

LTHS



SENIOR NIGHT

THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

September 21, 2017

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OCTOBER 1ST - START FILING FOR FINANCIAL AID

→ ***FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid***

<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

How To Complete the FAFSA- video aid

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/financial-aid-101/how-to-complete-the-fafsa>

→ ***CSS Profile*** - <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>

Nearly 400 colleges, professional schools, and scholarship programs use CSS Profile to award non-federal aid.

OCTOBER 24th

→ ***Financial Aid Night***

6:30 pm in LTHS Lecture Hall

Sponsored by HESAA (Higher Education Student Assistance Authority)

TODAY'S AGENDA

- What is Naviance?
- Common App vs The Coalition
- Student To Do List
- Senior Resource Guide Contents
 - Application Information Needed
 - College Application Checklist
 - College visits to LTHS - Naviance sign up
 - SAT/ACT test dates
 - College Admissions Terms
 - Financial Aid Information
- Naviance
- Questions/Answers

Naviance - What is it?

Naviance is a college and career readiness solution that helps districts and schools align student strengths and interests to postsecondary goals, improving student outcomes and connecting learning to life.

How can it be used?

- Personality & Career Assessments
 - Discovery of strengths and weaknesses
 - Learning styles
 - Communication skills
- Maintain accomplishments and activities
 - resume builder
- College and career planning
- College Application Process

What's the buzz right now...

Common Application vs The Coalition

The Common Application

- ◎ 1975 - Pilot Project with 15 schools
- ◎ 1998 - went online
- ◎ Over 700 members
- ◎ Integrates with Naviance which has the career and college planning tools to send letters of recommendations and transcripts

The Coalition

- ◎ went live in 2016 with 49 schools - now has 95 schools
- ◎ NOT integrated with the tools to send letters of recommendations and transcripts like Naviance

CORE MESSAGES

COMMON APPLICATION

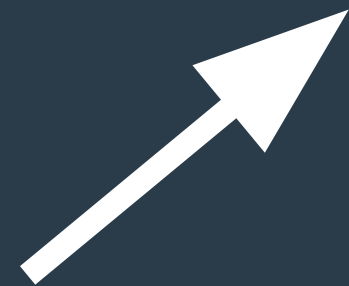
- ◎ Pursuing access, equity, and integrity in the college admission process, The Common Application works to close the equity gap by educating all students—regardless of circumstance—about the value, attainability, and affordability of a college degree.

THE COALITION

- ◎ Coalition schools provide substantial support to lower-resourced and underrepresented students, offer responsible student financial aid support, and demonstrate a commitment to student graduation.

▼ How will schools send transcripts and recommendations?

Submitting documents for a student who is applying via the Coalition platform is simple and does not require an outside tool. Uploading a transcript or letter of recommendation is as easy as adding an attachment to an email message. The process is the same whether your counseling office uses GuidedPath, Maia Learning, Naviance, PowerSchool or any other school system. Counselors will only need to upload materials once per student rather than submitting for each and every college to which a student applies. All materials will appear in a student's application portal in electronically sealed envelopes to ensure confidentiality. The student will not be able to view the contents of the envelopes, but will be able to submit these materials, as required, to individually designated colleges.



Which application do you use?

University of Maryland only accepts the Coalition
BUT accepts transcripts via Naviance....

- ◎ Official copies of high school transcripts should be sent directly by your institution to us at the address below or via The Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success. *They can also be submitted electronically by your institution through Naviance.*
- ◎ Official copies of college transcripts should be sent directly by your institution to us at the address below or via The Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success. *They can also be submitted electronically by your institution through Naviance, Parchment, or eSCRIP-SAFE.*

*blurb retrieved directly from UMD's website:

<https://www.admissions.umd.edu/apply/submittingdocuments.php>

****LTHS - will use Naviance to submit all supporting documents.****

Student to do list before applying:

- ❑ Finalize college list
- ❑ Ask teachers *in person* to write letters of rec
- ❑ Give teachers/counselor resume and/or list of extracurricular activities
- ❑ Take SAT/ACT/Subject Tests, if necessary - review school requirements
- ❑ Review essays required for all applications - find any overlap
- ❑ Send SAT/ACT/Subject tests scores to the colleges
 - *MUST be sent directly from CollegeBoard or ACT.org - cannot be from us or through Naviance*

RESOURCE GUIDE FOR SENIORS APPLYING TO COLLEGE

Application Information

- LTHS address, telephone and fax numbers
- Administrators and Counselor information

CLASS RANK REPORTING	exact
GPA	weighted
LTHS CEEB CODE	310677
GRADUATION DATE	6/14/18
STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN CLASS OF 2018	294

THE COLLEGE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

1. Create Common App account (if applicable)
Create School Specific Application (non-Common App schools)
2. FERPA - complete electronically in Common App; Senior Release form for all other applications (paper copy found in Resource Guide or can be obtained in Guidance)
3. Naviance - what to do?
 - “Colleges I’m Applying to”
 - match Common App account
 - request teachers for letters of recommendation
 - *cannot request in the Common App itself
 - update “colleges I’m applying to”

THE COLLEGE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

4. Complete all applications
5. Submit applications by deadlines you choose (ED, EA, RD)
**if you are in financial need of a fee waiver, please see your counselor to see if you and your family qualify*
6. Request transcripts in Naviance -
10 SCHOOL DAYS NEEDED prior to FIRST application deadline to gather and input all supporting documents for your applications (transcripts, school report form, school profile, teacher recs).

RESOURCE GUIDE FOR SENIORS APPLYING TO COLLEGE - *OTHER DETAILS*

- **SAT and ACT Test Dates**
 - practice information
 - how to send scores
 - score sending options
- **College Admissions Terms**
- **Financial Aid Info**
- **FERPA & Senior Release Form**
- **Common App info**
 - tips & best practices
 - materials needed
 - quick guide to app



Naviance Demo

WHAT LIES AHEAD....

NOVEMBER

- Send MP1 report card to colleges if strong report

JANUARY-JUNE

- *Midyear reports to colleges* - February (includes semester 1 average & updated rank)
- *Local scholarship package* - distribution January, must be submitted in February (deadline TBD)
- *Admissions Decisions* (typically March/April)
- **FINISH STRONG!!!**
- Deposit to the school of your choice by May 1st
- Complete Senior Exit Survey
- Final Transcripts sent to chosen school

FINAL THOUGHTS

- If you have a specific question- have your child call or email the admissions representative from the college.
- Pay attention to *how many* and *what type* of recommendations each college is requesting.
- Double check grammar and spelling on the application and essay- do not submit an application in the middle of the night!
- We are here to help you and support you! Take it one day at a time, stay calm and try to enjoy senior year - it will fly by!!

School Counselors World of Differences March 8

