

Senior PSAT day activities

Wednesday October 9, 2024

- No seniors will be in the building.
- The form given to you today must be completed and returned by WED SEPT 25th. Forms must be returned to the Counseling office.
- Options-College Visit, Job Shadow, Community service-no in district job shadowing is available.
- A reflection google form is required and will be due by October 14th. The link will be posted by your English teachers and in your Class of 2025 GC.
- In order to be marked present for the day you must turn in your intent form and complete the required Google form.
- If you have specific questions please contact Mrs. Henning or Mrs. Johns in the Counseling office. In

Fall Senior Presentation

Counseling
Virtual Office



Alpha Split- Know your Counselor!

Mr. Peck: A-B

Mrs. Henning: C-FP

Mrs. Langan: FR-KI

Mr. Ruminski: KJ-NF

Ms. Johns: NG-SC

Ms. Wells: SD- Z

Transcript

- Weighted vs. Unweighted GPA
- UNOFFICIAL transcripts are handled by you, OFFICIAL transcripts are what your counselor will send directly to the school
- All classes, grades, and credits from 9th-11th grade
- Includes 12th grade classes
- This is the transcript that we will be sending out to your schools.
- If something is wrong, see your counselor
- At the end of the year, your final transcript will get send to your attending school
- If you changed something in the last week, your transcript might not be accurate. Come to the counseling office to get an updated transcript.

Graduation Requirements

- 23.50 credits by the end of your senior year
- Identified Keystone Pathway
- Check with your counselor if you are concerns about your Keystone Pathway and Graduation Requirements

Naviance

1. Add schools to the “Colleges I’m Applying too” Tab
 - a. You should already have schools under the “Colleges I’m Thinking About” Tab
2. Request transcripts through Naviance
3. Request letters of recommendation to teachers.

We will go in depth in the next slides.

Adding schools to the “Colleges I’m Applying to” Tab

- When you match your Common App and Naviance, the “Colleges I’m Applying to” page will populate automatically with your Common App Schools.
- When you add schools, you must include:
 - Platform you are applying to (Common App, Directly to the Institution)
 - When you are applying (Early Action, Early Decision etc).
- This must be accurate and all schools must be included.

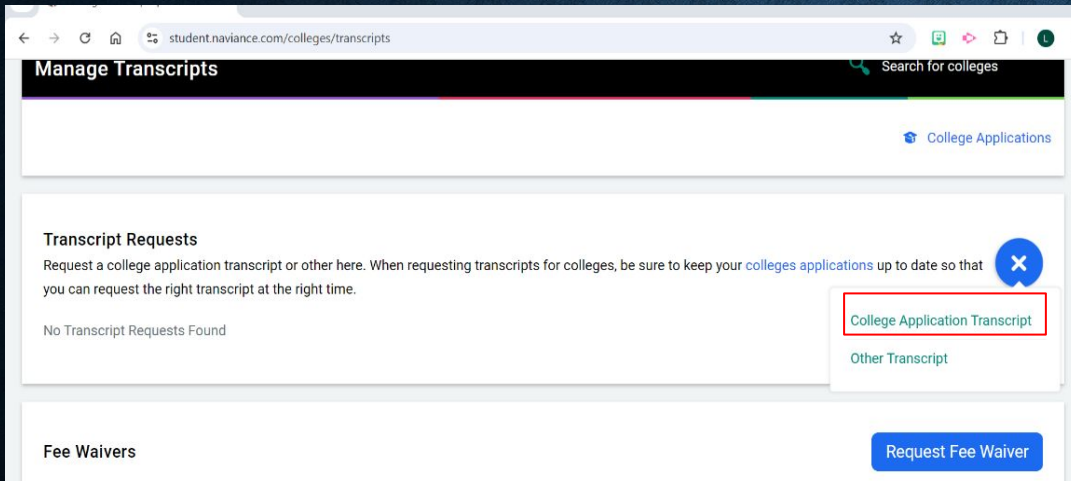
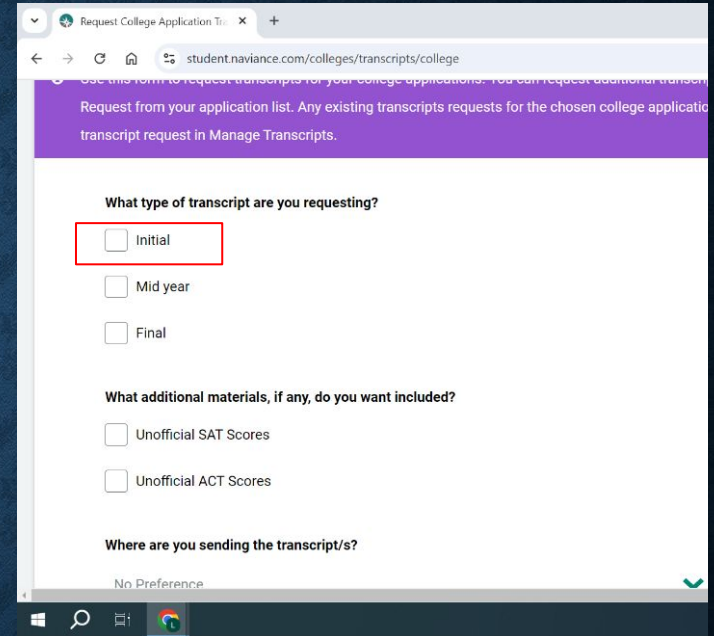
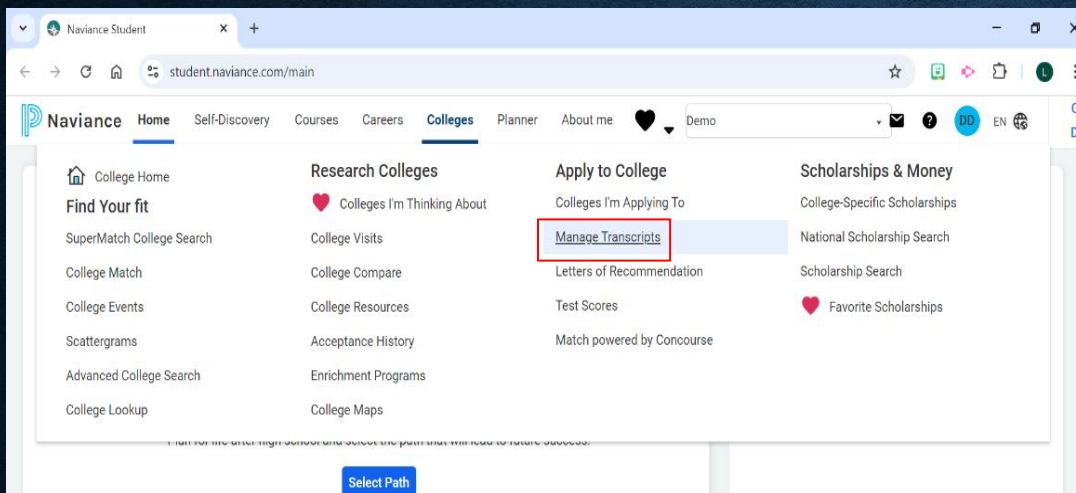
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Request Transcripts

- Must have Transcript Release Form completed!
- Counselors have 10 school days to submit transcripts.
- Request your initial transcript
- **Request your transcript AFTER you have submitted your application**

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS

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Letters of Recommendation (LOR)

FERPA waiver must be completed before you request (on Common App slide)

Teachers:

- Have two teachers to write your LOR
- Not all schools require the same amount of LOR
- When requesting, making sure you request the correct letter to the correct school
 - Once the letter gets submitted through Naviance, we cannot get it back.

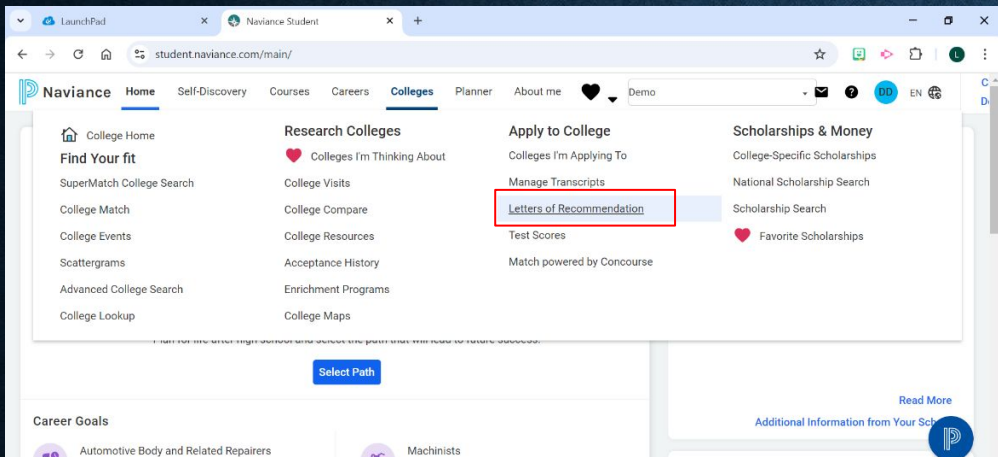
Outside recommendation:

- Recommend them through Common App through the Recommenders Tab

Counselors:

- Complete the Counselor Brag Sheet

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HOME Colleges

Letters of recommendation

Add new request

Here you can ask a teacher to write you a letter of recommendation. Make sure you give your teachers plenty of time to write your recommendations!

Cancel Submit Request

- Who would you like to write this recommendation?*

Select A Teacher

- Select the recommendation request type:*

☐ General request
Select this if you are ready to request a recommendation without selecting a specific college

☒ Specific request
Select this if you are requesting a recommendation for specific colleges from your Colleges I'm Applying To list.

☐ Select All	Colleges -	Due -
☐	American University 1 required / 2 allowed / 0 requested	Jan 15 2023
☐	Brown University 2 required / 4 allowed / 0 requested	Jan 05 2023

College Visits

- Talk to an admissions representative from each college
- Most reps that visit are the ones who look at your application
- Sign up through Naviance
 - Through the Home Screen under What's New
- Schedule of college visits is outside of the counseling office
- You will receive a Smart Pass and are responsible for any missed work

Application Deadlines

- Early decision
- Early action
- Rolling
- Regular Decision

Platforms to Submit College Applications

1. Common Application
2. Directly to the Institution
3. Coalition Application

1.Common Application

Match Common App to Naviance through Naviance

- On “Colleges I’m Applying to” page, red bar at the top
- Cannot request transcripts without matching Naviance and Common App
- Use your Common App username and password to connect accounts

FERPA Waiver

- FERPA waiver needs to be completed before requesting LOR to teachers
- Recommend to waive rights: means you won’t see LOR before they get sent out

Check email frequently once you submit your applications

DO NOT USE SCHOOL EMAIL

DO USE A PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS

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How to Complete Common Application

My Colleges | Common App

apply.commonapp.org/mycolleges/594/about

CAID 36101335
llangan@methacton.org

Sign Out

Dashboard My Colleges **Common App** College Search Financial Aid

My Colleges

Temple University

College Information

Application

Questions

Recommenders and FERPA

Review and Submit - Common App

Temple University

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Application deadlines

Fall 2025
Early Action · November 01, 2024
Regular Decision · February 01, 2025

Spring 2025
Regular Decision · November 01, 2024

Links

- [College website](#)
- [Admissions office](#)
- [Financial aid](#)
- [Virtual tour](#)
- [College Navigator](#)

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Need help?

Can a college see the list of colleges on the My Colleges list?

A school cannot view any other schools on your **My Colleges** list and does not [release any information](#). [Read more](#)

When is the deadline for my application submission?

To meet an application deadline, you must submit your application materials by 11:59 am on the deadline. [Read more](#)

How to Complete Common App

- Questions Tab
 - Needs to be completed for each school
- Common App Tab
 - Only needs to be completed once
- Recommenders and FERPA:
 - FERPA Waiver: only needs to be completed once.
 - Can add other recommenders
- If there are optional essays, DO THEM
- You will know that each section is complete once you see a check mark next to it.

2.Directly to the Institution

Students will apply directly from the college/university's website. Some schools do not use the Common or Coalition App, so students have to apply directly through their admissions website

3.Coalition Application

Similar to the Common App, but not as many colleges use the Coalition App. Students still need to create an account and fill out the appropriate information. To create an account, go to <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>.

SAT AND ACT SCORES

- MHS does not send scores.
- You will need to send scores through CollegeBoard or ACT.org
- If you are unsure if you should send your scores to an SAT optional school, discuss with your counselor. Set up an appointment
 - Look at the class profile at the school you are planning to apply to or reach out to admissions

SRAR

- Self Report Academic Record
- For *some* schools, you will report your classes/ grades to your schools instead of requesting initial transcript
 - Examples: Pitt, PSU, Temple, UPENN, and more use the SRAR
- Grades must be accurate. DO NOT LIE!
 - The school you want to attend will eventually get your final transcript
- Your application won't be complete until you finish the SRAR
- Penn State and Pitt specifically- If applying direct to institution, link is at the end of the application. If you are applying Common App, you will get an email within about 24 hours to complete it.

NCAA

- D1 and D2 only need your transcript send
- Must be part of the NCAA Eligibility Center
- Ms. Gracie sends out your transcripts, but if your coach needs an unofficial copy, we can send it.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

- Automatic review for merit scholarships when you apply
- State Grants through FAFSA
- Private Scholarships
- Local scholarships available during Spring semester
- Financial Aid Night Michael Burke: Date TBD
- FAFSA completion night: Date TBD

DO'S

- Do Communicate with your counselor. Ask for help!
- Be appreciative of your teachers that take time to write a LOR
- Utilize the Virtual Counseling office which has most answers to your questions.
- Do Meet deadlines
- Do Reach out to the colleges with questions, especially financial aid questions
- Do OPEN and read your emails- that is how colleges will communicate with you
- Do provide copies of your acceptances and scholarships to Ms. Gracie

Don'ts

- Don't wait till the last minute
- Don't hand a brag sheet in one day before your applications are due
- Don't submit a transcript request to a college you are not applying to
- Don't expect a transcript to go out without parent release form on file, you will be blocked from requesting
- Don't expect that we can get your transcript over to your college in less than 10 school days