CLASS OF 2027 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

HOW TO PREPARE FOR SENIOR YEAR!











AGENDA

Graduation Requirements / Senior Meeting

Senior Year

Develop skills to utilize Naviance for College App.

College Search - Naviance

Admission Tests

Applications / Transcripts / LOR - Naviance

Subject	Required Credits	Required Courses
English	4	-English 9 ***or*** English 9: Pre-AP 2 -English 10 ***or*** English 10: AP Seminar -English 11 ***or*** AP Language and Composition ***and/or*** AP Seminar -English 12 ***or*** AP Literature and Composition ***and/or*** AP Research* (AP Seminar ***or*** AP Language and Composition may be taken, as well)
Social Studies	3	-Government ***or*** AP United States Government and Politics -United States History ***or*** AP United States History -World History ***or*** AP World History
Science	3	-Conceptual Physics or AP Physics 1 -Chemistry of Earth and Space Science -Biology
Mathematics	4 All students must enroll in a mathematics course each year of high school.	-Algebra I -Geometry -Other credits must be 1 credit in duration and may be selected from the Program of Studies Mathematics course offerings.
Physical Education	1	-Physical Education I (½ credit) -½ credit of any other Physical Education course to fulfill 1 credit graduation requirement.
Health	1	-Health I -Health II
Visual and Performing Arts	1	-Completed credit in any Visual and Performing Arts course may be applied to the state Fine Arts graduation requirements unless otherwise indicated.
Technology Education	1	-Foundations of Technology ***or*** Exploring Computer Science ***or*** Principles of Engineering (part of Project Lead the Way completer program), ***or*** AP Computer Science Principles.
Graduation Pathway: • **World Language** • **Or American Sign Language** • **Or State Approved Career and Technical Education Completer Program**	 2 2 3 - 9	 -2 credits of the same World Language -American Sign Language I, II, and III (for 2 credits total) -See Completer Programs in the Program of Studies.
Financial Literacy	½	-Financial Literacy ***or*** -Managing Personal Finances Using Excel (1 credit)
Electives	4 ½ - 12	
Total Credits Required	25	

Total of 25 Credits

- 4 credits beyond 11th grade
- Required courses

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75 SERVICE HOURS

- 55 hours required by end of 11th

MEET TESTING REQUIREMENTS

COMPLETER PROGRAM

SENIOR MEETING



School Counselors meet with every senior between July and October to review schedules and make a final check of graduation requirements

Senior Handbook Review (Will be posted on LHS Website)

Review the process for college admission

Get Into Naviance!

Scholarships, Scholarships, Scholarships!

Get your recommendation letters requested

SENIOR PHOTO

- Lifetouch oversees senior photo
  – including scheduling – NOT LHS!

- You will get information from Prestige Portraits
  (parent company of Lifetouch)

- You will receive a post card in the mail w/ information to schedule your photo. If you do not receive a post card, please call Lifetouch. LHS cannot schedule you.





SENIOR PHOTO



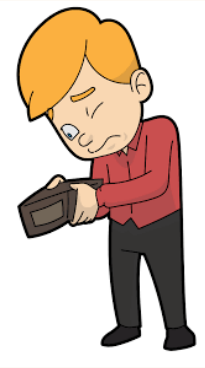
- Senior Portraits dates in the LHS cafeteria:
  - June 24 & 25: 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
  - August 19, 20, and 21: 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



- Make up dates:
  - October 21: 2:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the café
  - December?

- You choose a package for yourself.

  MUST HAVE DRAPE/TUX photo for yearbook.



SENIOR YEAR COST BREAK DOWN

- Senior Photos
  Packages range in price
- Senior T-Shirt - $20 – due Sept.
- Senior Dues - $50
  (T-shirt built into dues)
- Transcripts
- College Applications
- SAT / ACT - choice
- Homecoming Ticket – October
- Senior Yearbook – sold all year
- Grad Announcements
  Choice of package
- Prom ticket
- Prom attire – April
- Cap & Gown
- AP Testing (?)
- Senior Ad in Yearbook – spring
- Prom transportation (?)
- Graduation attire
- Honor Cords, Stoles, Medals
- Thank you notes



NAVIANCE TOOLS & E-DOCS

- All CCPS students applying to college must use Naviance.
- All college application details will come through Naviance, including the college search.
- Access your account through the Clever Portal using your CCPS Active Directory Username and Password.
- Access Clever Portal from “Family Resources” on the CCPS website – www.carrollk12.org

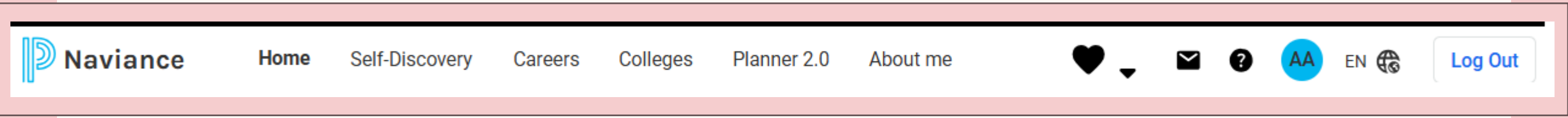


USING NAVIANCE FOR THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

Student will use Naviance to:

- Request transcripts from the school counseling office
- Request letters of recommendation from your teacher
- Track your applications, find out the status of materials being sent such as letters of recommendation and transcripts directly from your Naviance Student accounts
- Save Time!

NAVIANCE TABS



1. ***Home***: Welcome message, Future Planning, Tasks from My School, What's New, etc.
2. ***Self-Discovery***: Various assessments to help identify strengths, career interests, personality types, etc.
3. ***Careers***: Identify & research careers, filtering by required education, avg salary, etc.
4. ***Colleges***: Search, compare, manage applications.
5. ***Planner***: Tasks, goals, To-Do list, Calendar view

NAVIANCE → COLLEGES TAB

1. ***Find Your Fit***: Use tools like SuperMatch and Scattergrams to identify your best-fit college.
2. ***Research Colleges***: Dig deeper into colleges of interest using tools like Acceptance History.
3. ***Apply to Colleges***: Manage & track your college applications and corresponding documentation.
4. ***Scholarships & Money***: Search for and keep track of scholarships.

What's New

Check out and sign up for colleges visiting us.

THE COLLEGE SEARCH

Factors to Consider

- Location
  - Distance from home / accessibility
  - Urban vs. Rural vs. Suburban
- Size
  - Small, Mid-Size, Large
  - Average Class Size
- Cost
  - In State vs. Out of State
- Two or Four Year
  - Community vs. University



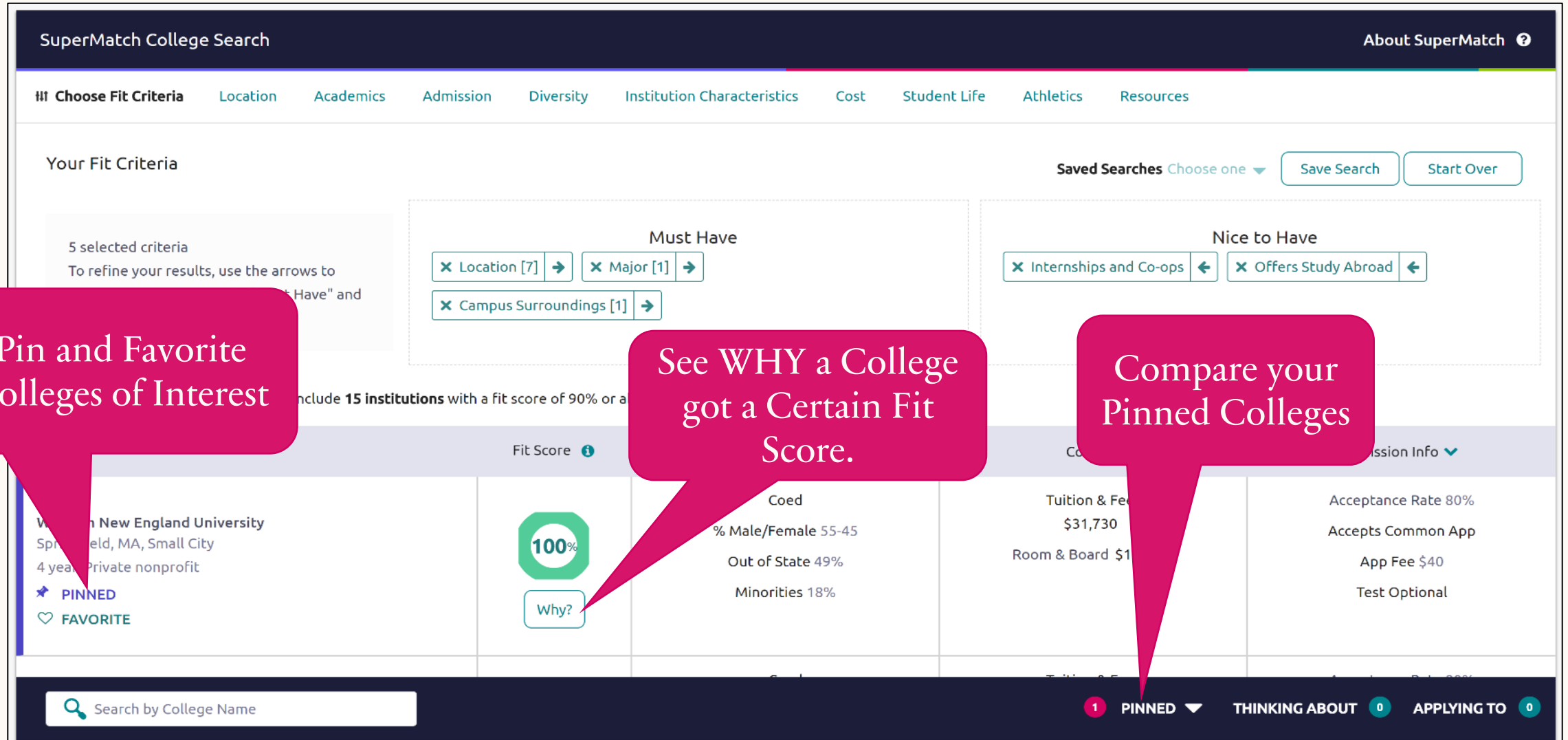
COLLEGE SEARCH CONTINUED

Factors to Consider

- Private or Public
  - Cost
  - Affiliations
  - Prestige
- Academics
  - Major Options
  - Academic Match/Selectivity
- Student Life
  - Athletics, Greek Life, Travel Abroad Opportunities, Dining Hall, Housing Amenities, etc.

NAVIANCE SUPERMATCH

Guide you through searching over 20 filters to find your best-fit institution



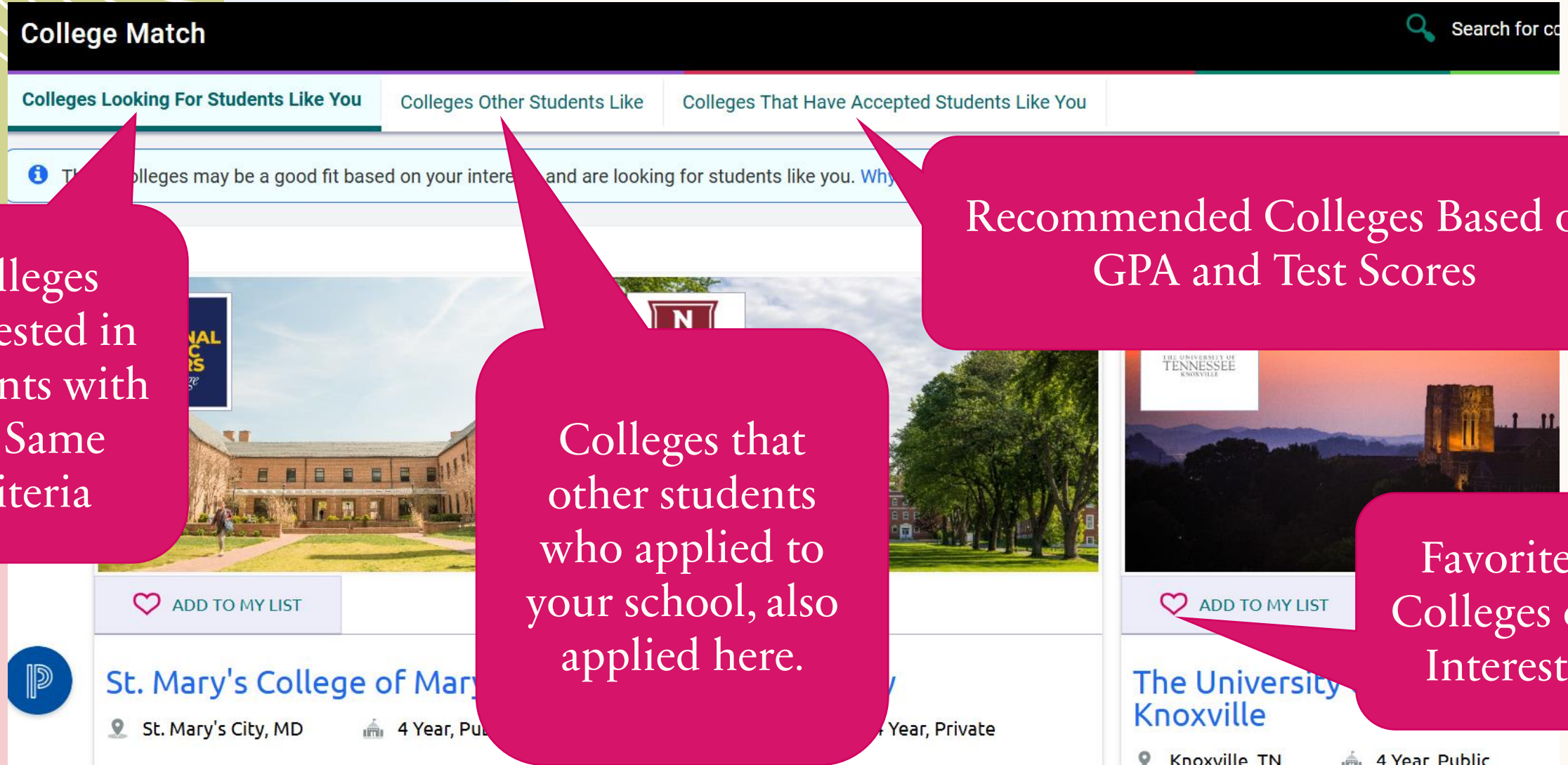
Pin and Favorite Colleges of Interest

See WHY a College got a Certain Fit Score.

Compare your Pinned Colleges

NAVIANCE COLLEGE MATCH

Helps students discover colleges that are interested in students like them based on specific features.



Colleges Interested in Students with the Same Criteria

Colleges that other students who applied to your school, also applied here.

Recommended Colleges Based on GPA and Test Scores

Favorite Colleges of Interest

NARROW IT DOWN

- 3 “Reach” Schools
- 3 “Target” Schools
- 3 “Likely” Schools

CAMPUS VISITS

- When?
  - Now and throughout the Fall
- Format?
  - In-Person or perhaps Virtual option
  - Use Naviance and school's websites to see if they offer a virtual tour option
  - Formal vs. Informal
    - Scheduled appointment vs. drive by

2026 CCPS COLLEGE FAIR



College and Career Fair 2026

Monday, October 12, 2026
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Building the Future

Acquire information about different college and career opportunities!

Meet college admission representatives and have a chance to ask questions.

COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTS

SAT	ACT	Accuplacer/ Placement Test
Reading & Writing (200-800) **Math** (200-800) ***Total Score Range 400-1600*** ***Essay*** (*optional* & scored separately) **Subject Tests** • Required by some colleges	**English** (1-36) **Math** (1-36) **Reading** (1-36) **Science** (1-36) ***Composite 1-36*** ***Optional Writing Test*** → Composite (Total) Score 4-36	**Reading** (200-300) **Writing** (200-300) **Math** (200-300) → Student performance determines placement into remedial or college level courses. → SAT Scores may exempt students from having to take the placement exam.

ACT

2026/2027 TEST DATES

SEPT	OCT	DEC	FEB
19	17	12	27

APR	JUN	JUL
10	12	10

ACT

SAT

26 / 27

Test Date	Test Date
Aug 22, 2026	March 6, 2027
Sept 12, 2026	May 1, 2027
Oct 3, 2026	June 5, 2027
Nov 7, 2026	
Dec 5, 2026	*Note SAT Offered at LHS*

SCORES

- Some schools may continue to be "**Test Optional**"
- Sign up Now
- Send Before You Test
  - Both tests allow you to choose up to four colleges to send scores to for free before and for a short time after the test date.
- Send After You Test
  - For a fee
- https://www.ACT.org
- https://www.CollegeBoard.org
- STUDY for SAT – https://www.KhanAcademy.org/Digital-SAT

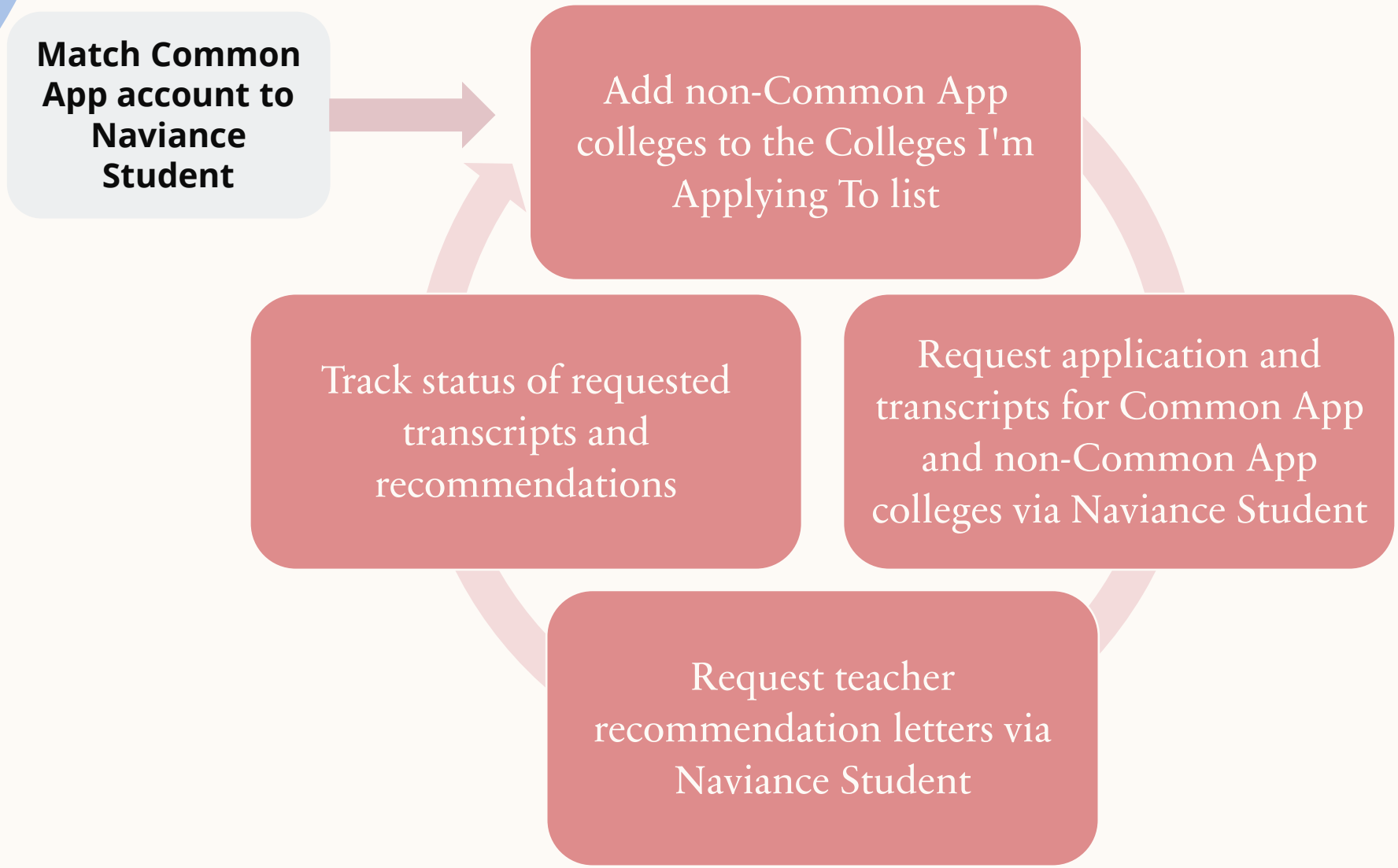
APPLICATIONS DEFINED

Rolling Admission	Early ACTION	Early DECISION	Regular Decision
• No deadline. • Applications are accepted until class is filled.	• Apply with the first wave of applicants. • Selecting to find out acceptance offer early. • **Also referred to as "Priority Deadline"** • **Mostly November and December.**	• Binding decision • Committing to going to that school if accepted • Only apply to one school early decision • ***Not used frequently*** • **Does NOT improve chances of acceptance**	• **Final Deadline** • **November through January**

APPLICATIONS CONTINUED

- College will have their own application, or they may use Common Application or Coalition – majority are completed online (paper applications may be available)
- Your Common App account will be linked to your Naviance account
- Student is responsible for making sure application is complete
- Start early – most are available starting in August
- Get organized

STUDENT COLLEGE APPLICATION FLOW



COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM

- May - Junior Parent Night
- June – Postcard
- July / August – Summer Senior Meetings (with student & parent)
- Back to School Night – Parent Night "College 101"
- September – Senior Meetings (with student)
- October – FAFSA Information Night
- November / January – FAFSA Workshop
- February – Senior Packet
- Late February – Senior Letter

WE'RE NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE

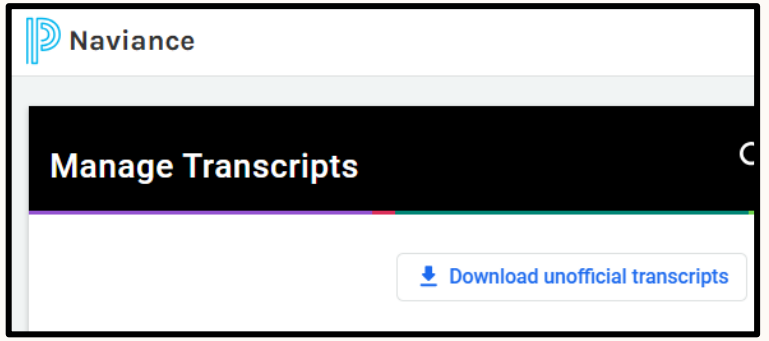


ELECTRONIC

- Apply via Common Application or directly to the college via their website / portal.
- Naviance is used for supporting documents.
- Student is responsible for making sure application is complete
- Start early – most are available starting in August
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ELECTRONIC

- STARS (Self-Reported Transcript and Academic Record)
  - Accuracy!
  - Reliable source
    - – *(unofficial transcript accessed via Naviance)*
  - Match formatting precisely – *(example: "and" vs "&")*
  - Check scanned uploads carefully
  - Use unique email address – *(must match college applications)*
  - Understand portal process
    - *(May receive follow-up instructions directly from college after applying.)*
  - Report evaluated courses only

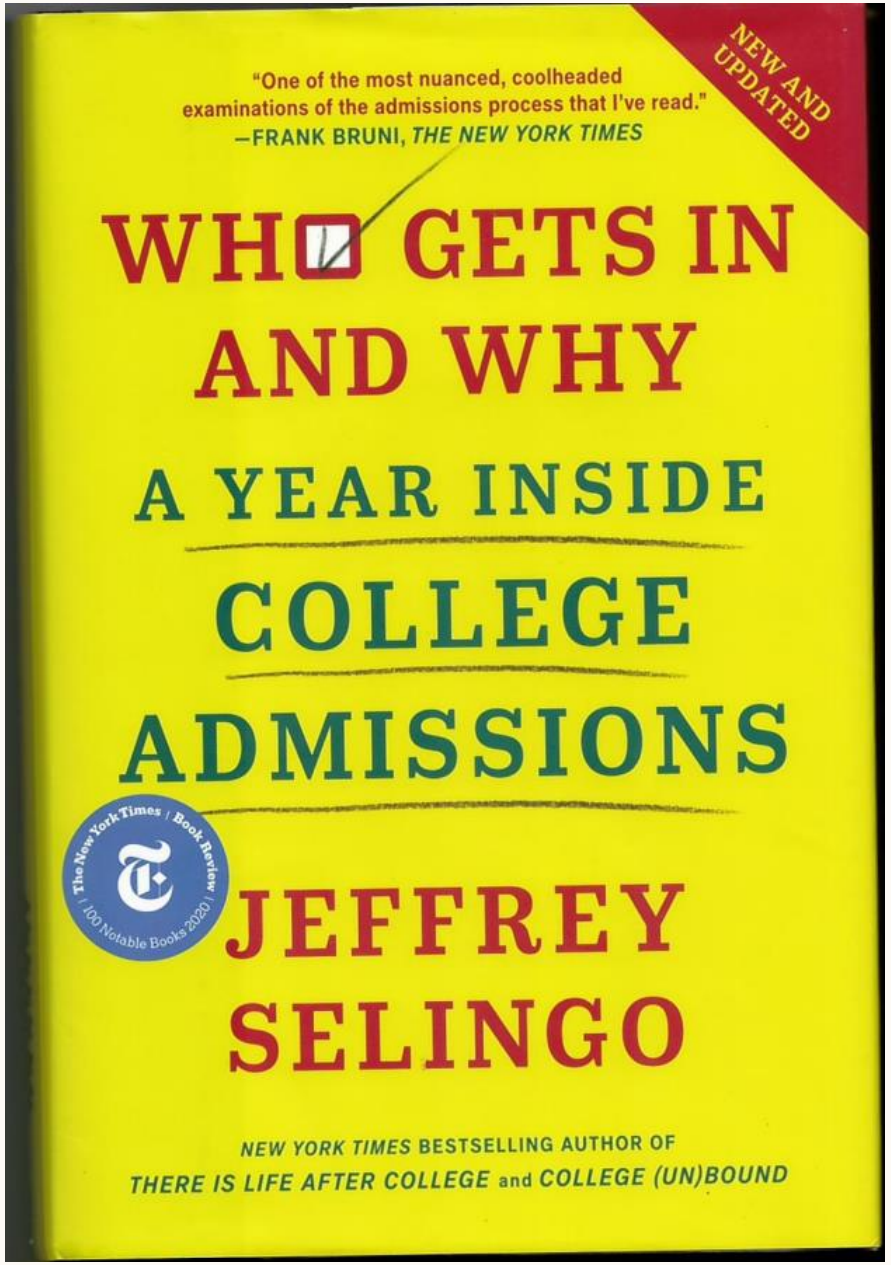


NEW YORK TIMES (5/2/25)

- Most schools have consultants in the background giving them advice on how much of a discount to offer. They use data about your family to decide.

- They use up to 200 data points to assess the likelihood of a student saying yes to a certain price and staying for four years. After all, transferring out means lost revenue.

- They measure whether a prospect opens email, responds to texts, clicks links and explores websites. Algorithms digest the data and suggest a discount for each student. The awards are designed to make adolescents feel just exalted enough to say yes, while still extracting the maximum number of dollars from each family.



WHAT'S NEXT?

- Summer Read?
  - Who Gets In And Why, *Jeffrey Selingo*
- Summer Post Card
  - Resources for Seniors
- Back to School Night Presentation
  - "College 101"
- FAFSA Night
  - Early Fall
- FAFSA Workshop
  - Early Winter

THANK YOU

Liberty School Counseling Office



QUESTIONS?