FAQ about the Common Application

Question - What do I list as my rank?

Answer - Select NONE. North Allegheny does not provide rank.

Question - What grade scale does North Allegheny use?

Answer - We use a weighted 4.0 scale.

Question – Where do I find my GPA?

Answer – You can find your GPA at the top of your transcript, which can be found in your Power School account online. You will use the weighted cumulative GPA listed after 11th grade even if you went to another high school first.

Question - Can I round my GPA?

Answer - No, list all 4 numbers after the decimal.

Question- What do I do if I have more than 10 activities?

Answer- Consider adding a resume to the additional information section of the Common App.

Question - Do I list NAI and NASH separately under "Current or Most Recent Secondary School"?

Answer - No, you will only list NASH and give dates for all four years being in high school.

Question - What is our class size?

Answer - 707 (class of 2027)

Question - What is my school counselor's title?

Answer - School Counselor

Question- Can I list things I've participated in during middle school?

Answer- No, only list activities or programs during grades 9-12.

Question- What are some examples of honors related to my academic achievements?

Answer- National Language Exams, Scholar Athlete, Classroom awards, National Merit, or Scholastic Key

Question- What do I put in the additional information section of the application?

Answer- Anything you'd care to share with the schools that are not otherwise represented in your application.

Question - How do I match my Common Application with Naviance?

Answer - Complete the education information on the Common Application. Choose at least one college on your Common Application account. Complete the Recommenders and FERPA section of the Common App under one of the colleges in the "My Colleges" tab. Choose to "waive your rights" to view your letters of recommendation. Log into your Naviance account. Go to the "Colleges I'm Applying To" section. Click that you want to match your Common Application.

Question - How do I know if I qualify for a Common App fee waiver?

Answer - If you qualify for free and reduced lunch, you qualify for a Common App fee waiver. Please contact your counselor.

Question - What if I went to 2 different high schools?

Answer - List your previous school under "Other Secondary Schools."

Question - Should I self-report my test scores?

Answer – If you are applying Test Optional, NO. If you plan to submit your test scores, YES.

Question - How do my "other" recommenders' letters get submitted to colleges?

Answer - Not all colleges accept recommendations from "other" recommenders. Other recommenders might include employers, pastors, coaches, etc. For schools on the Common App, look under "Recommenders" in the My Colleges tab to determine if they accept an "Other Recommender". If they do, follow the instructions and invite them to submit their letters through Common App. For schools not on the Common App, follow their instructions on how to invite "other" recommenders.