

Welcome Parents of the Class of 2018!



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Caseload Assignments for 2017-2018

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Tonight's Topics

- Naviance
- Common Application (Common App.)
- Transcript
- Deadlines
- Letters of Recommendation
- Fall Testing
- Who Sends What
- Financial Aid
- Scholarships

What is Naviance?

- Naviance is a web-based program utilized for researching colleges and careers
- All students at OHS have an account
- Some of its features include:
 - Interest inventories and surveys
 - Database of college majors
 - Resume builder
 - Track school documents sent to colleges
 - Sign up for College Visits

Naviance and the College Process

- More and more Colleges/Universities are processing application materials electronically.
- Student transcripts, OHS school profile, counselor and teacher recommendations, and other required forms will be submitted online through the Naviance program.
- We will continue to send college application materials by mail to the colleges and universities that do not yet permit electronic submission.

What is the Common Application?

What are its advantages?

- One application to apply to several schools.
- 700 + colleges accept it – most of the colleges our students apply to. (Example: All Connecticut State Schools)
- Look for supplements

Getting Started

- Common Application and Naviance Accounts
- Common App/Naviance Link
- FERPA-what does it mean?

The Process Begins....

- Students were instructed to set up their Senior Conference with their school counselor as soon as possible. Parents are welcome to attend!
- Counselors presented an overview of the application process the first day of school. Students were provided a Senior Application Checklist.
- English class visits.

OHS Transcript/Senior Grades

- You child's transcript and Grad Checklist will be mailed home to you soon. Please look it over and contact us if you have any questions.
- The transcript is the single most important piece of information available to the Admissions Office.
- Shows only FINAL grades for each course completed
- Includes a weighted GPA
- OHS does not report class rank
- Quarter 1 Grades -sent upon student request
- Mid-year grades are automatically sent

How do transcripts get sent to colleges?

- Electronically or by mail if required
- Transcript Request Form (online, OHS Counseling Office or LMC)
- Students need to add the schools that they are applying to under “**Colleges that I am Applying To**” section in Naviance

Transcript Request Form

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

(For internal use only)

Student's Last Name First Middle In. Application Deadline
(As indicated by college)

Student's E-Mail _____ (E-mail address used for student's college applications)

College Name _____

City _____ State _____

Decision Type (Check one) Early Decision I Rolling
 Early Decision II Priority
 Early Action Other _____
 Regular (NCAA, scholarship, etc)

Are you using the Common Application? Yes No

Counselor Name _____ Request letter of recommendation from counselor _____
(Recommendation packet included) Check off

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date _____

(To be completed by School Counseling Department personnel)

Date received School Counseling Office _____ By _____

Deadlines

Early Decision

- Binding agreement
- Must be 100% sure
- Be able to pay the full cost
- May only apply to one school Early Decision

Early Action

- Non-binding agreement
- Find out in Dec/Jan.
- Compare financial aid packages
- Apply to as many as you like!

Deadlines

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Restricted Early Action

- Non-binding agreement
- Find out in Dec/Jan.
- Restricts what other schools you can apply to.

Regular

- Fixed deadline- 1/1, 1/15, 2/1, etc.

Rolling

- No fixed deadlines, decisions are made from 11/1- 4/1

Letters of Recommendation

- **“Letter of Recommendation Packet”** (located on the school’s website , in the counseling office or LMC)
- Students must request all recommendations at least 30 days prior to the deadline in person.
- Students need to invite teachers to submit letters through Naviance.
- The letter is confidential.

Letters of Recommendation

- Teachers will submit their letters of recommendation through Naviance
- If the college or university does not accept electronic materials, the student will need to supply the teacher with an envelope stamped and addressed
- Look for “delivery type” icons in Naviance

How many letters of recommendation should your child request?

- Application materials from colleges include that information
- More is not always better
- Average # of letters is 2

To how many colleges should your child apply to?

- Average is 4 to 8
- Include: “Reach” Schools
 - “Ballpark/Target” Schools
 - “Likely/Safety” Schools
- The “compare me” feature in Naviance is helpful in determining a student’s candidacy

Fall Testing Dates

SAT Test Dates:

October 7th- Registration Deadline is Sept. 8th

November 4th- Registration Deadline is Oct. 5th

(register on collegeboard.org)

- Subject Tests

ACT Test Dates:

October 28th –Registration Deadline is Sept. 22nd

December 9th- Registration Deadline is Nov. 3rd

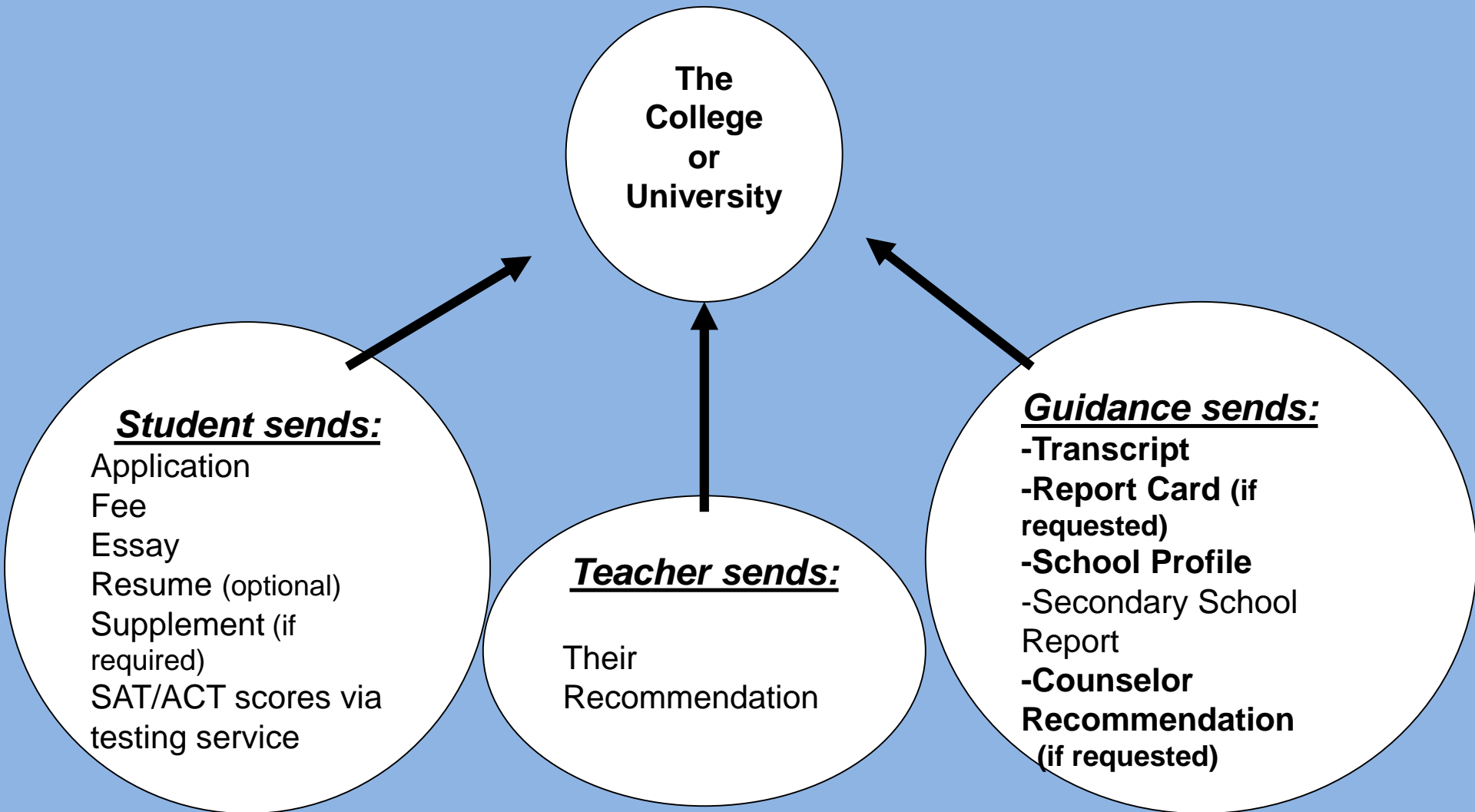
(register on actstudent.org)

Who sends your child's SAT, ACT, and AP Exam scores to colleges?

- Your child!
- Students have the option to have their scores sent to four colleges (no additional fee) when they register for SAT's and ACT's
- Send score reports (for a fee) online at collegeboard.org or actstudent.org

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Who Sends What?



What if my child wants to play a sport in college?

- Student athletes should apply online at **eligibilitycenter.org** if they are considering athletics in college.
- Each division has different requirements for eligibility-equation of SAT and grades.
- Feel free to direct questions to our AD Brian Luchsinger.

Financial Aid

FAFSA

- Used to qualify for ALL federal aid
- Required at all institutions
- Available online
- Can be filed as of October 1, 2017
- www.fafsa.ed.gov

CSS Profile

- 2 step process
- Part 1 can be filled as soon as list is complete
- Required at most private institutions, and for other scholarships
- When part 1 is submitted, part 2 is sent to your home
- Available online through CollegeBoard.com

Financial Aid Resources

- College Goal Sunday –Usually a Sat. and Sun. the 3rd week of October. For this years' date and more info go to: collegegoalsundayct.org
- Net Price Calculator
- Financial Aid office @ the College/University

Reminders....

- Be sure to complete Financial Aid paperwork **ON TIME!**
- Find out what forms are required by each college and the deadline dates for each school.
- All schools require the FAFSA-Free application for federal student aid- www.fafsa.gov
- Many colleges require a CSS profile as well.
- Be sure to contact the financial aid office if you have questions

Scholarships

We encourage students to check Naviance for local scholarship information on a regular basis!



Scholarship Websites

[www.zinch .com](http://www.zinch.com)

www.fastweb.com

www.scholarships.com

<http://www.highscholarships.com/high-school-senior-scholarships.html>

<http://scholarships4students.com/>

www.collegeboard.com

Together we will make this year a success!

- Contact your student's school counselor with questions. We are here to help!
- Have a great evening!

