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Parents!

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TOPICS COVERED

- School Counselors
- Applying to College
- Naviance and Requesting Transcripts/Test Scores
- Requesting Letters of Recommendation
- Deadlines
- Apprenticeships/Trades
- Military Options

*Disclaimer - This information is general advice and specific policies should always be confirmed with each college's admissions office



ROLE OF SCHOOL COUNSELOR

1. College and Career Advisement
2. Academic Advisement/Assistance
3. Social/Emotional Work and Support



APPLYING TO COLLEGE

- Most applications are online
- Different types of applications:
 - Institutional Application
 - Common Application
 - Coalition Application
- Student should research application types for their colleges before deciding which will be best fit for them!



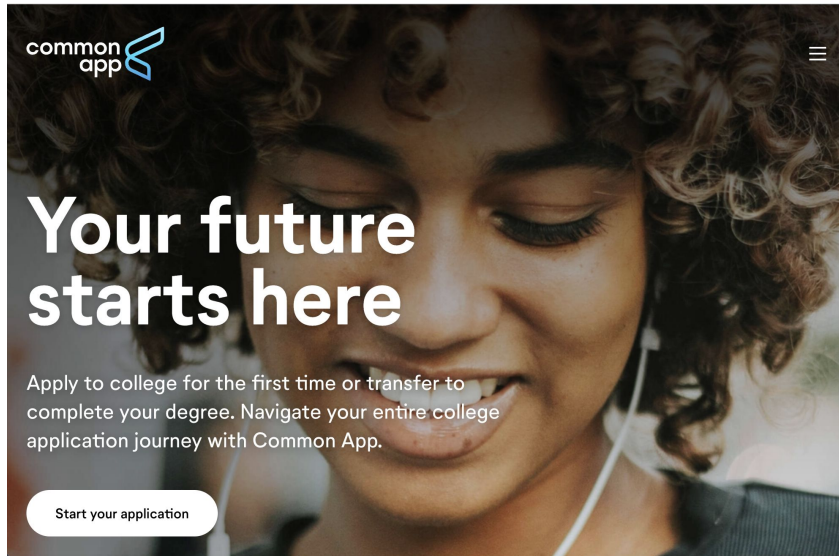
INSTITUTIONAL APPLICATIONS

- The university's own application found on their admissions website.
- Example: Apply IU Application

(<https://bloomington.iu.edu/admissions/apply.html>)



COMMON APPLICATION



- One application that can be sent to multiple colleges
- Requires an essay
- Over 1,000 schools accept Common App

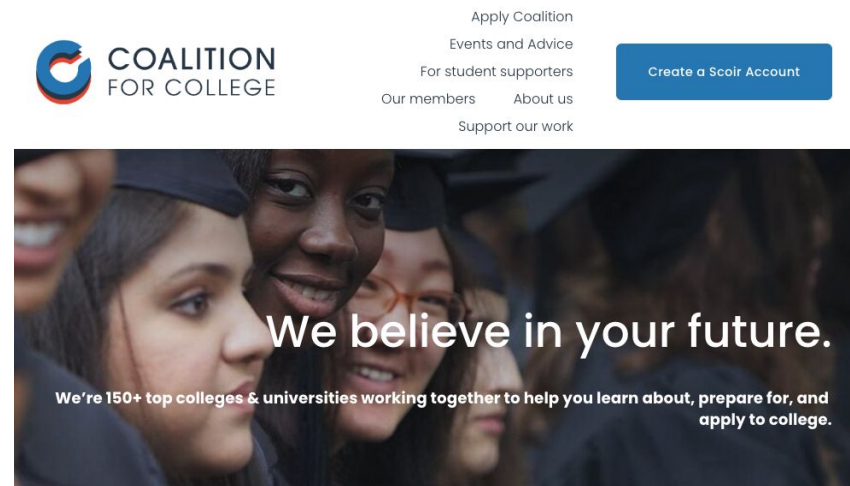
commonapp.org



COALITION SCOIR APPLICATION

- Similar to the Common Application - one application for multiple schools
- More limited base of colleges participating than Common App (approx. 170 to compared to 1,000)
- Partnering schools have made a commitment to graduating students on time with low or no debt

coalitionforcollegeaccess.org



FRESHMAN ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Admission committees use a variety of factors to determine whether the student is a good fit for their campus
- Factors include: transcript (GPA, course rigor), SAT or ACT scores, letters of recommendation, essays, etc.
- Availability in a program/department
- Time of year student applies



WHAT ABOUT THE NEW “AUTOMATIC ADMISSION”?

APRIL 2, 2025

IU, Purdue to automatically enroll students who meet new high school diploma rule

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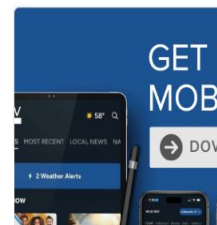
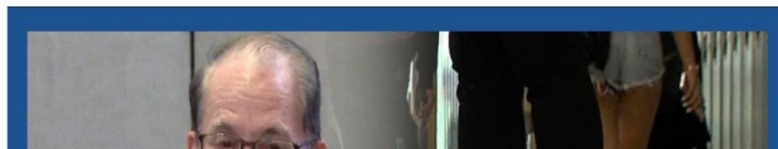
Indiana's state college and university systems have agreed to automatically admit high school students who complete one of the state's new diploma paths.

A 2023 law tasked the State Board of Education with adopting new diploma requirements. They approved three diploma options in December focused on going to college, joining the workforce or enlisting in the armed forces.



Once a student graduates with the diploma seal, they can be automatically enrolled into one of the three paths. (Purdue University)

Indiana outlines new high school diploma guidelines highlighting key partnerships



Students will get automatic admission to Indiana public colleges if they earn new diploma

By Aleksandra Appleton | April 2, 2025, 4:34pm CDT

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“Automatic Admission” New Diploma Qualifications



COMPLETE 4 WORLD LANG & 6 SOCIAL STUDIES CREDITS:

- ☐ 4 World Language Credits
- ☐ 6 Social Studies Credits

COMPLETE 8 MATH CREDITS:

- ☐ 8 Math Credits

COMPLETE 6 SCIENCE CREDITS:

- ☐ 6 Science Credits

EARN BOTH GRADE REQUIREMENTS:

- ☐ C or Higher in All Courses
- ☐ Earn a Cumulative B Average

COMPLETE 1 OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ☐ 4 Credits in AP & Take Exams
- ☐ 4 Credits in IB & Take Exams
- ☐ 6 College Credits
- ☐ Score 1250 on SAT or 26 on ACT
- ☐ Complete 2 of the Following:
 - ➔ 3 College Credits
 - ➔ 2 AP or IB Credits & Take Exams

ENROLLMENT SEAL



INSPIRE | ENGAGE | EMPOWER

EARN ONE CREDENTIAL OF VALUE:

- ☐ Associate Degree
- ☐ Indiana College Core
- ☐ Technical Certificate
- ☐ IB Diploma
- ☐ AP Scholar with Distinction

COMPLETE 75 HOURS OF WBL:

- ☐ 75 Hours WBL

DEMONSTRATE SKILLS IN ALL OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- ☐ Communication
- ☐ Collaboration
- ☐ Work Ethic

“Automatic Admission” New Diploma FAQ’s

- Q: Is this for any state public college or is it limited to only regional campuses?
 - A: YES - this automatic admission DOES apply to the campus of the student’s choice (including Purdue West Lafayette and IU Bloomington). It does NOT include guaranteed admission to private colleges or out of state universities
- Q: Does this guarantee my student will be admitted to their first choice major?
 - A: No. Students are not guaranteed admission to their first choice major. They are only guaranteed admission to their campus of choice.
- Q: Is this the same thing as the “ICC”?
 - A: No. The ICC is a block of 30 college credits students can earn while in high school. Any student can work towards the ICC. However, the ICC meets the “credential of value” requirement of the new diploma so most students earning the new diploma ARE working on the ICC



NCAA/NAIA Eligibility

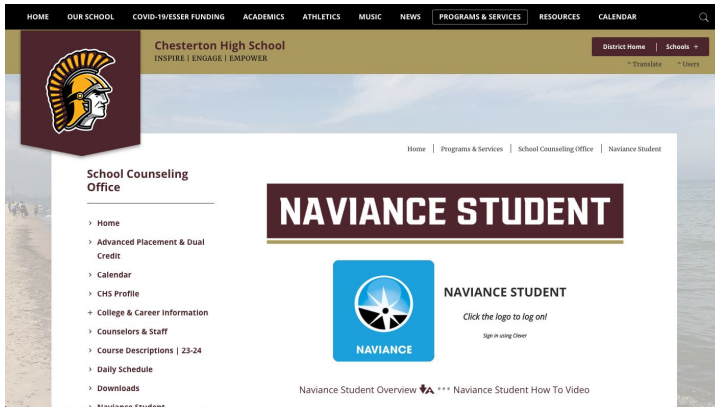
- Student-athletes who plan to continue playing college athletics have [additional eligibility requirements](#) beyond just the college's admission/state graduation requirements
- Must register through eligibility center to compete
- **Must work with school counselor as early as possible in the recruiting process to ensure student is in appropriate courses for eligibility!**

NCAA Eligibility Center (DI or DII only) - eligibilitycenter.org

NAIA Eligibility Center - play.mynaia.org



NAVIANCE



- An online platform to manage post-secondary information.
- Examples: researching college, military, and career options, choosing where to apply, delivering electronic transcripts, learning about scholarship opportunities, and much more!
- SuperMatch College Search is a great jumping off point.
- Students use Clever to log-in
- Homepage will be customized to student's individual interests

A screenshot of the Naviance Student login page. The page has a light blue background. At the top, there is a 'Back' link. Below it, the text 'Welcome Student!' is displayed. A small icon of a backpack is shown. The text 'Login to Naviance' is followed by a button labeled 'CONTINUE WITH Clever', which is circled in red. Below this button is the text 'OR'. Under the 'OR' text, there are two input fields: 'Email' (with the placeholder text 'For example navigator@naviance.com') and 'Password' (with the placeholder text 'Type password'). Below the password field is a checkbox labeled 'Remember me' and a link 'Forgot your password?'. At the bottom of the form is a 'CONTINUE' button. A link 'Need additional help?' is at the very bottom.

TRANSCRIPT

- The transcript gives the admissions committee a very good picture of the student's academic capabilities
- Grades/GPA from grades 9-11 and "in progress" senior classes are included
- Transcripts must be requested in Naviance
- [Instructions](https://chs.duneland.k12.in.us/programs-services/school-counseling-office/transcript-requests) will be e-mailed out to all seniors when transcripts are ready to send - remind them to check their e-mail regularly! They are also posted on the CHS website: <https://chs.duneland.k12.in.us/programs-services/school-counseling-office/transcript-requests>
- Recommend waiting to request transcripts until student is sure they're going to apply/has completed application



LETTERS OF REC

- Student should be the one to make request
- Should be someone the student knows well, but should not be a family member
 - Please do not ask more than 2-3 teachers for recommendations; most colleges will put limits on how many recommendations they'll accept
- Give the person sufficient time to do a good job (at least 2 weeks) and return the letter to the student in ample time to meet their deadline
 - Requests must be made in Naviance
- Also tell the person writing a letter what criteria needs to be addressed in the letter
 - Complete the CHS Brag Sheet in Naviance to provide more details about yourself to your recommender
- Secondary school reports may be required - counselors will complete these when transcript request is made
 - If school requires a written letter from your counselor, notify them with as much advance notice as well



TEST SCORES

- ACT and/or SAT scores may be required. Some colleges may be “test optional” or “test preferred” - student’s choice whether to share scores with those schools
- CHS does not list ACT/SAT scores on transcripts to colleges in accordance with recommendations from College Board and ACT. Students must request the scores themselves:
 - a) During pre-registration for exam (up to 4 free)
 - NCAA Eligibility Center is also destination
 - b) After the exam, within their student ACT/College Board account
- Some colleges superscore - research before deciding if/when to retake
 - ACT will now allow section re-takes, for this purpose
 - Many colleges/universities no longer require the writing section - check their admission requirements before deciding to register
 - Fee waivers available in the Counseling Office for qualified students

sat.org/register

actstudent.org/start



MILITARY REPS



SERVICE ACADEMIES



- Many CHS seniors plan to enlist in military service after high school. Branch info is located on our website:
<https://chs.duneland.k12.in.us/programs-services/school-counseling-office/college-career-information/military-information>
- Recruiters often visit CHS to meet with students and will set up tables during lunch blocks
- Students interested in a Service Academy should work closely with their counselor during that application process



APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

- List of programs with contact information available on website:
<https://chs.duneland.k12.in.us/programs-services/school-counseling-office/college-career-information/apprenticeship-programs>
- We Build Northwest Indiana:
<https://www.webuildnwi.com/>
- Indiana Build Your Future:
<https://indianaconstructionfoundation.com/build-your-future/>
- Skilled Trades Day
 - November
 - We will take a group of interested students as a field trip
- Career Pathways Fair (see next slide)



COLLEGE REPS AND FAIR

- Various college representatives visit CHS throughout the school year to bring students info
 - Students sign up in Naviance for these visits and will be sent a pass to meet in small groups
- Other Opportunities:
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Dunes Area College Fair

10/1/26

Main Gym - During SRT
(students only - not open to public)

NACAC National In-Person and Virtual College Fairs

(open to the public)

<https://www.nacacattend.org/>



CAREER PATHWAYS FAIR

October 28, 2026

Main Gym

During SRT

(students only - not open to the public)

Representatives from trade schools, military reps, apprenticeship, and career representatives will be available for students to explore working in fields of interest to them!



COLLEGE APP WEEK AND COLLEGE APP CAMP

College Application Camp 2026

The Chesterton High School Counseling Office would again like to offer College Application Camp for the Class of 2027!

College Application Camp will be held during SRT on August 19th, 21st and 25th. This allows **ALL** seniors who desire additional assistance with their college applications without interfering with summer obligations.

Camp sessions will run in advance of **ALL** early application deadlines.

Registration will close the first day of school, Wednesday, August 12th. Camp will occur over the span of 3 SRT classes in August.

College Application Camp will be **FREE** to all students who sign up.

jhess@duneland.k12.in.us [Switch account](#)

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* Indicates required question



Indiana College Application
Week

9/21-9/25

<https://forms.gle/fb9r5AVikXQJRLyF7>

College App Camp will be 8/31 and 9/2 during SRT. Students can sign up at the link above!



Senior Meetings

- Counselors meet one on one with every senior to talk about:
 - Graduation progress
 - Post-secondary goals
 - Assistance needed and next steps
- Encourage seniors to keep an eye out on their email for those invitations to their meeting coming soon!
- If students can't attend any of our events during SRT, their senior meeting is a great time to talk to their counselor for individual assistance!



FINANCIAL AID FSA Workshop

September 9, 2026

CHS Cafeteria

- Representatives from INvestEd Indiana will be here for an informational session on financial aid AND will help you create the required FSA ID that will be used once the FAFSA opens later
 - The 2027-2028 FAFSA opens in October
- Open to all senior parents including those whose students are attending colleges, universities, and trade schools that offer financial aid

Net Price Calculator <https://collegecost.ed.gov/net-price>

INvestEd Indiana

<https://www.investedindiana.org/funding/completing-the-fafsa/>



FAFSA COMPLETION NIGHT

October 16, 2026

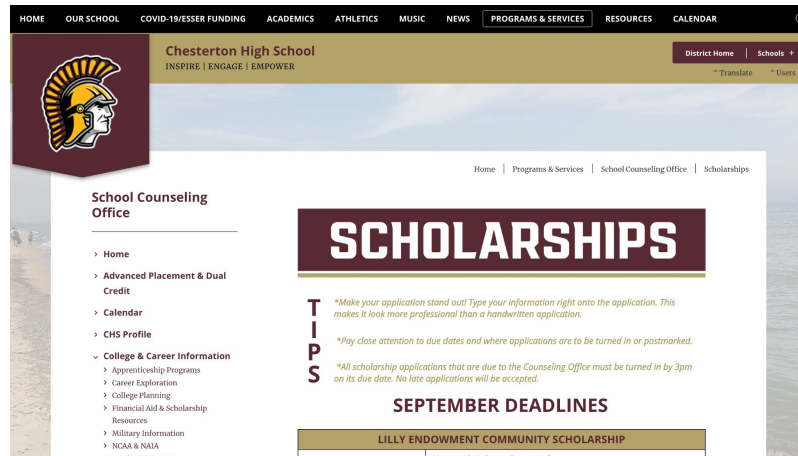
CHS Large Group Instruction Room

- The 2027-2028 FAFSA opens in October
- Open to all senior parents, including students attending colleges, universities, and trade schools that offer financial aid
- Laptops will be available and representatives will be on-site to help you complete your student's actual application for financial aid
- If you attend the event in September, the FAFSA completion night will go faster for you as the first step will already be done!

FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/>

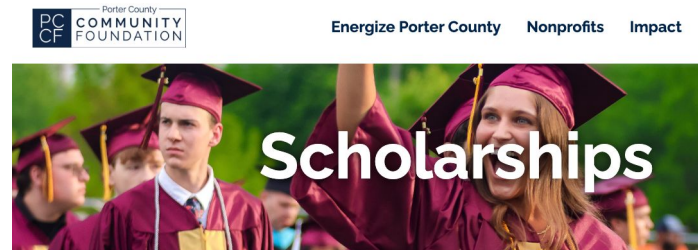


SCHOLARSHIPS



<https://chs.duneland.k12.in.us/programs-services/school-counseling-office/scholarships>

- The first scholarship has already been posted!
- Lilly deadline extended to August 31st
- Seniors received a message in parent square
- Keep checking the website!



Apply for a Scholarship

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program



LIFE SKILLS PREP

Daily Living Skills

- Doing laundry
- Shopping for groceries
- Cooking
- Cleaning the kitchen
- Cleaning the house
- Managing money
- Managing credit
- Swimming
- Searching for a job
- Reading a map
- Taking public transportation
- Making basic repairs
- Managing health



@weareteachers





Counselors will be available in
the hallways throughout Open
House!