

CLARENCE HIGH SCHOOL - POST HIGH SCHOOL RESOURCES

College Research and Application Sites		
*** <a href="#">Naviance</a>		College planning, college search, career information, interest inventory, and college acceptance information specific to Clarence. Students can log-in through Clever.
<a href="#">College Scorecard</a>		Simple federal website that allows students to easily search for schools and provides graduation rates and salary after attending.
*** <a href="#">NACAC Guide to College Admission</a>		Comprehensive PDF guide to college admission produced by the National Association of College Admission Counselors
<a href="#">National Center for Educational Statistics</a>		Provides a concise profile of schools, allowing families to make comparisons, including by price.
<a href="#">College Results</a>		EXTREMELY customizable college search that allows the user to select very specific criteria.
<a href="#">SUNY</a>		Information regarding all 64 SUNY campuses and online application link.
<a href="#">Common Application</a>		Search and online application for over 1000 colleges.
<a href="#">AXS Companion</a>		Free companion website that walks students through all parts of the Common Application. Helps demystify the application.
<a href="#">NY's Private Colleges</a>		Admission and financial aid information for New York State independent colleges.
<a href="#">Khan Academy - Admissions</a>		Self-paced online course about the admissions process.
*** <a href="#">Coursera</a>		Self-paced online course about applying to college. Developed and taught by UPenn professors. Well organized modules help make sense of a sometimes complicated process.
*** <a href="#">Big J Consulting</a>		Proprietary educational consultant group that provides a free interactive resource for Early Decision acceptance rates as well as average amounts of need/merit based aid awarded by many schools.

Career Information		
<a href="#"><u>Career Zone</u></a>		Match your preferences, skills, and abilities to careers. Develop a career plan based on your interests and view NYS job openings.
<a href="#"><u>Career One Stop</u></a>		Department of Labor site with a wealth of career information.
<a href="#"><u>My Next Move</u></a>		Interest inventory to help identify potential careers.
<a href="#"><u>Today's Military</u></a>		Intended to inform students, parents, and educators as they discuss the Military as a career option.
<a href="#"><u>Northland Workforce Training Center</u></a>		Local public/private partnership that provides support and training for high skilled trades.
<a href="#"><u>BOCES - Careers without College</u></a>		Overview of Workforce Development programs available through BOCES. These programs provide job training for a number of different careers.

Testing		
<a href="#"><u>College Board</u></a>		College planning, college search, financial aid, SAT testing and test registration and preparation.
<a href="#"><u>ACT</u></a>		College planning, financial aid need estimator, career information, ACT registration.
<a href="#"><u>Khan Academy - SAT Prep</u></a>		Official SAT test prep site. Filled with free information on the SAT as well as college admissions info.

Financing College		
<a href="#"><u>FAFSA</u></a>		Online form to complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Provides a tremendous amount of info on paying for college.
<a href="#"><u>FAFSA Aid Estimator</u></a>		Provide an early estimate of what your expected family contribution might be.
<a href="#"><u>FinAid</u></a>		Free resources for financial aid information, scholarship search, and financial aid calculator.
<a href="#"><u>NYS Higher Ed. Services Corp.</u></a>		New York State site for advice on college admissions and financial aid.
*** <a href="#"><u>WSJ Guide to Student Loans</u></a>		Comprehensive guide to student loans from the Wall Street Journal. Essential reading.
<a href="#"><u>My Intuition</u></a>		Quick estimator of what you would pay at ~75 top private schools.
<a href="#"><u>CSS Profile</u></a>		Additional financial aid application <i>required</i> by some private schools.
<a href="#"><u>Fast Web</u></a>		Scholarship search, college search and links to college sites.
<a href="#"><u>Going Merry</u></a>		Scholarship search, college search and links to college sites.

Books		
*** <a href="#"><u>Fiske Guide to Colleges</u></a>		A comprehensive guide that provides demographic data and statistics for over 300 colleges as well as a narrative write up of each school. These help give the “feel” of each school. For a student who has no idea what they want, reading through a dozen or so colleges can help them narrow down what they might be looking for. This is an extremely helpful book.

<p>***<a href="#">The Truth About College Admission</a></p>		<p>Cannot recommend this book enough. If you purchase one book related to the college process, make it this one. It is a straightforward guide that addresses all facets of the search and application process. It speaks to both applicants and parents.</p>
<p><a href="#">Who Gets in and Why?</a></p>		<p>A behind the scenes look at what colleges look for in applicants as well as their overall incoming freshman class. It is highly informational and gives a great overview of the landscape of college admissions.</p>
<p><a href="#">The Price You Pay for College</a></p>		<p>Packed with great information about the financial structure of college. Excellent book that covers a <i>lot</i> of ground, not only about college costs, but on important factors to consider in the search process.</p>
<p><a href="#">Colleges That Change Lives</a></p>		<p>An overview of 40 schools that might not be well-known “name brands,” but are excellent in their own right.</p>
<p><a href="#">Where You Go is Not Who You’ll Be</a></p>		<p>A good book that illustrates to students and parents that there’s so much more to success than which college you attend.</p>
<p>***<a href="#">Dream School</a></p>		<p>Excellent book that explains why looking for value over prestige might be in the student’s long term best interests.</p>

Podcasts		
<p><a href="#">Getting In</a></p>		<p>It follows a group of students through the entire application process. Excellent.</p>
<p><a href="#">The Truth About College Admissions</a></p>		<p>From the authors of the book listed above. Cannot recommend their insight and thoughtful approach to admissions enough.</p>
<p><a href="#">Inside the Admissions Office</a></p>		<p>~80 episodes that cover broad issues in admission, but also get into very specific topics.</p>

\*\*\*Top Choice Resources