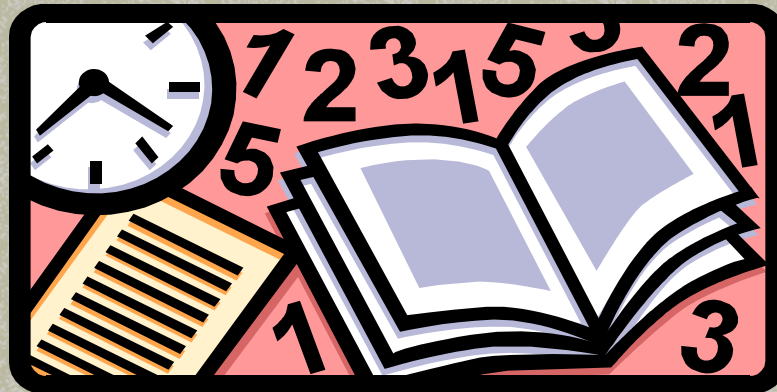


# The College Application Process




Parent Workshop  
Newfield High School  
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# *\*Introduction\**


- This PowerPoint Presentation has been posted for the students on the *Guidance Class of 2024 Google Classroom*; highlighting the college application process for this year.
- Counselors will begin meeting individually with each senior on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.



# \* Appointment Overview \*

## *What Should I Be Doing Now?!*

- Attend college fairs and in person for students (October 11 @ NHS), continue the college search process online
- Update resume in *Naviance Student*
- Request letters of recommendation
- Work on/finalize college essay
- Register for SAT/ACT (if necessary)
- Complete NCAA eligibility (if applicable)  
[www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- Discuss Early Action / Early Decision options
- Prepare a well researched list of schools to begin the application process...



# \* Appointment Overview \*

(cont.)

- Discuss the process of applying:
  - "Green Forms" (1 per college applying to, submitted to counselor in order for documentation to be sent)
    - Parent and Student must sign and date each form
  - How to submit applications online (either through the Common Application, SUNY website or individual college website)
    - [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
    - [www.suny.edu](http://www.suny.edu)
- Sign on to Naviance Student Account
  - Access through Student Clever app located on Middle Country website
- View the Tutorial below for assistance in matching your Common Application & Naviance Student accounts:
  - <https://www.screencast.com/t/gxEQkElyo1>



## Common Application Matching Process:

- Register for the Common Application ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org))
- Everyone MUST complete the following sections in Common App:
  - Education
  - College Search (add at least one college)
  - FERPA



### Common Application

[Profile](#)
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0 college(s) require

## Education

[Video Tutorials](#)
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### Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School

Current or most recent secondary/high school \*

 Find School

Date of entry\*

 Example: August 2002


Date should be entered in the Month Year format.

Is this a boarding school?\*

☐ Yes

☐ No

Did or will you graduate from this school?\*

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please indicate if any of these options will have affected your progression through or since secondary/high school. Check all that apply.\*

☐ Did or will graduate early

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## College Search

[Application Requirements](#)

College or City Name

Separate multiple search terms with a comma, e.g.: Washington, Boston

[More filters](#)

871 results

Sort by: College Name ▼

	<b>Adelphi University</b> Garden City, NY - USA	
	<b>Agnes Scott College</b> Decatur, GA - USA	
	<b>Alaska Pacific University</b> Anchorage, AK - USA	
	<b>Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences</b> Albany, NY - USA	
	<b>Albertus Magnus College</b> New Haven, CT - USA	
	<b>Albion College</b> Albion, MI - USA	
	<b>Albright College</b> Reading, PA - USA	
	<b>Alfred University</b> Alfred, NY - USA	

# FERPA Waiver



Dashboard

My Colleges

Common App

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Adelphi University

College Information

Application

Questions

Recommenders and FERPA

Review and Submit - Common App

## Recommenders & FERPA

### ! FERPA Release Authorization

Before you can invite your counselor, teachers, recommenders, parents, or advisors, you must complete the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release authorization process.

[Learn more about FERPA](#)

[Complete Release Authorization](#)






# FERPA Explained

- **The typical expectation for letters of recommendation in college admissions is that they are kept confidential.**  
*Admissions officers give most weight to letters that provide an honest and qualified assessment of the applicant. If you don't waive your FERPA right, you could accidentally signal to admissions officers that you don't trust your recommender or that the recommendation is less candid or genuine.*
- **Your recommender might also get the subtle message that you don't trust him or her.** *The knowledge that you'll see the letter at some point in the future might cause your recommender to write a more generic letter, and thus be less powerful and effective in support of your candidacy.*
- *You won't be penalized for your response, but it's risky to check "no" since you don't know how admissions officers or your recommenders will interpret it.*



# Letters of Recommendation

- Request letters of recommendation: in person with resume and through Naviance Student.
- Once a teacher agrees to write a letter, please add the teacher to Naviance.
- <https://www.screencast.com/t/yFIgLhUy>



# \* SAT / ACT \*

- Be aware of upcoming deadlines & new procedures
  - Register early; No walk-ins accepted anymore!
  - Photo I.D. is required upon registering
- Students must send SAT/ACT scores to each college directly through the testing website:
  - [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
  - [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

Contact your colleges of interest to inquire about possible updates on SAT/ACT requirements related to admissions and financial aid



## ***\*College Rep Visits and On-Site Admissions at Newfield High School\****

- ❑ Please refer to your child's Naviance Student account to view upcoming college visits:
  - ❑ Access through Student Clever app located on Middle Country website
  - ❑ To view College Rep Visits go to the "Colleges" link at the top of on the Naviance Student homepage. Select the "College Visits" link for a listing.
- ❑ On-Site Admissions
  - ❑ Please contact your counselor for additional information.
- ❑ Mini-College Day
  - ❑ October 11, 2023





# \*Financial Aid & Scholarships\*

- FAFSA form should be filled out online after December 1, 2023
- FAFSA Overview  
23-24 FAFSA  
<https://www.youtube.com/@FederalStudentAid>
- Attend our Financial Aid Night
  - October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ CHS
- Scholarship Opportunities are posted in Naviance Student, select these links:  
*Colleges ➡ Scholarship List ➡ Local & Regional Scholarships*
- Middle Country SD Scholarship information given to seniors in February



# \* Guidance Website \*

- District Guidance Website
- Consistently updated with pertinent information
  - View scholarship tab on the guidance webpage for scholarship information.
  - "Senior Stuff & College Info" tab will include updates regarding college fairs, on-site admissions, rep visits, etc.
  - Links to many helpful websites (Naviance Student, SAT/ACT, Scholarships, Financial Aid, NCAA...)





# \* Student Checklist \*

- Do Your Research!
- Complete Resume
- Request teacher recommendations
- Complete NCAA eligibility *(if applicable)*
- Send SAT/ACT scores
- Submit applications
- Fill out and sign a "green sheet" for each school & submit to your counselor!



??? Questions ???