Senior Parent Night

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THE ROLE OF THE FAMILY



Communication & Support

But not just about college!



Talk honestly about affordability



Let your child take the lead

THE ROLE OF THE COUNSELORS



Group Guidance



Individualized support



Sending of school documents

GROUP GUIDANCE SCHEDULE

Session 1 - 9/11	Session 2 - 9/18	Session 3 - 10/16	Session 4 - 4/22
Transcript Review Graduation Requirements Important Dates and Documents Check-in	How to apply to college Requesting transcripts and letters of rec Sending SAT/ACT scores FERPA	Diploma Names Overview of Financial Aid process	College enrollment information Transferring dual enrollment credit Sending AP scores

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS

Senior Parent Night Tonight	**Virtual SUNY Financial Aid Sessions** engage.suny.edu/portal/financial_aid_sessions_virtual
College rep visits Listed on SchooLinks, Guidance calendar, daily announcements	**Financial aid meeting (virtual)** 12/6 @ 6:30pm (English) 12/7 @ 6:30pm (Spanish)
Application workshops 9/28, 10/27, 11/20, 1/26	**Ongoing individual support for students and families**

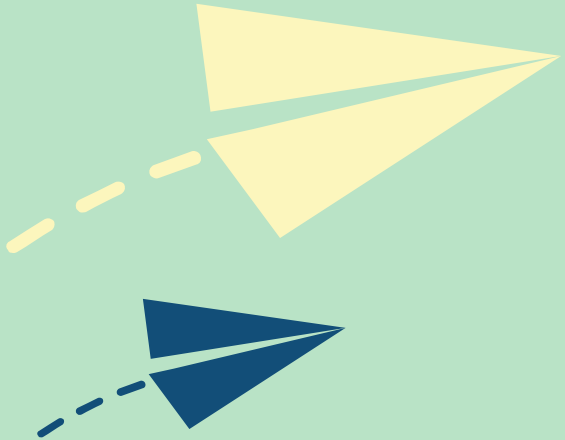
WHAT TO SEND

Student

Application
- College essay
- Supplements
- Application fee

SAT/ACT scores (if applicable)

Dual enrollment transcripts and/or
AP scores (late spring/early summer)



WHAT TO SEND

School

Initial Transcript

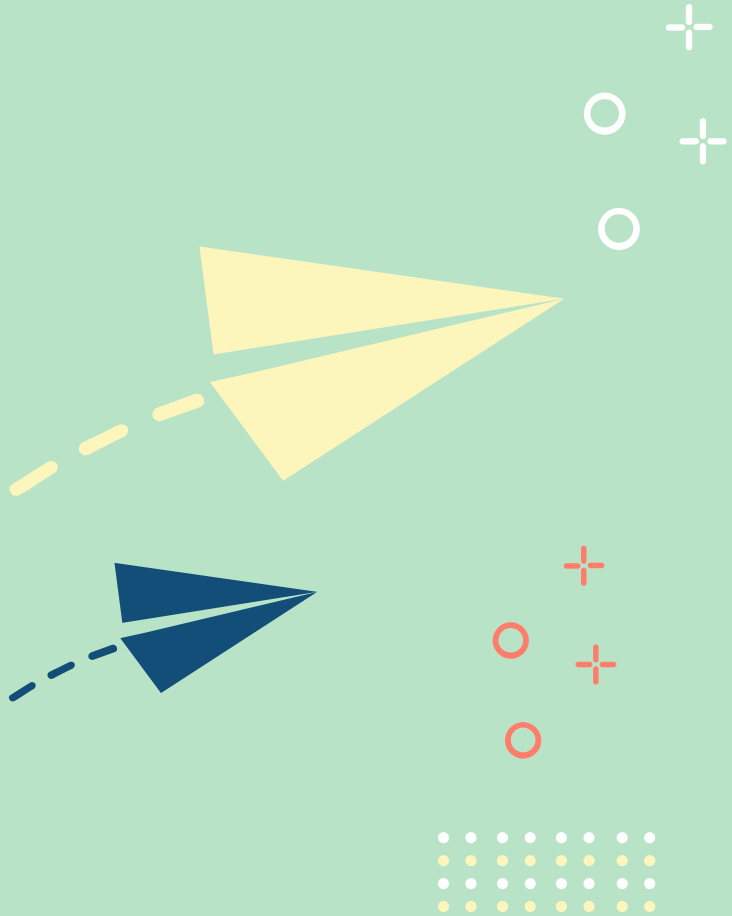
Counselor Letter of Recommendation

Teacher letters of recommendation

School Profile

Mid-year Grades

Final Transcript



TYPES OF APPLICATIONS

Common App

SUNY Application

CUNY Application

Coalition Application

School-Specific Application

TYPES OF ADMISSION PLANS



Early Decision

Apply early
Early notification
Binding

Regular Decision

January/February deadlines
Non-binding

Rolling

Ongoing review

Early Action

Apply early
Early notification
Non-binding

Early Action Single Choice

Restrictions with EA to other colleges

TO DO LIST

- College Application Contract (FERPA Release) - due Oct 2nd
- Counselor Recommendation Request - due ASAP
- Family Brag Sheet (optional)
- Transcript Request Form - once you have your final list compiled
- Common App matching to SchooLinks

Please check Google Classroom and Guidance Office for these docs

NEXT STEPS

Finish researching colleges	Make note of all deadlines
Visit colleges (in-person/virtual/rep visits at BHS)	Submit docs to counselor
Finalize college list in SchooLinks	Submit Transcript Request Form
Register for final SAT/ACT testing and send test scores	Complete college essay and any additional supplements
Request teacher letters of rec in person, then on SchooLinks	Submit FAFSA/CSS Profile (this winter)
Schedule interviews/auditions/portfolio review (if applicable)	Review your application with your counselor (if needed)

Financial Aid

FAFSA

Federal aid

Opens in December

TAP

New York State aid

CSS Profile

Only when required

Financial Aid Calculators

Located on every college website

Virtual Financial Aid Presentations:
December 6th @ 6:30pm (English)
December 7th @ 6:30 (Spanish)

SCHOLARSHIPS



- www.goingmerry.com
- SchooLinks
- www.fastweb.com
- www.scholarships.com
- Employers/unions
- Local scholarships will be released in March 2024 and will be posted on the BHS Guidance Website

Never pay for scholarship searches

UPCOMING TEST DATES



SAT

- October 7
- November 4
- December 2

www.collegeboard.org

ACT

- October 28
- December 9

www.act.org

Please reach out to Mrs. Keesha Ortiz, school psychologist, if you receive testing accommodations and have not submitted for approval to College Board/ACT

TIPS TO CONSIDER

Plan and Organize

- Create timelines
- Ask questions
- Utilize resources
- Be neat, accurate, and do everything optional on your applications

Social Media

- Review posts on social media
- Appropriate email address
- Email etiquette

Enjoy Your Senior Year

- Practice self-care
- Make time for the “senior” things



KNOW YOUR RESOURCES

College Research

- SchooLinks
- CollegeBoard: Big Future
- Niche
- Princeton Review Books
- SUNY website
- CUNY website

Financial Aid/Scholarships

- FAFSA
- CSS Profile
- The New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC)
- NYS TAP
- NYS Excelsior Scholarship
- SUNY Virtual Financial Aid Workshops
- SchooLinks
- Going Merry

TIMELINE OVERVIEW

1. **Finalize list and request letters of rec**
2. **Apply, send SAT/ACT scores, and notify your counselor**
3. **Financial aid process & scholarship applications**
4. **Review results and enroll!**



Questions?

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How the Olympics Explain College Admission

Blog by Rick Clark, Director of Undergraduate Admission at Georgia Tech

Train for the Event - not the result

Respect the Competition

Check Your Ego and Be Patient



https://sites.gatech.edu/admission-blog/2021/08/26/how-the-olympics-explain-college-admission-part-2/