

For Seniors & Families:

The Post-Secondary Planning Process



LOWER MERION SCHOOL DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 2020



Agenda



Post-Secondary Options

- Employment
- Gap Year
- Military
- Specialized Schools
- College Information

Types of admission & deadlines

Parts of an application

The mechanics of Naviance and Common Application

Types of admission decisions

Financial aid

Breakout rooms with individual counselor

Employment



- Update resume
- Get letters of recommendation
- Interview Preparation
- Create a list of job opportunities based on interests and abilities
 - Check out LinkedIn, Monster, Indeed
- Apply to jobs of interest
- Consider apprenticeships in areas such as plumbing, construction, electrical, etc.



Gap Year



- Identify reason/goal
- Explore Gap year options
 - Community Service
 - Travel
 - Employment
 - Internships
 - Education
 - ✦ Study abroad
- Develop a plan
 - Manage deadlines
 - Create a budget
 - Consider logistics
 - Manage deferral from college



Military Service



- Consider Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC), Military Academies and various branches of the Armed Services
- Contact recruiting office
- Take Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)
- Be aware of medical restrictions and physical requirements



Specialized Schools

- Cosmetology
- Culinary
- Trades
 - Auto
 - Construction
 - HVAC
 - Plumbing





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 – 10/24, 12/12; SAT - 10/3, 11/7, & 12/5; 10/14 in school testing at both high schools
4. Athletes: Register with the NCAA at EligibilityCenter.org
5. Research colleges: on your own; visit colleges virtually or in person when open; virtual college fairs; Naviance
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!)*
 - *~ January 1/15*
 - *~ November 1/15*
- *~ November 1/15*
- *~ November 1/15*
- *~ January 15/February 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 transcript along with counselor recommendation & school profile

Registrar

Uploads transcript to Naviance

Test Scores

Student submits through College Board and ACT

Application & essay

Student Completes Common App, essay and other application forms, signs FERPA waiver, and sends all materials, **Colleges may receive all parts at different times.**

Teacher Letter of Rec

Uploads letter and sends or mails

Test Optional



More than 1200 + four-year colleges and universities do not require the SAT or ACT.

Check each college website for their testing requirements.



Mechanics of the Process



- All students will use Naviance Student.
 - *Student.naviance.com/lowermerion*
 - *Central clearinghouse for processing applications, transcripts, more*
- Most students will use The Common Application – 950 + colleges of almost 4,000 are members.
- Some students may use The Coalition Application - 140 + colleges; a few colleges, such as The University of Florida and the University of Washington are Coalition exclusive.
- University specific applications and self-reported process - input your own courses and grades. Each process is defined on Naviance, which is a great source of information.
- Deadlines are very important in the college process, however in light of COVID-19, communication will be important if you need flexibility with deadlines.

Mechanics of the Process

Naviance



Welcome, Demo Whelan!

Search for Colleges



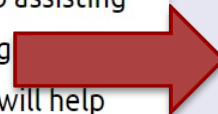
Type a college name

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Welcome Class of 2020!

Welcome to your senior year and we hope that you had a wonderful summer!

The Student Services Department is committed to assisting you to achieve your post high school plans. Through school year, we will provide you information that will help you with the transition from high school to your post-



My Favorites



COLLEGES

I'm thinking about



COLLEGES

I'm applying to




CAREERS AND CLUSTERS

I'm thinking about



Adding colleges



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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

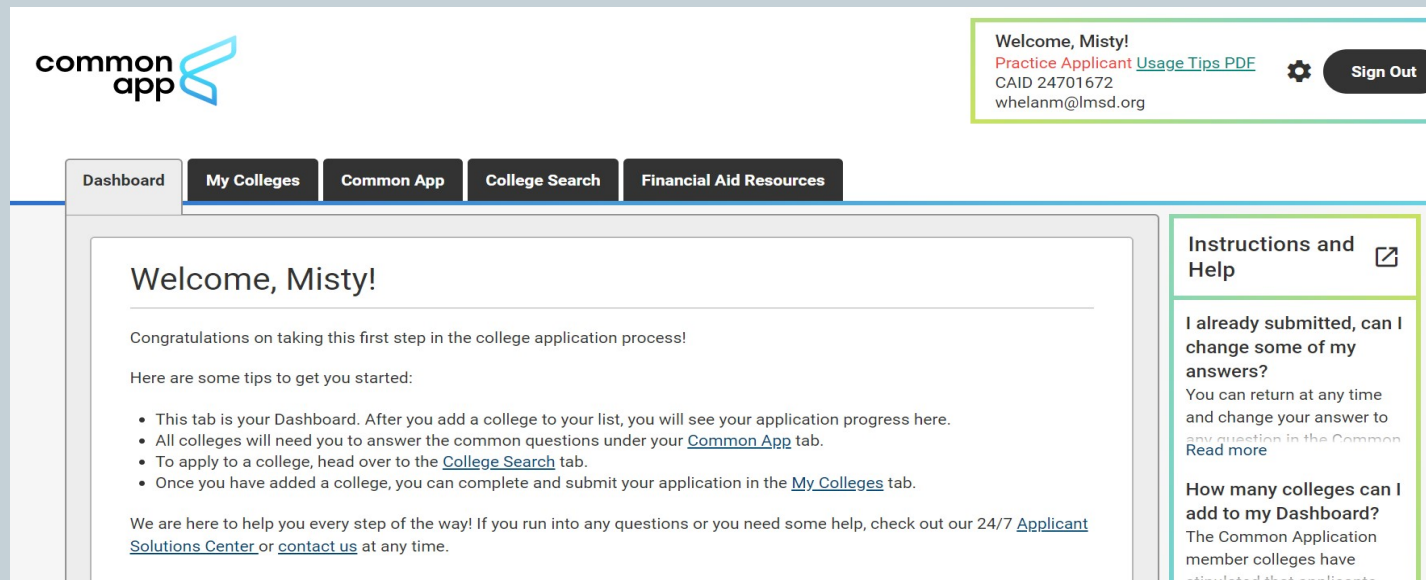
REMOVE

* = 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
<input type="checkbox"/> Colgate University	CA	Student	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A

Mechanics of the Process

Common Application



The screenshot shows the Common App dashboard for a user named Misty. The top navigation bar includes the Common App logo and a welcome message with the user's name, CAID number (24701672), email (whelanm@lmsd.org), and a 'Sign Out' button. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', 'College Search', and 'Financial Aid Resources'. The main content area displays a 'Welcome, Misty!' message, congratulations on taking the first step, and a list of tips to get started. A sidebar on the right contains 'Instructions and Help' links, including 'I already submitted, can I change some of my answers?' and 'How many colleges can I add to my Dashboard?'. The bottom of the dashboard features a large blue URL: [HTTPS://APPLY.COMMONAPP.ORG/COMMON/6/](https://apply.commonapp.org/common/6/).

common app

Welcome, Misty!
Practice Applicant [Usage Tips PDF](#)
CAID 24701672
whelanm@lmsd.org

Sign Out

Dashboard My Colleges Common App College Search Financial Aid Resources

Welcome, Misty!

Congratulations on taking this first step in the college application process!

Here are some tips to get you started:

- This tab is your Dashboard. After you add a college to your list, you will see your application progress here.
- All colleges will need you to answer the common questions under your [Common App](#) tab.
- To apply to a college, head over to the [College Search](#) tab.
- Once you have added a college, you can complete and submit your application in the [My Colleges](#) tab.

We are here to help you every step of the way! If you run into any questions or you need some help, check out our 24/7 [Applicant Solutions Center](#) or [contact us](#) at any time.

Instructions and Help

I already submitted, can I change some of my answers?
You can return at any time and change your answer to any question in the Common [Read more](#)

How many colleges can I add to my Dashboard?
The Common Application member colleges have stipulated that applicants

[HTTPS://APPLY.COMMONAPP.ORG/COMMON/6/](https://apply.commonapp.org/common/6/)



Application Status



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.

FERPA Waiver




- Click on the “My College” tab, then on the left hand side click “Assign Recommenders” then the FERPA Release Authorization is the first item on that page.
- Click the blue text under the “FERPA RELEASE AUTHORIZATION” to complete the FERPA waiver.



Connecting Naviance to CA



 Naviance | Student





Home Colleges Careers About Me My Planner

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



The Common App Essay



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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Help Center



Dashboard

My Colleges

Common App

Recommenders

College Search

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

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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 ... [+]



Transcript Release Form



- Complete and submit to Registrar at least 15 school days before your first deadline
- At LMHS, mail your TRF to Cameron King, the Registrar.



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:

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

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

Earliest Application

Deadline: _____

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; fall and January
- ☐ Denied admission
- ☐ Deferred / Hold
- ☐ Waitlisted
- ☐ Your responsibility

Financial Aid Timeline



- File for aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) beginning October 1
- Use prior-prior year tax information when reporting personal and family income
- Example- for students who enter college in the fall of 2021, use 2019 tax information
- Review each college's scholarship and financial aid sites
- **Net Price Calculators** give estimates for each individual college

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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Break Out Rooms



- Mr. Allen L-O
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4294734180?pwd=RE52bWxvRoNyZHEodi9pRzlGNoFKQT09>
- Mr. Anderson P-Smith
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6447372906?pwd=UlRnWmpWNUUpUUWFWdG1qTmVhS3dHZz09>
- Mrs. Gesacion A-C
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3035827428?pwd=cmsxWi9HekNpQ1JoR1gzMFIwR3NlZz09>
- Mrs. Kail H-K
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6497358983?pwd=cTlJZDlTTVBOMGYvTENXc1lPdFF2d309>
- Mrs. Rosen D-G
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5100520077?pwd=SW9sMTF5L1RCZmk3d2tRcHFpSUNOUT09>
- Mrs. Vallieres Sob-Z
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9292281319?pwd=UWZCRWl5QjVXRUloZTNXRVFjLoo4QT09>