

Class of 2027 Postsecondary Planning Groups

Winter 2026



PATHFINDER



Academic match

Career match

Financial match
Personal match

Student support

services

Combined degree
programs (Ex. 4+1)

Institution type
(HBCU, HSI, etc.)

Clubs/organizations
First-gen support

Alumni network
Student population

Housing

Recommendation

letters

Transcript
FAFSA

Application platform

(common App)

Early action vs. early
decision vs. regular
decision

Direct costs vs.
Indirect costs

Personal budget

Financial Aid Office
support/resources

Net price

Orientation

Welcome activities

Get involved

Stay organized
Faculty/staff
engagement

Academic/ campus
resources

Establish community

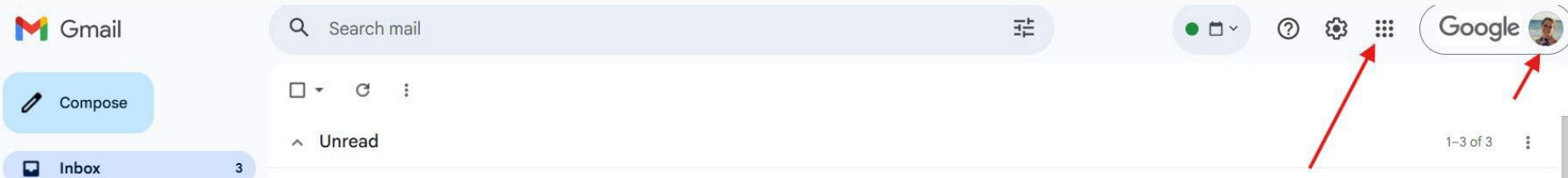
Xello - Logging in

Sign into your school GMail account

Then, click on the waffle/Google App launcher inside GMail

Scroll down to the bottom and click on Xello

You will automatically be signed in



Xello

College and Career Readiness Tool

- ❑ Begin post-secondary exploration process
- ❑ Explore Careers
- ▣ *Explore Colleges*
- ❑ Request Transcripts for college
- ❑ Request Teacher Letter(s) of Recommendation
- ❑ Virtually Tour Colleges
- ❑ Learn about Admissions Criteria

Xello - Set Filters & Explore Colleges

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Home ▾



About Me ▾



Explore ▾



Plans ▾



Location

Massachusetts X

Add one or more states

Cost / year

\$0

\$85,000

More filters

Campus setting X

Enrollment X

18 schools

Alphabetical (A to Z) ▾



American International College



Springfield, MA



Berklee College of Music



Boston, MA



Cape Cod Community College



West Barnstable, MA



Clark University



Worcester, MA



College of the Holy Cross

Emerson College

Framingham State University

Hult International Business School

Preparing for College Applications

- ❑ Attend campus visits, tours, open houses, and college fairs
 - ❑ Demonstrate Interest
- ❑ Collect samples of work as they may be an application requirement
 - ❑ Graded Papers
 - ❑ Portfolio Samples
- ❑ Continue to participate in extracurricular activities
- ❑ Identify junior year teachers - letters of recommendation
- ❑ Brainstorm and draft college essay/personal statement

SAT / ACT

- ❑ Register for the SAT and/or ACT
 - ❑ www.collegeboard.org - SAT
 - ❑ www.actstudent.org - ACT
 - ❑ Exams offered nearly every month
 - ❑ April and June are most popular for spring ACT
 - ❑ **May and June are most popular for spring SAT**
- ❑ Most students repeat the SAT or ACT in the fall of senior year
- ❑ Free/reduced lunch → Qualify for 2 free SAT & ACT exams
- ❑ What is Test-optional?

Letters of Recommendation

Required School Counselor Letter: *Counselor Letter of Recommendation* Google Form

Teacher Letters:

Identify 2 junior year academic teachers

Google Form: *Teacher Letter of Recommendation* for each teacher

(will be posted in Google Classroom)

Request officially in Xello next fall for each school in “college applications”

Academics

- ❑ Your class rank and GPA will be calculated after this semester for the first time. They will be calculated again after junior year ends.
 - ❑ Posted in Xello February 2026
- ❑ Be aware of high school graduation requirements vs. college admission requirements

*****Put forth your best effort and seek extra support as needed*****

NCAA

- ❑ Division 1 or 2 athletes must register for the NCAA at www.ncaa.org
- ❑ Register this spring
- ❑ Send SAT scores to NCAA
 - ❑ Code: 9999

Not going to college after graduation?

- ❑ Explore certificate and other training programs in the area
 - ❑ [DHS Postsecondary Planning Site for Career and Technical Training](#)
 - ❑ Attend open houses and other informational opportunities
- ❑ Make a connection with military recruiters - *if needed*
- ❑ Register for the ASVAB, *if needed and for a career aptitude assessment*
 - ❑ [DHS Armed Services Preparation Site](#)
- ❑ Explore GAP Year and/or Service Learning Opportunities
 - ❑ [DHS Gap Year Exploration Site](#)

Postsecondary Planning Meetings

School Counselors will meet with
all juniors individually this winter
and spring!

Student Support Teams

Assistant Principal Mr. Coogan
Last Names A – J

Assistant Principal Mr. Martin
Last Names K-Z

Student Last Name

**A – Z
Grade 9**

**A - E
Grades 10 -12**

**F - M
Grades 10 - 12**

**N - Z
Grades 10 - 12**

Social Worker

Ms. Callahan

Mrs. Gleicher

Mrs. Thomas

Ms. Iwanczuk

School
Counselor

Mr. Jordan

Mrs. Thibodeau

Ms. Heath

Mrs. Levesque

Counselor Email Addresses

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Mrs. Heath: nicoleheath@dartmouthschools.org

Mrs. Levesque: cassielevesque@dartmouthschools.org

Guidance Google Classroom Code
Class of 2027

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Questions?