

Senior Guidance Night

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Things to keep in mind for the Class of 2025

- ❑ Test Blind v. Test Optional
- ❑ FAFSA...
- ❑ Changes to the “traditional” application timelines
- ❑ Colleges shopping In-State
- ❑ Influx of applications
- ❑ Non-traditional routes to colleges and universities
- ❑ College Reps!
- ❑ Gap Year?

Sept.-Oct. Activities

- ❑ Finalize college list
- ❑ Develop a personal calendar for completion of college placement responsibilities
- ❑ Complete all testing requirements necessary for applying
- ❑ Attend College Fairs and Representative Meetings
- ❑ Explore Evening College Meet and Greet
- ❑ Demonstrated Interest Goes A Long Way!
- ❑ Deadlines** Deadlines** Deadlines**

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Create an account on [Commonapp.org](https://CommonApp.org)
- In Naviance review the list of schools and list them in the “Colleges I am Applying to List”.
- Request teacher recommendations
- Complete high school guidance information materials: Located in Guidance tab on the school’s website and Naviance
 - Transcript Request Form
 - Activities Resume
 - Student Brag Sheet
 - Parent Information Sheet




































Important Naviance Information

- Naviance has a unique feature which easily allows information to be sent quickly to schools
- Students need to be aware that once they request their transcripts, it will automatically be sent at that moment
- Students should only request the transcript for the schools they are ready to submit fully!
- They should be careful to request All Schools until they are sure that they want their materials sent to all schools.

COLLEGES I AM APPLYING TO

colleges I'm applying to

[+ add to this list](#) | [request transcripts](#) | [compare me](#)

College	Type	Applying via Common App?	Submissions	Expected Difficulty*	Deadline†	Transcript	Office Status	My App.	Results	Actions
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<input type="checkbox"/> U of CO Boulder	RD	-		MA	1/15/13	sent	Initial materials submitted	app submitted	Unknown 	  
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<input type="checkbox"/> UMD College Park	RD	-		MA	1/20/13	sent	Initial materials submitted	app submitted	Unknown 	  
<input type="checkbox"/> Miami Univ. Oxford	RD	Yes (CA Exclusive)		MA	2/1/13	sent	Initial materials submitted	app submitted	Unknown 	  
<input type="checkbox"/> U of Miami	RD	Yes (CA Exclusive)		MA	1/1/13	sent	Initial materials submitted		Unknown 	  
<input type="checkbox"/> U of Michigan	RD	Yes (CA Exclusive)		MA	-	sent	Initial materials submitted	app submitted	Unknown 	  

Submission type

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM

STUDENT'S NAME

(Please list the full address of each institution or admissions center)

- DATES - DATES - DATES -

NAME & ADDRESS OF SCHOOL	PLEASE CHECK	REQUEST TRANSCRIPT	PUT ON NAVIANCE	TRANSCRIPT SENT	MID-YEAR SENT
1. _____	Online				
_____	Common				
_____	Regular				

2. _____	Online				
_____	Common				
_____	Regular				

3. _____	Online				
_____	Common				
_____	Regular				

4. _____	Online				
_____	Common				
_____	Regular				

5. _____	Online				
_____	Common				
_____	Regular				

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Transcript Tracker



DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

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

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll and withdraw all other applications. 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.

WRITING CENTER

- ❑ Open Daily for one-on-one conferences
- ❑ Period 5 - Gutherman (208)
- ❑ Period 6 - Caquias (204)
- ❑ Period 7 - Jaffe (203)
- ❑ Students can book appointments in advance on the AHS English Department Writing Center Google Classroom page

College Essay Workshop

- ❑ Date TBD and flyers will be posted around the building
- ❑ Students must reserve their spot to attend this workshop
- ❑ Students can visit the AHS English Department page on Google Classroom
- ❑ Information will be on Guidance Classroom

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

- ❑ Teachers can easily upload and send the letter of recommendation electronically
- ❑ Requests and communication to teachers are online
- ❑ Teachers submit through Naviance and receive immediate notification of submission
- ❑ Be sure to carefully review the letters you plan on sending to each specific school
- ❑ Colleges have strict guidelines to what they will read

SELECTING TEACHERS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

esd eSchoolData - Student Pr... x | M Inbox (2) - ehezi@ardsley... x | Naviance x | Naviance x

https://static.naviance.com/family-connection/edocs/letters-of-recommendation/#/

Ardsley High School | Logged in as: Jane Smith (log out) | Manage my account

family connection

home | colleges | careers | about me | my planner


Letters of recommendation

Your Requests

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

Showing 0 requests

Add Request

Recommendation For	Deadline	Recommender(s)	Status	Cancel Request
 Your recommendation requests will show up here.				

Add Request

Ardsley High School
300 Farm Road
Ardsley, NY 10502



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Family Connection LOR Request UI: 1.1.1
[New Privacy Policy](#)
Logged in as **Jane Smith**
[Log out](#)



SELECTING SPECIFIC TEACHERS FOR SPECIFIC SCHOOLS

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following elements:

- Browser Tabs:** eSchoolData - Student Pr..., Inbox (3) - ehezi@ardsley..., Naviance, Naviance.
- Address Bar:** <https://static.naviance.com/family-connection/edocs/letters-of-recommendation/#/add-request>
- Page Header:** Ardsley High School | Logged in as: Jane Smith (log out) | Manage my account
- Navigation:** home | colleges | careers | about me | my planner
- Section:** Letters of recommendation
- Form Title:** Add new request
- Text:** Here you can ask a teacher to write you a letter of recommendation for schools in your *Colleges I'm applying to* list. Make sure you give your teachers plenty of time to write your recommendations!
- Buttons:** Cancel, Save
- Step 1:** 1. Who would you like to write this recommendation?*. Select A Teacher (dropdown menu).
- Step 2:** 2. Select which colleges this request is for:*. A table with columns: All, Colleges, Due.
- Table Data:**

All	Colleges	Due
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emerson College 1 required / 2 allowed / 0 requested	Jan 15 2017
<input type="checkbox"/>	SUNY College at Oneonta 1 required / 2 allowed / 0 requested	Apr 01 2017
- Step 3:** 3. Include a personal note to remind your recommender about your great qualities and any specifics about your request: (text area).
- Text:** 3000 characters remaining
- Buttons:** Cancel, Save
- Footnote:** * Indicates a required field
- System Tray:** Windows logo, taskbar icons, 10:31 AM 9/8/2016

TRACKING RECOMMENDATION STATUS

Teacher Recommendations

[add/cancel requests](#)

Teacher	Status	Your Note
Brian Gutherman	Requested	Hi Mr. Gutherman! I have decided to apply to Wesleyan University early instead! The due date is the 15th! Thanks again!!
Stuart Horlacher	Completed	Hi Mr. Horlacher! Im applying early decision to Williams College and the deadline is november 10th. Thank you so much! Im not sure about what other colleges I'm applying to regular decision yet but i will let you know soon!

⇒ COMMON APPLICATION PRIVACY NOTICE

You have indicated that you DO waive your right to access Common Application recommendation forms completed by your school. You have indicated that you authorize all secondary schools you have attended to release all requested records and review your application for the admission process. This information was recorded by you at September 13, 2012 12:19 PM from the following IP Address:



Status Tracking

Counselor Activities

- ❑ Senior Seminar
- ❑ Application Process
- ❑ Interview/Visitation Process
- ❑ Individual Student Meetings
- ❑ Family Meetings

High School Role

Secondary school application materials:


- Secondary school report form**
- Transcript with GPA**
- Three Year GPA**
- First quarter grades (upon request)**
- Mid-year grades**
- Counselor Recommendation**
- School profile**

SUBMISSION STATUS

U of Michigan

▼ [hide full detail](#)

- This student has submitted the application for this college through 1
- This college requires 1 evaluation minimum; 4 evaluations maximum

 This is a Common App college - select the forms you'd like to submit online and click "submit selected forms"

FORM	why are some forms unavailable for selection?	INFORMATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School Report		<i>sent on October 1, 2012 by Patricia Slattery</i>
Written Evaluation		<i>sent on October 1, 2012 by Patricia Slattery</i>
School Profile		<i>sent on October 1, 2012 by Patricia Slattery</i>
Active Transcript (Initial)		<i>sent on October 1, 2012 by Patricia Slattery</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Common App Teacher Eval.		<i>sent on October 18, 2012 by Jessica Berman</i>
Letter of Recommendation		<i>sent on October 18, 2012 by Jessica Berman</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Common App Teacher Eval.		<i>sent on October 16, 2012 by Dave Chason</i>
Letter of Recommendation		<i>sent on October 16, 2012 by Dave Chason</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Midyear Report		
Midyear Change Explanation		
Active Transcript (Initial)		<i>uploaded on September 21, 2012 by eDocs Printer</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Optional Report		
Optional Change Explanation		
Active Transcript (Initial)		<i>uploaded on September 21, 2012 by eDocs Printer</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Final Report		
Final Change Explanation		
Active Transcript (Initial)		<i>uploaded on September 21, 2012 by eDocs Printer</i>

SPECIFIC GROUPS

- ❑ **The Student Athlete Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center**

- ❑ **Services for Students with Learning Differences**
Fill out the Release of Confidential Information Form for Guidance and Psychologist.



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PSYCHOLOGIST'S FORM

RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
FOR STUDENTS CLASSIFIED WITH A DISABILITY

I hereby authorize the Ardsley Union Free School District to release information concerning

_____ to (name of person, agency/college, address):
(Student's Name)

____ Individual Evaluation (including psychoeducational and other specialized CSE/504 evaluations)

____ Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Accommodation Plan. (Please circle one)

____ Other (detail): _____

<u>Name and Address of School/Program</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Special Program</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

Parent Signature: _____

Relationship: _____

Date: _____



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COUNSELOR'S FORM

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_____ to (name of person, agency/college, address):
(Student's Name)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

INFORMATION TO BE RELEASED

_____ Student Transcript

_____ Letter of Recommendation including discussion of special education
needs _____

Parent Signature: _____

Relationship: _____

Date: _____

COLLEGE INFO SESSIONS

- ❑ College Representative Information Sessions will take place in person during the school day
- ❑ Dates and times can be found on Naviance and will be shared to the students frequently
- ❑ Students need to be mindful of their etiquette, they are representing the AHS community and meetings are often held by the college representative who reads their applications.

College Fairs

- ❑ Southern Westchester Conference
- ❑ October 22nd
- ❑ 6-8:30pm
- ❑ Westchester County Center

- ❑ NYSACAC
- ❑ October 16th at Sarah Lawrence College
- ❑ Big Apple College Fair
- ❑ September 29th
 - ❑ 1-4pm

STANDARDIZED TESTING

- ❑ SAT Reasoning Test
- ❑ ACT
- ❑ AP
- ❑ Test Optional



- ❑ **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) – www.fafsa.ed.gov
- ❑ **CSS Profile** – profileonline.collegeboard.com
- ❑ **Institutional aid applications**– Be sure to check each individual school's website to find out what forms are required and when they must be filed.

THE FINANCIAL AID PROCESS



IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID DATE



*Ardsley HS
Financial Aid
Night*

*October 17th at
7pm*

*Always important
to hear year to year
updates...*

WEBSITES

General Agency Sites:

- www.collegeboard.com
- www.ets.org
- www.act.org

Commercial/General

College Search Sites:

- www.usnews.com
- www.unigo.com
- www.collegenet.com
- www.collegename.edu

FINANCIAL AID WEBSITES

- www.uncf.org
- www.nasfaa.org
- www.blackstudentfund.org
- www.free-4u.com/minority.html
- www.chase.com/educationfirst
- www.wiredscholar.com
- www.gmsp.org
- www.collegescholarships.com
- www.collegeview.com
- www.easi.ed.gov
- <http://www.embarq.com/>
- www.excite.com
- www.grantsandfunding.com
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.collegenet.com/mach25
- www.fastaid.com
- www.fastweb.com
- <http://www.finaid.org>
- www.gomerry.com

Additional supports for seniors and their parents

**Ready, Set, College: Finding Your College Compass
A 3 Part Series to Prepare You and Your Teen for
Resiliency During the College Application Process
provided by Lumate Health**

**Part 1: Building Emotional Resilience for College
Success, Oct.**

**Part 2: College Applications & the Waiting Game:
Skills for the Unknown, Dec**

**Part 3: Here Comes College: Tips for a Smooth
Transition Into Adulthood, Spring/TBD, Zoom**

**Title IX, Blue Lights, Clery Act, oh my!! Are you and
your teen college-ready? provided by Pace Women's
Justice Center, Winter TBD, Zoom - Jan**

**Senior College Student & Parent Panel, by AHS
Guidance and PTSA, Spring TBD**

**In-School Senior Student Stress Management Group,
Sept 24**

**Other resources include tip sheets, podcast, book
recommendations**

Appreciation to Ardsley PTSA

STRESS REDUCTION WORKSHOP FOR SENIORS

STARTS SEPTEMBER 25
WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAYS
PERIOD 9

LEARN TO
RESPOND INSTEAD
OF REACT

HEALTH AND
WELLNESS

MANAGE
YOUR
EMOTIONS
AND FIND
BALANCE

DISCOVER HOW
STRESS AFFECTS
YOU

CONTACT MRS. MEDINA
IN THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

