For Seniors & Families:

Post-Secondary and College Application Planning
A timeline for senior year

- Post-Secondary Options
- Timeline for College Applications
- Defining College Admission Options & Deadlines
- College Application Components
- The mechanics of Naviance and Common Application
- Financial aid
- Join with your counselor meeting.
Post-Secondary Pathways

“Career Highest Aspiration”

- Career/Technical Schools
- Military Service
- Employment
- College/University
- Gap Year
Career Resources

• Naviance Careers Tab

paCareersLink.pa.gov/jponline/individual

• PA Careers Link: https://www.pacareerlink.pa.gov/jponline/individual
Senior Application Checklist

- Carefully review your transcript
- Discuss letters of recommendation with teachers and provide what they need
- Decide if you will take standardized tests and register, fee waivers available
- Athletes: Register with the NCAA at EligibilityCenter.org for Div. I & II
- Visit colleges here and on campus
- Enter colleges in Naviance and “match” Naviance to Common App – keep current
- Complete all parts of Common App and/or colleges own applications
- Turn in Transcript Release Form 15 school days prior to the deadline
- Apply for Financial Aid - https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa - October 1 FAFSA is open
- Review deadlines, requirements for each application. Stay organized.
- Communicate with your counselor and teacher recommenders.
- Review and submit your applications in Common App and others
- Jan/Feb – Send Midyear grades
- When a decision is received, provide timely reply
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| Transcript Release Forms are being accepted by Mrs. Newberg. You MUST submit it to her at least 15 school days before your deadline. Email: NewberM@lmsd.org |
| The first date we will send transcripts and documents to colleges is September 21st. |

| Virtual college visits are visits that will be done remotely and accessed via a link shared in Naviance. The virtual event link will be active 15 minutes prior to the start of the event. Attending a college visit is one way you can demonstrate interest! Be sure to ask meaningful questions when you are there. The college representative will likely be the person who is reading your application. |

| Not all colleges require letters of recommendation, but for those that do, make sure two teachers have agreed to write a letter of recommendation for you. You must provide them with any forms they may need if they do not use Naviance (ex. Common App Teacher Form and addressed envelopes, etc.). |

| To add your teachers on Naviance, click the Colleges tab. The drop-down menu will have the Letters of Recommendation page. From there, you can click Add Request and find your teacher’s name in the drop-down menu. Select the colleges that you want them to send a letter to. Be mindful when a college only allows one letter. Don’t forget to thank them, remind them of why you loved their classes. |

| Create a Common App account and begin filling it out. Website: [http://www.commonapp.org/](http://www.commonapp.org/) |

| Match your Common App and Naviance accounts. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HgtPb5cNql](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HgtPb5cNql) |

| Update Naviance’s “Colleges I’m Applying to” AFTER you have matched your accounts. |

| Make sure you have identified how you are applying to each school. If there is a question mark on the computer icon under the submission column, click “I’m not sure yet” to identify if you will be applying through Common App or through the college’s website. This is a really important step to do before you click submit because materials will not be received by the colleges if the question mark remains. |
Transcript Release Form

This form gives your permission to release the transcript to all colleges or universities that you have documented in your “Colleges I’m Applying To” list in Naviance and as you have listed below. For every college you add later, you must submit a new TRF and you must also update your Naviance “Colleges I’m Applying To” list.

This form must be turned in by student and parent to the Harriton Registrar at least 15 days prior to the college application deadline.

BEFORE TURNING IN YOUR TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

____ 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.

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.

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

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.

Student Name (Please Print) ____________________________

Student Signature ____________________________ Date: ____________

Guardian Signature ____________________________ Date: ____________

(Only required ONCE per school year)

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If a college does not accept electronic transcripts, you must provide a stamped, addressed, 9”x12” envelopes in order to submit this form.

Transcript Release Form Deadline | College Application Deadline
Sept. 27      | October 15
October 11    | November 1
October 25    | November 15
Nov. 10       | December 1
Nov. 24       | December 15
*December 6   | January 1 and January 3
December 23   | January 15
Types of Admission

**Non-Restrictive**
- Rolling Admission
- Regular Decision
- Early Action (EA)
- Priority/Scholarship

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

**Deadlines**

**Non-Restrictive**
- Jan. 1, Jan. 15, Feb. 1
- Nov. 1, Nov. 15
- Nov. 1, Dec. 1

**Restrictive**
- Nov. 1/15
- Jan. 15/Feb. 1
- Nov. 1/15
What does “Test Optional” really mean?

- More than 1,600 four-year schools will not require students to submit ACT/SAT scores to be considered for fall 2022 enrollment.

- NACAC states: institutions have made a definitive statement that they will not need test scores to make admission decisions. Despite the change in policies, ... “Does test optional really mean test optional?” The answer, simply put, is: YES. Colleges have affirmed that they will not penalize students for the absence of a standardized test score and endorse a student-centered, holistic approach to admission that will not disadvantage any student without a test score.
Mechanics of the Process

- All students will use Naviance — this is the main method of electronic submission of all school documents by your counselor and teacher recommenders — if it is not up to date with all colleges, your school documents cannot be sent.

- Most students will use The Common Application — this is your college application and you are in control of when it is submitted — no need to wait for school documents.

- Some students may use The Coalition Application - a very few colleges are Coalition exclusive.

- Some students may use university specific applications and self-reported process (SRAR) and may be required to input your own courses and grades.

- Deadlines are very important in the college process and communication is a key factor — stay in touch with your counselor when adding a college or changing a decision.
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. Throughout the school year, we will provide you information that will help you with the transition from high school to your post-high school plan.

My Favorites

- COLLEGES
  - I’m thinking about
- COLLEGES
  - I’m applying to
- CAREERS AND CLUSTERS
  - I’m thinking about
Adding colleges

### Naviance | Student

#### 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

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- **Add Colleges to List**
- **MOVE TO APPLICATION LIST**
- **REMOVE**
- **Compare Me**

*Expected Difficulty can be updated by the student.*

**= extended profile available**
“Application type” symbols – what do they mean?

Common Application School – transcripts accepted electronically through Common App – must “match” with Naviance

Requires stamped addressed envelope (address to college) and send/mail to Mrs. Newberg and teacher recommenders—(transcript and recommendation letters are not accepted electronically). Put your name on the inside flap of envelope and the due date

Not a Common Application school but the transcript can still be sent electronically
Adding a teacher recommender

Welcome, Demo Whelan!

Search for Colleges: [Search bar]

Home | Colleges | Careers | About Me | My Planner

COLLEGES
Home

Letters of Recommendation
Manage Transcripts
Test Scores

Add Request

Your recommendation requests will show up here.
Common Application
Home page/Dashboard

Each year, more than 1 million students apply to more than 900 Common App member colleges worldwide through our online college application platform.
Once you’ve created your account and explored the colleges that accept the Common App, you're ready to start adding colleges.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7W_BJ7fajZU
In the application you'll be asked if you want to waive the right to review confidential letters of recommendation. What you should you know about this waiver?

- Waiving your right lets colleges know that you do not intend to read your recommendations, which helps reassure colleges that the letters are candid and truthful.
- Some recommenders may decline to write a letter for you if you do not waive your rights. Check with your counselor or teachers to see if any of them follow such a policy.

**How to Complete the FERPA Waiver:**

1. Create a common application account at www.commonapp.org and click on “College Search” tab to add your colleges to the common application
2. Next, on the common application, 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.
Matching Naviance to CA

- Colleges I’m applying to
  - 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.

- College that I’m attending:
  - N/A

- 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.
Who Sends What

**Student**
Completes and sends
1. Common App (or College Specific or Coalition App, SRAR if required) and supplemental essays
2. Transcript Release Form (TRF)– send to Registrar
3. All Standardized Tests – self report or send an official score report

**Counselor**
Sends transcript, counselor recommendation, & school profile

**Teacher**
Uploads letter to Naviance and sends or mails

College list must be kept up to date in Naviance
Add teacher recommender to Naviance
Ready to submit?
From the college’s perspective.....

Our goal is twofold: to enroll the best possible students at the University and to treat with dignity every student who expresses interest in applying. We appreciate your sincere interest in joining the ___________ family. If you choose to apply for admission, we promise to treat your application with great care because it represents you during an important time in your life. You’re about to make one of the most important decisions of your life. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions at ___________ is here to make sure you have all the help—and information—you need as you prepare your application.
Admission Decisions

- Accepted! Offered admission; fall and January/Spring semester
- Denied admission
- Deferred
- Waitlisted
- Other possibilities
Scholarships and Financial Aid

- File for aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) beginning October 1
  - Financial Aid Night – Thursday, Oct. 14
  - FAFSA Completion Night – Thursday, Oct. 28

- The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency: [https://www.pheaa.org/](https://www.pheaa.org/)

- The 2021-22 FAFSA form asks for 2019 tax information. Application and information available at [https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid)

- The CSS Profile (College Board) may also be required. [https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/](https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/)

- Review each college’s scholarship and financial aid sites

- Fastweb.com, College Board

- **Net Price Calculators** give estimates for each individual college of the potential cost of attendance
Career & College Access Counselor

Office Hours – Lunch and Learn

College Visits – Sign up on Naviance – visits started Sept. 28

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Barbara Serratore (Faro – Kl)
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Kimberly Thompson (O – Ship)
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Remember...”College is a match to be made, not a trophy to be won”...