



Jericho High School

12th Grade Student/Parent Information Night

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Agenda

- Senior year schedule and transcript
- College visits and fairs
- Finalizing the college list
- Standardized testing
- College essays and supplements
- Letters of Recommendation
- Naviance
- Common Application
- Types of applications and deadlines
- Requesting submission of transcripts
- Financial aid
- Components of a complete application
- Final Reminders

Senior Year

Senior Courses

- Review senior schedule
- Rigorous schedule including:
 - Economics and Government
 - English
 - Physical Education

Maintain grades throughout the school year

- Grades are sent to the colleges.
- Colleges have rescinded offers of admission.

Senior Year Transcript

- Transcripts will soon be posted to the PowerSchool Parent Portal.
- Students should verify that all grades and Regents exam scores are accurate.
- List of courses in progress are on top of transcript.
- **Students and parents/guardians electronically sign off on transcript.**
 - **Email with sign-off link from Mr. Sloan is forthcoming.**
- Some colleges require 1st Quarter Grades, but all schools require mid-year grades.
- The final transcript is sent to the college you're attending.
- It is crucial to put your best foot forward this year!

College Visits / College Fairs

COLLEGE REP VISITS

- College reps meet with Jericho students in person and virtually - Register on Naviance

CAMPUS VISITS

- In-person and virtual

NACAC NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR

- Saturday, September 14, 2024
 - 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 - Adelphi University
- [Click Here for Details](#)

NASSAU COUNSELORS' ASSOCIATION FALL COLLEGE EXPO

- Tuesday, October 1, 2024
 - 5:00 - 8:00 PM
 - Adelphi University
- [Click Here for Details](#)

Developing Your College List

- Have you finalized your list of colleges/universities?
 - Target Schools - Your chances of admission are not assured, but these institutions are “on target” based on a review of your profile and historical data.
 - Reach Schools - The possibility of admission is slim or unpredictable, either because your credentials are more modest than those of the typical applicant, or because the application pool is extremely competitive.
 - Safe Schools - Colleges to which you are confident that you will be admitted

Standardized Testing

- Have you registered for SAT and /or ACT exams?
- Have you sent (if required) your SAT and/or ACT scores officially directly through the testing agencies?
 - College Board (www.collegeboard.com)
 - ACT (www.act.org)
- Applying test-optional

College Essay

Tips for Writing your College Essay

- Write about something that is important to you.
- Start early and write several drafts.
- *Show* rather than *tell*. Give examples and illustrate your topic to help bring it to life.
- Write in your own voice and style.
- Focus on the positive aspects of the topic that you are writing about.
- Imagine how the person reading your essay will **feel**.
- Colleges want to learn about growth.
- Reflect on the topics you're writing about instead of recounting all the details.
- The essay should **not** be an elaboration of your activities and transcript.

Demonstrating Interest

About one in five schools say demonstrated interest is of considerable importance in their admissions decision.

Measured by:

- How many of their emails did you open and how quickly?
- Do you follow them on social media?
- Did you show up when an admissions representative visited your high school?
- How did you answer supplemental writing questions on the Common App?

Naviance

TO DO in Naviance:

- Schools on *Colleges I'm Thinking About* list can be moved to *Colleges I'm Applying To* list.
- *Colleges I'm Applying To* list should be accurate and kept up to date (Deadline, application type, etc.).
- **Request teacher recommendation letters**
- **Match your Common App and Naviance accounts (example to follow)**
- **Request that your transcript be sent to colleges on your list.**

Naviance Access via Canvas

Jericho High School (2022-2023 School Year)

- [Home](#)
- [Assignments](#)
- [Pages](#)
- [Files](#)
- [Syllabus](#)
- [Modules](#)
- [Collaborations](#)
- [ConnectED](#)
- [Big Ideas](#)
- [Google Drive](#)
- [Discovery Education](#)
- [GradeCam](#)
- [Naviance](#)
- [Badges](#)
- [Method Test Prep](#)



Letters of Recommendation

- Counselor Letter of Recommendation
 - [Student & Parent Brag Sheets and Resume](#)
- Teacher Letters of Recommendation
 - Request teachers on Naviance
 - Demonstration

Common Application

Common App Tab

(Profile, Family, Education, Testing, Activities, Writing)

___ **Education** section fill in:

CEEB Code = 332628

Under Colleges & Universities - Add any Colleges at which you have taken courses, including courses that you took at Jericho HS for college credit.

___ **Grades** section:

Graduating Class Size: 306

GPA Scale: 4 (GPA is Weighted)

Add your senior year courses and choose *Semester* as the course scheduling system.

Include all courses, including Physical Education.

Example:

AP Economics – Full Year

Facing History – First Semester

Common Application

My Colleges Tab

___ **Colleges:** Add all colleges to which you are applying.

___ **Questions:** This is where you find writing **supplements** if your college requires them. They are an important part of your college application.

___ **Recommenders and FERPA:** The FERPA release authorization must be completed one time only. This is where you waive your rights to read your recommendation letters.

___ **Review and Submit:** This is where you will review a PDF version of your application, pay the application fee, and submit your application to one college at a time.

FERPA Release - Matching Common Application to Naviance

- Create Common Application username and password
- Add at least one college
- Complete the *Education* Section
- Complete the Common App FERPA Release Authorization
- Match your Common Application to Naviance

[Common App Account Matching](#) (Video)

Types of College Applications

COMMON APPLICATION

www.commonapp.org

COALITION APPLICATION

www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org

COLLEGE-SPECIFIC APPLICATION

- Georgetown
- UC Schools
- MIT

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (SUNY)

www.suny.edu

CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (CUNY)

www.cuny.edu

Application Deadlines

Pay attention to application deadlines

Deadlines for “early” applications may vary slightly

- ED/EDII/EA – Early Decision/Early Action/Single-Choice EA
- Rolling
- Regular
- Priority

Be mindful of the ED process on Common Application.

Requesting Transcripts in Naviance

- Your colleges must first be listed in **Colleges I'm Applying To** section.
- For early applications (including Early Action, Early Decision, Rolling, Priority)
 - 10/15 college deadline - Transcript requests are due by **October 1st**.
 - 11/1 college deadline - Transcript requests are due by **October 18th**.
 - 11/15 college deadline - Transcript requests are due by **November 1st**.
- For Regular Decision applications with 1/1 deadlines, you must request your transcript by December 9th.

Requesting Transcripts in Naviance

Once your college have been added to your Colleges I'm Applying to list, click on the Edit button for each one.

1. Indicate whether you have submitted your application already.
2. Confirm the application type (i.e. Early Decision, Rolling, etc.) Make sure the deadline listed in Naviance matches the deadline your college has posted on their website based on the type of application you are submitting.
3. Specify whether you are applying via the Common App.

Then click on **+ Request Transcripts** and select **Initial**.

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

What Is A Complete Application?

- **COLLEGES DO NOT CONSIDER YOUR APPLICATION COMPLETE WITHOUT:**
 - High school transcript and letters of recommendation
 - SRAR, if applicable
 - Official test scores sent from testing agency, if applicable
 - Completed application with essay(s)
 - Writing supplements (when applicable)
 - Finalized ED agreement (when applicable)
 - Application fee (waivers may be available to eligible students)

Financial Aid

Federal/state aid

- FAFSA is available in December.
- File online at **www.FAFSA.gov**
- Prior-prior-year income data

CSS Profile must be filled out for colleges that require it - See list here:

<https://profile.collegeboard.org/profile/ppi/participatingInstitutions.aspx>

Scholarship applications

- College-specific
- Other/Community

Jericho High School Financial Aid Meeting

- Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 7 PM (HS/MS Auditorium)

Final Reminders

- Make an appointment with your counselor to discuss applications.
- Ensure that you follow the deadlines to request your transcript.
 - **For November 1st deadlines, you must request your transcript by Friday, October 18th**
- The expectation is that you will submit your applications before requesting your transcript.
- Check status of application online via college website.
 - Give colleges time to process your application (at least two weeks beyond deadline).

Senior Year Checklist

- Have you reviewed senior courses?
- Have you verified/approved your transcript?
- Have you made an appointment with your counselor?
- Have you finalized your college list?
- Have you started to work on your college applications?
- Have you checked the application deadlines?
- Have you begun/finalized your college essays and writing supplements?
- Have you matched Common App and Naviance?
- Have you updated the “Colleges I’m Applying To” section of Naviance?
- Have you added your recommending teachers’ names to Naviance?
- Have you registered for the SAT/ACT?
- Have you sent your official test scores?
- Have you submitted transcript requests in Naviance
- Have you checked financial aid requirements, forms, and deadlines?

Additional Resources and Videos

- Tips on how to complete Common Application Activities Section:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mfrxARf5hXo>
- Johns Hopkins has a variety of virtual workshops on topics such as writing the college essay:
 - <https://apply.jhu.edu/campus-and-community/workshops>