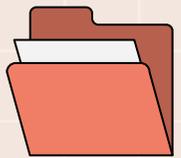
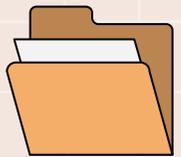




DFHS College Planning Night

Class of 2027





Ms. Propersi

Mr. Palmer

Ms. Levy

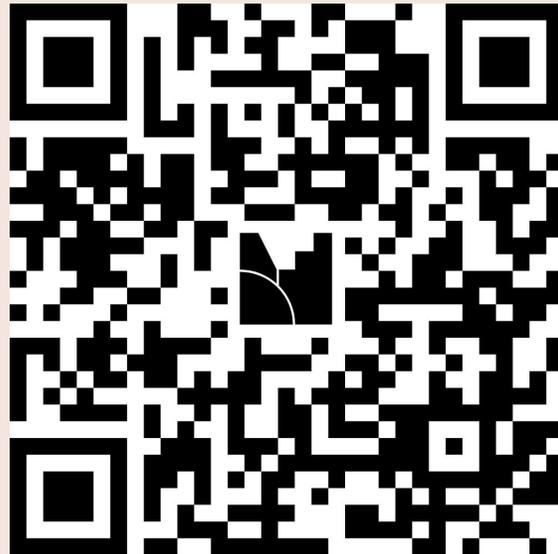
Ms. Tapia Lopes

Welcome, we are the High School Counselors



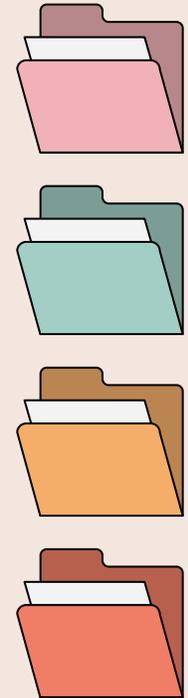
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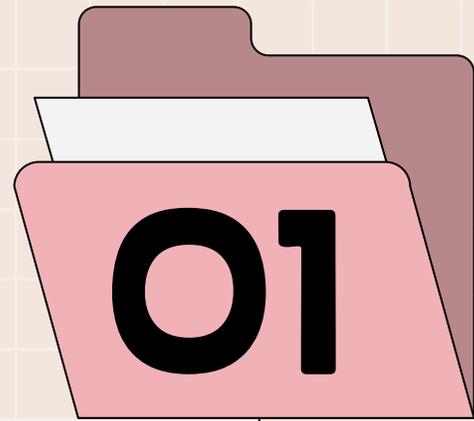
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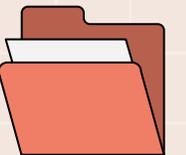
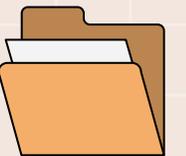
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- Beginning the college search
- Naviance
- Components of the Application
- Timeline
- Testing
- Supporting your child





How to begin the college search process



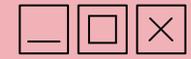
Beginning the college search

What does “fit” mean to you?

- What does your child want their college experience to be like?
- What are the priorities for your child?
- What type of colleges match your child’s academic and social goals?
- How far is your child comfortable being away from home?

The 6 C's of College Search

- Curriculum
- Community
- Cost
- Campus size
- Climate
- Chances



Naviance

Web based platform used by students, parents and counselors to explore college and career options.



Naviance

Self-Discovery

- Numerous (6) assessments and inventories for students to explore their interests and strengths.

Career

- Data from the assessments are used to create career clusters that match with their responses.

College

- Key features include: SuperMatch, Scattergrams, Acceptance History, Scholarships, Letter of Recommendation Request.

Self Discovery

AchieveWorks Intelligences®

Last Updated Oct 19th 2021

PROGRESS 0%

Intelligence comes in many forms. AchieveWorks Intelligences® helps you uncover your different intelligences and how to leverage them.

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AchieveWorks Learning and Productivity®

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Top Preferences

- High Auditory
- High Visual
- Collaborative

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View Results

AchieveWorks Personality®

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PROGRESS 4%

AchieveWorks Personality® helps you identify your personality type by asking you to choose scenarios that best represent how you behave in real life.

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Career Cluster Finder

Completed May 1st 2023



Top Clusters

- Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security
- Manufacturing

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View Results

Career Interest Profiler

Completed May 10th 2023



Holland Traits

- Social
- Enterprising
- Artistic

Retake

View Results

Strengths Explorer®



Strengths Explorer® helps you identify your key strengths that you can use as you proceed on your college, career and life readiness journey.

Start Assessment



Find Careers that Interest You.



You're ready to discover interesting careers and Naviance is here to help. Here you can filter careers by education, national salary, career cluster, and more. Each filter you add narrows your search. Experiment and see what you discover!

🔍 Type a career name..

Search

Filter



Accountants and Auditors

Accountants and auditors are like money detectives. They look at a company's financial records to make sure everything adds up. They he...

🎓 Education
4 Year College

💰 Median Salary
\$81,680



Actors

Actors are like storytellers who use their whole body to tell tales. They play different people in shows on TV, in movies, or on stage. Actors use t...

🎓 Education
High School Diploma

💰 Median Salary
\$48,526



Actuaries

Actuaries are like math wizards who use numbers to predict the future. They help insurance companies and other businesses figure out how ...

🎓 Education
4 Year College

💰 Median Salary
\$125,770



Acupuncturists

Acupuncturists are like health detectives. They use tiny needles to help your body feel better. It's an old way of healing that's still used today. They look at ...

🎓 Education
Graduate/ Professional

💰 Median Salary
\$78,140



Acute Care Nurses

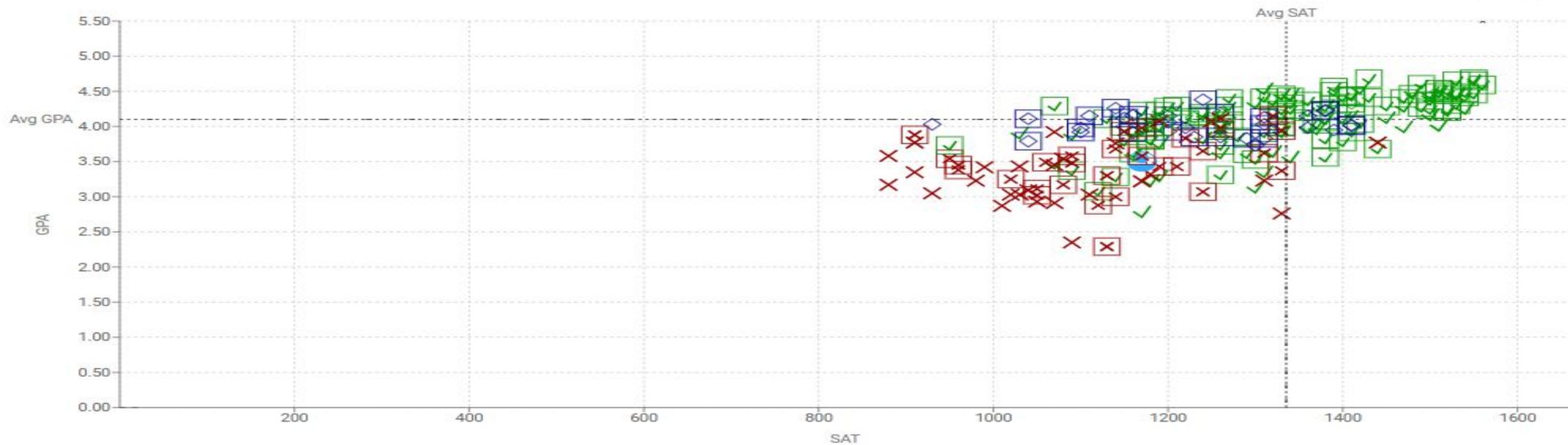
Acute Care Nurses are the superheroes of the hospital world. They take care of really sick people who need help right away. These nurses are like d...

🎓 Education
2 Year College

💰 Median Salary
\$93,600

Scattergrams | Applications for Dobbs Ferry High School

Comparing Weighted GPA with SAT (1600) and Applied test optional



Scattergram legend

Legend

- You
- Average GPA
- Average Score

Accepted

- Regular Decision
- Early Decision
- Early Action

Waitlisted/Accepted

- Regular Decision
- Early Decision
- Early Action

Waitlisted/Unknown

- Regular Decision
- Early Decision
- Early Action

Waitlisted/Denied

- Regular Decision
- Early Decision
- Early Action

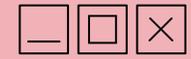
Denied

- Regular Decision
- Early Decision
- Early Action

Display Waitlisted

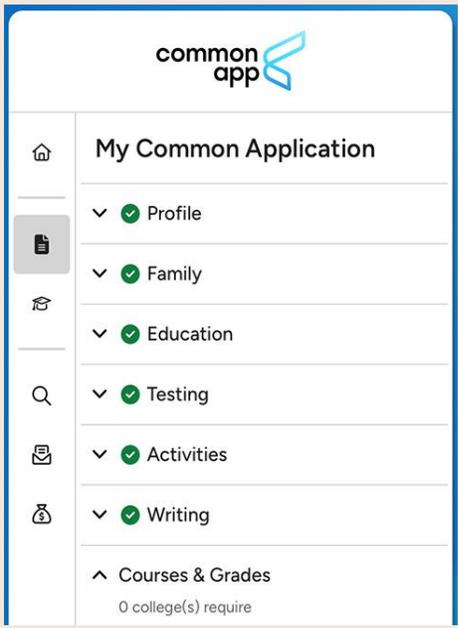
Click on legend icons or headers to hide each type or group in the scattergram. Double-click to reset zoom.

Scattergram information above should prove very helpful, but should not be misused as a definite predictor of acceptance or denial to a prospective college. Since they only measure two parameters (GPA and Combined SAT/ACT scores), other admissions factors, such as, rigor of coursework, extracurricular activities, desired major, etc. are not represented. Additionally, college admissions can (and often do) change from year to year.

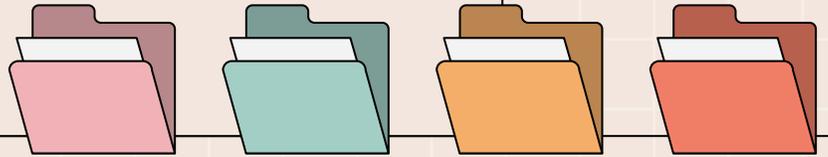


Components of the Application





Components of an application



Application itself:

Personal & demographic questions, specific college questions (My College).

Activities:

Extracurricular: Clubs, Sports, Volunteer/Community service, Family Responsibilities, Employment, etc.

Personal Statement

Select 1 of 7 prompts - 650 word maximum. Broad - Who are you?

Supplemental Essay

Range from 1 to multiple prompts. Specific - Why us?

Interviews (if applicable)

May need to seek out or request. Typically performed by an alumni living in the area.

Portfolio (if applicable)

**Special Programs such as Fine Art/Performing Arts may require a portfolio and or audition.

Letters of

Recommendation

Students will ask for two teachers for letters of recommendation.

Transcript/Secondary

School Report/SRAR

Who Sends What?

Student Sends

- Application/Essay/Fee
- Supplemental Essay (if required)
- Portfolio (if required)
- SRAR (if required)
- Standardized Testing (if sending)

Student/Parent

- FAFSA
- CSS Profile (if applicable)
- Any other requested
- financial documentation

DFHS Counseling Department

- Transcript (including list of senior courses)
- Counselor Recommendation
- School Profile
- Secondary School Report
- Teacher Recommendation(s) (must be requested)
- 1st Quarter (must be requested)
- Mid Year Grade (sent automatically)
- Final Transcript (sent automatically)

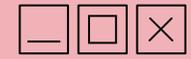
Application types

Each college will have its own application practices. It is important to check each college website, since they will vary from school to school. Some colleges may only have one type of admission plans, while other may offer various types. The following are the different types of admission plans:

- **Early Action (EA):** An application process to apply (usually during Oct., Nov. and Dec) and receive a decision earlier than the regular decision notification date. EA is “non-binding” and you have no obligation to enroll and will have until May 1 to consider the offer and confirm your enrollment.
- **Early Decision (ED):** A “binding” application process by which you commit to enrolling in a certain college if you’re admitted. You can apply to other colleges, but only apply ED to 1 college. *If admitted, you must withdraw your other applications.*

Application Types (continued):

- **Restrictive Early Action (REA):** Similar to early action, applying for REA requires that you submit your application earlier than regular decision (RD). As a result, you will receive your admission decision earlier than you would receive a RD decision. Additionally colleges place certain restrictions on your applications to other early application processes.
- **Regular Decision (RD):** An application process in which you apply by a specific date and then receive an admission decision within a stated period of time.
- **Rolling Admission:** A decision plan that lets students submit an application at any time throughout the year. Colleges will review applications as they receive them, and make admission decisions throughout the year.

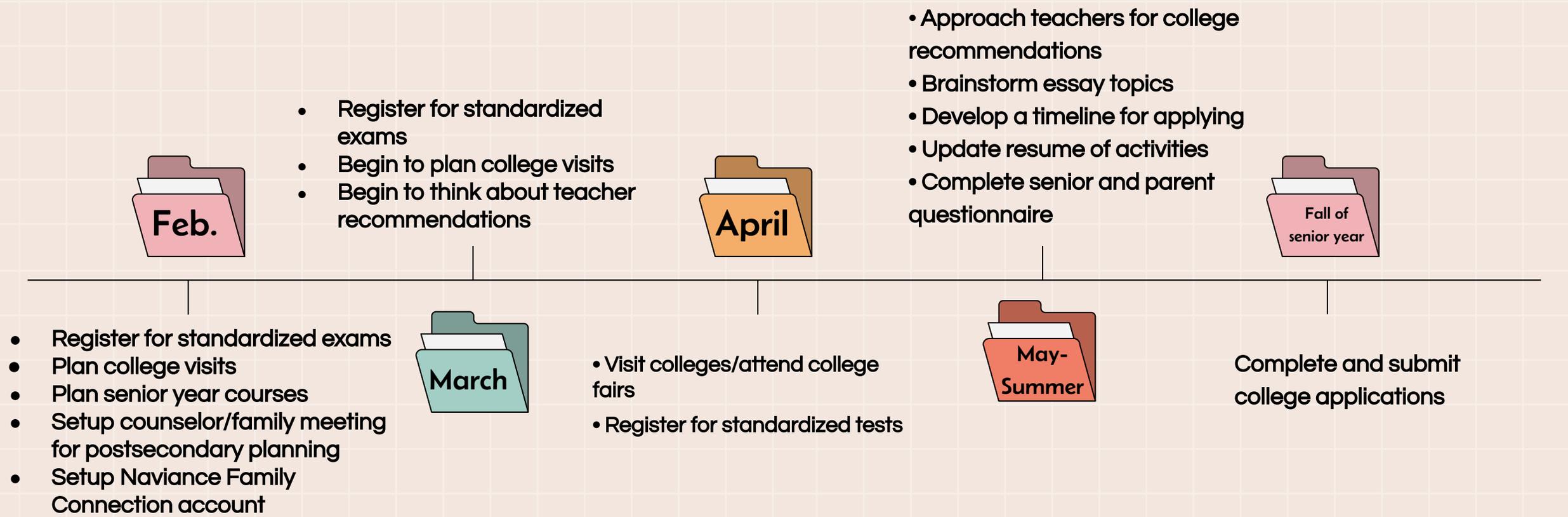


Timeline

This is a process that will happen over a span of time, nothing gets done overnight!



Timeline - Junior Into Senior Year





Testing

Standardized testing may be used in determining application decisions. Universities may differ in their policies so you will need to do your homework.



Standardized Testing



SAT

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration**
March 14, 2026	Feb. 27, 2026 Register	March 3, 2026
May 2, 2026	Apr. 17, 2026 Register	April 21, 2026
June 6, 2026	May 22, 2026 Register	May 26, 2026



ACT

FEBRUARY
14

February ACT
Register by **January 9**
Late registration*: **January 23**
Scores released: **March 3**

APRIL
11

April ACT
Register by **March 6**
Late registration*: **March 24**
Scores released: **April 21**

JUNE
13

June ACT
Register by **May 8**
Late registration*: **May 29**
Scores released: **June 23**

Official scores need to be sent from testing agency



Supporting your child

Strategies to keep in mind to help support your child throughout this process.

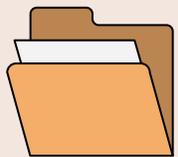
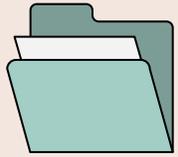


The Do's for Parents

- **Act as a Support System:** Assist with organizing applications, deadline tracking, application requirements, proofreading, and brainstorming— ***without taking over the work***, especially essays.
- **Encourage Independence:** Allow your child to take ownership of the process.
- **Oversee the Financial Planning:** Review your family budget together, use net price calculator located on college websites, keep track of FA deadlines and complete financial aid forms such as the FAFSA, CSS Profile, TAP, etc
- **Coordinate Logistics:** Help with test registrations, campus visit planning, and organizing a balanced college list.
- **Maintain Open Communication:** Set specific times to talk about college to prevent burnout- try not to make it the only topic of discussion and openly discuss expectations, goals, and any concerns.
- **Provide Emotional Support:** Acknowledge this can be a stressful time. Share in their excitement or disappointment, offer comfort when needed, and recognize their effort—not just the results.
- **Try to Manage Your Own Emotions:** Children often will feed off their parent's/guardian's energy, try to remain calm in front of your child and model healthy coping skills.

- **University of Central Florida, Texas A&M and Arizona State ~60,000 undergraduates.**
- **Webb Institute ~ 100 undergraduates, 1 academic program.**
- **College of the Atlantic 350**
- **Sweet Briar (women's college) 440**

- **1.4 million first-year applicants submitted over 10 million applications for the fall of 2025, increase of 8% from 2024. ~6.8 applications per student.**
- **First Generation applicants grew by 14% from previous year.**



**Common Applications
processed by the counseling office from 2022-Present:
8,186+**



Top 10 universities applied to since 2022:

Binghamton

Stony Brook

University of Buffalo

Penn State

UCONN

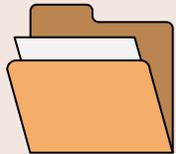
Syracuse

New Paltz

Northeastern University

University of Albany

New York University



DFHS Students

Top 5 most applied to



<h2 style="color: #e85c33;">Class of '22</h2> <p>Binghamton, Northeastern, Stony Brook, Cornell, Penn State.</p>	<h2 style="color: #e85c33;">Class of '23</h2> <p>Binghamton, Penn State, Stony Brook, Vermont, Syracuse.</p>
<h2 style="color: #4db6ac;">Class of '24</h2> <p>Binghamton, Buffalo, Penn State, Stony Brook, New Paltz.</p>	<h2 style="color: #e91e63;">Class of '25</h2> <p>Binghamton, Buffalo, Stony Brook, UCONN, Cortland.</p>

NY vs Out of State Matriculation



Certificate of Completion

You

You have successfully completed

Junior Parent College Night

Congratulations!

01/15/2026

Date

D7HS School Counselors

Signature

THANK YOU!

Do you have any questions?

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