



Post Secondary College Planning

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WHAT IS THE “BEST FIT” COLLEGE

- Academic Fit
- Social Fit
- Financial Fit



Fit happens over time and requires effort on the part of the student. There maybe more than one “perfect” fit school for you!

Explore Your Interests & Strengths

- Career exploration via Naviance Student
(Career Inventory/Personality Traits/Career Clusters)
- Which CV courses really excite you?
- What do you like to do?
- What are your strongest skills?
- It's not necessary to have a major in mind UNDECIDED is a popular major!

THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Cost/availability of financial aid
- Geographic location/distance from home
- Geographic setting (urban/rural)
- Selectivity
- Size
- Type: Public or Private
- Majors
- Special Programs
- Student organizations
- Athletics

What Colleges Consider When Making Admissions Decisions

- Grades
- Strength of curriculum
- Test scores (SAT/ACT): *many are now test optional*
- Essay
- Letters of recommendation
- Demonstrated interest
- Class rank
- Interview / Portfolio
- Extracurricular activities

JUNIOR YEAR – CHECKLIST

CHARTIERS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SERVICES COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST

11TH GRADE

- ☐ GRADES COUNT: JUNIOR YEAR GRADES ARE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN COLLEGE APPLICATION REVIEW



- ☐ DISCUSS PLANS WITH PARENTS/GUARDIANS
- ☐ MEET WITH SCHOOL COUNSELOR
- ☐ VERIFY CHOSEN HS COURSES MEET COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

ADMISSIONS
REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ TAKE THE PSAT/NMSQT: THIS IS GREAT PRACTICE FOR THE SAT BUT ALSO CAN QUALIFY YOU FOR THE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP
- ☐ ATTEND COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELOR VISITS: SEE NAVIANCE TO REGISTER
- ☐ CHECK DATES FOR SAT/ACT: REGISTER FOR AT LEAST ONE TEST IN 11TH GRADE



- ☐ RESEARCH CAREERS, MAJORS & COLLEGES IN NAVIANCE
- ☐ REVIEW COLLEGE WEBSITES FOR ADMISSION CRITERIA



- ☐ ATTEND SPRING FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP
- ☐ ATTEND PITTSBURGH NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR IN FEBRUARY
- ☐ PLAN SENIOR COURSES WITH SCHOOL COUNSELOR
- ☐ REGISTER, PREPARE AND TAKE AP EXAMS



- ☐ VISIT COLLEGE CAMPUSES THAT MATCH YOUR NEEDS (SAFETY, GOOD PROSPECTS, REACH SCHOOLS)
- ☐ PLAN FOR YOUR SUMMER: JOBS, VOLUNTEER POSITIONS, ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS
- ☐ REQUEST TEACHER LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (NO MORE THAN TWO)
- ☐ ATHLETES: REGISTER AT THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER (HAVE SAT/ACT SCORES & TRANSCRIPTS SENT)



Compare the ACT and SAT tests

- ACT includes a Science section
- SAT includes one SAT Math Section on which you may not use a calculator

	SAT	ACT
Why Take It	Colleges use SAT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.	Colleges use ACT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.
Test Structure	Reading Writing & Language Math Essay (Optional)	English Math Reading Science Reasoning Essay (Optional)
Length	3 hours (without essay) 3 hours, 50 minutes (with essay)	2 hours, 55 minutes (without essay) 3 hours, 40 minutes (with essay)
Reading	5 reading passages	4 reading passages
Science	None	1 science section testing your critical thinking skills (not your specific science knowledge)
Math	Covers: Arithmetic Algebra I & II Geometry, Trigonometry and Data Analysis	Covers: Arithmetic Algebra I & II Geometry, Trigonometry, and Probability & Statistics
Calculator Policy	Some math questions don't allow you to use a calculator.	You can use a calculator on all math questions.
Essays	Optional. The essay will test your comprehension of a source text.	Optional. The essay will test how well you evaluate and analyze complex issues.
How It's Scored	Scored on a scale of 400-1600	Scored on a scale of 1-36

EXPLORE CAMPUS



- TAKE A VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOUR
- CONTACT ADMISSIONS
- VIRTUAL REP VISITS AT CVHS
(NAVIANCE SCHEDULE)

- THREE SCHOOL DAYS FOR VISITS TO COLLEGE CAMPUSES ARE
PERMITTED JUNIOR AND SENIOR YEAR
(COLLEGE VISIT FORM IN HS OFFICE)

COLLEGE REP VISITS

(google meet or zoom)

View on Home Page under What's New!

What's New



Ohio Northern University will be visiting your school on Friday, September 11th, 2020 at 8:38 am [more info](#)



Shenandoah University will be visiting your school on Thursday, September 17th, 2020 at 8:38 am [more info](#)



West Liberty University will be visiting your school on Friday, September 18th, 2020 at 8:38 am [more info](#)



University of Massachusetts-Lowell will be visiting your school on Monday, September 21st, 2020 at 10:53 am [more info](#)



Marietta College will be visiting your school on Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020 at 10:08 am [more info](#)


SENIOR YEAR – CHECKLIST

CHARTIERS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SERVICES COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST

12TH GRADE



- ☐ COMPLETE COLLEGE APPLICATIONS
- ☐ PAY ATTENTION TO APPLICATION DEADLINES
- ☐ REGISTER FOR THE SAT OR ACT (IN THE FALL)
- ☐ ATTEND COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELOR VISITS: SEE NAVIANCE TO REGISTER
- ☐ SET UP TOURS AND INTERVIEWS AT SCHOOLS OF INTEREST (MAKE APPOINTMENTS THROUGH ADMISSIONS OFFICE BUT ALSO CONSIDER SCHEDULING WITH FINANCIAL AID OFFICE AND SPECIFIC ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS AS WELL)
- ☐ LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
 - ☐ TALK TO TEACHER/COUNSELOR IN PERSON TO ASK IF THEY WILL WRITE A LETTER
 - ☐ COMPLETE TEACHER/COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION SURVEY IN NAVIANCE ("ABOUT ME").
 - ☐ SEND A THANK YOU AFTER COMPLETED

- ☐ FINANCIAL AID 
 - ☐ REGISTER EARLY FOR A PIN TO FILE THE FAFSA ONLINE
 - ☐ ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO ATTEND FAFSA COMPLETION WORKSHOP (FALL)
 - ☐ COMPLETE THE FAFSA (AFTER OCTOBER 1)
 - ☐ APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS (POSTED IN NAVIANCE)
- ☐ HAVE OFFICIAL SAT/ACT TEST SCORES SENT BY TESTING AGENCY TO COLLEGES ON YOUR LIST
- ☐ VISIT COLLEGES YOU'VE BEEN ACCEPTED TO
- ☐ EVALUATE OPTIONS AND MAKE A COLLEGE SELECTION
- ☐ REGISTER, PREPARE AND TAKE AP EXAMS
- ☐ PICK A COLLEGE BY MAY 1ST & SEND IN YOUR NON-REFUNDABLE TUITION DEPOSIT
- ☐ INDICATE IN NAVIANCE APPLICATION STATUS FOR ALL SCHOOL APPLIED
- ☐ COMPLETE GRADUATION SURVEY



How Many Schools should I apply to?

4 to 8 (at most)

- **Safety Schools** - Your test scores and GPA exceed the minimum requirements
- **Fit/Match** - Your test scores and GPA are within the required standards
- **Dream/Reach** - Your test scores are at the tail end or don't meet the minimum requirements

HOW WILL YOU AFFORD COLLEGE



- Complete the FAFSA after OCT 1st
- Apply to different and several types of colleges
- Apply for “outside” scholarships
- Attend Virtual FAFSA Completion Night (Fall -Seniors)
- Attend Financial Aid Webinar (Spring - Juniors)
- Consider a part time job with a company that offers tuition assistance

COLLEGE APPLICATION RESOURCES

School Counselors

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- Write Counselor letter of recommendation/
written evaluation (only if required)
- Sends transcripts and letters of
recommendations to colleges
- Provide fee waivers for applications and
SAT/ACT if student is eligible

NAVIANCE STUDENT

<https://student.naviance.com/chartiersvhs>

- VIEW ADMISSIONS DATA (SPECIFIC TO CV)
- SEARCH COLLEGES
- VIEW AND REGISTER TO MEET WITH COLLEGES
- COMPLETE TEACHER/COUNSELOR FORMS & REQUEST LETTERS
- LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS
- INDICATE WHERE YOU HAVE APPLIED/DECISIONS

ADD YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS TO **NAVIANCE STUDENT** TO RECEIVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION – CHECK YOUR EMAIL!

THE APPLICATION

**APPLY ONLY TO COLLEGES YOU
WANT TO ATTEND!!**

STEP 1: APPLY

APPLICATION TYPES

- Rolling Admission: **NO application deadline**. Ongoing decisions are made all throughout the year. Priority given to those applying early. Can depend on major.
- Early Action: (non-binding) typically apps due in November, recommended. Decisions mid January
- Early Decision: **BINDING!** Can only apply early DECISION to ONE college. Application deadline is usually November 1st or Nov. 15th. You may apply to other colleges under Early Action. **YOU MUST COMMIT TO COLLEGE ONCE ACCEPTED!!!** Sometimes there is an advantage with admissions decisions & financial aid when applying early decision
- Regular Decision: Deadline – usually January 1st. Decisions released April 1st. Students have till May 1st to commit

PAY ATTENTION TO PRIORITY DEADLINES

Often linked to scholarship opportunities

Application fee may be waived

Often a November 1st, December 1st, or
January 1

APPLY

- Direct App - College Website
 - Common App
 - Coalition App

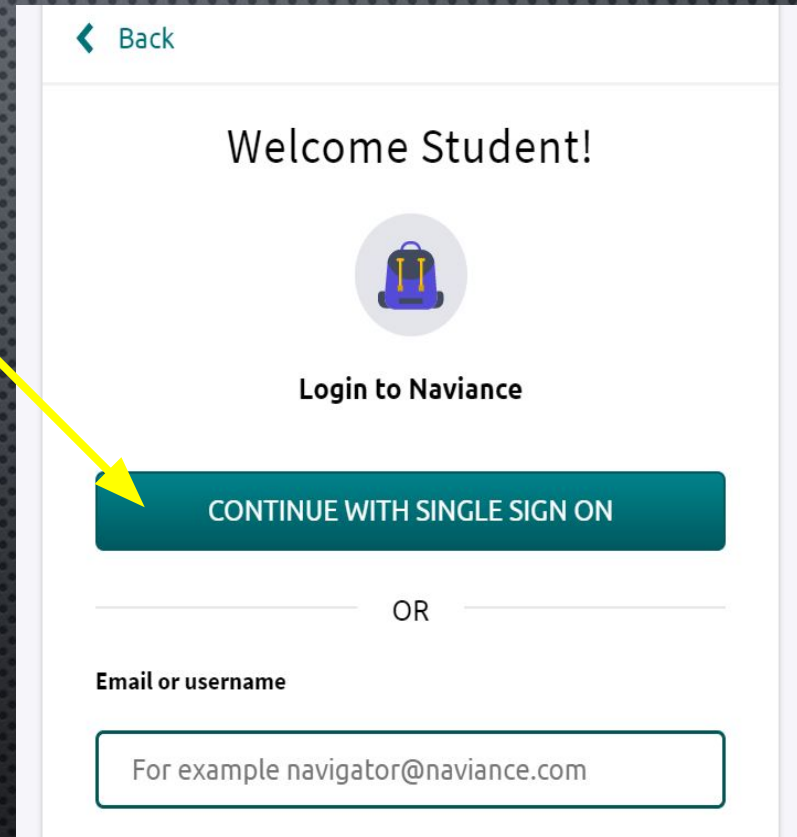
Colleges will utilize your email address
to communicate with you
regarding your application.
Check your email and save your
username/password log-in

Step 2: NAVIANCE STUDENT

<https://student.naviance.com/chartiersvhs>

Select Continue
with SSO
Single Sign On

using your CVSD
email account



The screenshot shows the Naviance Student login interface. At the top left is a 'Back' link with a left-pointing arrow. The main heading is 'Welcome Student!' followed by a circular icon of a purple backpack. Below this is the text 'Login to Naviance'. A prominent teal button labeled 'CONTINUE WITH SINGLE SIGN ON' is highlighted by a yellow arrow originating from the text 'Select Continue with SSO Single Sign On' on the left. Below the button is a horizontal line with the word 'OR' in the center. Underneath is the label 'Email or username' and a text input field containing the placeholder text 'For example navigator@naviance.com'.

CV SENDS TRANSCRIPTS & LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION via NAVIANCE

 Naviance | *Student*

[Home](#) [Colleges](#) [Careers](#) [About Me](#) [My Planner](#)

Welcome, Danyelle!

[Search for Colleges](#) ▼

 Type a college name

SEARCH

Seniors

Class of 2020! School Counselors will be visiting English classes to review college app processes.

Please follow the official transcript request process for your college applications.

My Favorites



COLLEGES
I'm thinking about



COLLEGES
I'm applying to



Show Me How


To add a college that you are applying to: Click the “+” symbol

Colleges I'm applying to

Search for colleges

It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools.
Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started.

Match Accounts



Enter college name, type of application, and how application was submitted, then select “Add Application.”

Naviance | Student

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Cancel

Which college are you applying to?

Robert Morris University

Colleges already in your application list would be unavailable for selection.

App type

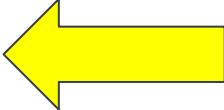
Rolling August 1

I'll submit my application

Via Common App

☒ I've submitted my application

Add Application



“COLLEGES I’M APPLYING TO”

This is what it should look like once your colleges are added:

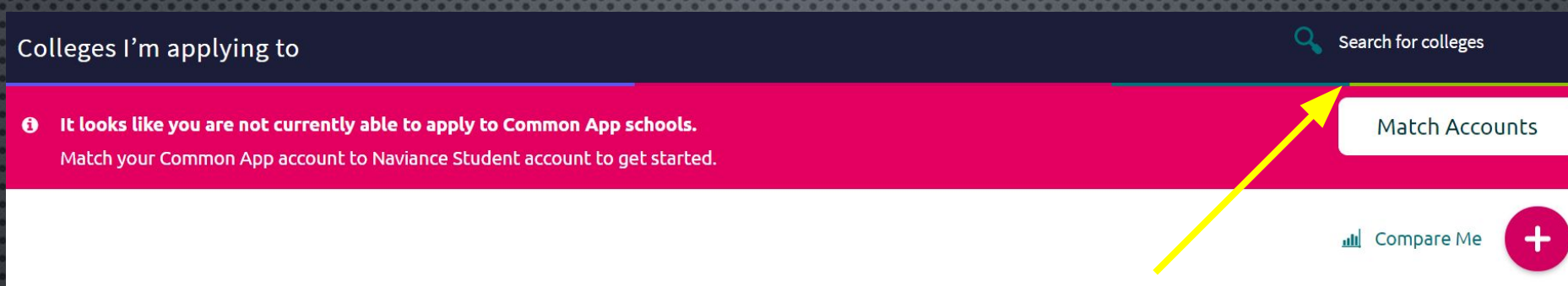
✦ = extended profile available

College	Type	Deadline	Transcripts	Office materials	Submission Type 	Application
✦ Carnegie Mellon University	RD	Regular Decision 1	January 1	no request	Initial materials submitted 	Unknown 
✦ Geneva College	ROLL	N/A		no request	Initial materials submitted 	Unknown 
Pennsylvania State University	ROLL	Rolling	July 28	no request	Initial materials submitted 	Unknown 
✦ Robert Morris University	RD	Regular Decision	July 1	no request	Initial materials submitted 	Unknown 

that the attending

MATCH your Naviance with COMMON APP

You only need to do this if you used the Common App



- Common App Matching Video

Student must 'match' Common App with Naviance in order for electronic document sending with eDocs (how we 'mail' docs)

APPLICATION

WHO SENDS WHAT???

STUDENT

- APPLICATION
- APPLICATION FEE
- ESSAY
- TEST SCORES (IF REQUIRED FROM THE TESTING CENTER)
- PORTFOLIO AND/OR AUDITION

SCHOOL COUNSELOR

- OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT WITH TEST SCORES
- APPLICATION FEE WAIVER
- TEACHER/COUNSELOR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION



It is the responsibility of the STUDENT to know

1. What items are required by each college
2. Application deadlines

The importance of “Waiving your Right”

Example:

IMPORTANT PRIVACY NOTE: In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the original School Report submitted on your behalf reflects your choice to waive or not waive your right of access to all recommendations and supporting documents. That response applies to all subsequent reports, including this one. You chose the following:

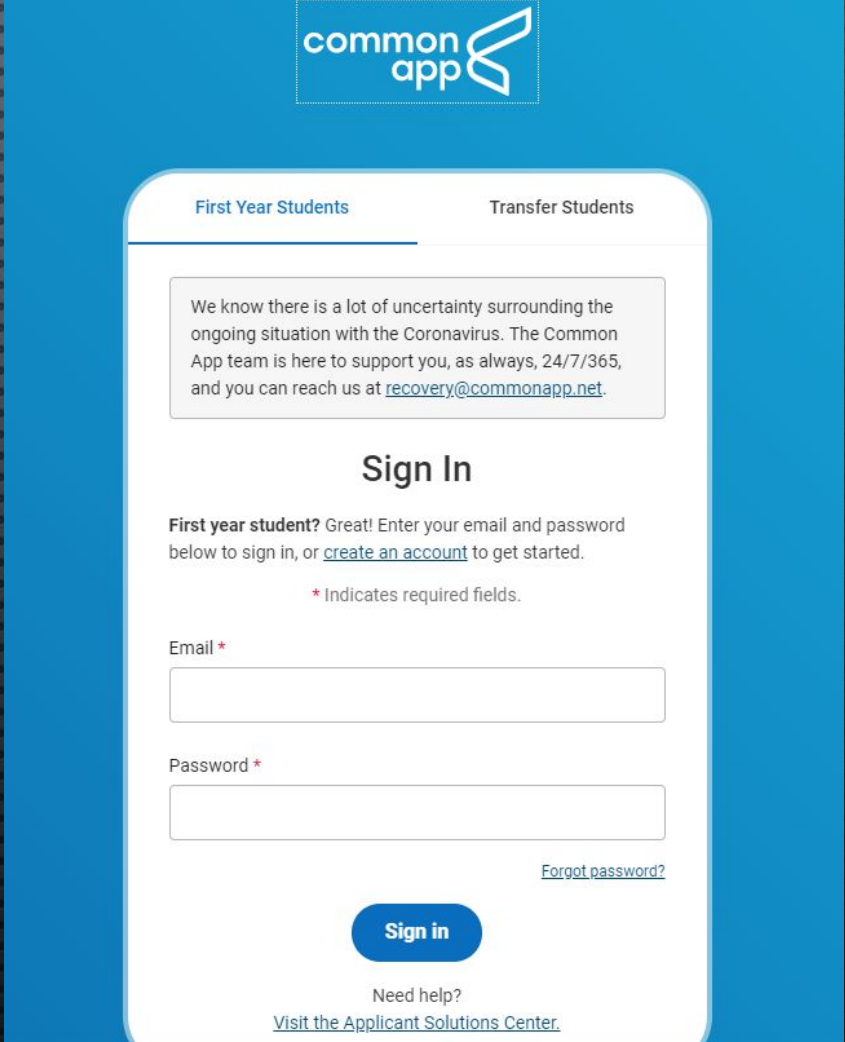
Yes, I do waive my right to access, and I understand I will never see this form or another recommendations submitted by me or on my behalf.

No, I do *not waive* my right to access, and I may someday choose to see this form or any other recommendations or supporting documents submitted by me or on my behalf to the institution at which I’m enrolling, if that institution saves them after I matriculate.

www.commonapp.org

The **Common App** is an option for many colleges.

It allows students to complete one application that can be sent to more than one college.



The screenshot shows the Common App login interface. At the top right is the Common App logo. Below it are two tabs: "First Year Students" (selected) and "Transfer Students". A message box states: "We know there is a lot of uncertainty surrounding the ongoing situation with the Coronavirus. The Common App team is here to support you, as always, 24/7/365, and you can reach us at recovery@commonapp.net." Below this is the "Sign In" section. It includes instructions for first-year students and a link to "create an account". A note indicates that asterisks (*) denote required fields. There are input fields for "Email *" and "Password *". A "Forgot password?" link is located below the password field. A blue "Sign in" button is at the bottom of the form. At the very bottom, there is a "Need help?" link to the "Applicant Solutions Center".

common app

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Sign In

First year student? Great! Enter your email and password below to sign in, or [create an account](#) to get started.

* Indicates required fields.

Email *

Password *

[Forgot password?](#)

Sign in

Need help?
[Visit the Applicant Solutions Center.](#)



+ PROS

OVER 900 COLLEGES ARE MEMBERS
FILL OUT ONE APPLICATION FOR ALL COMMON APP
SCHOOLS
EASY TRACKING OF APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
EASY TRACKING OF DEADLINES

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NOT A QUICK APPLICATION
MUST COMPLETE ESSAY (250-650 WORDS)
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION...SHORT ANSWERS
AND QUESTIONS

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Teacher Recommendation Letters

- Ask early. Teacher should have 3 weeks to write letter.
- Log into Naviance and go to the College tab/Home
- Add new request
- Complete Teacher Rec Letter Survey (in About Me tab under surveys)
- Write a thank-you note to your teachers

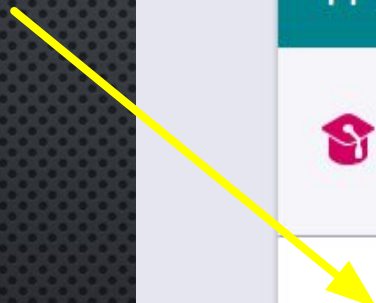
NO MORE THAN 2 TEACHER LETTERS

Counselor Recommendation Letters

- Same as above, but complete the “counselor letter of recommendation” (only if application requires should you request a counselor letter)


Requesting Teacher Letters of Recommendation

Click on Colleges - then first option College Home



[Show less](#)

Apply to Colleges


 COLLEGES
I'm applying to

Letters of Recommendation

College Events

Test scores

Scholarships and Money

 SCHOLARSHIPS
I'm Applying To

Scholarship List

Scholarship Match

National Scholarship Search

Teacher Letter of Recommendation Request

Request letter of recommendation from teacher in drop down list

Complete questions and surveys

NO PAPER

Request is sent via email to teacher

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Letters of recommendation

Add new request

Here you can ask a teacher to write you a letter of recommendation. If you don't have any colleges in your list yet, you may still make a request. Make sure you give your teachers plenty of time to write your recommendations!

Cancel Submit Request

1. Who would you like to write this recommendation?*

Select A Teacher

2. Select which colleges this request is for:*

☐ Choose specific colleges from your Colleges I'm Applying To list
Looks like you don't have colleges in your Colleges I'm Applying To list yet. Click [here](#) to add.

☐ All current and future colleges I add to my Colleges I'm Applying To list ⓘ

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

SAT & ACT SCORES

Due to COVID, many colleges are test optional

Your scores are reported on your CV transcript

You can request to have all of your scores removed if you are applying test optional

Some colleges require the test scores come directly from the testing center (example: Penn State, U of Pittsburgh, and Ohio State). It is the student's responsibility to determine the college's policy.

Self-reporting test scores schools will require official scores if accepted

STEP 3:

Transcript Request Form (Blue Sheet)

- Transcript Request Form can be picked up in the HS /Student Services Office or [printed](#)
- Print and complete a form for **EACH** college

YOU MUST ALLOW 2 WEEKS FOR TRANSCRIPT AND MATERIALS TO BE PROCESSED!

Example: Deadline is November 30, must have request by November 15th!

RECAP

STEP 1: APPLY TO YOUR COLLEGES

**STEP 2: LOG INTO NAVIANCE STUDENT AND
ADD YOUR COLLEGES AND LETTER OF
RECOMMENDATION REQUESTS**

**STEP 3: COMPLETE THE TRANSCRIPT REQUEST
FORM (BLUE SHEET) AND RETURN TO STUDENT
SERVICES/GUIDANCE OFFICE**

AFTER ACCEPTANCE

- **SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH COUNSELORS TO INDICATE THE DECISION IN NAVIANCE STUDENT**
- **WAIT FOR FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES**
- **YOU HAVE UNTIL MAY 1 TO MAKE DECISION AND PAY YOUR DEPOSIT.**
- **NO SENIORITIS....COLLEGES WILL RESCIND ACCEPTANCE OFFER IF YOUR FINAL GRADES ARE NOT SUFFICIENT AND/OR DUE TO IRRESPONSIBLE SOCIAL MEDIA POSTINGS ON INSTAGRAM, TWITTER, FACEBOOK, ETC...**

QUESTIONS?



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