

Senior College Application Overview

Remind Information: **Text 81010 and enter @23c628**

Applying to schools

1. Research colleges based on
 - a. Major
 - b. Location
 - c. Other important criteria
2. **Check Deadlines** and Special Application Instructions
3. Scholarships
 - a. Particular to the specific school
4. How to apply to universities and colleges:
 - a. Common Applications
 - b. How to apply to Common App:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8WeJwBCq5QY>
 - c. Non-Common Applications
 - i. You will apply through their individual applications located on their webpage.
5. List of Common APP Schools: <https://www.commonapp.org/explore/?q=>
 - a. **Make sure to Match Common App with Naviance!**
 - b. Early Action vs. Early Decision: www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxhF4aASzmo
6. **If your Early Action/Decision deadline is in October, you must email your guidance counselor IMMEDIATELY.**

Naviance

1. www.naviance.com
2. Explore Colleges, add colleges, notify school of colleges you have applied to, ask for letters of recommendation, View any scholarships that have been posted
3. Naviance Demo:
 - a. Remember your Student ID# and a password
 - b. Letters of recommendation: ask teacher/school staff in person to write you a letter of recommendation AND you will also need to request through Naviance.
 - c. **Make sure to Match Naviance with your Common App!**

Scholarships

1. **Colleges and Universities: deadlines are usually earlier than the college application deadline!**
2. Naviance
3. Work/Special Interest Group
4. Local Scholarships for GHS Students Only
 - a. Located on GHS Guidance Webpage
 - b. You will also receive notifications via Remind
5. Other scholarship websites
 - a. www.fastweb.com
 - b. College Board

FAFSA 2022-2023

1. FAFSA is **free!**
2. Even if you think your family may not be eligible for financial aid, you **need** to fill out the FAFSA form.
 - a. **All** colleges require this!
3. Senior Parent Night and Financial Aid Night
 - a. October 6, 2022 at 6 pm
 - b. GHS: Location TBD
4. Filing begins **October 1:**
 - a. <https://studentaid.gov/>
5. Use taxes filed for 2020: yours or family
6. 7 Things You Need Before You Fill Out the FAFSA:
<https://www.ed.gov/content/7-things-you-need-you-fill-out-fafsa>
7. How to fill out FAFSA: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9HWaQpuNSk>
 - a. FAFSA 2022-2023
8. CSS Profile is required by specific schools, not all schools
 - a. List: <https://profile.collegeboard.org/profile/ppi/participatingInstitutions.aspx>

NCAA

1. If you are looking to play Division I or II Sports in College, **you must register with NCAA:**
 - a. <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
2. Includes Major Classes Grades and SAT Scores

SAT/ACT

1. Average Score
 - a. See individual college or university requirements
2. If you are applying to apply to a 4-year college or university, December 2022 should be the last test date.
3. What is the Difference Between the ACT and SAT?
 - a. <https://blog.prepscholar.com/act-vs-sat>

STARS Top 15 %

1. Students who are in the top 15% of their class at the end of junior year or senior year can attend RCGC for free tuition for 2 years.
2. Students have up to 2 years to decide to use this option

HSOP Credits

1. **If you want/need credit for courses taken through HSOP, make sure you request a copy of your transcript from the college and send it to Mrs. Sapanara!**
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