

Senior Year QUICK FACTS SHEET

SAT / ACT Testing

****YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING SCORES TO EACH COLLEGE THAT REQUIRES THEM****

It is imperative that you understand college entrance exam expectations for each college you are applying to. Dates and registration deadlines for fall 2021 exams are listed. →

In order to register, you will need our NHS code: **221-510**



| ACT Date | Registration Deadline |
|----------|-----------------------|
| Oct. 23 | Sept. 17 |
| Dec. 11 | Nov. 6 |

| SAT Date | Registration Deadline |
|------------|---------------------------------|
| October 2 | September 3 (Late = Sept 21) |
| November 6 | October 8 |
| December 4 | November 4 |

Letters of Recommendation

Teachers require at least a three week notice
You must select two teachers!!

If you have not already done so, you need to firm up your teacher recommendations. Be sure to check back in with teachers you have already asked to ensure they are still willing. The next step is to add each teacher into your Naviance account:

- Click on the *Colleges* tab -> *Colleges Home*
- Click on *Letters of Recommendation* (left)
- Click on *Add Request*
- Find the teacher's name in the drop down menu
- Write a short personal note to the teacher; be sure to thank them and include due dates!
- Click *Add Request*

You must repeat these steps for each teacher writing a recommendation.

Admissions Glossary

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The form that families fill out to apply for federal grants, loans, and work-study funds for college students

CSS Profile: Another financial aid application that some schools require

Early Action: Non-binding. You can apply to a school early in your senior year. You receive an early application review and notification of admission

Early Decision: Binding. You will have to sign a contract with the school at the time you apply to acknowledge that if you're accepted, you are obligated to attend that school

Regular Decision: The normal process by which students apply by published deadlines, with promise of receiving an admissions decision no later than April 1

Rolling Admissions: The college will review your application once all required materials have been received

College Admissions Checklist

- Create a Common Application account
All students must be registered for the Common App by September 30th
- Obtain your Naviance account log-in information
All students must be registered for Naviance by September 30th
- Complete your Common Application
Be thorough and ensure everything is as complete as possible. Remember, spelling and punctuation count. This application will turn into the PDF that is submitted to all of your schools.
- Complete FERPA on Common Application
Under the “*My Colleges*” tab, click on the first college listed. Click “*Recommenders and FERPA*”. Follow the prompts and complete this section in entirety. **It is recommended that you waive your rights to view the information.**
- Match your Common App account with your Naviance account
This is completed under the “*Colleges I’m Applying to*” tab. Enter your Common App email address and your DOB in the box provided; click “Match”.
- Add your colleges to the “Colleges I’m Applying to” section on Naviance
Every college you plan on applying to should be listed in your Naviance account. You can add and delete colleges from this tab at any time. Be sure to keep your school counselor up to date with this list. **This should be updated on a weekly basis!**
- Schedule a one on one meeting with your counselor
In order for us to ensure your materials make their way to your colleges timely, we do need to meet with you one on one. Please have your most updated college list entered into the “Colleges I’m Applying To” section of Naviance, and ensure you have at least created your Common App account. Ideally, this meeting is at least three weeks before your first scheduled due date.
- Request teacher recommendations in Naviance
Be sure to discuss with teachers at least THREE WEEKS prior to the college’s deadline
This should NOT be something that is obtained last minute; ask and confirm with teachers NOW!
- Submit your SAT and/or ACT scores
You are responsible for submitting your scores through the ACT or CollegeBoard website(s).
This is NOT completed by your guidance counselor.
- Correct Naviance deadlines and request transcripts
Directions for this are on the next page. →

Naviance Information

1. Add **all** of your schools to the “Colleges I’m Applying to” list. It will most likely look similar to the list below...

| College | Type | How are you applying? | Submissions | Expected Difficulty* | Deadline† | Transcript | Office Status | My App. | Results | Edit | Manage Communication | Graph | WWW |
|---|------|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------|------|----------------------|-------|-----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Framingham State University | RD | I'm not sure yet | | N/A | Feb 15, 2018 | no request | Pending | have you applied? | Unknown | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U of Maine | RD | I'm not sure yet | | N/A | - | no request | Pending | have you applied? | Unknown | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U of New Hampshire at Durham | RD | Common App Only | | N/A | Mar 01, 2018 | no request | Pending | have you applied? | Unknown | | | | |

2. Click on the yellow pencil under the “Edit” column. Go through each school you are applying to and update how you are applying to each school. If Common App is an option, you must apply with the Common App.
3. Next, update whether you are applying Early Action, Early Decision, Regular Decision, etc. This will correct the due dates shown in your Naviance account.
4. Finish updating information and click “update Applications” at the bottom of the screen. Your Naviance account should reflect accurate due dates and each school should list the appropriate application method.
5. Lastly, you need to go back to the “Colleges I’m Applying to” section. Toward the top of the screen you will see a link to “Request Transcripts”. Click that link and add a transcript request for each college on your list.
6. When you are done with all of these things, your “Colleges I’m Applying to” list should look more like the following:

| College | Type | How are you applying? | Submissions | Expected Difficulty* | Deadline† | Transcript | Office Status | My App. | Results | Edit | Manage Communication | Graph | WWW |
|--|------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|---------------|----------|------|----------------------|-------|-----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fitchburg State Uni | RD | Direct to institution | | N/A | Apr 01, 2017 | requested | Mid-year submitted | app submitted | Accepted | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Framingham State University | RD | Common App | | N/A | Feb 15, 2017 | sent | Mid-year submitted | app submitted | Accepted | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U of MA Dartmouth | RD | Common App | | N/A | - | sent | Mid-year submitted | app submitted | Accepted | | | | |

Upcoming College Events

Senior Naviance & Common App Workshops

NHS | In the DLL during Clipper Block
September 15th, 20th, and 23rd

Newburyport High School College Fair

Newburyport High School Cafeteria
September 29th @ 6:30pm-7:30pm

NEACAC College Fairs

They have a mixture of in person and online fairs this fall.

<https://www.neacac.org/fall-college-fairs-2021>

Virtual Fairs: October 21st and November 7th

In Person Fairs: October 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th & 12th

More information and registration at the link above.

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Counselor Assignments

Be sure to keep your School Counselor in the loop when it comes to your post-secondary planning process. We are here to help guide you in the right direction. It is imperative that you have a senior meeting to discuss your plans with your counselor. Counselor assignments are listed in the charts below:

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|--------------------|----------------|
| A - Ellrott | Ms. Fitzgerald |
| Estep – Landry | Ms. Cokonis |
| Langis – Pessolano | Mrs. Nolan |
| Philippino – Z | Mrs. Bohler |

Contact Your Counselor

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College and Career Counselor

We have a new College and Career Counselor, Mr. Smith, joining us this school year. His office is located in the DLL and he will play a crucial role in the college admissions and career planning process moving forward!

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