

For Seniors & Families:

The College Application Process



LOWER MERION SCHOOL DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 2019



Start with the big picture



Advice from a Glacier



- ❖ Carve your own path
- ❖ Go slow
- ❖ Channel your strengths
- ❖ Smooth the way for others
- ❖ Keep moving forward
- ❖ Avoid meltdowns
- ❖ Be cool!

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□ □ □ This evening's program



As a large group, we will cover:

- ◇ A timeline for senior year
- ◇ Types of admission & deadlines
- ◇ Parts of an application
- ◇ The mechanics of submitting applications
- ◇ Types of admission decisions
- ◇ A change in financial aid
- ◇ Next steps

... and then move into small groups for Q&A



Timeline for the Fall



1. Carefully review your transcript
2. Discuss letters of recommendation with teachers and provide what they need
3. Decide if you will take any standardized tests in the fall:
ACT -10/26; 12/14; SAT & SAT Subject Tests 10/5, 11/2, 12/7
4. Athletes: Register with the NCAA at EligibilityCenter.org
5. Research colleges: on your own; visits at school; college fairs-ours is 10/21; college websites
6. Settle on a list of colleges and enter into Naviance, Common Application and other apps
7. Review deadlines, requirements for each application; begin to work on submissions
8. Consider meeting with your counselor/college access counselor at each school



Types of Admission



Non-Restrictive

- Rolling Admission
- Regular Decision
- Early Action (EA)

Restrictive

- Restrictive Early Action (REA)
Only early application!
- Early Decision (ED)
- Early Decision II
Must attend if accepted!

Deadlines

- *None (apply early!)*
 - ~ Jan. 1/15
 - ~ Nov. 1/15
- ~ Nov. 1/15
- ~ Nov. 1/15
- ~ Jan. 15/Feb.1

NACAC Definitions of Admission Options

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Regular Decision

DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Rolling Admission

DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Action (EA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll and withdraw all other applications. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

COMMITMENT:

BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.



Both EDI & II are binding



Application Components



Counselor

Submits counselor recommendation; provides school profile; advises student as needed

Registrar

Submits transcripts and grade reports

College Board or ACT

Submits test scores

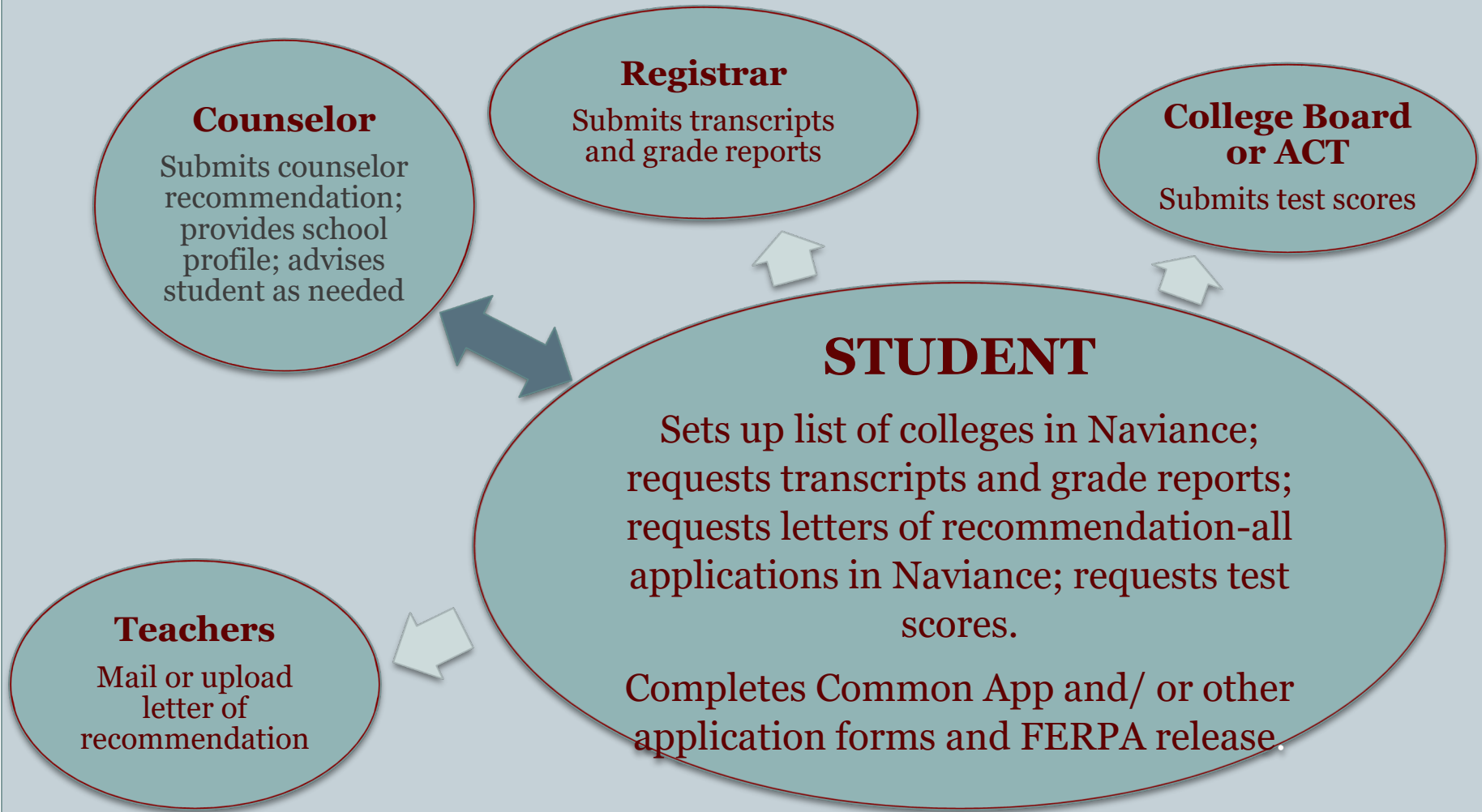
STUDENT

Sets up list of colleges in Naviance; requests transcripts and grade reports; requests letters of recommendation-all applications in Naviance; requests test scores.

Completes Common App and/ or other application forms and FERPA release.

Teachers

Mail or upload letter of recommendation





Mechanics of the Process



- All students will use Naviance Student
 - *Student.naviance.com/harriton or /lowermerion*
 - *Central clearinghouse for processing applications, transcripts, more*
- Over 850 colleges of the almost 4,000 in the US and abroad use The Common Application
- The majority of colleges accept school documents & letters electronically; a few, usually international universities, want documents mailed
- The Coalition Application, applies to 140 colleges; Some colleges such as the U of MD are Coalition exclusive. Many of the colleges on Coalition App are on The Common Application too
- Some universities have their own process-Penn State, Pitt, Rutgers and other universities use a self-reported process, which means you input your own courses and grades and either use The Common App, their online app or the Coalition App
- Each process is defined on Naviance, which is a great source of information
- Deadlines are very important in the college process to keep on track!




Mechanics of the Process



 Naviance | *Student*

[Home](#) [Colleges](#) [Careers](#) [About Me](#) [My Planner](#)

Welcome, Jen!

[Search for Colleges](#) 

 Type a college name

SEARCH

Welcome Class of 2019!

Welcome Class of 2019,

Your senior year has finally arrived! Congratulations!

We will continue to work with you in Naviance throughout your senior year. Naviance Student's easy-to-use web applications will help guide you and your parent/guardians make post high school choices. You

[Read more](#)

My Favorites



COLLEGES

I'm thinking about



COLLEGES

I'm applying to




CAREERS AND CLUSTERS

I'm thinking about



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Quick Links

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS

SuperMatch®

Advance college search

College lookup

MY COLLEGES

Upcoming college events

Colleges match

Colleges Visits

Colleges I'm thinking about

Colleges I'm thinking about

Search for colleges

+ Add Colleges to List

Compare Me

UPDATE INTEREST

MOVE TO APPLICATION LIST

REMOVE


* = extended profile available

	College	Delivery type	Added By	Expected Difficulty*	Application Deadlines	Interest	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bucknell University	CA	Student	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A	MORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Colgate University	CA	Student	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A	MORE



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 Naviance | Student

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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

Manage Transcripts

Application Milestones

Compare Me

+

* = extended profile available

+ REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS

REMOVE

College that I'm attending:

N/A

Update

Letters of recommendation

Some colleges require letters of recommendation to be submitted with your application. Please visit the [letters of recommendation section](#), accessible from the main colleges page, for more information



Mechanics of the Process



The screenshot shows the 'Common App' interface. The 'Common App' tab in the top navigation bar is circled in red, with a dashed red arrow pointing to it from the top left. The 'Help Center' link in the right sidebar is also circled in red, with a dashed red arrow pointing to it from the top right. A large black circle is positioned above the center of the page.

Common Application

- Profile
- Family**
- Education
- Testing
- Activities
- Writing

▼ Household

Parents marital status: (relative to each other)*

Married

With whom do you make your permanent home?*

Select

Do you have any children?

☐ Yes

☐ No

[Back](#) **Continue**

► Parent 1

► Parent 2

► Sibling

Help Center ➔

Search help

Miss or Mrs.

Please select Ms. as your choice. This title can be used for a married or unmarried woman (like Mr ... [+]

Half siblings

You may add siblings, half siblings, or step siblings only. For siblings who have not yet earned a ... [+]

more than five siblings


You are limited to entering only five siblings. If you have more than five, you can list them in th ... [+]



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Please write an essay (250-650 words) on the topic selected.*

 Add 173 or more words to meet the 250 word minimum.

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The Common Application is a not-for-profit membership organization that, since its founding over 35 years ago, has been committed to providing reliable services that promote equity, access, and integrity in the college application process. We serve students, member institutions, and secondary schools by providing applications that students and school officials may submit to any of our nearly 500 members. Membership is

Words entered: **77**

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Continue



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THE COMMON APPLICATION

Welcome, Simon!
First Year / 2013-2014 | CAID 200005

Sign out

Dashboard My Colleges Common App Recommenders College Search

Start typing the college name Add a College

My Colleges (2)	Deadline	Application	Writing Supplement
▶ Connecticut College	11/15/2013	●	●
▶ Gettysburg College	2/1/2014	✓	●

Help Center ➔

Search help 🔍

Dashboard
The Application Dashboard will display all of your colleges and the status of your work for each ma ... [+]

Progress Statuses
Dashboard icons give a visual indication of the status of your progress. Green checkmarks signify ... [+]

Looking for a College?
You can quickly search for a new college to add to your college list directly from the Dashboard. ... [+]

Dashboard displays an overview of the application status for each college on a student's list.



Transcript Release Form



- First day to hand it in:
Each school has their own release form. Dates to submit form vary from school to school.
- At least 15 school days before your first deadline
- Any day before 12:00 at HHS
 - Log sheet for colleges



Harrington High School of Lower Merion School District

TRANSCRIPT RELEASE FORM

This form is required fifteen (15) school days in advance of the earliest application deadline listed below.

BEFORE TURNING IN YOUR TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS, MAKE SURE TO:

- List each college in the "Colleges I'm Applying To" tab in Naviance.
- Match your Common App account with Naviance.
- List any Common App colleges in your Common Application account.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

RECEIVED: _____

In accordance with the Federal Privacy Rights of parents and students, the following signed consent is necessary in order for Lower Merion School District to release student records.

1. The undersigned hereby consents to the release of all education records about the student (identifying data, birth date, academic work completed, level of achievement, grades, and attendance), letters of recommendation, and such other information as may be requested. _____ YES _____ NO
2. The undersigned hereby consents to the release of disciplinary records as requested by the post-secondary educational institution application process including all suspensions, removals, and expulsions. _____ YES _____ NO*

* If "no" is marked on this form, the high school will indicate this lack of consent on the student's application and the student and parent will be responsible for the decision of the post-secondary educational institution to process the application without this information.

Earliest Application

Deadline: _____

Note: I understand that I am responsible for sending any SAT/SAT Subject Area Tests and/or ACT scores directly from the testing company to the college/university.

Student Name (Please Print) _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Guardian Signature - Only required ONCE per school year _____

Date _____

COLLEGE	APPLICATION DEADLINE	APPLICATION TYPE (Circle One)	NEEDS ENVELOPE?*
1. _____	_____	EA / ED / Rolling / Regular	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	_____	EA / ED / Rolling / Regular	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. _____	_____	EA / ED / Rolling / Regular	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. _____	_____	EA / ED / Rolling / Regular	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. _____	_____	EA / ED / Rolling / Regular	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. _____	_____	EA / ED / Rolling / Regular	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Must provide stamped, addressed, 9"x12" envelopes as needed in order to submit this form.



Admission Decisions



- ☐ Offered admission
- ☐ Denied admission
- ☐ Deferred / Hold
- ☐ Waitlisted
- ☐ Your responsibility

A Change in Financial Aid Timing



- Families will be able to file for aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) beginning October 1!
- Families will be able to use their prior-prior year tax information, aka PPY, when reporting personal and family income
- Example-Since student will enter college in the fall of 2020, you will use your 2018 tax information-a huge change from waiting to get taxes done in January and racing against February deadlines



Next Steps



Small group discussions

Common Application, Coalition Application, other types of applications

Naviance

Testing, transcript, discipline, release form

Questions about the process?

Review handouts at home

Save the dates

Financial Aid Overview 10/14/19 7 pm at Harriton

FAFSA Completion Night 10/23/19 7 pm at Lower Merion

NACAC National College Fair 10/20/19 11 am to 3 pm Philadelphia Convention Center

Lower Merion College Fair-students only-10/21/19 at LM and Harriton

We are here to help!