

Huntington High School Senior Parent Night Class of 2025



Thursday, September 12, 2024

Agenda

Welcome & Introduction

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- Post Secondary Planning
Student Responsibilities
The College & Career Center/Google Classroom
Naviance
College Admission Criteria & Procedures
Financial Aid and Scholarships
Special Considerations
- Q & A

Post Secondary Planning

- ❑ Impact of COVID-19—Regents Exemptions and Special Appeals
- ❑ All students have options
- ❑ It's not where you go, but what you do when you get there
- ❑ Everyone's path will be unique; try not to compare
- ❑ Organizing post secondary planning into steps can reduce stress
- ❑ Our role in the process is to advise and support



Student Responsibilities

- **Own the Process!**
 - Have you verified the accuracy of your transcript?
 - What steps have you taken to research schools and complete applications on time?
 - Have you started working on your college essay?
 - Student athletes, have you registered with the NCAA?
- **Communicate and Monitor!**
 - Join the Class of 2025 Remind group, @hunt2025
 - Have you made an appointment with Mrs. Walsh?
 - Do you know if your colleges require/recommend supplemental essays?
 - Do you know how to utilize Naviance to request teacher recommendation letters?
 - Dates and Deadlines
- Follow-up with the College & Career Center on all admission decisions!

College and Career Center

Room 120

631-673-2131

★ Mrs. Bernadette Walsh:

School Counselor

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- College visits
- College fairs
- Scholarships
- Friday flyer
- Financial aid
- NCAA
- Naviance

★ Mrs. Linda Catalano:

College & Career Center Secretary

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College Visits

Many college admission counselors are scheduled to meet with Huntington High School students this fall. Most visits will be held at HHS during the day. Some will be held virtually after school hours. A complete list of the colleges scheduled is available on Naviance and on the College & Career Center Google Classroom.

- ❑ Students will register in the College & Career Center to obtain a pass to attend the in person, one period meetings.
- ❑ Students will register for the virtual meetings via their Naviance account and an access link will be provided 15 minutes prior to the event via Naviance.
- ❑ Please be sure to check with each college's admission office for additional information such as virtual college fairs and other admission opportunities.

College & Career Center

Google Classroom

Students will access the Google Classroom via CLEVER

- **Class code:** ksscxf
- Videos, guides, how-to's
- **Classwork:**
 - College rep visits
 - College application platforms
 - Naviance
 - Recommendation letters
 - Standardized testing
 - Forms
 - Financial aid
 - Additional resources
 - Friday Flyer



Naviance

Students will access Naviance via CLEVER

- About Me
- Self-Discovery
- Colleges
- Careers



College Admission Criteria

4 year colleges:

- Transcript
- Standardized test scores (OR test optional www.fairtest.org)
- Extracurricular activities
- Recommendations
- Essay
- Portfolio/audition
- Demonstrated interest
- Interview (if offered or required)

2 year colleges:

- Transcript
- Standardized tests (may used for placement)

College Application Options

- **Regular Decision:** “I am interested and if accepted, I might want to attend.”
- **Early Action:** “I am very interested and if accepted, I will most likely attend.”
- **Early Decision:** “It’s true love, and if accepted, I *must attend*, because it is *contractually binding*.” (ED I & II)
- **Single Choice/Restrictive Early Action:** “I’m very interested, and you’re the one and only school I may apply to early.” (Non-binding)
- **Rolling Admission:** “I must apply as soon as possible because applications are reviewed and decisions are made on a rolling basis.”

How Does the College Application Process Begin?

- Meet with Mrs. Walsh
- Submit Necessary Forms
 - Activity Sheet
 - Appraising Myself as I Plan for the Future
- Complete Application Forms
 - Records Release Form
 - Common Application/Coalition Application
 - Individual college applications



What May Be Included With Your College Application?

- Application for undergraduate admission
- Student transcript
- Huntington High School Profile
- Counselor recommendation and Secondary School Report
- Teacher recommendations
- Mid-year report
- Optional Report (if applicable)
- Essay
- Activity résumé/sheet
- Supplemental essay (individual colleges)
- Early Decision (ED) agreement and Final Report

College Application Procedures

All college application related materials will be submitted electronically through Naviance. This includes the following:

- Transcripts
 - SRAR: Self Reported Academic Record
- Teacher recommendations
- Counselor recommendations and Secondary School Reports
- Other relevant college documents (Early Decision agreements, Fee Waivers, etc.)

The Coalition Application

- The platform provides a single, centralized toolkit for students to organize, build, and refine their applications to numerous institutions. There are currently over 150 Coalition member colleges across the country.
- The application is completed online and can be accessed by logging onto www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org. Some schools will accept the Coalition application in addition to other applications, such as the Common Application, while other schools are exclusive and therefore, require students to use the Coalition application.



The Common Application

- www.commonapp.org
- Over 1,000 colleges and universities, private and public
- 1 application, 1 main essay
- Various deadlines, application fees and supplemental essays
- Online application only



Common Application FERPA

The screenshot shows the Common App interface. At the top left is the 'common app' logo. On the right, a user is logged in as 'Test!' with a 'Sign Out' button. A navigation bar contains 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', 'College Search', and 'Financial Aid Resources'. The 'My Colleges' sidebar lists several institutions, with 'Cornell University' selected. The main content area is titled 'Recommenders & FERPA' and features a warning icon and the heading 'FERPA Release Authorization'. Below this, it explains that users must complete the FERPA release authorization process before inviting recommenders. A 'Complete Release Authorization' button is prominently displayed, along with a 'Continue' button. On the right, a 'Instructions and Help' sidebar provides links to 'Naviance: How do students add and assign recommenders?', 'What is an advisor?', 'What are the hours for student chat?', and 'What is the FERPA Waiver?'.

common app

Welcome, Test!

Sign Out

Dashboard My Colleges Common App College Search Financial Aid Resources

My Colleges

Cornell University

College Information

Application

Questions

Recommenders and FERPA

Review and Submit - Common App

Long Island University

New York University

Savannah College of Art and Design

St. Joseph's College - Long Island Campus

SUNY Stony Brook University

University of Virginia

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

Continue

Instructions and Help

Naviance: How do students add and assign recommenders?

If your school uses Naviance, you will not be able to assign counselor or teacher recommendations. [Read more](#)

What is an advisor?

An advisor is a type of recommender for your Common App. If you receive support from [Read more](#)

What are the hours for student chat?

You are able to chat with us Monday-Friday, 12pm-8pm Eastern Time* (excluding holidays) from October - [Read more](#)

What is the FERPA Waiver?

Since FERPA is a complex law, we want to provide some key information before you respond to the [Read more](#)

Common Application Matching with Naviance

Colleges I'm Applying To

Search for Colleges

It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools. Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started. [Match Accounts](#)

[Application Milestones](#) [Compare Me](#)

✦ = extended profile available

College	App Type ?	Deadline	Expected Difficulty*	Transcripts	Office Materials	Submission Type ?	Application
✦ Adelphi University	Early Action - Fall 2024	Dec 1	N/A	No request	Pending	CA	Unknown ▼
✦ American University	! Unknown	-	N/A	No request	Pending	CA	Unknown ▼
✦ Coastal Carolina University	! Unknown	-	N/A	No request	Pending	CA	Unknown ▼
✦ Farmingdale State College	Rolling - Fall 2024 (begins August 2024)	Jul 26	N/A	No request	Pending	CA	Unknown ▼
Florida Gulf Coast University	Regular Decision - Fall 2024	Mar 1	N/A	No request	Pending	CA	Unknown ▼
Lafayette College	Regular Decision - Fall 2024	Jan 15	N/A	No request	Pending	CA	Unknown ▼



Colleges I'm Applying To

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Search for Colleges

Successfully matched

You have matched your Common app account using the name Test Student22.
 CA match email: bernadette_walsh77@yahoo.com | Common App ID: 14421015

FERPA completed

Application Milestones Compare Me

= extended profile available

Remove

College	App Type	Deadline	Expected Difficulty*	Transcripts	Office Materials	Submission Type	Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Adelphi University	Rolling - Spring 2025	Dec 15	N/A	No Request	Pending		Unknown EDIT More
<input type="checkbox"/> Farmingdale State College	Rolling - Fall 2025 (begins August 2025)	Jul 26	N/A	No Request	Pending		Unknown EDIT More
<input type="checkbox"/> University of South Carolina-Columbia	Regular Decision - Fall 2025	Dec 1	N/A	No Request	Initial materials submitted		Unknown EDIT
<input type="checkbox"/> Stony Brook University	Regular Decision - Spring 2025	Nov 1	N/A	No	Pending		Unknown EDIT More

Letters of Recommendation

- 2 core subject-academic recommendations
 - Recommendation Request form
 - Student Brag Sheet
 - Request recommendations through Naviance
 - See the official Recommendation Request Form for specific procedures
- 1 counselor recommendation
 - Mrs. Walsh will write and forward to all Common Application colleges and non Common Application colleges where applicable

Requesting Recommendation Letters

Letters of recommendation

Add new request

Here you can ask a teacher to write you a letter of recommendation. Make sure you give your teachers plenty of time to write your recommendations!

Cancel Submit Request

1. Who would you like to write this recommendation?*

Select A Teacher

2. Select the recommendation request type:*

- General request
Select this if you are ready to request a recommendation without selecting a specific college
- Specific request
Select this if you are requesting a recommendation for specific colleges from your Colleges I'm Applying To list

Select All	Colleges	Due
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adelphi University 0 required / 4 allowed / 0 requested	Dec 01 2021
<input type="checkbox"/>	Long Island University 0 required / 2 allowed / 0 requested	Dec 15 2021
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mount Saint Mary College 0 required / 3 allowed / 0 requested	Jan 15 2022
<input type="checkbox"/>	New York University 1 required / 2 allowed / 0 requested	Jan 05 2022
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stony Brook University 0 required / 3 allowed / 0 requested	Dec 01 2021



Standardized Test Submittal

Huntington High School CEEB: 332490

- SAT score reports
 - www.collegeboard.com
 - College Board customer service (866) 756-7346
 - Cumulative or Score Choice
- ACT score reports
 - www.actstudent.org
 - ACT score reports (319) 337-1313
 - Report by test date
- AP scores
 - www.collegeboard.com/apcentral
 - AP customer service (888) 225-5427
- Self Reported
- FairTest.org

Should I Test? Should I Send My Scores?

- **Test optional:** applicant has the option of submitting standardized test scores for consideration with their application
- **Test blind:** scores will not be reviewed for any candidate for admission. The goal of a test-blind policy is to remove the pressure on students to provide a score if some others are doing so.
- **Test flexible:** refers to adjustments to testing requirements, particularly in locations where testing opportunities were limited

Be sure to call the admission offices for additional information!

State University of New York (SUNY)

- www.suny.edu/student
- 64 campuses
 - 30 community colleges
- 7,000+ academic programs
- 370K students enrolled in the SUNY system (4 and 2 year colleges)
- Varying academic requirements:
 - ❑ *SUNY has temporarily suspended SAT/ACT testing requirements for students applying for admission to a SUNY bachelor's degree-granting college. You may now decide whether or not to include your scores for admission consideration at each college to which you apply.*
 - ❑ *In some instances, however, test scores may still be required. Admission to select programs, consideration for some merit scholarships, and NCAA eligibility for Division I student-athletes may require test scores.*
 - ❑ *If you believe your scores are an accurate representation of your ability, SUNY colleges can consider them along with all other materials in your application file. If you think your scores do not represent your abilities, SUNY colleges can holistically evaluate your application without considering them.*
- Common application, SUNY application, or Coalition application
- Various deadlines (EA, ED, RD or rolling)

State University of New York (SUNY)

SUNY's Free Application Weeks are running from **Monday October 21, 2024 through Sunday November 3, 2024!** Students can apply for up to five SUNY schools free of charge (\$250 savings)!

If using ApplySUNY, the first five campus application fees are waived (they are paid by SUNY).

If using Common App, you will need to apply campus by campus. Click on the tab that says My Colleges, select the campus on the left, and choose Questions. There will be a question that says, "It's free application week with the State University of New York through November 3! Would you like SUNY to pay your application fee?" If you select "Yes", your fee will be waived for that SUNY school and you can do this for up to five SUNY schools.

City University of New York (CUNY)

- www.cuny.edu
- 14 senior colleges
- 10 community colleges
- 1,750+ programs of study
- 270K students enrolled in the CUNY system (2 and 4 year colleges)
- Varying academic requirements

CUNY has extended its testing policy to test optional through spring 2027. First-year applicants can choose whether to submit SAT or ACT exam scores as part of their application. The admission decision will be based primarily on a student's academic preparation in high school, including overall grade-point-average, course grades and the academic rigor of their high school curriculum. Students should carefully consider whether they would like to send their test scores:

- *If a student has a particularly strong academic record and believes that their standardized exam scores do not reflect their full academic potential, they may elect not to send SAT or ACT exam scores to CUNY.*
- *If a student feels that standardized test scores improve their overall academic record, we invite them to send test scores.*
- *The absence of SAT or ACT exam scores cannot be used to deny a student admission.*
- Macaulay Honors College at 8 senior colleges (11/15/24 deadline, 10/24/24 HHS deadline)
- One application and one fee used for up to 6 campuses
- February 1st deadline (general freshman admission) and then rolling admission on a space available basis, 1/9/25 HHS suggested deadline

City University of New York (CUNY)

CUNY's Fee Waiver Period for New York State High School Seniors from non-New York City Public Schools : **November 4-15th**.

Students can apply for up to six CUNY schools free of charge (\$65 savings)!

No fee waiver code is required!

Records Release Form

- Available in the College & Career Center and on the Google Classroom
- Student and parent/guardian signature required
- Checklist
- 1 RRF/college
- RRF due to the College & Career Center 15 school days before the application deadline.



Financial Aid



- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - Federal student financial aid, such as Pell grant, student loans, and college work-study. In addition, most states and schools use FAFSA information to award their financial aid.
 - **Available December 2024**
www.studentaid.gov
- NYS Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)
 - New York's grant program that helps eligible NYS residents attending NYS institutions
 - Grant based upon NYS taxable income
 - **Available December 2024**
www.hesc.ny.gov/tap
- CSS/ Financial Aid Profile
 - Nearly 400 colleges & universities use the profile to distribute non federal student aid funds
 - **Available October 2024**
<https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp>
- HHS Financial Aid Night – TBD

Scholarships



- NYS Scholarships & Awards
 - www.hesc.ny.gov
- Religious organizations, employer, cultural organizations, service organizations
- Merit scholarships: awarded in recognition of achievement, usually in academics, athletics or the arts
- Quarterly scholarship newsletters are posted on the website

Special Considerations

- Learning Accommodations/Student Support Services
- NCAA www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Portfolio requirements
 - Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Architecture, Writing, Music Composition
- Audition deadlines
 - Drama, Music, Voice, Dance

Additional Support

Several drop-in workshops will be held in the library. Be sure to stop by during a free period to work on college applications, matching Naviance and the Common Application, request recommendation letters, etc.

- September 27th, Periods 1-3
- September 30th, Periods 4-5
- October 1st, Periods 6-7
- October 2nd, Periods 8-9

Questions & Answers

