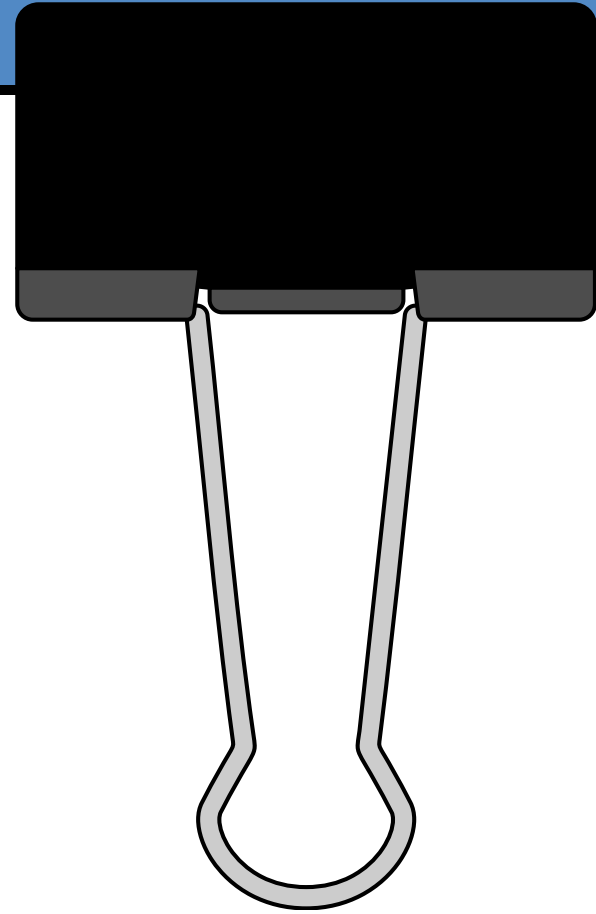
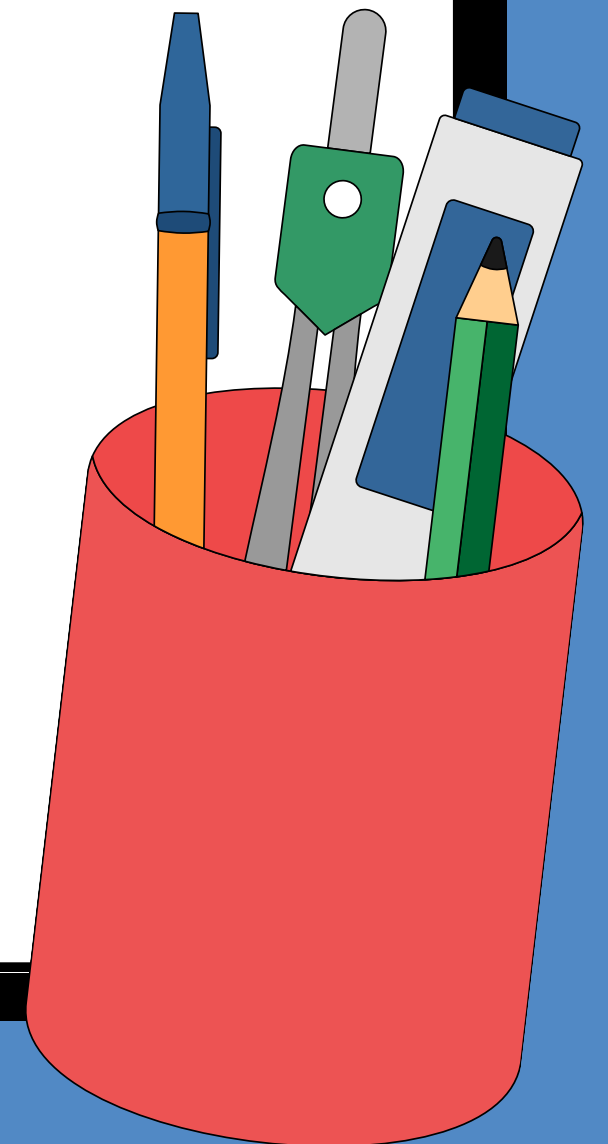




JUNIOR NIGHT!

Presented by EHS Counseling
Department



AGENDA

1. Meet with Counseling Team
2. 12th Grade Timeline & Graduation
3. Career & Technical Schools, Military
4. Testing: SAT, ACT, NJGPA
5. Naviance: College & Career Prep
6. The Common Application
7. Mercer County Community College
8. Free Application for Federal Student Aid



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Choose Your Own Lane

Explore your options for after graduation!

Trade/Technical Institution

Required:

- HS Diploma
- Application

1

Military

Required:

- HS Diploma
- ASVAB Exam

2

2- Year College

Required:

- HS Diploma
- Application
- Placement Exam*

3

4- Year College

Required:

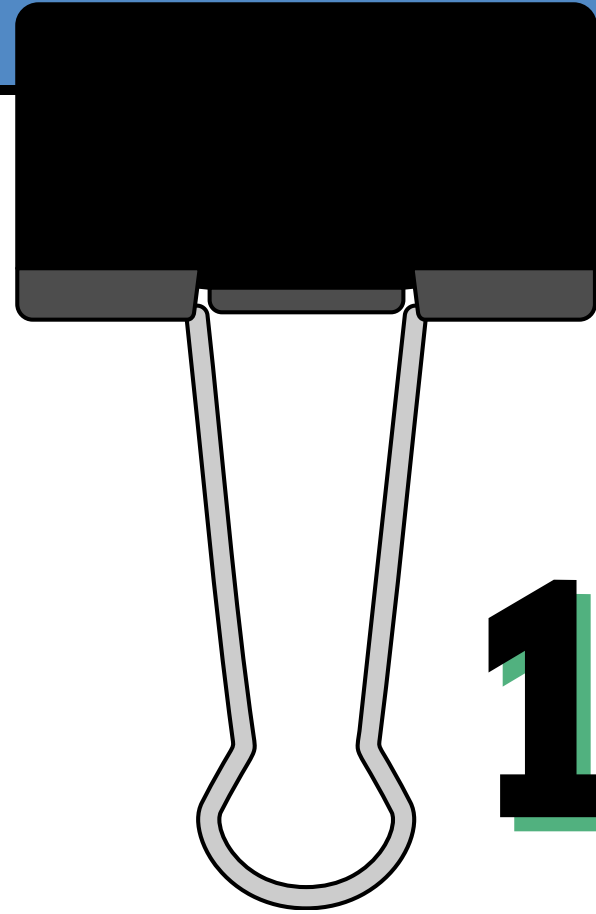
- HS Diploma
- Application
- 1-2 Letters of Rec.
- SAT/ACT Exam*

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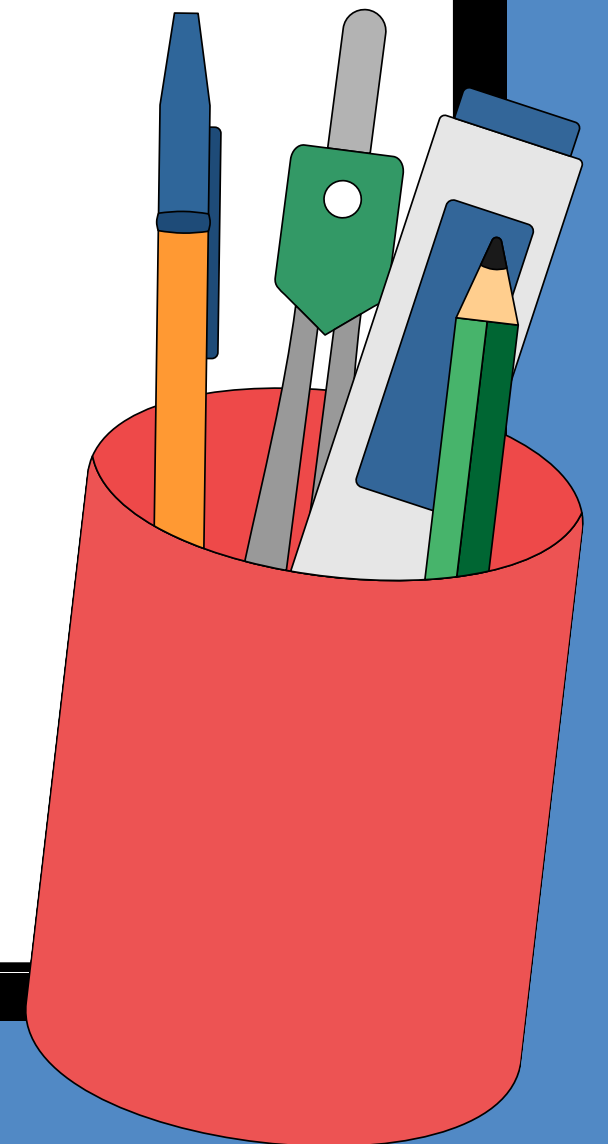
Other Options

- Employment
- GAP Year

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12TH GRADE TIMELINE



SENIOR TIMELINE

Spring 2026 (*Junior Year*)

- Naviance Self Discovery Surveys
- Colleges I'm Thinking About/ Applying To
- Connect with Military contacts for desired branch or Technical school contacts (see *your counselor*)
- Take the SAT (*May, June, August dates*)

Summer 2026

- Create Common Application Account for college apps
- Consider at least 2 teachers for Letters of Recommendation
- Start thinking about your college essay

Fall 2026

- October 2026– Senior Meeting w/ Counselor
 - Common App, Letters of Rec, Additional Career Pathways
- Strengthen Your College List (6–8)
- Consider taking a Fall SAT or ACT
- Sign Up for College Tours, Colleges Visits, & Trade School visits at EHS– ***Visiting is essential!***
- Complete the (FAFSA) Free Application for Federal Student Aid, NJ State Aid/ Alternative Form

Winter 2027

- Start/Continue to submit college & trade school applications
- Upon submission: submit transcript requests via Naviance
- Consider taking another SAT or ACT
- Apply to scholarships!!! (*EHS website & google classroom*)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

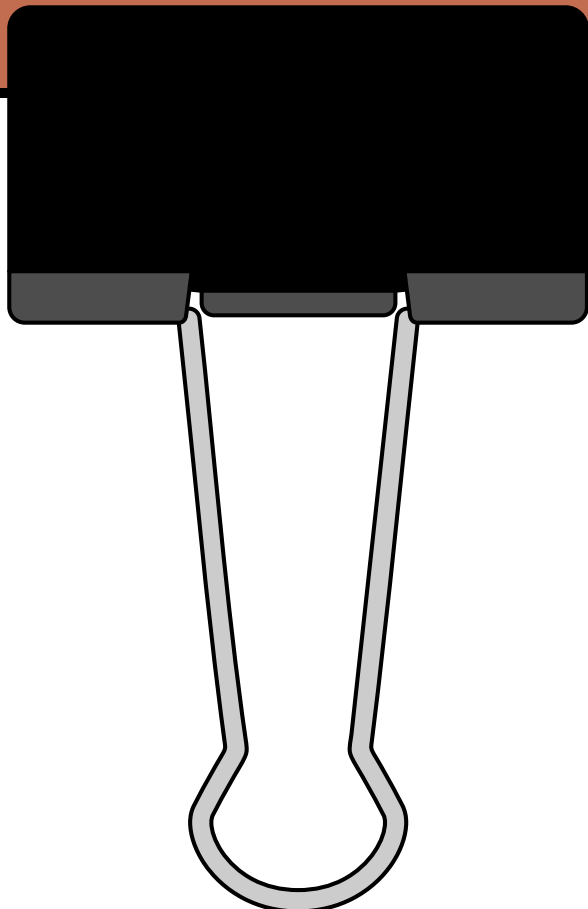


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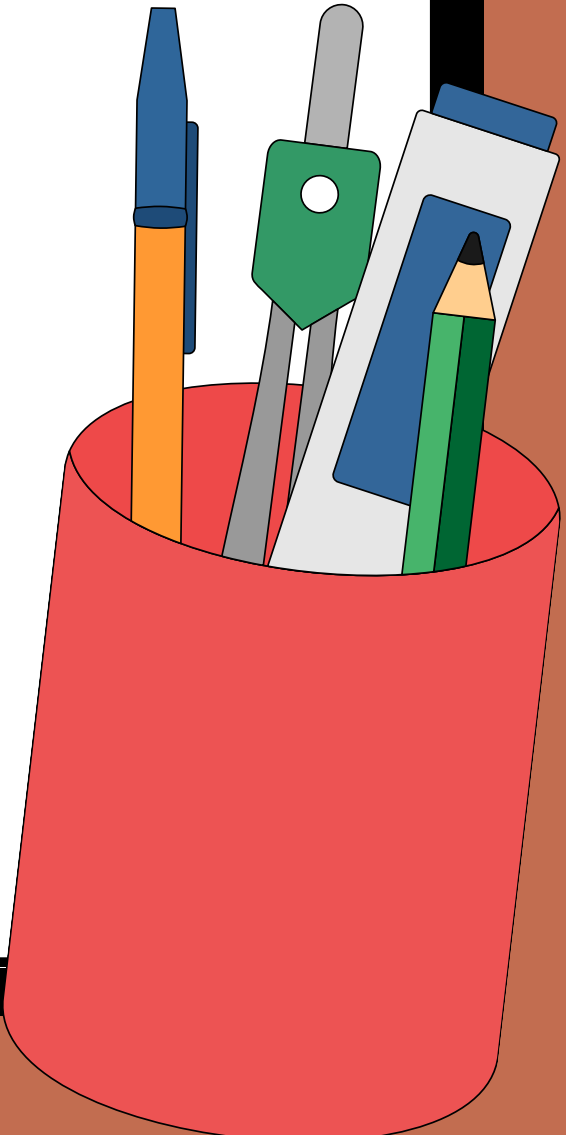
SUBJECT – AREA	CREDITS
English/Language Arts	20
Mathematics (Algebra I, Geometry and a 3rd year of math) *	15
Social Studies (World History, US History I, US History II)	15
Science	15
Health & Physical Education (5 credits during each year of enrollment)	20
Visual & Performing Arts	5
Career/Consumer Education, Family/Life Skills or Vo-Tech Education	5
Financial Literacy/Consumer Education	5
World Language	5



- **Credit Requirement:** 140
- **Testing Requirement:** Math & ELA NJGPA or Alternative Pathway



CAREER & TECHNICAL SCHOOLS



MCTS

Post-secondary

- Carpentry
- Cosmetology
- Electrical
- HVAC
- Welding
- Plumbing

Adult Learning Courses

- Dance
- Nail Technician
- Culinary Arts Tech
- Building Maintenance Tech
- Horticulture Tech
- And More!

Website: www.mcts.edu

PENNCO TECH

- Automotive
- Diesel
- HVAC
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Welding

Website:
www.penncotech.edu

Locations: Bristol PA,
Blackwood, NJ

UTI

UNIVERSAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

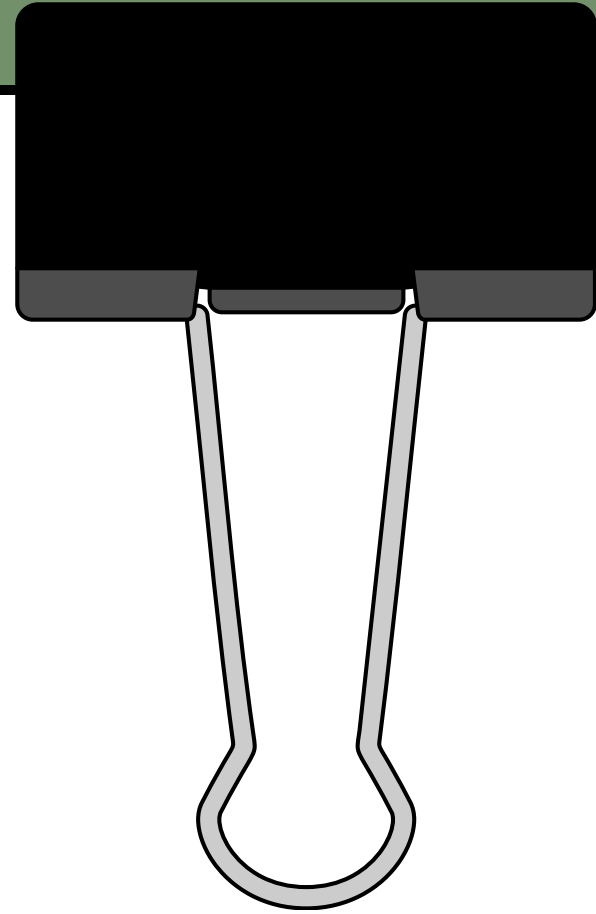
- Automotive Tech
- Motorcycle Tech
- CNC Machining Tech
- Collision Repair
- Diesel Tech
- Electrical
- HVACR Tech
- Robotics & Automation
- Welding

Website: www.uti.edu
Locations: Bloomfield, NJ
Exton, PA

ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOLS



- Automotive Training Center
 - www.autotraining.edu
- CBS Media Arts Center
 - www.gocsb.com
- Empire Beauty School
 - www.empire.edu
- Jean Madeline Aveda Institute
 - www.jeanmadeline.edu
- Laborers Local 172
 - www.njlaborers.org/locals/local-172
- Rizzieri Aveda Schools
 - www.rizzierischools.com



MILITARY



Different Branches

- NJ Army National Guard
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Marines Corps
- U.S. Navy

Military Liasion at EHS

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Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)

- Standardized test for military placement
- Military assessment for job placement
- Score of 31 or higher needed

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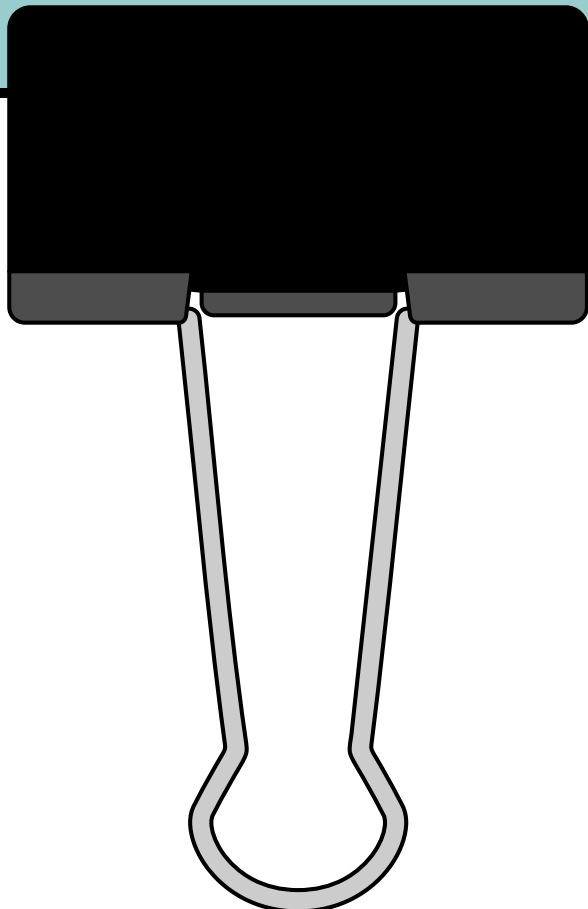
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**SAT
ACT
NJGPA**



SAT vs. ACT

SAT	ACT
Reading, Writing & Language, Math, Essay (optional)	English, Math, Reading, Science Reasoning , Essay (optional)
3 hours (without essay) 3 hours 50 minutes (with essay)	2 hours 55 minutes (without essay) 3 hours 40 minutes (with essay)
Scored on a scale of 400–1600	Scored on a scale of 1–36
Some math questions do not allow for a calculator	You can use a calculator on all math questions

SAT

- Recommended to take at least 1x Junior year and Fall/Winter of Senior year
- SAT Fee Waivers: Students eligible for free/reduced lunch
 - 1 fee waiver= 2 Free tests
- Send up to 4 scores for free if you select colleges/universities on your test date or up to 9 days after the test
- Register at **www.collegeboard.org/sat**

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes and Late Registration
May 2, 2026	April 17, 2026	April 21, 2026
June 6, 2026	May 22, 2026	May 26, 2026

Fall 2026 Dates

- September 12, 2026
- October 3, 2026
- November 7, 2026
- December 5, 2026

Spring 2027 Dates

- March 6, 2027
- May 1, 2027
- June 5, 2027

ACT

- Recommend to take Spring of Junior year and Fall of Senior year
- Fee waivers available
- Content Areas
 - English
 - Math
 - Reading
 - Science
- Optional Writing Test
- Visit **www.act.org** for testing dates & locations



ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes and Late Registration
June 13, 2026	May 8, 2026	May 29, 2026
July 11, 2026	June 5, 2026	June 24, 2026

Fall/ Winter 2026 Dates

- September 19, 2026
- October 17, 2026
- December 12, 2026

Spring/ Summer 2027 Dates

- February 27, 2027
- April 10, 2027
- June 12, 2027
- July 10, 2027

NJGPA

New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment

Purpose:

To Evaluate whether high school juniors have achieved the necessary skills in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics to meet the state's graduation requirements.

The passing score for the NJGPA is 725 or higher in both English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics.

Alternative Pathways:

Students can meet the graduation requirement by achieving the required scores on one of the following standardized tests:

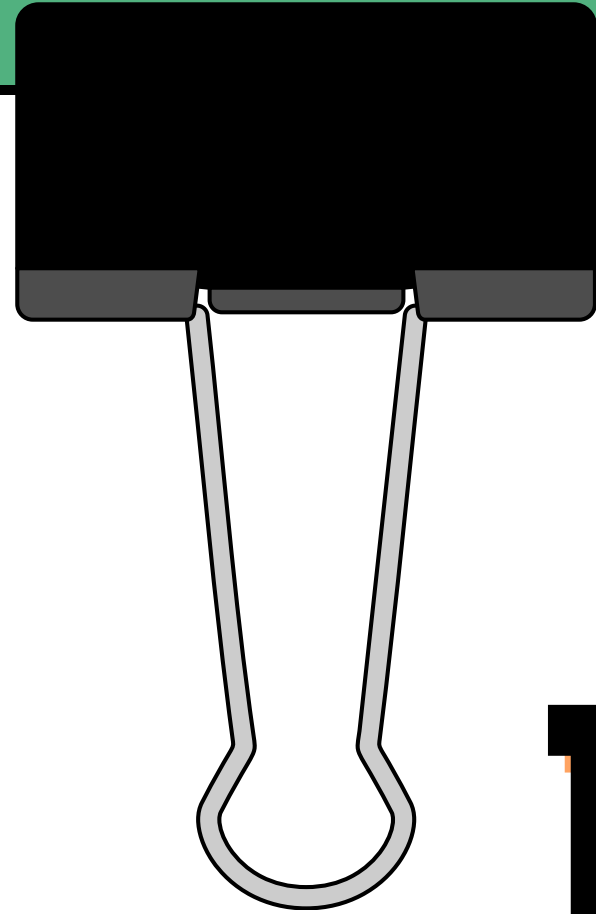
SAT, ACT, or PSAT

If a student does not meet the required scores on NJGPA or substitute tests, they can complete a portfolio appeal, which involves submitting school-based work samples demonstrating proficiency in ELA and/or Math.

NJGPA

(Don't worry) 😊





NAVIANCE

College & Career Planning



WHAT IS NAVIANCE?

A free online platform designed to help students manage and organize their college search and application process.

It also offers features such as interest surveys, career exploration profiles, and tools for building your resume.

SELF DISCOVERY

- Career Cluster Finder
- Career Interest Profiler
- Intelligences
- Learning & Productivity
- Personality
- Skills
- StrengthsExplorer

ABOUT ME

- Resume Builder
- Planner- goal setting and to do lists

NAVIANCE & COLLEGE

EXPLORING COLLEGES

- Find Your Fit: SuperMatch College Search
 - Filter for: Academic programs, Location, Size, Cost, Athletics, Extracurriculars, etc!
- Research Colleges: Add to "Colleges I'm Thinking About" list

APPLYING TO COLLEGES

- Colleges I'm Applying To Section
 - Letters of Recommendation from teachers/ counselor
 - Transcript Requests
- About Me Section
 - Completing to Student Brag Sheet survey

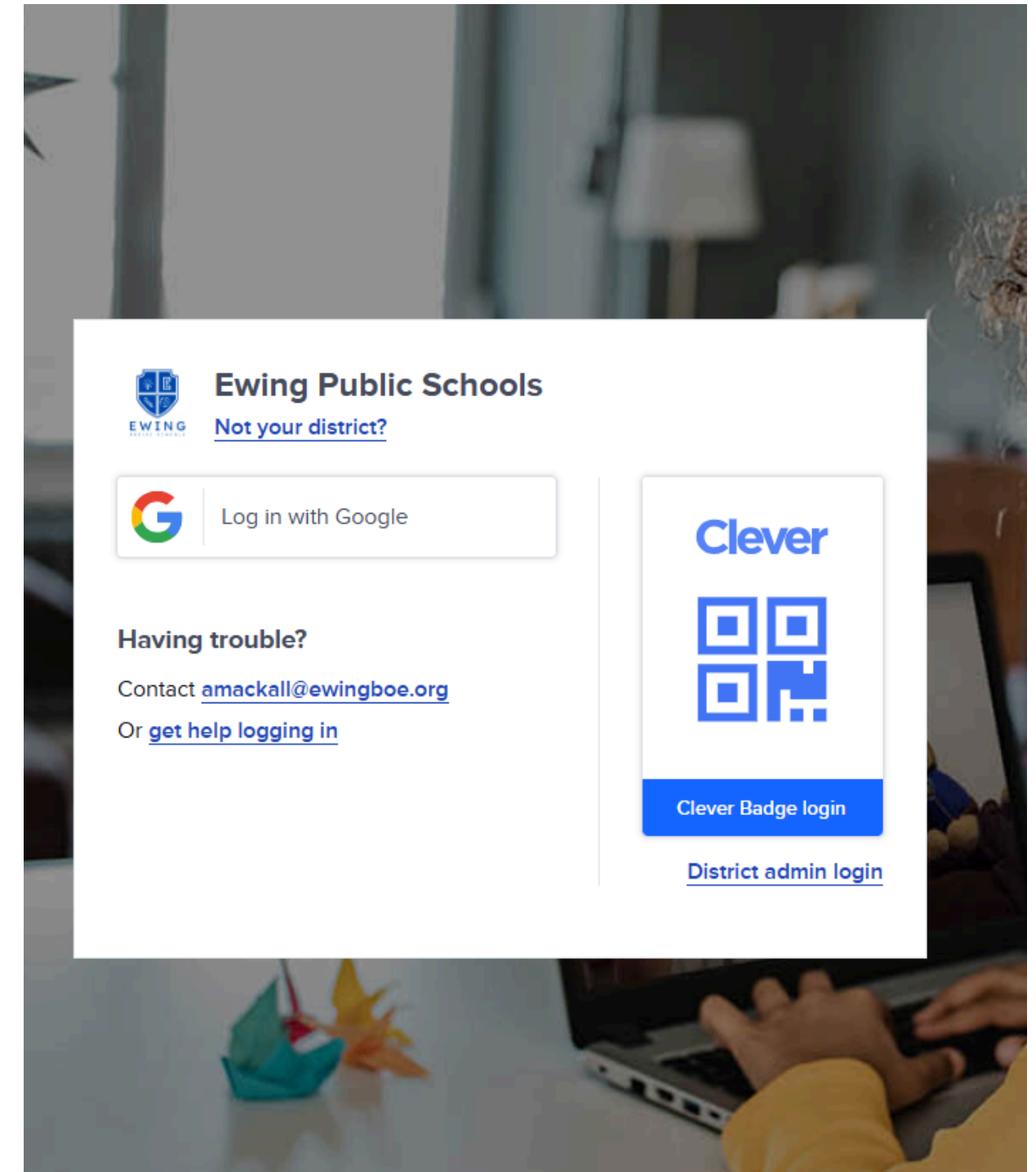
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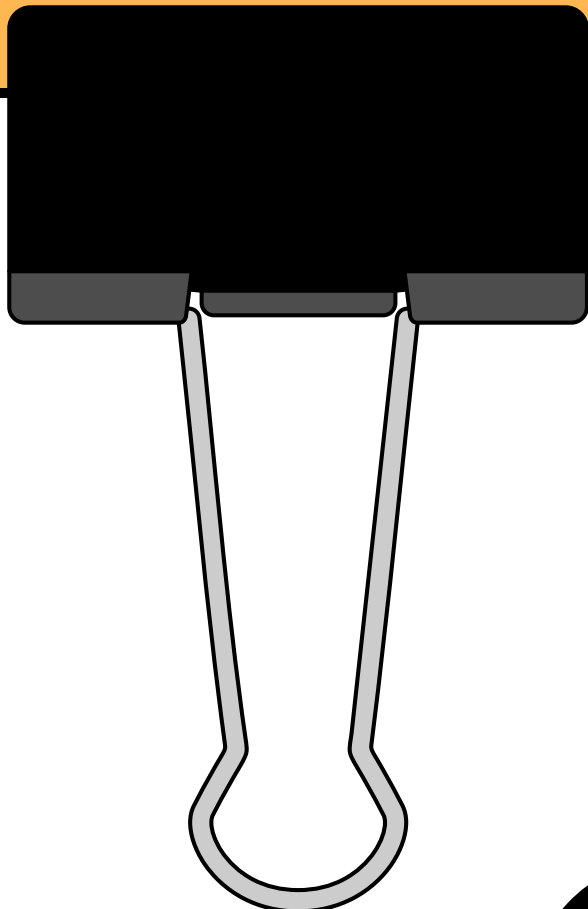
Step 1: Navigate to www.clever.com

Step 2: Select “log in as student” (top right corner)

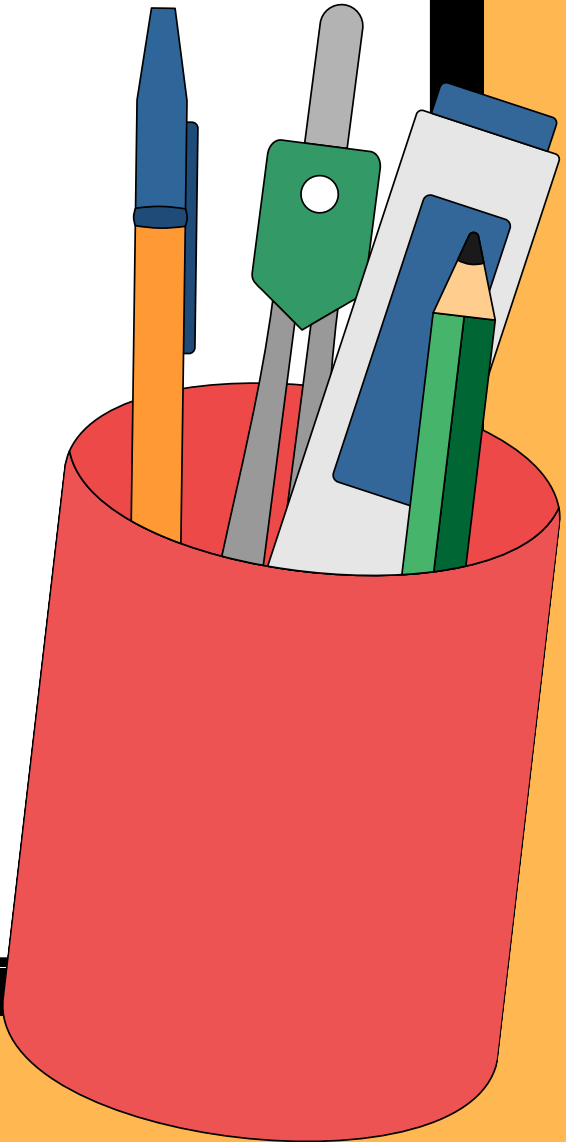
Step 3: Sign in using your school account; the same as your Genesis login (Ewing email and password)

Step 4: Once you’re logged through Clever, scroll down to the bottom and then select the green square titled “Naviance”





THE COMMON APP



WHAT IS THE COMMON APP?

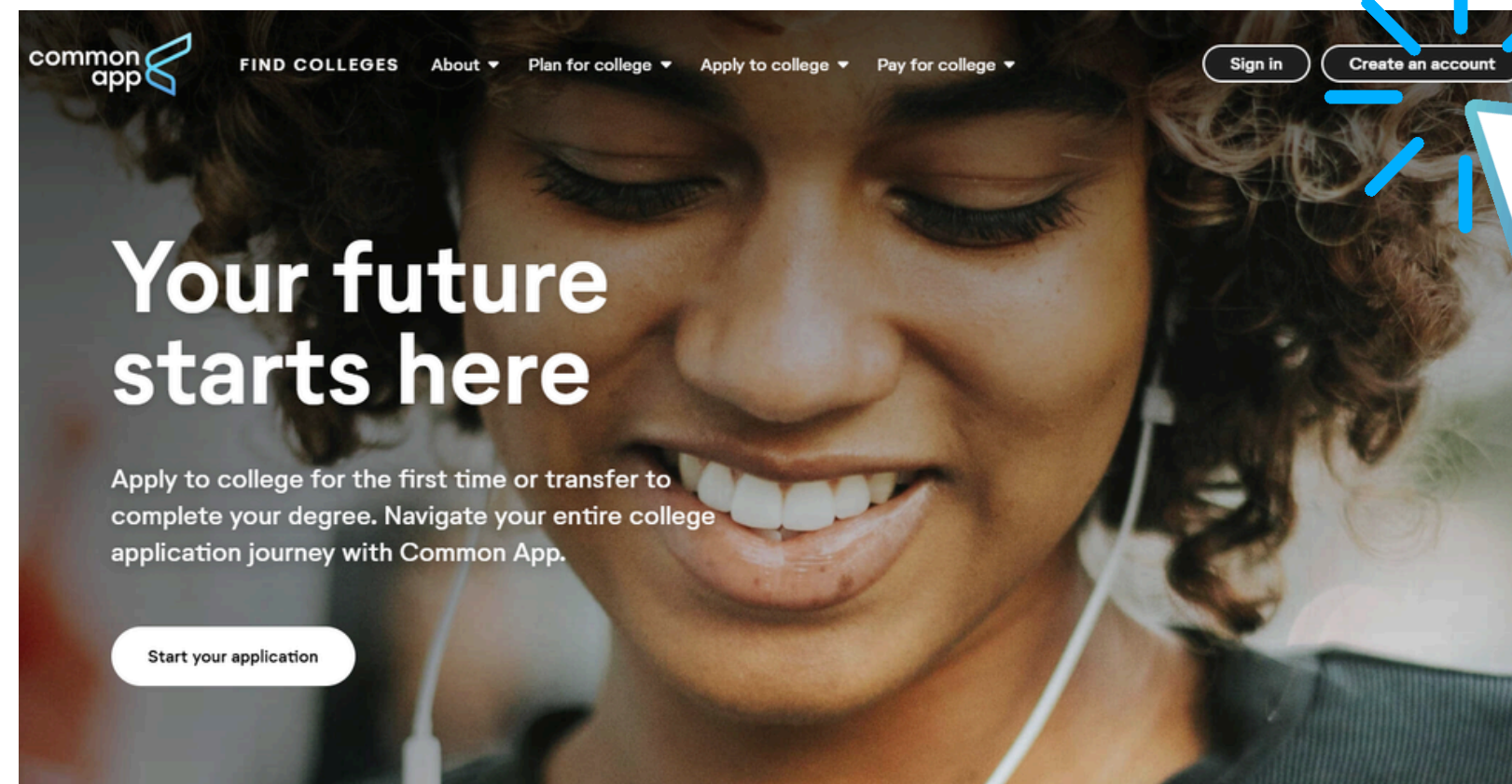
- Apply to multiple colleges w/ ONE application
- Includes a full list of each colleges' deadlines, app requirements, testing policy
- Additional questions per college
- Common App Fee Waiver
- Link Common App and Naviance account



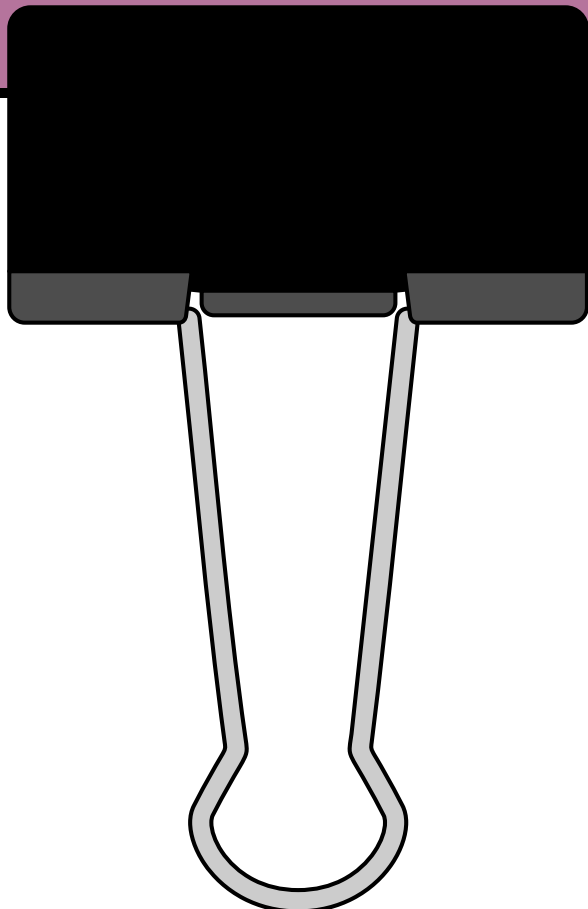
College Applications

- Average is 6-8 applications
- Reach School, Good Fit School, Safety School
- Application methods: Common App v. Direct to Institution
- STARS Report (Self-Reported Transcript & Academic Record)
- Application deadline types
 - Early Decision (Binding)
 - Early Action (Non-binding)
 - Regular Decision
 - Rolling Admission

GET STARTED TODAY!



WWW.COMMONAPP.ORG



DUAL ENROLLMENT

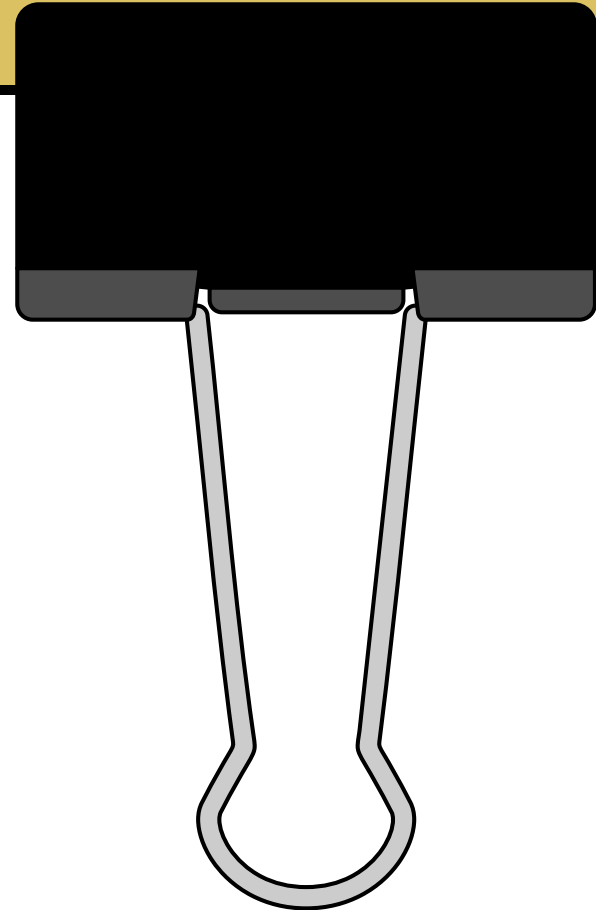


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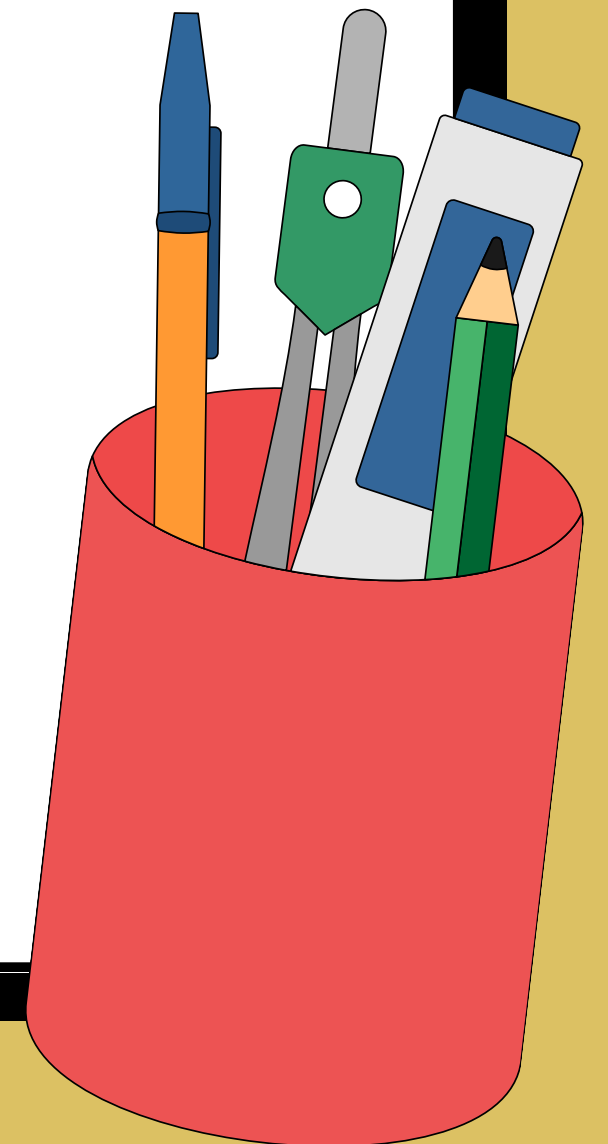
- Agreement with TCNJ for dual enrollment credit for AP and select Honors level courses
- The opportunity to earn college credit while taking courses that EHS offers
- Need a “C” or better to be eligible for the credits
- Cost: \$150 per course

DUAL ENROLLMENT OFFERINGS

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| • AP Biology | • AP Spanish |
| • AP Calculus AB | • AP Statistics |
| • AP Calculus BC | • AP Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio |
| • AP Computer Science Principles | • AP US Government & Politics |
| • AP Environmental Science | • AP US History |
| • AP French | • AP World History |
| • AP Human Geography | • Physics I Honors |
| • AP Language | • Public Health Honors |
| • AP Literature | • STEM Creative Design |



MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- 50+ degree programs
- 30+ student clubs & organizations
- English as a second language program (ESL)
- 100% virtual school options
- Honors Program
- Dual Admission Program



APPLICATION STEPS



1. Review & choose a degree program
2. Create a MCCC account and submit an online application
3. Add MCCC to your Naviance account
4. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
5. Take the placement test at MCCC
 - a. Exemptions: 450 or higher SAT; 22 or higher ACT
6. Submit transcript request via Naviance to your school counselor

NJ STARS PROGRAM

NJ STARS Program provides merit-based awards to New Jersey residents who graduate from high school and rank in the top 15% of their graduating class!

- NJ STARS covers cost of tuition **ONLY** for up to 18 credits per semester for up to 5 semesters
- Students must maintain a full-time enrollment status

You can attend Mercer County Community College tuition-free* through



New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship

Current New Jersey high school seniors who rank in the top 15% of their graduating class (end of either the junior or senior year) may be eligible for the NJ STARS I program. To be eligible, students **must**:

- ★ Have completed a rigorous high school curriculum
- ★ Enroll in an Associate's degree program at a community college
- ★ Register for at least 12 college-level credits each semester
- ★ Complete the [FAFSA](#) for the academic year of attendance (although eligibility is not based on financial need)
- ★ Complete all Federal &/or NJ State verification requirements by the published deadlines *if selected
- ★ Submit a final official high school transcript with the class rank to the Office of Financial Aid

For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid at (609) 570-3210 or by email at finaid@mccc.edu.

**Pays in-county tuition up to 18 credits for 5 semesters, not including summer*

****College, technology, and other fees are not covered by NJ STARS*

**To be eligible, students in the top 15.0%
of their class must also:**

★
Be a U.S. citizen, eligible non-citizen, or eligible to file the NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application.

★
Take a minimum of 12 college level credits and maintain continuous full-time enrollment.

★
Be a New Jersey resident for at least 12 consecutive months prior to graduating high school and enrollment at the county college.

★
Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher at the start of the third semester of enrollment at the county college to remain an NJ STARS recipient.

★
Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application by established State deadlines.



Home county colleges will contact students directly if they are eligible for this program.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

NJ STARS recipients who earn an associate degree from a county college and meet all other eligibility requirements may be eligible to receive additional financial aid through the NJ STARS II program to transfer to an aid-eligible four-year college or university.

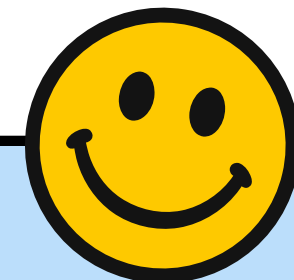
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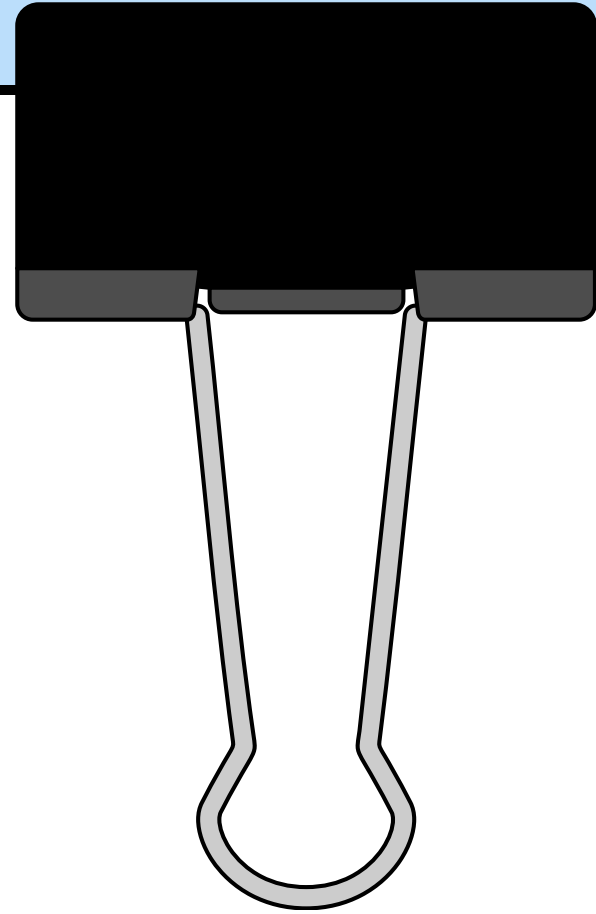
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FACT SHEET
FOR HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATES



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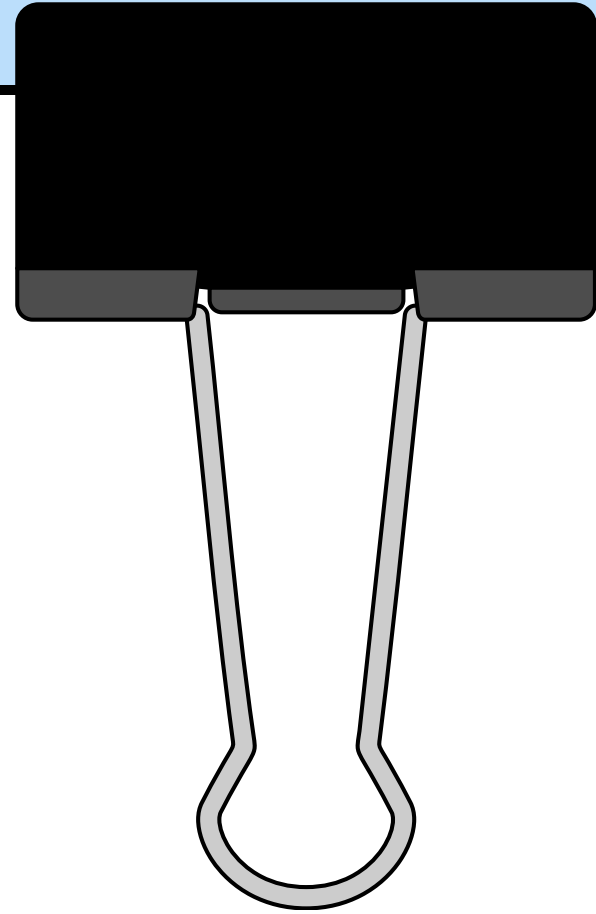
- Help your child find their own **personal strengths and interests**. Naviance is a great place to start.
- **Try** not to make every conversation about school/ college or post graduation life.
- Remind your child that they are **more than the sum** of their GPA, test scores, and extracurriculars.
- We are here to **help!**





**FAFSA
TIME!**





Q & A





Junior Night 2026

Post-Survey

Thank you for attending tonight's program! Please take a moment to complete our post-survey. Scan the QR code to access. Your comments and feedback will assist us in enhancing future programs for parents/guardians and students.

SCAN ME

