


An Evening for Seniors and their Parents



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Introduction and Program Overview

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www.hwschools.net

College Admission Process

Developing the list:

- reach/dream institutions
- probable/match institutions
- likely institutions
 - (admit & financial)

- Know the requirements and deadlines (application & testing) of each college.
- Visit college website for college-specific information.
- Check as deadlines approach to be certain materials have been received by the colleges.

COLLEGE VISITS

- Fall is best, but not always possible
- College visit forms required during school year

Additional questions to ask*:

- Does my major affect my chances of admission?
- Do you ask what other colleges I am applying to? If they do, ask why?
- Does your net price calculator include merit scholarships?
- Do you consider ability to pay when reviewing my application?

When researching Colleges also ask about and consider the following items/areas:

- Academic support services
- Mental health services
- Career services
- Academic offerings
- Intellectual and social climate
- Ease of access to faculty
- International opportunities
- Placement rates for careers, graduate school or professional schools

Resources to assist with the process:

- Guidance Counselor
- Post Secondary Planning Guide
- College Websites
- Reference Guide Books
- College Representative Visits to HWRHS
- Campus Visits
- Naviance

Ways to Connect to Colleges

- Meet with College Reps in Guidance
- Attend Open Houses on Campus
- Attend Local Info session for schools far away
- Interview
- Attend College Fairs

NAVIANCE

How is it accessed?

- Naviance Family Connection is on the Web
 - <http://connection.naviance.com/hwrhs>
- Parent accounts
- Student accounts
- If you haven't been connected please email Andrea Adamo at a.adamo@hwschools.net

NAVIANCE

What can it do?

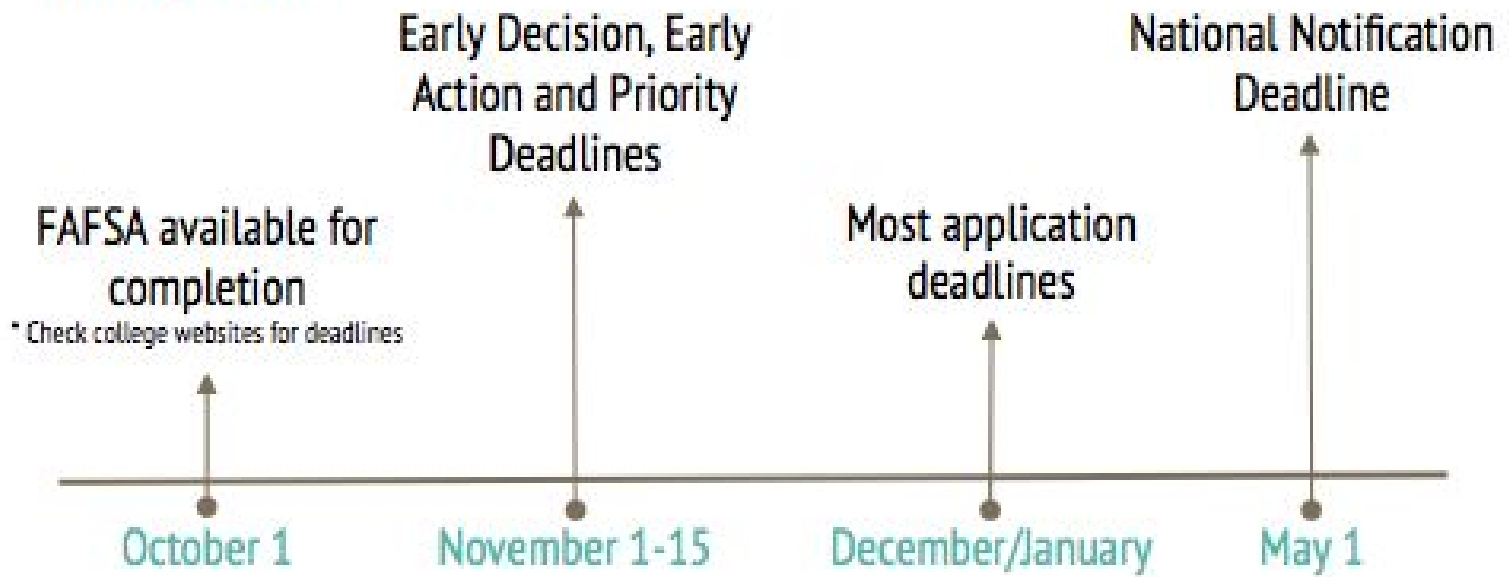
- Share plans
- Complete surveys
- Compare colleges
- Track deadlines
- Produce scattergrams
- Sign up for college visits
- Separate “rights” for students and parents

Deadlines

- Regular
- Early
- Rolling
- Priority



Timeline:



Early Programs

- Early Action
 - Non-binding
 - May apply to other colleges
- Early Decision
 - Binding
 - Committed to attend

Standardized Testing

SAT Reasoning Test

SAT Subject Test

www.collegeboard.com

ACT

www.act.org

TOEFL

www.ets.org

- **Know the testing requirements of each college/university**
- **Ensure that your results are sent directly from testing agencies to institutions if so required.**

Test Optional Colleges

www.fairtest.org



Admissions Packet Includes:

- Application Packet
 - student responsibility



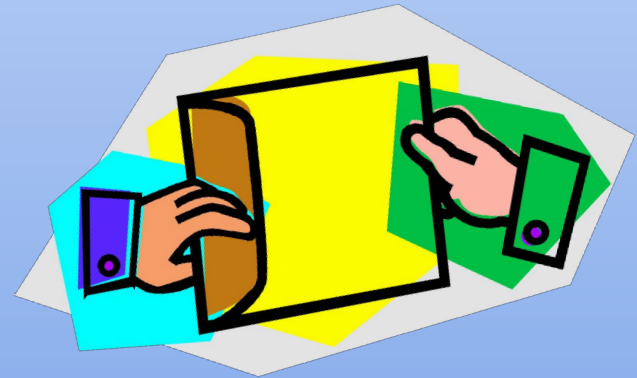
- Transcript Package
 - counselor responsibility



Application Packet

Student is responsible for submitting:

- Application
- Application Fee
- Essay
- Co-Curricular Information
- Standardized Test Scores



The Transcript Release Authorization Form 2017-2018

- Counselors review with each student
- Agreement signed by student and counselor
- An informational copy is available on the Forms and Publications link of the Guidance website

Applications through Naviance (student driven)

- **Colleges that I'm Applying to** tab
- Common App and non-Common App colleges
- FERPA waiver & matching
- Teacher Recommendations

Applications through Naviance (student driven - continued)

- Cost - \$2 per packet
- **Must be entered 10 school days prior to application deadline**
- Requests for transcript packages to be sent before December break must be entered by December 9th.
- Deadline Driven

The Transcript Package

(Guidance Counselor Responsibility)

- **Secondary School Report**
(Student completes the Counselor Recommendation Form in Naviance - on the “about me” tab)
- **Transcript of grades 9-11** (includes senior grades as available)
- **Letters of Recommendation** (if available)
- **HWRHS School Profile**
- **Sent electronically when possible**
- **SAT/ACT scores NOT sent with package**

Parent Perspective Survey

Located in the parent Naviance accounts

1. What do you think makes your child unique?
2. What do you consider to be the outstanding accomplishment of your child during these past three or four years?
3. Are there any unusual or personal circumstances which have affected your child's educational experience or personal experience?
4. Any anecdotes that highlight drive, perseverance, kindness, or some other admirable quality?
5. What else would you like to share with us about your son/daughter?

Teacher Recommendation Information

(Student Responsibility)

- Ask recommenders personally and provide forms or other information if requested
- Teacher Recommendation Request Forms available in Guidance
- Identify colleges to receive letters through your Naviance account
- Some restrictions apply

Letters of recommendation

Your Requests

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

Showing 12 requests

Add Request

Recommendation For ^	Deadline ^	Recommender(s)	Status ⓘ	Cancel Request
Colby-Sawyer College -- required/ 1 allowed/ 1 requested	Aug 01 2016	Chris Campbell	Requested	✕
Endicott College -- required/ -- allowed/ 1 requested	Feb 15 2017	Lee Karpa Lori Maney Kristen Borges	Cancelled Cancelled Requested	✕ ✕ ✕
Franklin Pierce University 1 required/ 3 allowed/ 0 requested		Ray Pape Lee Karpa	Cancelled Cancelled	✕ ✕
Hofstra University 2 required/ 10 allowed/ 0 requested		Lee Karpa	Cancelled	✕
Northeastern University 1 required/ 2 allowed/ 1 requested	Nov 01 2016	Lee Karpa John Kotch	Cancelled Requested	✕ ✕
Roger Williams University 1 required/ 1 allowed/ 1 requested	Feb 01 2017	Outside Recommendation Lee Karpa	Requested Cancelled	✕ ✕
Saint Anselm College 1 required/ 2 allowed/ 1 requested	Feb 01 2017	Outside Recommendation2 Outside Recommendation2	In Progress Cancelled	✕ ✕
Stonehill College 1 required/ 2 allowed/ 1 requested	Jan 15 2017	Lee Karpa	Requested	✕
		Outside Recommendation	Requested	✕

Additional Considerations

(Student Responsibility)

- NCAA Registration (Athletics)
www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Auditions (Performing Arts)
- Portfolios (Visual Arts)
- IEP and/or Diagnostic Testing (Special Education)

Parents need to be involved in this process

- Colleges are businesses, many offer discounted prices
- Use Net Price Calculators, start with EFC calculator on College Board website
- Note % graduating in 4 years
- Looking to cut costs, cast a wider net
- Private top ranked research universities offer little merit to undergrads

Massachusetts
State
College/University
Admissions Standards

If GPA falls below minimum, sliding SAT scale applies for UMass admission.

GPA	SAT Scores	ACT Scores
2.51 – 2.99	950	20
2.41 – 2.50	990	21
2.31 – 2.40	1030	22
2.21 – 2.30	1070	23
2.11 – 2.20	1110	24
2.00 – 2.10	1150	25

If GPA falls below minimum, sliding SAT scale applies for state university admission.

GPA	SAT Scores	ACT Scores
2.51 – 2.99	920	19
2.41 – 2.50	960	20
2.31 – 2.40	1000	21
2.21 – 2.30	1040	22
2.11 – 2.20	1080	23
2.00 – 2.10	1120	24

Community College Options

- Masstransfer <http://www.mass.edu/masstransfer/>



Regional Studies Program

- Available to students in Massachusetts wishing to major in an academic discipline not available in a Massachusetts public college or university but available at another New England public college or university.
- www.nebhe.org/tuitionbreak

Collaboration between the MA Board of Higher Education and Department of Education

- Stanley Koplik Certificate of Mastery
 - Additional Academic Achievement required
 - Applications due May 1 of 2018
 - Maintain 3.3 GPA while in college
- John & Abigail Adams Scholarship
 - Senior Year Notification
 - Top 25% of MCAS scores
 - Maintain 3.0 GPA while in college

Financial Aid Night at the Regional

Wednesday, October 4, 2017
7:00 p.m.



Financial Aid Officer
Massachusetts Educational
Financing Authority (MEFA)

College Fairs



- ❖ University of New Hampshire, Durham NH
October 2, 6:00-8:00 pm (NEACAC)
- ❖ Peabody Veteran's Memorial high School, Peabody,
October 5, 6:30-8:30 pm
- ❖ Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill,
October 4, 6:00-8:00 pm
- ❖ Reading Cooperative College Fair, Shriners
Auditorium, Wilmington, **October 18, 6:30-8:30 pm**



Sign up for Remind app

Class of 2018

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