For Seniors & Families:

The College Application Process
This evening’s program

As a large group, we will cover:

- a timeline for 12th grade
- types of admission & deadlines
- parts of an application
- the mechanics of submitting applications
- types of admission decisions
- 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: 9/12, 10/24, 12/12
   - SAT & SAT Subject Tests: 10/3, 11/7, 12/5
4. Athletes: Register with the NCAA at EligibilityCenter.org
5. Research colleges: on your own; meet with college reps visiting school; college websites
6. Settle on a list of colleges and enter in Naviance, Common Application
7. Review deadlines, requirements for each application; begin to work on submissions
8. Consider meeting with your counselor or the college access counselor
## 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 admitted*

### Deadlines
- none *(apply early!)*
  - ~ Jan. 1/15
  - ~ Nov. 1
- ~ Nov. 1
- ~ Nov. 1
- ~ Jan. 15/Feb.1
**Application Components**

**STUDENT**
- Sets up list of colleges in Naviance;
- requests transcripts and grade reports;
- requests letters of recommendation;
- requests test scores.
- Completes Common App or other application form and FERPA release.

**Registrar**
- Submits transcripts and grade reports

**Counselor**
- Submits counselor recommendation;
  provides high school profile;
  advises student as needed

**College Board or ACT**
- Submits test scores

**Teachers**
- Mail or upload letter of recommendation
Mechanics of the Process

- All students will use Naviance “Family Connection”
  - www.naviance.com/harriton or /lowermerion
  - central clearinghouse for processing applications, transcripts, more

- Many colleges use the Common Application
  - Penn State University uses PSU Online
  - A few colleges still use paper forms—many of those are international

- Most colleges accept school documents & letters electronically
  - A few colleges want documents to be mailed in

* Each college’s process will appear in Naviance *
Mechanics of the Process
### Mechanics of the Process

#### colleges I'm applying to

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#### College that I am attending

(no college selected)
Mechanics of the Process

- Dashboard
- My Colleges
- Common App
- Recommenders
- College Search

Common Application

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

Help Center

- 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 the...

- Parent 1
- Parent 2
- Sibling
Mechanics of the Process

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

- Offered admission
- Denied admission
- Deferred / Hold
- Waitlisted
Next Steps

Small group discussions
- Common Application, Naviance, testing, transcript, discipline
- Questions about the process?

Review handouts at home

Save the dates
- LMSD College Fairs (students only) 10/8/15 & 11/9/15
- National College Fair at the Convention Center 11/8/15
- Financial Aid Overview 1/7/16
- FAFSA Completion Nights 1/21/ and 1/27/16; 2/24/16

We are here to help!