THE COLLEGE PROCESS

LONG REACH HIGH SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 4, 2019
Agenda

- College Search: Criteria, Naviance
- SAT/ACT
- College Application Process
- Financial Aid
ASSESSING WHERE YOU ARE

• Check off where you are:
  o Identified schools you like
    o Visited schools
  o Narrowed down your list
    o Taken SATs or ACTs

• Everyone must start **NOW**
College Search

IMPORTANT FACTORS

CRITERIA & RESOURCES

TYPES OF ADMISSIONS & APPLICATIONS
### The Top 5 Most Important Factors

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WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

- Work hard to identify colleges that are a good academic match
- Study for the SAT and ACT
- Be realistic about creating a list of schools where you will be accepted
- Visit schools to narrow down your list
WHAT CRITERIA STUDENTS USE

- Size
- Location
  - Distance from home
  - Location of campus (suburb, city, rural)
- Academic programs
- Special programs
- Cost
- Reputation
- Dorms, food, culture of campus
- Extra Curricular Activities i.e. athletics, theater, music, art
How do I find these schools?

SuperMatch College Search
How do I find these schools?

Admissions Tab on College’s page in Naviance
How do I find these schools?
HOW DO I KNOW WHAT I LIKE IN A SCHOOL?

- VISIT! (PSAT DAY: 10/16)
- Take a tour
- Talk to students on campus
- Watch an athletic event or academic event
- Talk to admissions counselors
- Visit with the admissions rep that come to Long Reach (sign up on Naviance)

- ASK YOURSELF: HOW DO I FIT INTO THIS CAMPUS?
MAKING A LIST

- **1-2 Reach Schools**
  - Long shot for admission; your academics are below admission averages

- **3-5 50/50 Schools**
  - Good candidate; your academics are exactly within admission averages

- **1-2 Likely Schools**
  - Strong candidate; your academics are above admission averages

Be sure to have likely schools academically and financially on your list!
TYPES OF ADMISSIONS

• Early Decision
  ○ Early deadline, early response, BINDING

• Early Action
  ○ Early deadline, early response, NON-BINDING

• Priority Deadline
  ○ Students apply by an earlier deadline, and receive priority over students who do not meet the deadline. Decisions are also made earlier.

• Rolling Admission
  ○ Students are accepted/denied as applications are received.

• Regular Admission
  ○ Apply by regular deadline (usu. Jan 15) and hear a response by April 1
TYPES OF APPLICATIONS

School’s Application
Common App
Coalition App
How do I know which application to use?

DO YOUR RESEARCH 😊
### Applications/Delivery Icons

**colleges I'm thinking about**

+ add colleges to this list | compare me

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This college accepts the Common Application. Your school may submit transcripts and recommendations electronically.

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COMMON APP SCREEN SHOT

Your journey to college starts here.

We're here to help with college planning, applications, and beyond.

Learn More

More than 600 colleges.
Only one application.

Find Colleges
SAT/ACT

DATES

HOW TO SEND SCORES
# UPCOMING DATES

## SAT Dates

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**COLLEGE BOARD** sends scores.
9 days after test to send 4 free score reports. $11.25 per report after that.

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**ACT** sends scores. $12 per report.
A transcript is an official copy of a student's academic record. It includes the following:

- Course names from 9th through 11th grade
- Final grade for each course
- Senior courses listed by name
- Weighted and unweighted GPA and Class Rank – after Oct. 1st
- No PSAT, SAT, ACT, HSA or AP scores will be included
Transcript/Student Records Request Form

Student Name: __________________________ Date of Birth: ______/____/____
Phone: ___________________________ Counselor: __________________________
E-Mail Address: __________________________ Graduation Year: ______
Teacher Writing Your Letters of Recommendation: __________________________

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<th>College/University, Armed Forces, Scholarship, Employer, Trade/Technical School, NCAA, Internship Program, Other (List below)</th>
<th>City in which College is Located</th>
<th>Application Deadline Date</th>
<th>Early Decision (Y or N)</th>
<th>Are you using the Common Application (Y or N)</th>
<th>Do you need your transcript mailed? Write Y if your college does not have a stamp in Naviance.</th>
<th>Do you need a Counselor Letter of Recommendation (Y or N)</th>
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Date of Request: __________________________ Paid?: __________________________

Release of Student Records
The law requires that schools receive written permission signed by the parent/guardian before transcripts, including midterm reports and other student records can be released to a third party.

I give approval to have transcripts and other student records sent by U.S. Mail or transmitted electronically to those listed above when a request to do so is made by my son/daughter.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: __________________________ Date: ______/____/____

Student Signature: __________________________ Date: ______/____/____

Transcript Fee: $4.00 per transcript should be paid at the time of request. Please allow 20 school days for transcript requests.

2214 Office of School Counseling and Related Services/LS

Return to Student Services 20 days prior to college deadline
1-3 schools= $0
4+ schools= $2
Complete and return to Student Services with your Transcript Request form. ONLY NEED ONE.
Complete & submit to two teachers 20 days prior to college deadline!
Go to the “Colleges” tab and click the “Letters of Rec” link
Teacher Rec. Request cont’d

Click “Add Request”
Select Teacher (ARL teachers not on list) & select school

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!

1. Who would you like to write this recommendation?*
   - Select A Teacher

2. Select which colleges this request is for:*
   - The University of Alabama
     - required / - allowed / 0 requested

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

Can’t request teacher’s rec in NAVIANCE until:

1) You have submitted your Transcript Request Form

AND

2) The registrar has added your colleges to your “Colleges I’m Applying to List”
To Do: Summary

20 Days Before College App. Deadline:

- Submit Transcript request form to student services.
- Submit FERPA Waiver to student services.
- Submit Teacher Recommendation Request form to two teachers.
Help us Help you!

- Teacher Information Form
- Counselor Information Form
Help us Help you!

Filter by
Not started

- Counselor Information Form - Class...
  NOT STARTED
- Parent Information Form - Class...
  NOT STARTED
- Teacher Information Form #1
  NOT STARTED
- Teacher Information Form #2
  NOT STARTED
Counselor Information Form

Please complete this survey as completely as possible. This information will only be seen by your counselor and anything that you write may be used in a letter of recommendation. If there are things that you are unsure if you want shared with colleges, please discuss in person with your counselor.

* = required question
Please save your answers periodically if you need longer than one hour to complete this form. Your session will expire after one hour if you have not changed the page.

1. Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY)

2. Phone Number where you can be reached during the summer

3. Email address that you will check during the summer

4. What are your academic interests?
Connecting Your Naviance Account & Common App

In order to send transcripts and recommendations electronically, you must connect your Common App account and Naviance.

You must do this if you are using Common App for one or more applications.
CLOSING THOUGHTS

- Use multiple resources when researching colleges
  - Cross reference different websites and utilize print publications

- Even if you don’t think you want to apply to HCC
  - Apply to HCC by January so you can be considered for scholarships and Honors programs.
ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS

- Admissions counselors caution families from using the term “safety school”
  - Entrance requirements are becoming more demanding

- There is no such thing as the “perfect college”
  - There are more than 3000 colleges and with effort and guidance you can find multiple colleges where you will be happy and successful.

- Be realistic when you are creating your list of schools
  - Be sure to include an appropriate range of schools and an appropriate number.
Financial Aid

FAFSA BASICS

FSA ID

FAFSA 2019-20
• **Free** Application for Federal Student Aid
• Online application is filed by 99% families at **www.fafsa.ed.gov**
• Average completion time - 21 minutes

COMPLETE THIS, even if you think you won’t be eligible. Just completing it makes you eligible for federal, state aid & institutional aid!
HAVE to have an FSA ID to fill out the FAFSA

- The **FSA ID** is a username/password for students and parents.
- Used to e-sign the FAFSA, make corrections, apply for loans
  - Requires a valid email address
  (cannot be the same for student and parent)

**www.fsaid.ed.gov**
FAFSA 2020-2021

- FAFSA available October 1, 2019
  - Earlier Income Info Required
    - 2018 tax/income information required
    - IRS Date Retrieval Tool available immediately
  - Deadline for State of Maryland is still March 1, 2020

Take Away: It is in your best interest to apply early!
FAFSA Resources

MEOC @ LHRS every Tuesday, beginning October

FAFSA Federal Student Aid Youtube Channel

Bring: 2018 income tax returns, SS numbers, and valid photo ID
CSS Profile

- Determines your financial need differently than the FAFSA
- CSS PROFILE asks for more detailed info than FAFSA
  - Examples:
    - Requires minimum student contribution
    - Whether or not you own a house
- Greater reliance on professional judgment: Gives financial aid counselors greater freedom to grant aid
- Cost to CSS Profile a cost to filling out the CSS Profile, though some families may qualify for fee waivers