Welcome Parents!

Oxford High School
Class of 2020
# Caseload Assignments for Class of 2020

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The Process Begins...

- Making Informed Decisions
- Visiting
- Interviewing
- Meeting with Representatives
- Junior Conference with School Counselor
Where To Begin

- Self Reflection/Assessing Your Credentials
- What are my goals?
- What location am I comfortable with?
- What size school will meet my needs?
- Finding the right fit.
Visiting Campus

- Research before you go
- Visit when classes are in session!
- Eat lunch on campus
- Meet with an admission counselor -- take the tour
- Seek out students and ask them questions
- Take notes and pictures
Meeting Admissions Representatives

- Hartford National College Fair- CT convention center: April 2\textsuperscript{nd} 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- OHS Fall Visits
- Fall College Fairs
Meeting with Admissions Counselors/Representatives

- Dress appropriately
- Know some facts about the college
- Prepare questions to ask about college, the programs, campus life, etc.
- Send/email a thank you note
How Colleges Select Students

- The Transcript
- Recommendations
- Standardized Tests
# Official Transcript

**Oxford High School**

61 Quaker Farms Rd.
Oxford, CT 06478
(203) 888-2468

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**Notes:**
- **NC** - No Credit
- **P** - Passing
- **W** - Withdrawn
- **WF** - Withdrawn Fail

**Credits to date:**

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**Signature:**

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**Date:** 12/7/2012
OHS Transcript

• The single most important piece of information available to the Admissions Office.

• Shows only FINAL grades for each course completed — no Quarter grades, no Exam grades.

• Includes a cumulative weighted GPA.

• Senior year quarter 1 grades are sent ONLY upon request.

• OHS does not report rank OR SAT/ACT scores. Students must request SAT/ACT scores directly from testing agencies (May take up to 4 weeks). Can send up to 4 score reports at no cost (visit test agency website for details).

• Mid-year and final transcripts are sent automatically by OHS.
Recommendations

- The Counselor writes a recommendation for the student *upon request*.
- Colleges usually require 1 or 2 teacher recommendations.
- More is *not always* better. Schools will outline their specific requirements on their website.
- Students must request *all* recommendations *at least* 30 days prior to the deadline.
- The letter is confidential.
Teacher Recommendations

- Typically you will request recommendations from two teachers.
- You MUST give teachers a **MINIMUM** of 30 days to write the letter.
- It is OK to ask for a recommendation, even before you have a final list of colleges.
- Each teacher should be given the **PACKET** and a completed Teacher Recommendation Info Form.
- No teacher ever got angry for starting too early!
Letter of Recommendation Packet to Counselor and Teacher

- Student Questionnaire
- Parent Questionnaire
- Accomplishment Sheet or Resume
- Optional items - your college essay, unofficial transcript, a brief statement describing what important facts you would like to encourage the counselor or teacher to mention in the letter.
Standardized Tests

- SAT or ACT scores usually come after the Transcript in importance.
- Some colleges are test optional
  - www.fairtest.org
- Preparation is KEY!
## SAT Test Dates

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**Register through College Board. You can find the link on OHS website under School Counseling**
ACT Test Dates

April 13
June 8
July 13
September 14
October 26

It is recommended that students take the ACT with optional Writing component

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Prepare for the SAT and/or ACT

- Khan Academy-FREE official SAT Prep
- Kaplan: www.kaptest.com/freecram
- College Math Prep LLC: collegemathprep.org
- Princeton Review
- Bulldog Tutors
Naviance Family Connection

Naviance is a comprehensive online resource that supports career and college planning for students and parents.
Spring 2019

- Recommended that all juniors and their parents meet with their counselors for a junior conference.

- Summer/Early Fall - good time to visit colleges. Open Houses often held in the fall.

- Talk to teachers about writing recommendations - Choose two teachers from Junior Year?
Spring/Summer, 2019

- Research colleges through Naviance or College Board or other search sites.
- Visit Colleges.
- Work on College Essay. Register at CommonApp.org. in August when 2018 Fall Application is live.
- Review Application requirements.
- Explore career opportunities.
ADD INFO. ON COMMON APP TO PRESENTATION
NCAA Student Athletes

- Register at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- Complete the online registration form and submit your payment.
- Request for your transcript be sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center by using [OHS TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM](#).
- Have your SAT or ACT scores sent to the NCAA directly from the testing organization.
Financial Aid/Scholarships

- College Goal Sunday (www.collegegoalsunday.org)
- FAFSA- (https://fafsa.ed.gov)
- CSS Profile (www.collegeboard.org)
- College or University Financial Aid Office
- Net Price Calculator
- Naviance: List of Scholarships
- Scholarship Websites
Deadlines

- Early Decision
  - Binding Agreement--if admitted student must attend--usually 11/1 or 11/15

- ED II
  - Binding Agreement-if admitted student must attend--usually 11/15, 12/1, 1/1, or 1/15

- Early Action
  - Non-binding early application, student decisions are made early

- Rolling
  - Decisions are made from 11/1 - 4/1

- Regular Deadline
  - “Fixed Deadline”--deadlines of 1/1, 1/15, 2/1, etc.
Oxford High School Counseling Department Presents:
Who Sends What?

**Student sends:**
- Application
- Fee
- Essay
- Resume
- Supplement (if required)
- SAT/ACT scores

**Teacher sends:**
- Their Recommendation
  (in the stamped envelope addressed to the college, provided by the student)

**Guidance sends:**
- Transcript
- Report Card
- School Profile
- Counselor Recommendation
  (if required)
Our goal is to find appropriate placements for OHS students—places where they will be challenged, be successful, and be happy.

**Next Year**

1) Parent seminar in early September.
2) Financial Aid Night in October.
3) Individual senior conferences.

**KEEP IN MIND:**
Useful Websites:

- http://www.oxfordpublicschools.org
- http://connection.naviance.com/oxfordhs
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.act.org
- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- www.commonapp.org
- www.ncaa.org
- www.ncaaclearinghouse.net
- www.colleges.niche.com
- www.college2in2.com