Senior Parent & Guardian Night



School Counselor Breakdown



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(LTS for Mrs. Patchen from September - March)

Counseling Office Website

Post-Secondary Options

- 4 year college
- 2 year college (Trade/Community)
- Military
- Apprenticeships
- Employment
- Gap year



Military/Apprenticeships

- 6 different branches
  - Army, Coast Guard, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force
- Options after high school
  - Enlist
  - ROTC
- Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC)
  - Earning a degree while training to be an officer in one of the military branches
  - Graduates must serve 3-4 years in active duty upon college graduation

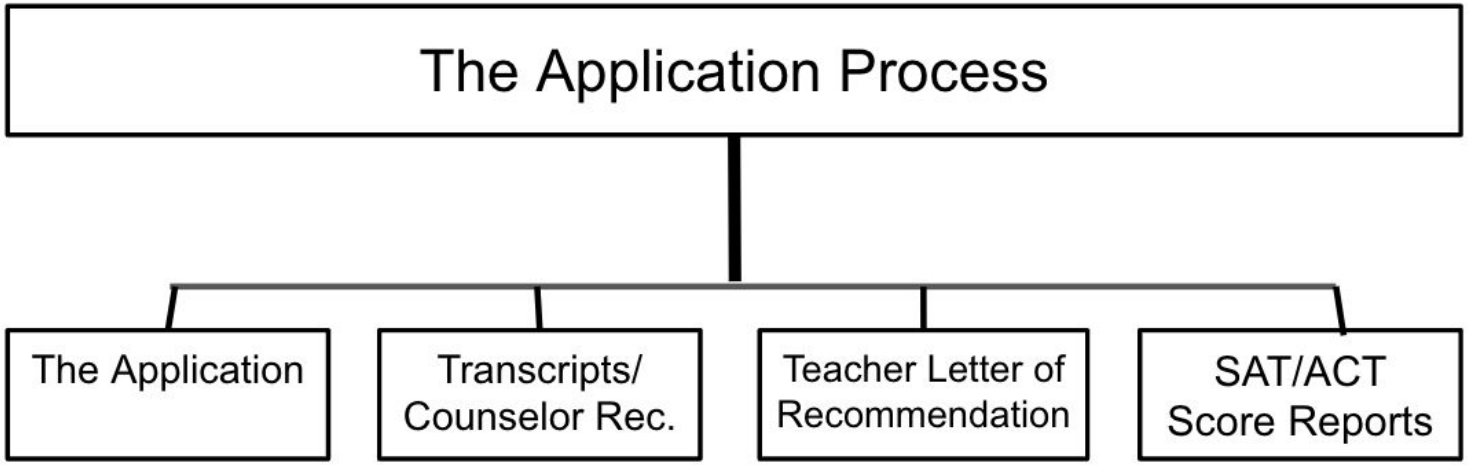
Your counselor can set up a meeting with a recruiter if you are interested in the military

Apprenticeships offer **full-time employment and on the job training, while earning a salary.** Upon successful completion of an apprenticeship, individuals will be certified in their field. Apprenticeships will have specific applications and requirements.

Some careers that offer apprenticeships:

- Boilermakers
- Carpenters
- Ironworkers
- Plumbers
- Masonry workers

College Application Process



Creating a Final List

- 1-2 “likely” schools
- 1-2 “probable” schools
- 1-2 “reach” schools
- 1 financial safety school



Don’t apply to a school just to see if you can get accepted

School Specific Application

- Applying directly from a college's website
- Can be used when applying individually through a school's website
- Many universities have the option for students to apply individually through their website

common app

- Applying directly from www.commonapp.org
- Can be used when applying to multiple universities
- Over 1,000 universities participate
- Simplifies the admissions process by using one application

Decision Options

Decision Options	Common Deadlines	Commitment	Can apply to other colleges Early Action?	Can apply to other colleges Regular Decision?
Early Decision	~10/15, 11/1, 11/15*	Binding	Yes	Yes
Early Action	~10/15, 11/1, 11/15*	Non-binding	Yes	Yes
Regular Decision	~Feb. 1*	Non-binding	Yes	Yes
Rolling Decision	No Deadline	Non-binding	Yes	Yes

* Deadline may vary by college

Common App Direct Admissions

230 colleges participating

How it works:

1. **Complete basic information in Common App**
2. **Receive direct admissions offers**
3. **Explore your options**
4. **Complete and submit your application**
5. **Choose what's right for you**

Decision Outcomes

Accepted	You have until May 1st to notify the college
Rejected	Don't take it personally
Waitlisted	You are a backup for the college. Notify the college immediately if you want to remain on the waitlist.
Deferred	You haven't been accepted yet...but might be later. They want to see more from you such as more test scores & senior grades.

Please notify each college you've applied to once you've made a final decision on the college you will be attending - this will free up spots for other students to attend those colleges.

Naviance Student

Seniors will utilize Naviance Student throughout the college application process by accessing the following features:

- Signing up for college visits - this list is available on the counseling website
- Matching their Common App to Naviance
- Adding colleges to “Colleges I’m Applying To” for School Specific Applications
- Requesting teacher letters of recommendation
- Completing counselor recommendation survey (if needed)



Requesting Transcripts

The Transcript Request Form must be submitted to the counseling office prior to the release of student records.

Transcript requests must be received **at least 12 school days before deadline.** The counseling office is **not responsible** for missed deadlines if requests are made less than 12 school days before the deadline.

Transcript Request Form

Official vs. Unofficial Transcript

What's the difference?

Type of Trancript *

- ◯ Official Transcript - Examples: College Admissions, Scholarships, NCAA, PULSE
- ◯ Unofficial Transcript - Examples: College Self-Reporting, College Visit, Personal Records, etc.

Please select one of the options above.

When to submit transcript requests:

- **For Common App. -** After you've matched your Common App and Naviance accounts, completed FERPA section, and listed colleges in Common App.
- **For School Specific**. - Must be listed in Naviance Student under "Colleges I'm Applying To."

Teacher Letters of Recommendation

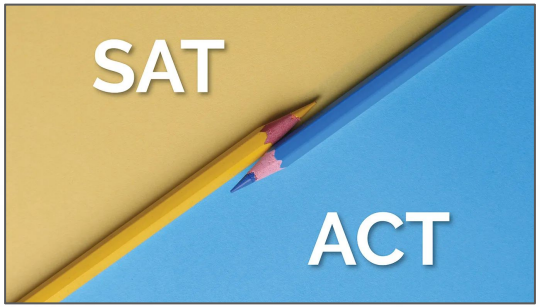
Steps for requesting a teacher letter of recommendation:

1. Ask the teacher in person
2. Complete Teacher Recommendation Form (if needed) - can be found in the counseling office
3. Request teacher(s) in Naviance Student
4. Send a thank you note!

Continue to communicate with teacher(s) if circumstances change!

SAT and ACT Score Reports

Students are responsible for sending their SAT or ACT scores to the colleges they are applying to (if required).



Students must send their scores directly from their account from either:

- SAT: www.collegeboard.org
- ACT: www.act.org

Test Optional

If a college or university has a test-optional policy, they do not require students to submit their SAT or ACT scores. Students can choose if they would like to submit their standardized test scores or not.

*For more information and to see a current list of colleges with a test-optional policy, please visit www.fairtest.org

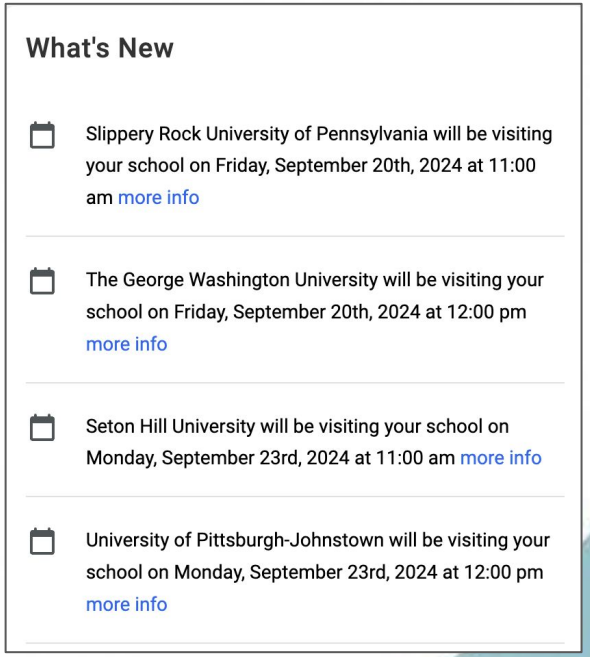
FairTest
The National Center for Fair & Open Testing

College Representative Visits

How do I sign up?

1. Login to Naviance
2. Scroll down to “What’s New” and click “more info”
3. Must register no later than the night before the visit

College visits are a great way to network and possibly meet admissions representatives who will be reviewing your application. All college visits through Naviance are held in the counseling office.



Senior Scholarships

Senior Scholarships will be listed on the HHS Counseling Website. Students can also check out the following websites:

- https://www.tfec.org/scholarships/
  - (open January 1)
- www.fastweb.com
- www.scholarships.com
- https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search



Instant Decision Day

Instant Decision Day can alleviate the pressure of applying to a college and waiting weeks — or even months – to hear back. During this event on **October 14th**, prospective students spend 15-20 interviewing with an admissions counselor. After the interview ends, the student is told immediately whether or not the school will extend an offer of admissions.

Flyers are posted in senior homerooms, with morning announcement reminders for students to sign up!

Deadline: October 7th

Act 47 - FAFSA Completion Requirement

Under a new law recently enacted by the Pennsylvania General Assembly, beginning with the 2026-27 school year, high school students enrolled in Pennsylvania public and non-public schools must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) with the U.S. Department of Education or submit the Pennsylvania FAFSA Completion Opt-Out Form before completing high school.

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