



# Planning for Senior Year

Where are you and where should you be?

*Class of 2018*

# Objectives

- \* Students **will review the Junior Year Timeline** to assess where they are and what their next steps are.
- \* Students will **have the opportunity to explore various Naviance features** that relate to the College Process.
- \* Students **will complete the Counseling Survey**.


# Class of 2018

- It is not about the “best” college, it is about finding the right college.
- The right college is where a student can be happy and successful.

# LRHS TIMELINE- JUNIORS

Get prepared and review info to take the PSAT

•Meet with Student Services to begin career and college planning

•**2<sup>nd</sup> Student Services meeting to get prepared for Junior Interview Day**   
 •Attend **College Night** Evening event in Feb  
 •ALL Juniors register for the **March 11<sup>th</sup> SAT**

•Go on a College Visit during Spring Break!  
 •Consider doing a career shadow day in an area of interest

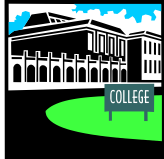


*Please*



•Take the PSAT  
 •Check registration dates for the SAT and consider signing up for the November or December SAT if you have already completed Alg II

•Take SAT on **Dec 3rd** if you have already completed Alg II  
 •Consider classes for Senior Year schedule  
 •Sign up for a college visit on Naviance



•**Junior Interview Day!**  
 •ALL Juniors take the SAT for the 1<sup>st</sup> time



# Junior Year Timeline-

It's called "wayfinding," princess. And it's not just sails and knots; it's seeing where you're going in your *mind*. Knowing where you are by knowing where you've *been*.

- College Search-** gathering a list of schools that you are interested in learning more about
- College Visits-** helps you decide if the college is the right environment for you
- Signing up and taking** the SAT and/or ACT
- Building a resume** (done during Junior Interviews and should be updated over time)
- Selected awesome Senior Year classes**



# LRHS TIMELINE- Juniors

- Request teachers to write a recommendation letter VIA Naviance!
- Ensure all Naviance documents are complete
- Have tentative list of schools

- Attend Senior Meeting to learn transcript request process
- Have a final list of schools
- Request letters of recommendation from teachers- paper forms
- STAY ORGANIZED!

- Finish college application process and verify documents have been submitted!
- Research scholarships



May

June

July

Aug

September

Oct

Nov

- Complete Counselor Information Form and Teacher Information Forms on Naviance
- Add colleges you're thinking about in Naviance

- Visit campuses, gather info and start applications
- Start college Essays



- Start college applications
- Work through ALL the steps in your Senior Packet
- Take SAT one last time if you feel you need to



# What's Next?

**Choosing Your Schools and  
Starting the application process**

# Naviance- SuperMatch College Search

family connection

colleges careers about me my planner

College Search (4,645 schools available) SuperMatch™ search

MY SEARCH OPTIONS  
Start Over Search My Searches

FIND & PIN A SCHOOL BY NAME  
Enter name of school

FIND YOUR BEST FIT

- Location
- Majors
- My Scores
- Tuition and Fees
- Ethnicity
- School Type
- School Size
- On Campus Housing
- Campus Setting
- Public or Private
- Gender Mix
- Historically Black
- Getting In
- Graduation Rate
- Organizations
- Special Services
- Disability Services
- Sports

Too many schools to choose from? Don't worry...  
**WE'VE GOT THIS!**

**GET MATCHED**  
Use over 20 search criteria to find the schools that are the best match for you and find out why.

**PIN YOUR FAVORITE**  
Keep an eye on the schools you're interested in by pinning them to the top of your list.

**COMPARE**  
See how your pinned schools stack up to each other on the factors that matter to you most with SuperMatch's Compare View.

**SAVE**  
With a few simple steps, you can save your progress and come back to your search later.

## SCHOOL LIST:

\* 1-2 Reach

\* 3-4 Target

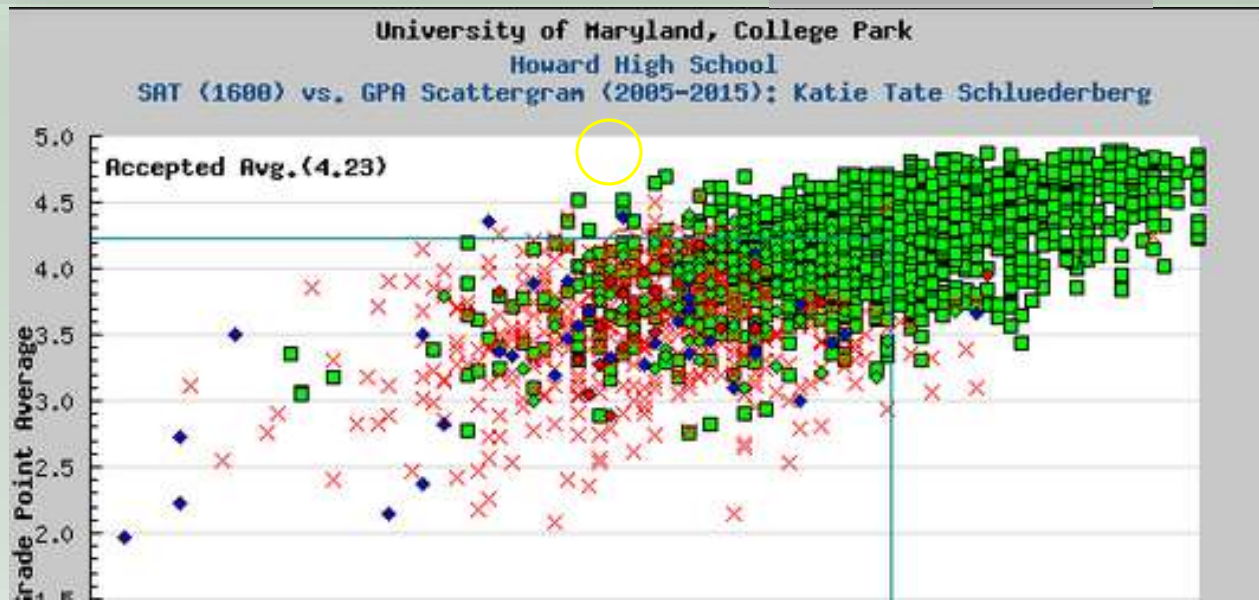
\* 1-2 Safety



# College Comparisons- What Are My Chances?

[VISIT WEBSITE](#) | 
 [OVERLAPS](#) | 
 [SCHOOL STATS](#) | 
 [GRAPH](#) | 
 [REMOVE FROM COLLEGES I'M THINKING ABOUT](#)

How You Compare	GPA	PSAT to SAT 1600	PSAT to SAT 2400	Single SAT 1600	Combined SAT 1600	Single SAT 2400	Combined SAT 2400	PLAN to ACT	ACT	IB	Accept
Katie Tate Schluederberg	4.14	1050	1700	-	1080	1640	1640	-	-	-	-
University of Maryland, College Park*	4.20	1218	1941	1218	1311	1941	1960	29	29	-	1968/5087



Things To Consider....

# Is Community College for you?

- \* You want to **explore different choices** before settling on a path
- \* You need to **cut the cost** of a four-year college degree
  - \* Average 4-year private university expenses: \$30,000+
  - \* Average 4-year public university expenses: \$13,489
  - \* Average 2-year public university expenses: \$2,361
- \* You want to **sharpen your study skills** before a four-year college
- \* You want **small classes** and personal attention as you begin college
- \* You want to continue to work at **your job** while going to college
- \* You want to **live at home**

# Visits are Important! Even Virtual Visits!

- \* University of MD, College Park
- \* Loyola University
- \* Salisbury University
- \* Penn State University
- \* Johns Hopkins University
- \* Oberlin College



# 5 questions to ask on college tours

Get a better perspective of the school...

## Questions to ask:

1. What makes this college stand out?
2. What do you do here on weekends?
3. What's been your favorite class?
4. How many people on campus do you recognize?
5. What don't you like about your school?



# Additional Questions-

- \* 1. What is the average SAT score and GPA at this school?
- \* 2. Do you offer a major in \_\_\_\_\_?
- \* 3. What percentage of your student body completes an internship?
- \* 4. What percentage of students study abroad?
- \* 5. What percentage of students graduate in 4 years?
- \* 6. What types of extracurricular clubs and sports do you offer?
- \* 7. What percentage of students live on campus?
- \* 8. Do you offer any support services for students? (i.e. writing center, tutoring center, counseling services)
- \* 9. What are the class sizes for freshman level courses?
- \* 10. Can freshman have cars on campus?
- \* 11. What percentage of students receive scholarships? Are these mostly loans or private grants that the school has?

# What is in the admission file?

- **A transcript:** a record of final marks for grades 9-11 and mid year 12th grade marks (includes midterm exam)
- **High School Profile**
- SAT, ACT, Subject Tests, and AP **test scores**
- Teacher and counselor **rec letters**
- **Personal statement/essay**
- **Application;** personal information, high school information, details of extracurricular activities
- Notes from campus/alumni **interview**
- **Record of student contact**

# Top Five Factors in Admissions Decisions

Factor	Considerable Importance
Grades in College Prep Courses	74.9%
Strength in Curriculum	61.5%
Admission Test Scores (SAT/ACT)	54.3%
Grades in All Courses	52.1%
Essay or Writing Sample	26.6%

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CAN HELP MAKE AN APPLICATION. SHOW INVESTMENT IN AN AREA OF PASSION AND INTEREST**



# Standardized Tests

- **Students received PSAT results and reviewed score strengths and weaknesses**  
Use the results to focus on your SAT preparation.  
**\*\*USE KHAN ACADEMY\*\***
- We recommend that you take the SAT at least once during junior year and at least a practice ACT.

Check out SAT vs ACT here and take a practice test:

<https://www.kaptest.com/college-prep/test-information/sat-vs-act>

Upcoming SAT Dates:

June 3<sup>rd</sup>

October 2017

Upcoming ACT Dates:

June 10th

September 2017

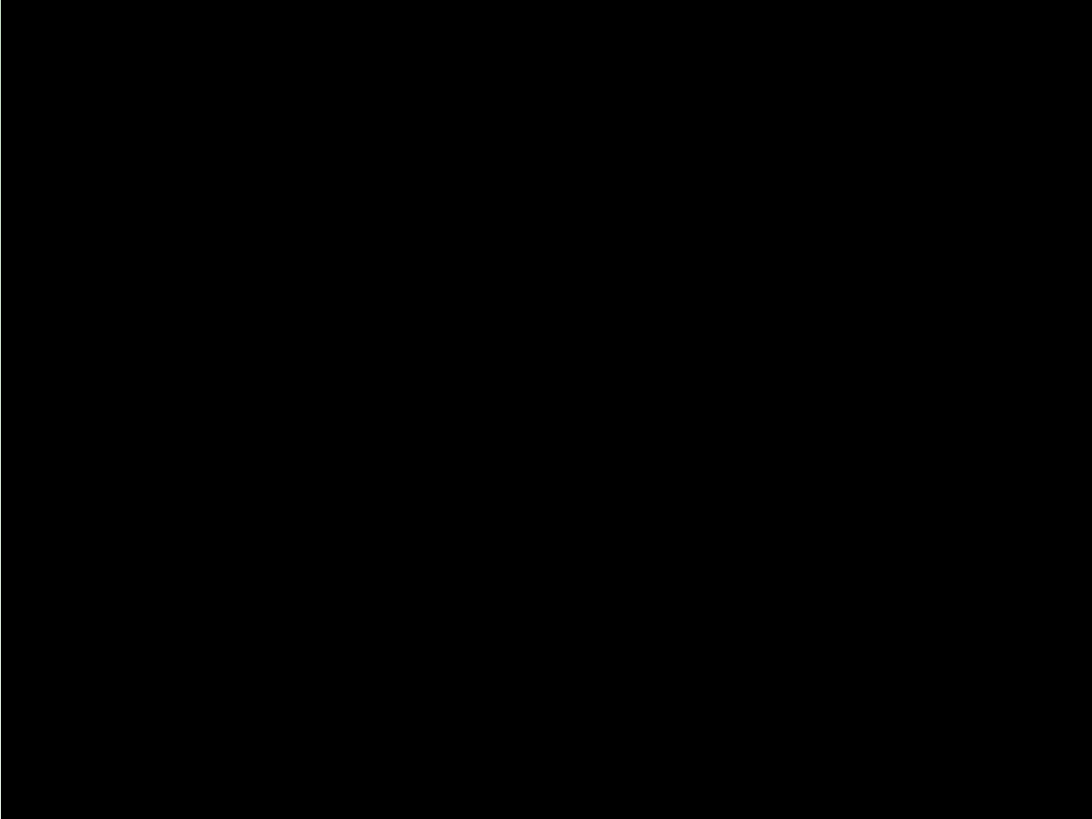
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# SAT Subject Tests

- \* **Evaluate your need for Subject Tests**

- \* Applying to very competitive schools? You may need 1-3 Subject Tests.
- \* Many colleges and universities do not require any subject tests.
- \* Some colleges will accept the ACT in lieu of the SAT subject tests. You need to check with individual schools about their policy.

# Build Your Resume



Think about  
community  
involvement,  
a job, or  
internship  
you can get  
involved in  
this summer!

# Academic Common Market

- \* **Maryland is a member of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Academic Common Market, which includes 16 states.**
- If your major is not offered in Maryland other member states will give you in-state tuition for that major.
- **Information available at:**  
**<http://www.sreb.org/overview/academic-common-market>**

# What is Test Optional?

[www.Fairtest.org](http://www.Fairtest.org)

**Some colleges do not require standardized test scores**

- Academic strength is determined by the transcript and the GPA
- Test-optional colleges will often require additional materials
- If a student's standardized test scores are not in line with his or her GPA, test-optional applications remove them from consideration.
- **One word of caution:** some schools put a grade qualification on who can apply test optional

**APPLYING!**  
**START THE PROCESS!**

# Keep An Eye on Deadline Dates

family connection

home

colleges

careers

about me



my planner

search for colleges:

Go

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## colleges I'm thinking about

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



### my colleges

- > [colleges I'm thinking about](#)
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[Update Interest](#)

[Remove from List](#)

# Decision Plans

- \* Early Decision:

October/November

(ADMIT, DENY OR DEFER)

decision by mid-December

**BINDING** if admitted

- \* Early Decision II:

**Binding**, if admitted

- \* Early Action/Priority:

**Non-Binding**

- \* Regular Decision:

**Non-Binding**

- \* Rolling Decision

Many colleges and universities don't use application deadlines at all- first come first admitted



# Early Decision or Early Action is not for everyone.

- \* **Is there any benefit to early application for a first choice school besides demonstrating that it is your primary choice? Are there benefits for waiting?**
- \* **Yes, and yes.** Statistics show that applying early, particularly Early Decision, which is binding, can have a positive effect on your chances for admission.
- \* If you are not at least a solid candidate for the school, you could be rejected outright.
- \* If you are a student who would benefit from showing a full fall semester of classes and taking standardized tests through December, then you might be better off applying for regular decision.

# Early Decision

- \* While Early Decision is not a legally binding commitment (no one can take you to court), **the Early Decision commitment is binding in the college admissions process.**
- \* Early Decision is the right decision only if you are applying to the college that is right for you.
- \* **For students seeking financial aid**, applying Early Decision is not a good idea because this would eliminate your chances to compare financial aid packages and opportunities of different schools.

# You Will Submit Your Application:

1. Through the College/University's Website

OR

2. Through Common App

OR

3. Through Coalition App

# The Common Application

Accepted by more than 500 colleges and universities in the U.S. and internationally

- Available on-line
- Streamlines the process (apply to many schools at one time)
- Links up with Naviance so teachers are able to complete forms and letters electronically
- [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

# The Coalition Application

Increasing Access and Affordability during the college application process

- \*More than 90 participating institutions
- \*Provides a different option for applying, which can include submitting projects or videos

Johns Hopkins

JMU

Penn State

Ohio State

College Park

Chapel Hill

Many others....

# In Addition To Your Application

## **You Will Need....**

- \* Transcript**
- \* Teacher Recommendation Letters**
- \* Counselor Recommendation Letter**

# Teacher Recommendation Letters

- Students typically select teachers from 11<sup>th</sup> grade who know them best. **At least one teacher should be from an academic subject.** 10<sup>th</sup> grade teachers who can still attest to a student's potential in college can be considered.
- The letters provide a confidential picture of the student's life in high school. **Letters will address classroom personality, academic strength, peer relationships.**
- **Some colleges limit the number of recommendations,** students should be aware of any such limitations before requesting any extra letters.

# Counselor Recommendation Letters

**The counselor letter provides a global view of the student in the school community and academically.**

**We ask for both student and parent feedback to help us write letters of recommendation.**

**\*More on that later.**



# Student Responsibilities

## **What Can You Be Doing NOW?- The first steps on your College Application Checklist**

1. Counselor Information Form
2. Teacher Information Forms (2)
3. Parent/Guardian Information Form
4. Add your list of colleges to *Colleges I Am Thinking About* list
5. Request letters of recommendation from 2 teachers via Naviance

\*save, don't submit information forms yet

Already finished with these?  
The remainder of the checklist will be done soon.

# Counselor and Parent Info Forms

The screenshot shows the 'family connection' section of the Naviance website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for 'home', 'colleges', 'careers', 'about me', and 'my planner'. A callout box on the right says 'Your favorites, test scores and here!'. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'Success Plan' section with a 'goals' link and a 'tasks' link. Below that is a 'my assessments' section with links for 'StrengthsExplorer®', 'Do What You Are®', 'Learning Style Inventory™', and 'MI Advantage™'. On the left side, there is a 'surveys to take:' section with a list of links: 'counselor information form', 'parent information form', 'teacher information form #1 class of 2016', 'teacher information form #2 class of 2016', 'act/sat survey', and 'survey history'. Two red arrows point from the 'counselor information form' and 'parent information form' links to the 'Success Plan' section.

Log into Naviance, click “about me”, on the left-hand side of page see “surveys to take”, click “counselor information form”

# Teacher Information Forms (2)

Students will ask 2 teachers to write a recommendation letter. Complete the 2 Teacher Information Forms!

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family connection

Your favorites, test scores here!

home colleges careers about me my planner

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my assessments

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- > [career interest](#)
- > [cluster finder](#)

# Add Colleges to “Colleges I am Thinking About”

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# Invite Teachers On Naviance

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/colleges/>. The page is for Long Reach High School, with the user logged in as Christopher Ryu Dunn. The main navigation bar includes tabs for home, courses, colleges, careers, about me, and my planner. A red arrow points to the 'colleges' tab. Below the navigation bar, there is a search box for colleges and a 'my colleges' section. The 'my colleges' section contains three links: 'colleges I'm thinking about', 'colleges I'm applying to', and 'letters of recommendation'. A red arrow points to the 'letters of recommendation' link. The 'resources' section on the left includes a link for 'test scores'. The 'Upcoming college visits' section on the right shows 'No upcoming visits.' The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 2:42 PM on 5/4/2017.

Long Reach High School

Logged in as: Christopher Ryu Dunn ([log out](#))

family connection

Here are all the tools for getting into cool

home courses colleges careers about me my planner

search for colleges:

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Upcoming college visits

No upcoming visits.

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# Sending SAT/ACT Scores

The image is a screenshot of the SAT website's user interface. On the left, there is a navigation menu with links for 'Homepage', 'Practice', 'Register', 'Scores', 'Help', and 'About the Tests'. Below this is a 'My Organizer' section with a red exclamation mark icon and the text 'Click here to find out about changes to My Organizer'. The main content area is titled 'Your SAT Today' and lists several links: 'What you can do right now:', 'Follow SAT on Twitter >', 'Log in or sign up for an account >', 'Get ready for the May SAT >', 'Find colleges and scholarships >', and 'Learn more about AP® courses >'. To the right of these links is a cartoon character with a black body and a white face, standing on a stack of three books (yellow, white, and green). On the far right, there is a section titled 'Do you want to:' with two blue buttons: 'Register Now' and 'Send Scores'. The 'Send Scores' button is circled in red. Below this section is a link that says 'Find out about test center closings >'.

**Students are responsible for sending their own SAT/ACT Scores to colleges**

# NCAA Eligibility Center



[www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)

**DI/DII College Athletics-**  
**This should be done by the**  
**end of junior year.**

- **NCAA must be added to your Transcript Request form**
- **SAT/ACT must be sent to NCAA**



# Final Survey!- Future Exploration Survey Part III

hpcss.me Student Survey List Tasks

Hobsons, Inc (US) https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/success-planner/tasks/?graduation=

home courses colleges careers about me my planner

Overview Goals To-do List Tasks Assigned to Me

my tasks show: all tasks

★ = required 🎓 = required for graduation

Overdue tasks:

- ★ [Future Exploration Survey](#), due date: Jan 01, 2017 Assigned by Kami Wagner

Tasks you need to work on:

- ★ [Add career cluster or pathway](#), due date: Jun 30, 2017 Assigned by Kami Wagner
- ★ [Add Career to Favorites List](#), due date: Jul 15, 2017 Assigned by Kami Wagner
- [Add or Edit course plan](#), due date: Jul 15, 2017 Assigned by Kami Wagner
- ★ [CIP Survey](#), due date: Jul 15, 2017 Assigned by Kami Wagner
- ★ [Future Exploration Survey - Part III](#), due date: Jul 15, 2017 Assigned by Kami Wagner
- [Budgeting Survey](#) Assigned by Kami Wagner
- [Learning Style Inventory 2.0](#) Assigned by Kami Wagner

tracking tasks

Tasks are assigned to you by your school. They can be pretty important (some of them can be required to graduate!), so make sure to complete them so you're on track.

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# BEFORE YOU LEAVE FOR SUMMER

1. **Counselor Information Form ~ Naviance**
2. **Teacher Information Forms (2) ~ Naviance**
3. **Parent/Guardian Information Form ~ Naviance**
4. **Add your list of colleges to *Colleges I Am Thinking About* list ~ Naviance**
5. **Request letters of recommendation from 2 teachers- VIA NAVIANCE UNDER COLLEGES TAB**

# Summer 2017 To Do

Use the summer wisely and effectively!

- Review and adjust the college list through research and campus visits (list should include reach schools, target schools, and safe schools)
- Call colleges to schedule tours and Interviews
- Revise and finalize a general college essay
- Begin the common application/college applications

**Remember your School Counselor is  
here for you!**

**Contact us with any questions.**

