

Senior Guidance Night

ARDSLEY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2027

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Things to Keep in Mind for the Class of 2027



Test Optional Trend

A gradual return to standardized testing requirements across colleges.



Application Influx

Managing expectations with a rising volume of submissions globally.



FAFSA Updates

Essential updates regarding financial aid applications and structural changes.



Non-Traditional Routes

Exploring alternative pathways to standard universities and colleges.



Timeline Shifts

Key changes and variations in traditional college application timelines.



College Representatives

Valuable opportunities to meet and build connections with admissions staff.



In-State Focus

Colleges actively recruiting and shopping for local, in-state candidates.



Considering a Gap Year?

Evaluating the potential benefits and structure of taking a year off.

Sept.-Oct. Activities



Finalize College List

Review and complete your selection of target schools to apply to.



Develop Personal Calendar

Map out timelines for completing college placement responsibilities.



Complete Testing Requirements

Fulfill all standardized testing prerequisites necessary for applying.



College Fairs & Meetings

Attend fairs and sessions with representative college meetings.



Evening Meet & Greet

Explore local college gatherings and meet-and-greet events.



Demonstrated Interest

Take active steps to show interest—it goes a long way with colleges!



DEADLINES DEADLINES** DEADLINES****

Be highly proactive! Closely monitor all individual application submission dates.

Student Responsibilities



Common App Account

Create an account on Commonapp.org to begin your application process.



Naviance Review

Review the list of schools and list them in the "Colleges I am Applying to List".



Teacher Recommendations

Formally request teacher recommendations early to ensure they have ample time.



Guidance Materials

Complete high school guidance materials, located in the Guidance tab on the school's website and Naviance:

- **Transcript Request Form**
- **Activities Resume**
- **Student Brag Sheet**
- **Parent Information Sheet**

Important Naviance Information



Quick Send Feature

Naviance has a unique feature which easily allows information to be sent quickly to schools.



Ready to Submit Fully

Students should only request the transcript for the schools they are ready to submit fully!



Caution: "All Schools"

They should be careful to request All Schools until they are sure that they want their materials sent to all schools.

Requesting Transcripts in Naviance

Home

Self-Discovery

Careers

Colleges

Planner

About me



College Home

Find Your fit

SuperMatch College Search

College Match

College Events

Scattergrams

Advanced College Search

College Lookup

Research Colleges



Colleges I'm Thinking About

College Visits

College Compare

College Resources

Acceptance History

College Maps



Apply to College

Colleges I'm Applying To

Manage Transcripts

Letters of Recommendation

Test Scores

Scholarships & Money

College-Specific Scholarships

National Scholarship Search

Scholarship Search



Favorite Scholarships

COLLEGES I AM APPLYING TO

colleges I'm applying to

[+ add to this list](#) | [request transcripts](#) | [compare me](#)

Actions									
College	Type	Applying via Common App?	Submissions	Expected Difficulty*	Deadline†	Transcript	Office Status	My App.	Results
☐ U of Arizona	RD	-		MA	5/1/13	sent	Initial materials submitted		Unknown    
☐ U of CO Boulder	RD	-		MA	1/15/13	sent	Initial materials submitted	app submitted	Unknown    
☐ Indiana U Bloomington	RD	-		MA	-	sent	Initial materials submitted	app submitted	Accepted    
☐ UMD College Park	RD	-		MA	1/20/13	sent	Initial materials submitted	app submitted	Unknown    
☐ Miami Univ. Oxford	RD	Yes (CA Exclusive)		MA	2/1/13	sent	Initial materials submitted	app submitted	Unknown    
☐ U of Miami	RD	Yes (CA Exclusive)		MA	1/1/13	sent	Initial materials submitted		Unknown    
☐ U of Michigan	RD	Yes (CA Exclusive)		MA	-	sent	Initial materials submitted	app submitted	Unknown    

Submission
type

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM

Student's Name

Guidance Counselor

Name of School	Please Circle	Please Circle	Date Sent
1. _____ _____	Common App SUNY/CUNY Direct to School	ED (Early Decision) EA (Early Action) Regular Decision	
2. _____ _____	Common App SUNY/CUNY Direct to School	ED (Early Decision) EA (Early Action) Regular Decision	
3. _____ _____	Common App SUNY/CUNY Direct to School	ED (Early Decision) EA (Early Action) Regular Decision	

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 Indiana U Bloomington	RD	-		N/A	-	sent	Initial materials submitted	app submitted	Accepted 
 UMD College Park	RD	-		N/A	1/20/13	sent	Initial materials submitted	app submitted	Unknown 
 Miami Univ. Oxford	RD	Yes (CA Exclusive)		N/A	2/1/13	sent	Initial materials submitted	app submitted	Unknown 
 U of Miami	RD	Yes (CA Exclusive)		N/A	1/1/13	sent	Initial materials submitted		Unknown 
 U of Michigan	RD	Yes (CA Exclusive)		N/A	-	sent	Initial materials submitted	app submitted	Unknown 

Transcript
Tracker



DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST *SUITS* YOU?

Regular Decision

DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Rolling Admission

DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Action (EA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll and withdraw all other applications. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

COMMITMENT:

BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

WRITING CENTER



Conferences

Open daily for one-on-one conferences to help you refine your writing.



Lunch Block

The Writing Center will be open each day during the lunch block.



Appointments

Students can book appointments in advance on our Google Classroom page.



Google Classroom

Access resources and schedule sessions directly on our Classroom portal.

Join Code: [eylfd3](#)

College Essay Workshop



Date & Flyers

Date is TBD. Keep an eye out for flyers posted around the school building.



Reservations

Students must reserve their spot in advance to attend this workshop.



Writing Center

Students can visit the AHS Writing Center page on Google Classroom.



Guidance Portal

Workshop updates and details will be posted directly on Guidance Classroom.

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION LETTERS



Online Process

Teachers can easily upload and send letters electronically. All requests and communication are handled online.



Naviance Platform

Teachers submit letters directly through Naviance and receive immediate confirmation of successful submission.



Careful Review

Be sure to carefully review and manage the specific letters you plan on sending to each individual institution.



College Guidelines

Colleges maintain strict and specific policy guidelines regarding the number and type of recommendations they will read.

SELECTING TEACHERS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

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https://static.naviance.com/family-connection/edocs/letters-of-recommendation/#/

Ardsley High School Logged in as: Jane Smith (log out) Manage my account

family connection home colleges careers about me my planner

Letters of recommendation

Your Requests

You can request new letters of recommendation and track the most recent status of your requests here.

Showing 0 requests

Add Request

Recommendation For ^	Deadline ^	Recommender(s)	Status ⓘ	Cancel Request
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Your recommendation requests will show up here.

Add Request

Ardsley High School
300 Farm Road
Ardsley, NY 10502



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Family Connection LOR Request UI: 1.1.1
[New Privacy Policy](#)
Logged in as **Jane Smith**
[Log out](#)

10:29 AM
9/8/2016

SELECTING SPECIFIC TEACHERS FOR SPECIFIC SCHOOLS

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Letters of recommendation

Add new request

Here you can ask a teacher to write you a letter of recommendation for schools in your *Colleges I'm applying to* list. Make sure you give your teachers plenty of time to write your recommendations!

Cancel Save

1. Who would you like to write this recommendation?*

Select A Teacher

2. Select which colleges this request is for:*

☐ All	Colleges +	Due +
☐	Emerson College 1 required / 2 allowed / 0 requested	Jan 15 2017
☐	SUNY College at Oneonta 1 required / 2 allowed / 0 requested	Apr 01 2017

3. Include a personal note to remind your recommender about your great qualities and any specifics about your request:

3000 characters remaining

Cancel Save

* Indicates a required field

10:31 AM 9/8/2016

TRACKING RECOMMENDATION STATUS

Teacher Recommendations

[add/cancel requests](#)

Teacher	Status	Your Note
Brian Gutherman	Requested	Hi Mr. Gutherman! I have decided to apply to Wesleyan University early instead! The due date is the 15th! Thanks again!!
Stuart Horlacher	Completed	Hi Mr. Horlacher! Im applying early decision to Williams College and the deadline is november 10th. Thank you so much! Im not sure about what other colleges I'm applying to regular decision yet but i will let you know soon!

⇒ COMMON APPLICATION PRIVACY NOTICE

You have indicated that you DO waive your right to access Common Application recommendation forms completed by your school. You have indicated that you authorize all secondary schools you have attended to release all requested records and review your application for the admission process. This information was recorded by you at September 13, 2012 12:19 PM from the following IP Address:



Status Tracking

Counselor Activities

A structured overview of key milestones, support mechanisms, and interactive sessions throughout the academic year.



**Senior Classroom
Presentations 01**



Application Process 02



**Interview/Visitation Process
03**



**Individual Student Meetings
04**



Family Meetings 05

High School Role

*Secondary school
application materials*



Secondary school report form



Transcript with GPA



Three Year GPA



First quarter grades *(upon request)*



Mid-year grades with updated GPA



Counselor Recommendation



School profile

SUBMISSION STATUS

U of Michigan

▼ [hide full detail](#)

- This student has submitted the application for this college through 1
- This college requires 1 evaluation minimum; 4 evaluations maximum

 This is a Common App college - select the forms you'd like to submit online and click "submit selected forms"

FORM	why are some forms unavailable for selection?	INFORMATION
☒ School Report		<i>sent on October 1, 2012 by Patricia Slattery</i>
Written Evaluation		<i>sent on October 1, 2012 by Patricia Slattery</i>
School Profile		<i>sent on October 1, 2012 by Patricia Slattery</i>
Active Transcript (Initial)		<i>sent on October 1, 2012 by Patricia Slattery</i>
☒ Common App Teacher Eval.		<i>sent on October 18, 2012 by Jessica Berman</i>
Letter of Recommendation		<i>sent on October 18, 2012 by Jessica Berman</i>
☒ Common App Teacher Eval.		<i>sent on October 16, 2012 by Dave Chason</i>
Letter of Recommendation		<i>sent on October 16, 2012 by Dave Chason</i>
☐ Midyear Report		
Midyear Change Explanation		
Active Transcript (Initial)		<i>uploaded on September 21, 2012 by eDocs Printer</i>
☐ Optional Report		
Optional Change Explanation		
Active Transcript (Initial)		<i>uploaded on September 21, 2012 by eDocs Printer</i>
☐ Final Report		
Final Change Explanation		
Active Transcript (Initial)		<i>uploaded on September 21, 2012 by eDocs Printer</i>

Specific Groups

*Information and resources
for Student Athletes and
Learning Differences.*



The Student Athlete

Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.



Services for Students with Learning Differences

Fill out the Release of Confidential Information
Form for Guidance and Psychologist.



COLLEGE INFO SESSIONS



In-Person Sessions

College Representative Information Sessions will take place in person during the school day.



Naviance Updates

Dates and times can be found on Naviance and will be shared with the students frequently.



Student Etiquette

Students need to be mindful of their etiquette. You are representing the AHS community, and meetings are often held by the representative who reads your applications.

College Fairs



Big Apple Fair

September 27th

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: The Javits
Center



NYSACAC

Sept 29th

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Sarah Lawrence
College

Oct 14th

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Port Chester HS



SUNY College Fair October 20th

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: The
Javits Center



Southern Westchester

October 20th

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Location:
Westchester
County Center

Standardized Testing

 SAT Reasoning Test

 ACT

 AP

 Test Optional



❏ FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) – <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

❏ [CSS Profile](#)

THE FINANCIAL AID PROCESS



IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID DATE



Ardsley High School

Financial Aid Night



October 15th at 7:00 PM

Always important to hear year-to-year updates...

WEBSITES

General Agency Sites



www.collegeboard.com



www.ets.org



www.act.org

College Search Sites



www.usnews.com



www.unigo.com



www.appily.com

FINANCIAL AID WEBSITES

General Planning & Agencies

www.nasfaa.org

National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

www.collegeboard.com

CSS Profile & college planning resources

www.collegeview.com

College search, profiles, and financial aid tools

www.easi.ed.gov

Easy Access for Students and Institutions

Diversity & Specialized Aid

www.uncf.org

United Negro College Fund scholarships & aid

blackstudentfund.org

Support for African American students

www.gmsp.org

Gates Millennium Scholars program

www.wiredscholar.com

Interactive tools for college evaluation & planning

Search Engines & Portals

www.fastaid.com

The world's largest & oldest scholarship source

www.fastweb.com

Leading scholarship search and matching service

www.finaid.org

The SmartStudent Guide to Financial Aid

www.gomerry.com

Streamlined scholarship applications portal

collegescholarships.com

Comprehensive scholarship directory & search

grantsandfunding.com

Database of grants and institutional funding

www.excite.com

General portal and education web directory