# The College Application Process



Parent Workshop Newfield High School September 30, 2024





# \*Introduction\*

- This PowerPoint Presentation has been posted for the students on the Guidance Class of 2025 Google Classroom highlighting the college application process for this year.
- Counselors will begin meeting individually with each senior on October 1st.



# \* Appointment Overview \*

#### What Should I Be Doing Now?!

- Attend college fairs and in person for students (October 9<sup>th</sup> @ NHS), continue the college search process online
- Update resume in Naviance Student
- Request letters of recommendation
- Work on/finalize college essay
- Register for SAT/ACT (if necessary)
- Complete NCAA eligibility (if applicable)
   www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Discuss Early Action / Early Decision options
- Prepare a well researched list of schools to begin the application process...



# \* Appointment Overview

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- Discuss the process of applying:
  - "Green Forms" (1 per college applying to, submitted to counselor in order for documentation to be sent)
    - Parent and Student must sign and date each form
  - How to submit applications online (either through the Common Application, SUNY website or individual college website)
    - www.commonapp.org
    - www.suny.edu
- Sign on to Naviance Student Account
  - Access through Student Clever app located on Middle Country website
- View the Tutorial below for assistance in matching your Common Application & Naviance Student accounts:
  - https://www.screencast.com/t/gxEQkElyo1



#### Common Application Matching Process:

- Register for the Common Application (<u>www.commonapp.org</u>)
- Everyone MUST complete the following sections in Common App:
  - Education
  - College Search (add at least one college)
  - FERPA



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	Common Application  Profile Family  Education  Testing Activities Writing Courses & Grades 0 college(s) require  Date of entry*  Example: August 2002 Date should be entered in the Month Year format.  Is this a boarding school?*  Yes  No  Clear Answer  Did or will you graduate from this school?*  Yes  No  Clear Answer  Please indicate if any of these options will have affected your progression	
	through or since secondary/high school. Check all that apply.*  Did or will graduate early	

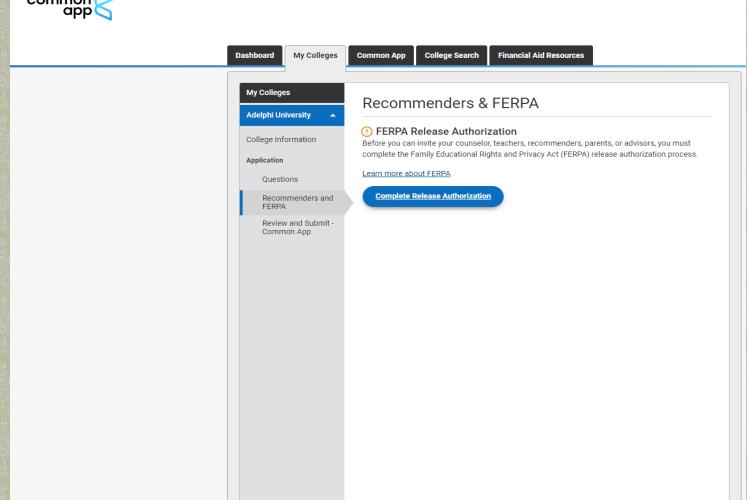


College Search My Colleges **Financial Aid Resources** Dashboard **Common App** College Search **Application Requirements** College or City Name Separate multiple search terms with a comma, e.g.: Washington, Boston More filters 871 results Sort by: College Name ▼ Adelphi University Garden City, NY - USA Agnes Scott College Decatur, GA - USA Alaska Pacific University Anchorage, AK - USA Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Albany, NY - USA Albertus Magnus College New Haven, CT - USA Albion College Albion, MI - USA Albright College Reading, PA - USA Alfred University Alfred, NY - USA



#### FERPA Waiver







#### FERPA Explained

The typical expectation for letters of recommendation in college admissions is that they are kept confidential.

Admissions officers give most weight to letters that provide an honest and qualified assessment of the applicant. If you don't waive your FERPA right, you could accidentally signal to admissions officers that you don't trust your recommender or that the recommendation is less candid or genuine.

- Your recommender might also get the subtle message that you don't trust him or her. The knowledge that you'll see the letter at some point in the future might cause your recommender to write a more generic letter, and thus be less powerful and effective in support of your candidacy.
- You won't be penalized for your response, but it's risky to check "no" since you don't know how admissions officers or your recommenders will interpret it.



### Letters of Recommendation

- Request letters of recommendation: in person with resume and through Naviance Student.
- Once a teacher agrees to write a letter, please add the teacher to Naviance.

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## \* SAT / ACT \*

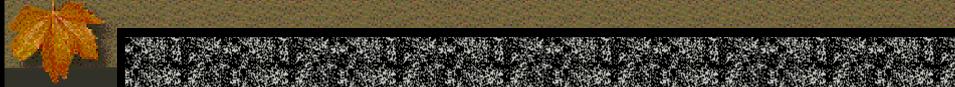
- Be aware of upcoming deadlines & new procedures
  - Register early; No walk-ins accepted anymore!
  - Photo I.D. is required upon registering
- Students must send SAT/ACT scores to each college directly through the testing website:
  - www.collegeboard.org
  - www.actstudent.org

Contact your colleges of interest to inquire about possible updates on SAT/ACT requirements related to admissions and financial aid



# \*College Rep Visits and On-Site Admissions at Newfield High School\*

- Please refer to your child's Naviance Student account to view upcoming college visits:
  - Access through Student Clever app located on Middle Country website
  - □ To view College Rep Visits go to the "Colleges" link at the top of on the Naviance Student homepage. Select the "College Visits" link for a listing.
- On-Site Admissions
  - □ Please contact your counselor for additional information.
- Mini-College Day
  - October 9, 2024



# \*Financial Aid & Scholarships\*

- FAFSA form should be filled out online after December 1, 2024
- FAFSA Overview for the 25-26 FAFSA
  - What is FAFSA?
  - How to create a FAFSA Account
- Attend our Financial Aid Night
  - November 18, 2024 @ CHS
- Scholarship Opportunities are posted in Naviance Student, select these links: Colleges → Scholarship List → Local & Regional Scholarships
- Middle Country SD Scholarship information given to seniors in February



### \* Guidance Website \*

- District Guidance Website
- Consistently updated with pertinent information
  - View scholarship tab on the guidance webpage for scholarship information.
  - "Senior Stuff & College Info" tab will include updates regarding college fairs, on-site admissions, rep visits, etc.
  - Links to many helpful websites (Naviance Student, SAT/ACT, Scholarships, Financial Aid, NCAA...)



### \* Student Checklist \*

- Do Your Research!
- Complete Resume
- Request teacher recommendations
- Complete NCAA eligibility (if applicable)
- Send SAT/ACT scores
- Submit applications
- Fill out and sign a "green sheet" for each school & submit to your counselor!

