requirements and credit hours that a student must successfully complete to obtain a specific degree.

**Drop** – The process of adjusting a student's schedule by dropping courses after initial registration. The deadline for dropping a course is based on the semester/term of that course.

**Early Action** – Students apply early, receive an admission decision early in the admission cycle, consider acceptance offer. Students do not have to commit upon receipt. **\*\*NON-BINDING\*\***

**Early Decision** - Students can only apply to one ED school early, receive notice before the usual notification date, agree to attend the college if accepted and offered a financial aid package that is considered adequate by the family. **\*\*BINDING\*\***

**Electives** – Courses in which the student may enroll dependent upon interests, needs and specified criteria. Generally a student may choose from among a large list of elective courses.

**Financial Aid** – Can be loans, grants, or scholarships that students and families use to pay for college. Some schools are; some schools are “

**Freshman** – A student who has earned no more than 28 credits.

**General Education Requirements** – Courses which provide all degree students with broad knowledge in a variety of disciplines (i.e. math, science, English, etc.)

**Grade Point Average** – Also known as GPA, calculation to determine a student’s academic progress and status. To determine the GPA, divide the total number of credits attempted by the total numerical value of grades received.

**Internship** – Available in selected course areas, the internship provides planned, practical on-the-job experience, in addition to regular classroom work.

**Major** – The subject area in which the student chooses to concentrate his/her academic work.

**Needs-blind** – College admissions do not view a family’s financial status when considering admission

**Needs-aware** – College admissions view a family’s financial status when considering admission

**Practicum** – See internship.

**Prerequisite** – A course or courses a student must successfully complete before being allowed to register for a more advanced course in the same or related subject area.

**Register** – When a student signs up for classes in a particular semester or term.

**Semester** – A 15-week period during which a student will complete a particular course or courses.

**Sophomore** – A student who has completed 29 or more credits successfully.

**SuperScore** – Combining a student’s highest Critical Reading and Math section scores across each date you

took the SAT **Term** – A concentrated period during which a student will complete a particular course or courses e.g. semester, trimester

**Transcript** – The official record of a student’s academic performance.

**Tuition** – Charges for each registered course for which a student registers.

**Withdraw** – Withdrawing from a class occurs after the Last Day to Drop deadline has passed. The course from which the student withdraws will be recorded on the transcript as a W. The form for processing a course withdrawal may be obtained at the Registrar’s Office

# Additional Information

**Lenape address:  
235 Hartford Road  
Medford, NJ 08055**

Phone: (609) 654-5111

Fax: (609) 714-7511

Number of Credits for your  
Classes:

Full Year Courses- 5 credits

Full Year Lab Sciences- 6  
Credits

PE-2.5 Credits/Health- 2.5  
Credits

Semester Courses- 2.5 Cr.

**GPA:**

Unweighted is out of 4.00

Weighted is out of 6.00

Your can report either  
unless it is specified

**Rank Is EXACT**

**Number of Students in  
Senior Class: 498**

**CEEB: 310762**



# F.A.Q.

## NJ STARS

(New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship)

- [www.njstars.net/](http://www.njstars.net/)
- Scholarship covers tuition for NJ community colleges

### **Requirements:**

- Top 15% of class
- Weighted class rank has determined eligibility (typically over a 5.0 minimum weighted GPA)
- Students must complete a rigorous series of high school courses



# F.A.Q.

- How do I apply for scholarships?
  - Search tools (Naviance & other sites)
  - FAFSA/ Financial Aid Night
  - Merit based (grades, SAT, etc.) vs. Need based (family finances) aid
  - Local Awards



# FINANCIAL AID

✓IT'S ALL ABOUT THE FAFSA!

✓FILE THE FAFSA AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2020

✓THOUSANDS OF SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, not just for top grades or athletes

✓LOCAL AWARDS APPLICATION FOUND ON NAVIANCE

Lenape's Financial Aid night is usually held mid-October.

## **Financial Aid Info:**

- You can now submit the FAFSA starting October 1 (fafsa.ed.gov)
- The first step in gaining any kind of financial aid is to fill out the **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Your parent(s)/guardian will mainly be responsible for this as it requires a lot of tax documentation, and does take quite a bit of time. Check your school's deadline for filing the FAFSA, but plan to have it done around February 15 at the latest for priority access to government aid.
  - About two to four weeks after submitting the FAFSA, you'll receive a **Student Aid Report**. It summarizes the information you reported on the FAFSA and tells you your **Expected Family Contribution** -- how much you'll be expected to pay for your education.
  - Financial aid administrators at the colleges where you've applied will use your EFC to determine how much aid you'll get. You'll receive a financial aid award letter that tells you the amount of aid you'll receive for the school year and in what form: loan, grant/scholarship, or campus-based program. The letter will tell you what steps you need to take next.
- You also might be required to fill out the **CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE**. You will be able to discover fairly quickly on your school's website whether you need to fill out this additional profile.

## **Institutional Financial Aid and Scholarships:**

- Students should be aware that many colleges/universities offer their own scholarships, grants, and merit aid. When applying, students should look into institutional scholarships and how to apply. Check the schools website and inquire with any school reps that you interact with.
- Check Naviance and see Mr. Jacobs in the counseling center for more national & local scholarships
- Every school has a "Net Price Calculator." Use this tool to get an idea of how much that school would cost for you, although it is not exact. CollegeRaptor's is good too

## Financial Aid Sites

\*HESAA

[www.hesaa.org](http://www.hesaa.org) (For NJ Colleges)

\*FAFSA

[fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) (File as early as Oct. 1)



## Scholarships:

Naviance

Scholarship list, Scholarship match 

CollegeBoard

[bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search)

FastWeb

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)



UniGo

[www.Unigo.com](http://www.Unigo.com)

Scholly

[myscholly.com](http://myscholly.com)



Scholarships.com

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

Raise Me

[Raise.me](http://Raise.me)

Going Merry

Many more!

Unsure of major?

Grades not as high as you'd like?

Options limited right out of Lenape?

Can't afford tuition?

Don't want to leave home just yet?

## **Consider RCBC: You can go for 2 years or more!**

RCBC can be whatever you need it to be. 4 common ways students utilize RCBC:

1. Money Saver
  - a. RCBC's 3+1 program can save \$75,000 (Compared to attending Rowan University for 4 years)
2. Launchpad
  - a. Many students cannot get admitted to some colleges that may require a higher GPA than what they have. Getting strong grades at RCBC proves success and transfer acceptance rate is often higher than first year students
3. Transitional step
  - a. Some people aren't ready to leave home just yet. RCBC is a great way to transition to college
4. Determining pathway
  - a. 18 year-olds don't always know what they want to do. Taking general education/liberal arts courses at RCBC is a great way to figure out their major & career path without spending the same as what a 4-year college would cost.

# RCBC STUDENT PROFILE FALL 2016

THIS DATA REFLECTS THE FALL 2016 SEMESTER

TOTAL STUDENT CREDIT HOURS: 85,849  
CREDIT COURSE ENROLLMENT: 8,586

FULL-TIME STUDENTS: 4,178  
PART-TIME STUDENTS: 4,408

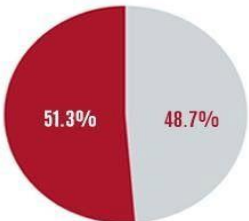
## CREDIT ENROLLMENT PRIMARY GROUPS

FULL-TIME STUDENTS AGED 17-24 YEARS OLD AND ADULT LEARNERS AGED 25 OR OLDER. MANY OF WHOM ATTEND PART-TIME, IN BOTH DEGREE AND NON-DEGREE SEEKING PROGRAMS.

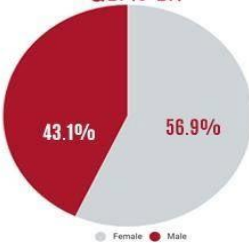
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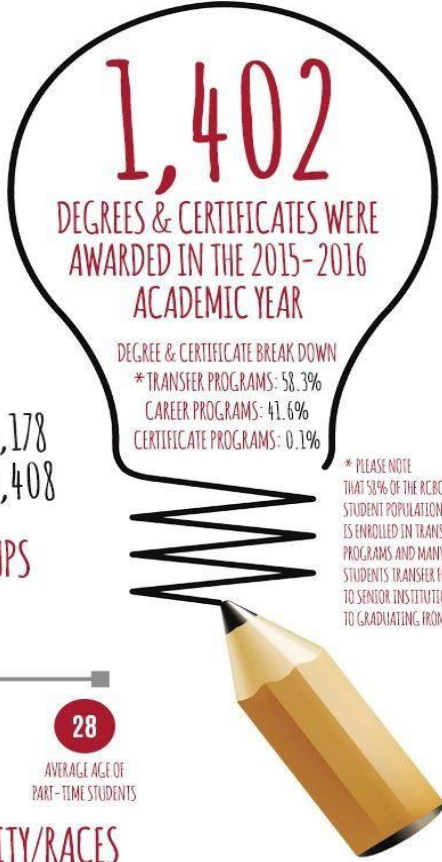
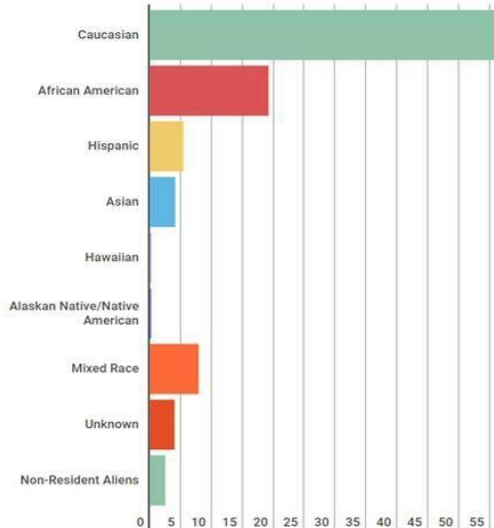
## ATTENDANCE STATUS



## GENDER



## ETHNICITY/RACES



85.2% ARE BURLINGTON COUNTY RESIDENTS

21.9% OF BURLINGTON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ATTENDED RCBC IN FALL '16



# 3+1= More 4 You!

## How does it work?

Take 75% of your courses at RCBC and finish your degree through Rowan University

### Earn Your Associate Degree in

Complete your associate degree which counts as your freshman and sophomore year.

### Continue at RCBC in Mt Laurel

Take your junior-year courses with RCBC's faculty and RCBC's lowest in-the-state tuition and fees.

### Transfer to Rowan University

Take your senior-year courses with Rowan University faculty in Mount Laurel or online for a 15% discount off of Rowan University's tuition and fees.

### Save a Lot of Money

Earn an associate degree from RCBC and a bachelor's degree from Rowan University and save around \$75,000!

Please note: Total tuition is determined by the selected program. [RCBC.edu/3plus1](http://RCBC.edu/3plus1)

# Burlington County Institute of Technology

## Career, Technical, & Trade Education

### Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication

#### • Allied Health Occupations

- Basic Life Support (BLS)/CPR
- Certified Homemaker Home Health Aide for CNA Applicants
- Certified Nurse Aide
- Dental
- Electrocardiography (ECG)
- Medical Assistant Program
- Patient Care Technician Program
- Pharmacy Technician
- Phlebotomy
- Practical Nursing
- TABE (LPN) Testing

#### • Animal Care

- Pet Grooming
- Veterinary Assisting

#### • Apprenticeship Programs

- Electrical
- Plumbing

#### • Automotive/Diesel & Small Engine Technology

- Automotive
- Diesel Technology
- ETEP
- State Inspector



#### • Building Trades

- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Home Repair
- HVAC
- Plumbing

#### • Commercial Truck Driving (CDL)

- Class A
- Class B

#### • Cosmetology

#### • Digital Accounting

- Accounting Fundamentals
- Certified Digital Accountant Exam
- QuickBooks Basics
- QuickBooks Intermediate

#### • Water / Wastewater Management

#### • Welding Technology

BCIT can get you working and earning money faster. Some programs have a 100% job placement rate!



# College Alternatives:

Peace Corps: [PeaceCorps.gov](http://PeaceCorps.gov)

AmeriCorps: [nationalservice.gov/programs/americorps](http://nationalservice.gov/programs/americorps)

## Job/employment websites

[Monster.com](http://Monster.com) | [indeed.com](http://indeed.com) | [ziprecruiter.com](http://ziprecruiter.com) | [careerbuilder.com](http://careerbuilder.com)

## Trade/apprenticeship/union

[dol.gov/apprenticeship](http://dol.gov/apprenticeship) | [liuna.org](http://liuna.org) | [ibew.org](http://ibew.org) | [ua.org](http://ua.org) | [teamster.org](http://teamster.org) | [cwa-union.org](http://cwa-union.org) | [uaw.org](http://uaw.org)

## ***Want a degree, but still want a career working with your hands? Check out:***

- Williamson College of the Trades (FREE TUITION) – Media, PA
  - [williamson.edu](http://williamson.edu)
  - Associate Degrees & Certificate programs
- American College of the Building Arts (for profit) – Charleston, SC
  - [americancollegeofthebuildingarts.com](http://americancollegeofthebuildingarts.com)



## Bachelor Degrees

- Penn College – Williamsport, PA (out of state tuition)
  - [pct.edu](http://pct.edu)
  - Bachelor and Associate degrees
- Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology (tuition based)- Lancaster, PA
  - [stevenscollege.edu](http://stevenscollege.edu)
  - Associate degrees and Certificate programs



# Thinking Military?

Entering the US Military can be another good option to set yourself up for success through college or a career path.

*About the ASVAB:* The ASVAB is a multiple-choice test of nine sections: General Science, Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, Auto & Shop, Mathematics Knowledge, Mechanical Comprehension, Electronics Information, and Assembling Objects. Your score on the ASVAB can help determine your Military Occupational Specialty (MOS).

<u>Test</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Domain</u>
General Science (GS)	Knowledge of physical and biological sciences	Science/Technical
Arithmetic Reasoning (AR)	Ability to solve arithmetic word problems	Math
Word Knowledge (WK)	Ability to select the correct meaning of a word presented in context and to identify best synonym for a given word	Verbal
Paragraph Comprehension (PC)	Ability to obtain information from written passages	Verbal
Mathematics Knowledge (MK)	Knowledge of high school mathematics principles	Math
Electronics Information (EI)	Knowledge of electricity and electronics	Science/Technical
Auto Information (AI)/ Shop Information (SI)	Knowledge of tools, automobile, and shop terminology and practices	Science/Technical
Mechanical Comprehension (MC)	Knowledge of mechanical and physical principles	Science/Technical
Assembling Objects (AO)	Ability to determine how an object will look when its parts are put together	Spatial




<b><u>Branch</u></b>	<b><u>Requirements</u></b>	<b><u>ASVAB Score</u></b>
Air Force	US Citizen Age 17-27, pass ASVAB, HS Diploma	36
Army	US Citizen Age 17-34 pass ASVAB, HS Diploma	31 (50+ For Bonus)
Coast Guard	US Citizen Age 17-39 pass ASVAB, HS Diploma	40
Marines	US Citizen Age 17-29 pass ASVAB, HS Diploma	32
National Guard	US Citizen Age 17-35 pass ASVAB, HS Diploma	31
Navy	US Citizen Age 17-34 pass ASVAB, HS Diploma	35

### Additional Counseling Resources

Resource	Name and Address	Phone Number
Emotional, Depression, Drugs, Alcohol, Family, Eating Disorders, Sexuality, Gender	<b>Princeton House Behavioral Health</b> 351 New Albany Rd Moorestown, NJ 08057	(856) 779-2300
Substance Abuse, Psychiatric Services for Adolescents	<b>High Focus</b> 53 Haddonfield Rd. Suite 330 Cherry Hill, NJ 08002	(856) 306-8086
Emotional/Depression, Family	<b>Family Support Organization of Burl. County</b> 774 <u>Eayrestown Road</u> Lumberton, NJ 08048	(609) 265-8838
Emotional, Depression, Drugs, Alcohol, Family, Eating Disorders	<b>Hampton Behavioral Health Center</b> 650 Rancocas Road Westhampton, NJ 08060	(609) 267-7000
Drugs/Alcohol	<b>SODAT</b> 60 High Street Mt. Holly, NJ 08060	(609) 265-7884
Emotional, Depression, Drugs, Alcohol, Family, Eating Disorders, Sexuality, Gender	<b><u>Healthmark Counseling, LLC</u></b> 101 Route 130 South Cinnaminson, NJ 08077	(856) 829-3385
Eating Disorders	<b>Renfrew Center</b> 8945 Ridge Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19128	(800) 736-3739

### Some Helpful Websites:

Name	About	Web Address
2NDFLOOR	Confidential and anonymous helpline for New Jersey's youth and young adults to help find solutions to the problems that teens face. Available 24/7 365 days a year.	2ndfloor.org <b>888-222-2228</b> 
Shatter Proof	Shatterproof is a bold, new national organization committed to protecting our children from addiction to alcohol or other drugs and ending the stigma and suffering of those affected by this disease.	<a href="http://www.shatterproof.org/">http://www.shatterproof.org/</a>
Club Drug Information	Website maintained by the National Institute on Drug Abuse with information and links for teens and parents.	<a href="http://www.clubdrugs.org">http://www.clubdrugs.org</a>
Narcotics Anonymous	Website for a <u>community based</u> association for recovering drug addicts.	<a href="http://www.na.org">http://www.na.org</a>
<u>Al-Anon/Alateen</u>	Help for families of alcoholics.	<a href="http://www.al-anon.org">http://www.al-anon.org</a>
Alcoholics Anonymous	Fellowship of people endeavoring to stay sober and help others reach sobriety. Information about the <u>association</u> and meeting locations.	<a href="http://www.aa.org">http://www.aa.org</a>
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	Agency with information about substance abuse and mental illness.	<a href="http://www.samhsa.gov">http://www.samhsa.gov</a>
National Institute on Alcohol and Alcoholism	Referral information, information pamphlets, research and databases.	<a href="http://www.niaaa.nih.gov">http://www.niaaa.nih.gov</a>
National Institute on Drug Abuse	Articles, statistics, trends, treatment and prevention information about an array of addictions.	<a href="http://www.nida.nih.gov">http://www.nida.nih.gov</a>
The Partnership for a Drug-Free America	The Partnership for a Drug-Free America is a nonprofit organization that unites parents, renowned scientists and communications professionals to help families raise healthy children.	<a href="http://www.drugfree.org">http://www.drugfree.org</a>
Step UP!	Step UP! is a prosocial behavior and bystander intervention program that educates students to be proactive in helping others.	<a href="http://stepupprogram.org/">http://stepupprogram.org/</a>