

Class of 2020 College Planning Guide Presentation

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Upcoming important deadlines



March/ April

- Visit Colleges! Call the admissions office, make appointments to go visit! Get business cards and follow up with thank you notes!
- **Spring** SAT Prep classes offered at WSHS Tuesdays English at 2:30 room 214 and Wednesdays at 2:30 in Room 214. Check planning guide for test sign up dates!
- Look for great Summer opportunities-internships, volunteering, etc.
- Are you looking for specialty schools, i.e. Art School/Fashion? Start contacting the college and ask what they require in a portfolio.
- IEP/504 students did you ask for your SAT accommodation form?
- **Attend Wallkill Senior High School College Fair in the gym on April 9th**
- **Attend Orange County Counselors' Association College Fair with your parents on April 30, at 7:00 PM at SUNY Orange, Middletown**

What to do in May/ June/ July/ August

May/June

- o Take your SAT/ACT
- o Complete Questionnaire for Letter of Recommendation (for SC???)



July

- o Are you a student-athlete? Register for the NCAA for Division I and II schools using <https://web1.ncaa.org>
- o Keep researching and visiting colleges

August

- o **IF YOU ARE APPLYING TO 4 YEAR UNIVERSITIES open up a Common App account and link your Naviance account**
- o Complete resume on NAVIANCE

Using Naviance in the College Application Process

Naviance is a comprehensive and widely used college and career planning software program that will assist our students in various areas such as career exploration, personality assessments and post-secondary planning.

All students are given access to Naviance. The counselors have assigned grade level appropriate tasks to each student during their classroom lesson.

To log into Naviance

1. Go to the Wallkill Senior HS website
2. Click on the Naviance Link on left side of page
3. Or Single Sign on from your Chromebook

What to remember for using Naviance

Naviance Login: ___First initial last name___

Naviance Password : Your student ID

Common Application Login: _____

Common Application Password: _____

The following tasks **MUST** be completed online through Naviance

1. Request for transcripts to be sent to the colleges to which you are applying.
2. Request teacher recommendations, if needed. Remember that not all colleges require teacher recommendations. If you do not know if a college you are applying to requires a teacher recommendation, call their admissions office to ask them.

Option 1: Common Application- Colleges will automatically be added to Naviance

1. By August 1, 2019- Open up a Common App account at www.CommonApp.org OPEN ONLY ONE ACCOUNT- multiple accounts will delay the application process!
 2. Enter High School Information, add at least ONE college, and Sign the FERPA Release Authorization on the Common App
 3. Complete the Common App account matching process in Naviance. (See video on the bottom of Naviance Home Page) *MATCH YOUR COMMON APP AND NAVIANCE ACCOUNT:*
<https://www.naviance.com/resources/entry/how-to-match-your-common-app-and-naviance-accounts>
1. Request materials for college applications in Naviance (Teacher recommendations/transcripts) (on next slides)

Option 2: Applying directly to the college or via the SUNY application

1. Log onto the colleges website or the SUNY application and apply
2. Log into your Naviance and add your colleges:

Adding College Applications in Naviance:

How to add schools:

1. Under the “Colleges” **tab click “Colleges I’m Applying To”**
2. Click the **+** button to add colleges
3. Complete Steps 1 and 2 for every school you want to add

How to Request a Transcript through Naviance

1. Click Colleges tab- “Colleges I’m applying to”
2. Click the box to the left of the college(s) you wish to request transcripts for
3. Click “+ REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS”
4. Click on Initial Transcript
5. Click “REQUEST and FINISH”

Letters of Recommendation

Most colleges/universities require letters of recommendations from your teachers. We suggest that students ask for at least two letters of recommendations from teachers that know them well. You should also follow up with a thank you note.

Step 1: Ask your teacher for the letter of recommendations. If yes, move to step 2

Step 2. Give your teacher a copy of your resume (log onto Naviance, click on About Me tab, click resume) and your transcript along with a thank you note stating the following:

Dear Mr. Smith,

Thank you very much to agreeing to write a letter of recommendation on my behalf. Attached, please find my RESUME and my transcript for your reference. My intended major is _____. Please upload my letter on Naviance and email a copy to my counselor.

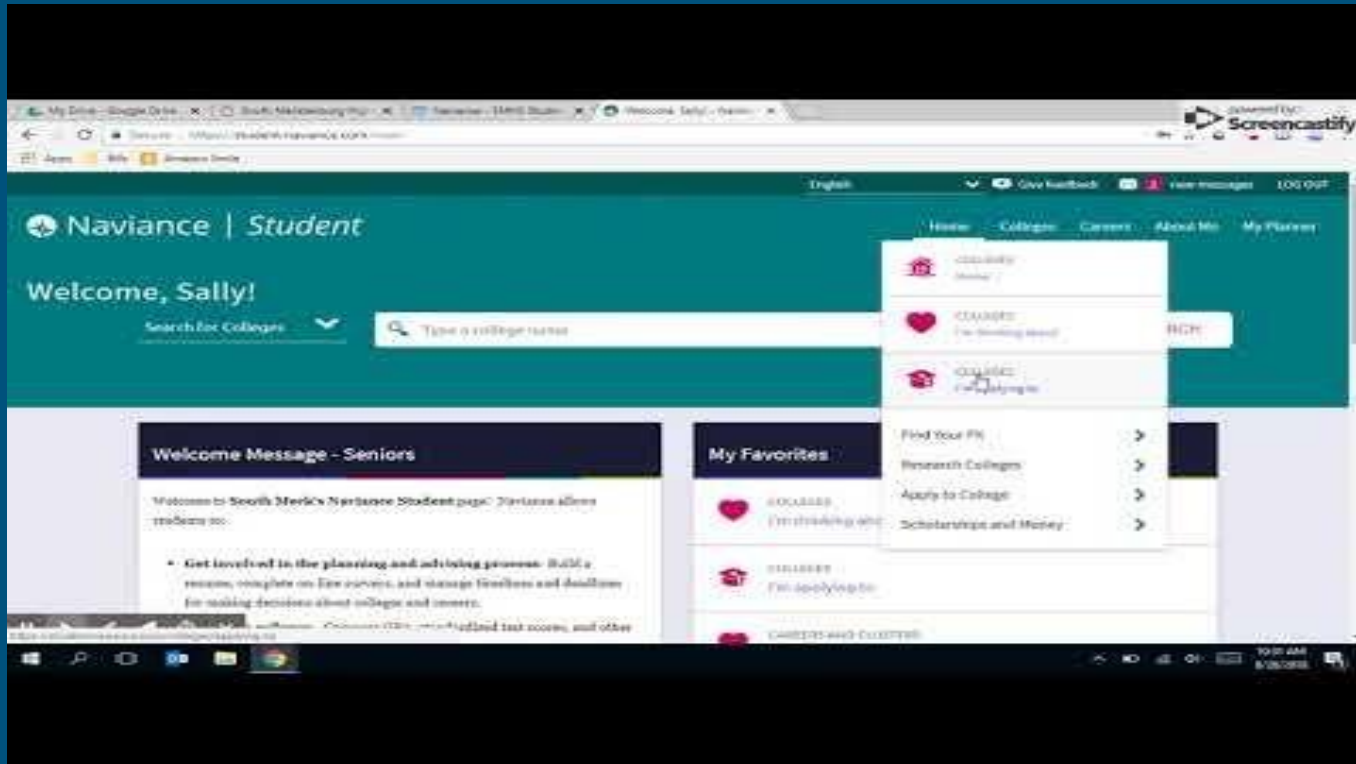
How to Request a Teacher Recommendation

It is very important that you ask your teachers in person first before sending them a request through Naviance.

1. Click on the “Colleges” Tab
2. Scroll down to “Letters of Recommendation” on left
3. Click on “Add Requests.”
4. Select a teacher from drop down
5. **For question 2, always choose the first option**
6. Include a personal note (deadline, thank you, etc.)
7. Submit request

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l7uNm4c8RO4>

How to Request a Teacher Recommendation



Important Notes

- Super Match with Colleges you're thinking about in Naviance
- Visit those Colleges' tables at the College Fair and bring questions!
- Be aware of the internet!
 - SnapChat
 - Instagram
 - Twitter
 - YouTube
 - Colleges and employers are using these sites to look into your life to see what kind of person you are. Be sure to portray yourself positively.
 - Create an appropriate email address: Last name first name @gmail.com

College Representative Role Play



1. How large are typical freshman courses?
2. Do you require the SAT's? SAT II's subject test? ACT's?
3. I am considering majoring in _____. How large are its freshman and upper class courses?
4. What are your admissions requirements?
5. What kinds of internship (or study abroad) experiences would be possible if I majored in _____?
6. Does this college give credit for courses taken in high school?
7. _____ is my first choice housing option. What chance do I have getting it as a first-year? How many upperclassmen live off campus?
8. How many students are typically housed per room? Are singles available? How old are the dorms?
9. If there are fraternities or sororities on campus: How do these organizations contribute to campus life?
10. I play _____. How actively could I become involved on your campus?
11. Do you accept AP test credit?
12. How do you assign faculty advisors to students, especially those who are undecided about their majors?
13. What additional academic services do you offer to students (tutoring, career counseling)?
14. How does your institution place students in their freshman classes?
15. What do you look for in a college essay?