

JUNIOR PARENT & STUDENT NIGHT: Postsecondary Education Planning

Welcome!



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6:30 pm

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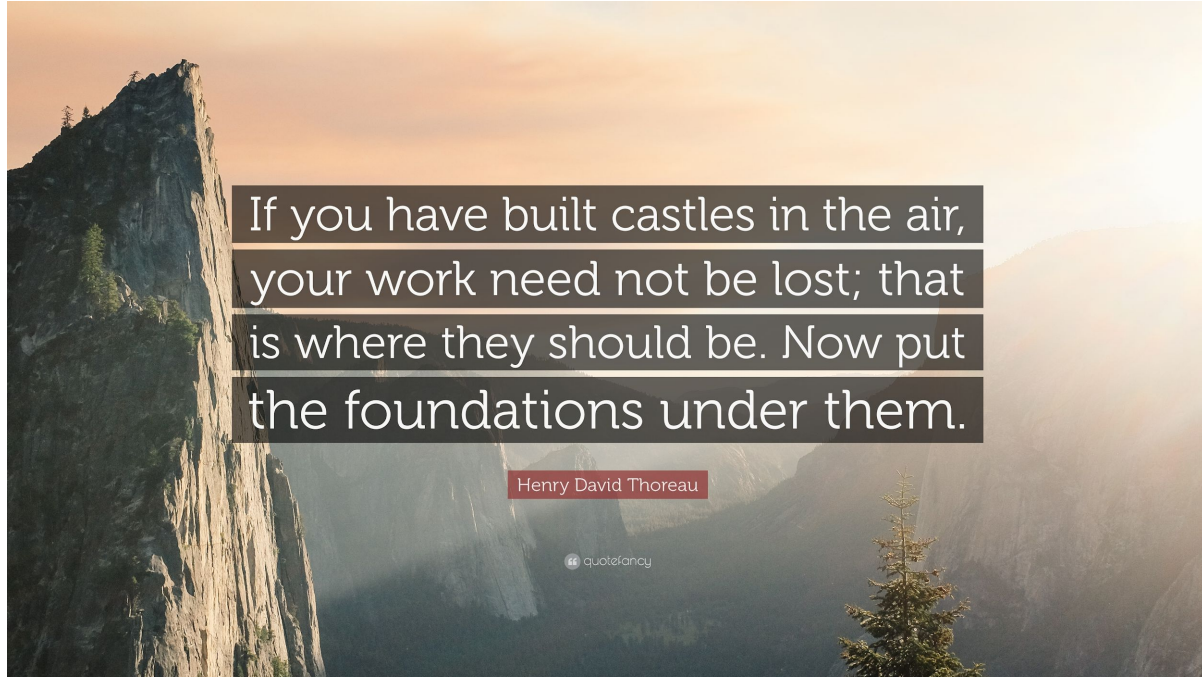
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Goals of Tonight's Meeting

- ★ Seek Unified effort
 - Student, Parent, and Counselor
- ★ Review
 - Naviance Student
 - Counseling Department Website
 - Postsecondary Education Planning Guide
 - Linked in the 11th grade section of the HMHS Counseling Department Website



Mary Kate Walsh



If you have built castles in the air,
your work need not be lost; that
is where they should be. Now put
the foundations under them.

Henry David Thoreau

quote fancy

Naviance Student

A Resource for College and Career Planning

- Access Naviance through [HMHS Website](#) under “Students” tab
- Log in to Naviance using the student’s email address and password

HMHS Website



Haddonfield Memorial High School

856-429-7960

VIEW



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- Home
- Parents
- Students
- Faculty
- Community
- Directions/Contacts
- News

25-26 Become a Peer

Tutor

25-26 Request a Peer

Tutor

Athletics

Canvas

Care Solace

Club Booklet

College Fair Sept.

2025

Counseling

Drama Club

Dual Credit Program

Library

Lunch

Naviance

CONGRATULATIONS!

Haddonfield Memorial High School
has been designated No Place For Hate

<https://counseling.haddonfieldschools.org/naviance/>

Naviance Student

Homepage

The screenshot shows the Naviance Student homepage for a user named DEMO WALSH-LINDSEY. The navigation bar at the top includes tabs for Home, Self-Discovery, Courses, Careers, Colleges, Planner, Planner 2.0, and About me. The 'Colleges' tab is highlighted. A callout box with an arrow points to the 'Self-Discovery', 'Careers', and 'Colleges' tabs, containing the text: "Tabs for Self-Discovery, Careers, & Colleges". Another callout box with an arrow points to the 'Colleges' tab, containing the text: "Links to Colleges I'm Thinking About & Colleges I'm Applying To". The main content area features a 'Future Planning' section with a 'College: Bachelor's Degree' filter and an 'Edit Path' link. A 'Welcome to Naviance' section lists various resources like ACT, MyCoalition, College Board, Common App, FAFSA, and the NCAA Eligibility Center. Below this is a 'College Path Highlights' section with a search bar for colleges. A 'Tasks from My School' section indicates no overdue tasks. At the bottom, there is a 'What's New' section and a Windows taskbar showing the date 11/24/2025 and time 9:26 AM.

Naviance

Home Self-Discovery Courses Careers **Colleges** Planner Planner 2.0 About me

DEMO WALSH-LINDSEY's Future Planning

College: Bachelor's Degree Edit Path

Welcome to Naviance

ACT @ACTStudent

Coalition @MyCoalition

College Board @CollegeBoard

Common App @CommonApp

Federal Student Aid @FAFSA

(NCAA) Eligibility Center @ncaac

[Additional Information from Your School](#)

College Path Highlights

Search for a College

Enter name Search

Colleges I'm Applying To

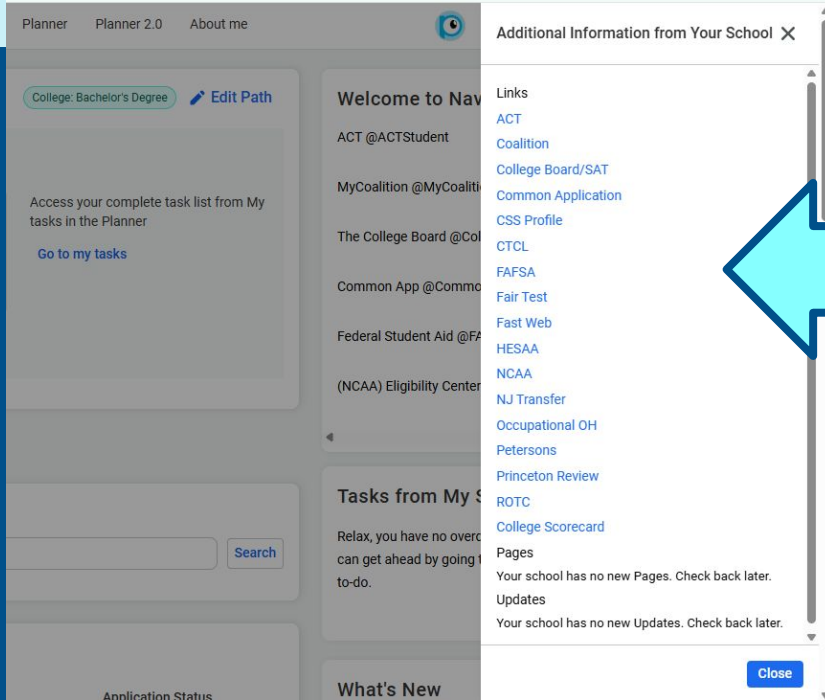
Name App Type Deadline Application Status

46°F Sunny

9:26 AM 11/24/2025

Naviance Student

Helpful Links



The screenshot shows the Naviance Student interface. On the right side, a sidebar titled "Additional Information from Your School" is open, displaying a list of helpful links. A large blue arrow points from the text on the right towards this sidebar.

Additional Information from Your School X

- Links
 - ACT
 - Coalition
 - College Board/SAT
 - Common Application
 - CSS Profile
 - CTCL
 - FAFSA
 - Fair Test
 - Fast Web
 - HESAA
 - NCAA
 - NJ Transfer
 - Occupational OH
 - Petersons
 - Princeton Review
 - ROTC
 - College Scorecard
- Pages
 - Your school has no new Pages. Check back later.
- Updates
 - Your school has no new Updates. Check back later.

Close

Links to helpful resources

Found on the right side of
the Naviance Home page

Naviance Student

College Search



[Home](#) [Self-Discovery](#) [Courses](#) [Careers](#) [Colleges](#) [Planner](#) [Planner 2.0](#) [About me](#)

[Log Out](#)

Quick Links

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS

[SuperMatch®](#)

[Advanced college search](#)

[College lookup](#)

MY COLLEGES

[Upcoming college events](#)

[Colleges match](#)



[Colleges I'm thinking about](#)

Advanced College Search - Type

Search for colleges

To start, begin with a section that's important to you. It's up to you which questions you answer and in what order. You can view your results at any point along the way by clicking **View Matches**. Once you have narrowed down your list of schools, you will be able to compare these colleges using historical admissions results from your own school.

0 Matches

[View Matches](#)

[Start Over](#)

[Type](#) [Location](#) [Students](#) [Admission](#) [Athletics](#) [Majors](#) [Costs](#) [Special Programs](#)

School Type

Two-Year vs. Four-Year

Two-Year

Four-Year

No preference

Public vs. Private

Public

Private

No preference

Campus Surroundings

Large City

Small City

Large Town

Search Criteria:
Location,
Admission, Majors,
Etc.

Naviance Student

College List

Naviance Home Self-Discovery Courses Careers **Colleges** Planner Planner 2.0 About me

Colleges I'm Thinking About

Search for Colleges

+ Add Colleges to List Compare Me

✦ = extended profile available Update Interest Move to Application List Remove

College	Delivery Type	Added By	Application Deadlines	Interest
<input type="checkbox"/> ✦ Penn State University Park	CA	Counselor	Deadlines	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> ✦ Rutgers University - New Brunswick	CA	Counselor	Deadlines	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> ✦ The College of New Jersey	CA	Counselor	Deadlines	N/A

Naviance TestStudent Log Out

Saved list of "Colleges I'm Thinking About"

Naviance Student

College Page



The College of New Jersey

Ewing, New Jersey | SUBRB

Standard (4 year) | Public | Medium

College links

Favorited

The College of New Jersey at a glance



Acceptance rate
62%



Average net price
\$12,240

\$0 - \$30K family income



Student retention
91.32%
Students who return their sophomore year



Next deadline
February 1

Fall 2026 - Regular Decision



Ask PowerBuddy



What are The College of New Jersey's application requirements?

How many majors does The College of New Jersey offer?

Is this college right for you?

This college aligns with your planned pathway of a bachelor's degree and fits your academic record, with GPA placing the college as a safety and test scores placing it as a match, so admission is realistic while still offering room to strengthen applications; no favored careers were provided to compare career fit.

- Path**
College: Bachelor's Degree
- Career match**
You have not favorited any careers in Naviance.
- GPA**
Based on your GPA, this college is a: Safety.
- Test scores**
Based on your test score, this college is a: Match.

Matches your profile

How this matches your profile

Can help students determine if school is an academic safety/match/reach

Naviance Student

College Page (Continued)

[Overview](#)

[Scholarships](#)

[Cost](#)

[Events and visits](#)

[Admissions](#)

[Majors](#)

[Student life](#)

[Alumni](#)

[Related colleges](#)

[Contact](#)

Overview



 About this college




#1 College (Public or Private) in the North

"The opportunities and experiences that you can receive from TCNJ are like no other. Becoming a Lion is

 Interested in you (163)

 Thinking about (3)

 Applying to (0)

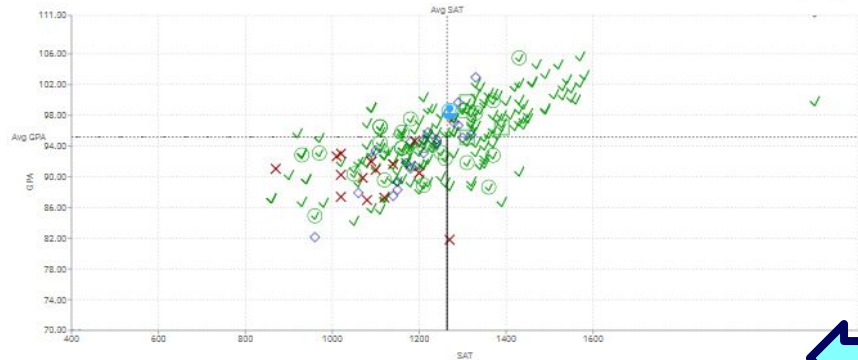
Naviance Student

Scattergrams

GPA

Scattergrams | Applications for Haddonfield Memorial High School

Comparing Weighted GPA with SAT (1600) and Applied test optional



Test Scores

Scattergram legend

Legend

● You
--- Average GPA
| Average Score

Accepted

● Regular Decision
● Early Decision
● Early Action

Waitlisted/Accepted

● Regular Decision
● Early Decision
● Early Action

Waitlisted/Unknown

● Regular Decision
● Early Decision
● Early Action

Waitlisted/Denied

● Regular Decision
● Early Decision
● Early Action

Denied

● Regular Decision
● Early Decision
● Early Action

Display Waitlisted

Click on legend icons or headers to hide each type or group in the scattergram. Double-click to reset zoom.

Naviance Student

Resume

The screenshot shows the 'About me' page in the Naviance Student interface. The navigation bar at the top includes 'Careers', 'Colleges', 'Planner', 'Planner 2.0', and 'About me'. The 'About me' dropdown menu is open, listing options: 'About me home', 'Documents and notes', 'Document resources', 'Resume', 'Goals', 'Portfolio', 'Journal', 'Test scores', and 'Documents shared with me'. The 'Resume' link is highlighted with a red rectangular box, and a large blue arrow points from the right towards it. Other visible elements include a 'Log Out' button, a 'College: Bachelor's Degree' tag, a 'Your other tasks' section with a 43% progress indicator, and a 'Tasks from My School' section with a 'Go to My Planner' link.

Careers Colleges Planner Planner 2.0 **About me** [Log Out](#)

College: Bachelor's Degree

[About me home](#)

Documents and notes

Document resources

Resume

Goals

Portfolio

Journal

Test scores

Documents shared with me

Surveys

Surveys from your school

Game plan survey

Your other tasks

43%

of 7 tasks completed

Access your complete tasks in the Planner

[Go to my tasks](#)

Favorite Careers

(NCAA) Eligibility Center @ncaaec

[Additional Information from Your School](#)

Tasks from My School

Relax, you have no overdue or upcoming to-dos and tasks. However, you can get ahead by going to My Planner to see what's next or create a goal or to-do.

[Go to My Planner](#)

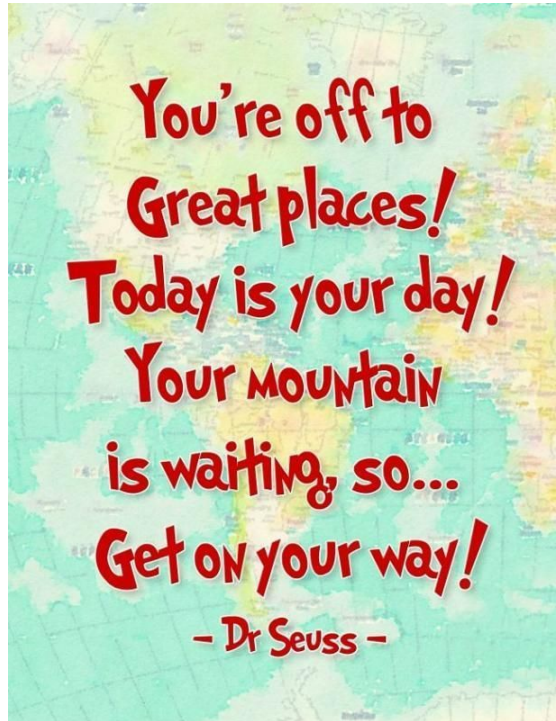
[Search](#)

College List/Data Organization

Link: [College Application Organizer](#)

Families have access to this template to add college-related information during your search process.

Steve Fluharty



Counseling Department Activities

Junior Year

★ HMHS College Fair -
September

★ College Representatives Visit
HMHS

★ PSAT/NMSQT - October

★ PSAT/NMSQT Results - Late
October

★ Junior Parent & Student Night
- December

★ NJGPA - Graduation
Requirement - March

Counseling Department Activities

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- ★ **Individualized Naviance Review, College Search, & Planning Session:** Late November - Ongoing into senior year
- ★ **Course-Selection Conference:** Beginning mid-February (review four-year Personal Learning Plan, which includes graduation / college admissions requirements, testing, extracurricular / volunteer activities, summer programs / jobs, etc.)

Counseling Department Activities

(Continued)

- ★ **April 2026: Counselors meet with 11th grade in large-group setting:**
 - **Common Application**
 - **Create and activate account**
 - **Senior Information Sheet & Resume**
 - **Late Spring (available in Naviance)**
 - **Parent Information Sheet**
 - **Late Spring (available in Naviance)**
 - **Teacher Letters of Recommendation Requests**

Counseling Department Activities

(Continued)

★ Senior College Admissions Workshop

- August 2026 - Dates are TBA
 - Goal of workshop is to provide information and support that students will need to make progress in their college-application process before the school year begins.
 - **ALERT: This is a do-not-miss event!**

Testing

ACT/SAT & Test Optional



Upcoming Dates:

- ★ **SAT:**
 - March 14, May 2, June 6, August 15, September 12, October 3
- ★ **ACT:**
 - February 14, April 11, June 13, July 11, September TBA

Test Prep:

- ★ [Khan Academy Digital Test Prep](#)
- ★ [Test Prep & Tutoring List](#)

Test-Optional:

- ★ [Fair Test](#)

Test Scores

Things to Consider When Deciding on Sending Scores

When students are making their decision, it can be helpful to look at the middle 50% ranges listed by the school. Please note the data provided is typically the middle 50% range of only students who submitted SAT/ACT scores.

Ultimately, the question to ask is if and how SAT/ACT scores fit into the overall context of a student's application.

- Do scores strengthen a student's application?**
- Do scores reflect consistency of the student's academic performance?**
- Do scores indicate standardized testing is not a student's strong suit?**

Students should evaluate test scores in the context of their own application, their school, and any other applicable factors in determining whether they should submit those scores.

Testing Recommendation

SAT[®]



It is highly recommended to complete your testing by September 2026 to meet October 15th and November 1st application deadlines.

ACT[®]

Upcoming Local College Fair

Focus on Your Future College Fair

Date: March 18, 2026

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Location: Camden County College

The logo for the College Fair features the words "COLLEGE" and "FAIR" stacked vertically in a bold, black, serif font. A blue graduation cap is positioned to the left of the word "FAIR". The text is set against a white background with a light blue, brush-stroke-like border.

In-Person/Virtual College Fair Options

Strive Scan

College Fairs - [Click Here](#)

NACAC National College Fairs

In-Person & Virtual Options

[Click Here](#)

National Portfolio Day

Meet with admission team members, and faculty from accredited art and design schools for free portfolio reviews

[Click Here](#)



Jeff Holman

**Dream big, stay
positive, work
hard, and enjoy the
journey.**

— **Tophelmyde**



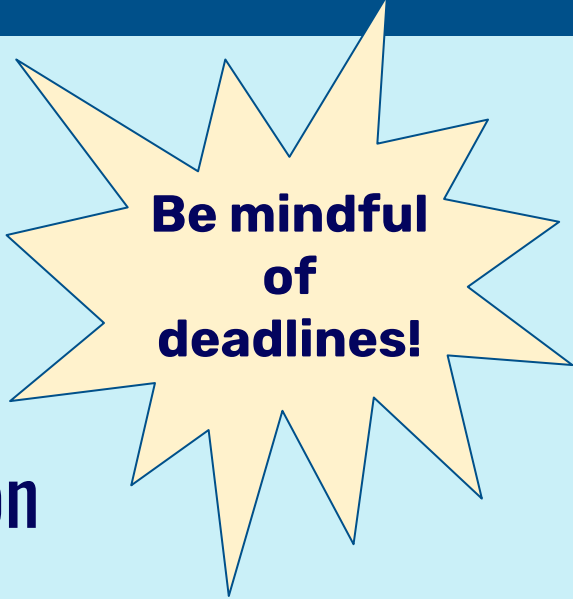
Summer 2026

- ★ Jobs
- ★ Academic Programs
- ★ Community Service
- ★ Sports, Music Camps
- ★ College Visits
- ★ Applications, Essays
- ★ SAT/ACT Prep
- ★ Independent Reading



Application Options

- ❖ Regular Decision
- ❖ Early Decision I and II
- ❖ Early Action
- ❖ Restrictive/Single Choice Early Action
- ❖ Rolling
- ❖ Priority



**Be mindful
of
deadlines!**

Which College Admission Process Best Suits You?

NON-RESTRICTIVE APPLICATION PLANS

REGULAR DECISION

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

**COMMITMENT
NON-BINDING**

ROLLING ADMISSION

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

**COMMITMENT
NON-BINDING**

EARLY ACTION (EA)

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

**COMMITMENT
NON-BINDING**

STUDENTS ARE NOT RESTRICTED FROM APPLYING TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND HAVE UNTIL MAY 1 TO CONSIDER THEIR OPTIONS AND CONFIRM ENROLLMENT.

RESTRICTIVE APPLICATION PLANS

EARLY DECISION (ED)

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

**COMMITMENT
BINDING**

RESTRICTIVE EARLY ACTION (REA)

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 RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING AND FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS.

Admissions Criteria

- **Grades**
- **Strength of Courses**
- **Test Scores**
- **Applications and Essays**
- **Interviews**
- **Extracurricular Activities/Community Service**

Admissions Criteria

Continued

- Jobs
- Recommendations - Counselors, Teachers, Others
- HMHS's School Profile
- Geographic & Other Considerations - Diversity (for example, University of Michigan)
- Additional Criteria - Portfolio, Auditions
- Demonstrated Interest

Application Process: Responsibilities

Student

- ❑ Applications
- ❑ Requirements & Deadlines
- ❑ Essays
- ❑ Test Scores
- ❑ Teacher Recommendation Requests (in-person and through Naviance)
- ❑ Transcript Requests (Naviance)


Counselor

- ❖ Transcripts
- ❖ Recommendations
- ❖ School Profile
- ❖ School Report Forms
- ❖ First-Quarter Grades (optional)
- ❖ Midyear Reports
- ❖ Final Reports

Teacher

- Recommendations
- Evaluation Forms

Elizabeth Cranston



Trust that your soul has a plan,
and even if you can't see it
completely, know that everything
will unfold as it is meant to.

Deepak Chopra

quoteofancy

Major



Choosing A College Major

Focus on interests, passions, strengths, and values

Review Career Assessments in Naviance:

Personality

Career Interest Profiler

Career Cluster Finder

Identify majors that relate to these interests

Review performance in academic courses for identifying strength areas

Practical Exercise: Searching for a major

1. Look at majors list at colleges of interest
2. Select majors of interest from list and investigate the major website
3. Review Major Curriculum - understand the courses you will take to fulfill the degree requirements

How to research specific major requirements

Conduct research to fully understand each college's individual requirements for admissions:

Review Admissions Website

Ask / Email Visiting Admissions Representatives

Ask Questions at Tour/Open House

Examples:

- Villanova University: [Requirements](#)
- Rowan University: [Requirements](#)
- Rutgers University: [Requirements](#)
- University of Delaware: [Requirements](#)

Determining College Major for College Applications

“Undecided” is one of most popular majors at many colleges

If you select “Undecided,” be aware of the process and possibility of declaring desired major at later time

Decisions, Decisions

Selecting a major on applications can be very IMPORTANT and impact your admissions decision

Students may select different majors for different schools, depending on admissions criteria

DO YOUR RESEARCH and know what it means to apply to one school versus another with your major

Selectivity of the major:

Some majors - engineering, business, nursing, computer science - are more competitive than general admissions.

Consider:

Whether you are comfortable applying to a more selective program. If the school allows you to easily switch majors later on (varies widely by college).

BIG QUESTION: EVERY school is different

Does the school admit students by specific major, or is the major simply used as an interest area while admissions decisions are made overall?

How could that distinction affect my chances?

Exploring & Connecting with Colleges

Visit Options: In-Person & Virtual

Information Sessions, Campus Tours, Discussion Groups/Chats, Academic Sessions, Interviews

College Admissions Representatives:
HMHS Visits - FALL

Find your Admissions Counselor:

Example:

[James Madison University](#)

- ★ Focus on what is important to you – Find your “Fit”
- ★ Explore the campus: “hidden gems”
- ★ Listen closely to your tour guide: Ask questions
- ★ Connect with current students
- ★ Start touring anytime: in person & virtually
- ★ Campus Visits - Spring Break, Summer, Fall



- [30 Questions To Ask During A College Visit](#)
- [60 Questions to Ask on Your College Tour](#)

College Advice & Resources

How to be a Strong Applicant

University of Richmond statement with the release of Fall 2024 admissions decisions: Email to counselors sent on 3/14/24

“With over 16,000 applications from highly qualified students, this year’s pool reflects the largest and highest academic profile in University history – and the students are simply amazing. We wish we could deliver good news to them all!”

“So which applicants stood out in a sea of excellence? Students with high levels of impactful engagement in the community. Not just those who participate, but those who lead or have sustained contributions over multiple years; a spark of creativity and ingenuity in the essays; those who demonstrate a passion for community service, environmental sustainability, equity and inclusion – values that align with our mission and Spider values.”

Johns Hopkins Links:

<https://apply.jhu.edu/college-planning-guide/preparing-for-college/>

<https://apply.jhu.edu/college-planning-guide/>

<https://apply.jhu.edu/hopkins-insider/>

Fordham University Link:

<https://www.fordham.edu/how-to-apply-to-college-a-step-by-step-guide/>

UPENN Applying to College 101:

<https://admissions.upenn.edu/how-to-apply/resources-programs/applying-to-college-101>

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Bentley University:

<https://www.bentley.edu/undergraduate/school-counselors-resources>

Do Your Homework!!! and...READ

Know the ins and outs - EXAMPLES

Carnegie Mellon University: Uses sophomore/junior years to recalculate GPA

Auburn University: Applicants with less than a 3.6 GPA are ineligible to apply as test- optional

University of Michigan: Business School requires an admissions portfolio

University of Georgia: Institutional goal of enrolling class is roughly 80% in-state and 20% out-of-state

University of Tennessee: All first-year undergraduate students are required to self-report their ACT or SAT scores as part of their application for admission.

Florida State Schools: All schools require test scores for admissions

Reporting SAT/ACT: Self-report OR required to send directly from testing agency?

GPA Recalculation - Do colleges recalculate your GPA and if so - how?

U of South Carolina: Requires students to upload transcript into Common App

UMASS: Amherst - out of EA - decisions are Accept, Deny, Waitlist - No Deferral

Wake Forest: Early Action is for first-generation students only; Early Decision I applicants hear back on a rolling basis



Financial Aid

Mark your calendar: Financial Aid Meeting in September 2026



Financial Aid Forms:

- **FEDERAL AID:**
FAFSA ([FAFSA Website](#)): 2027/2028 Form

Available to file (Class of 2027): October 2026 Use
Tax Return - Prior-Prior Year: 2025

- **INSTITUTIONAL AID**
CSS Profile (College Board Website)
Not all schools require - only file if required by individual school

Types of Aid:

- **Merit-Based Aid: Scholarships**
Part of the admissions review process
- **Need-Based Aid: Grants, Loans, Work-Study:**
Determined by FAFSA

Tool to help determine financial scope of a school:

Net Price Calculator - via school website

EXAMPLE: [Boston College Net Price Calculator](#)



**FAFSA is a GRADUATION REQUIREMENT
for the State of NJ**

Scholarships

DO YOUR RESEARCH - EARLY

- Local Scholarships (available December 2026) - FAFSA Required

PUT IN THE TIME

- School Special Interest Scholarships - school website

REVIEW WEBSITES FREQUENTLY

- Scholarship Search Engines and Resources:



[Go Merry](#)

[Scholarship Owl](#)

[Fastweb](#)

[Sallie Mae](#)

[Appily](#)

[Scholarships.com](#)

[Scholly](#)

[Peterson's](#)

[Niche](#)

[Unigo](#)

[Raise Me](#)

[Big Future Scholarships \(The College Board\)](#)

*Naviance also offers scholarship information & search engines.



College Research Resources

College Scorecard: Dept of Education - Search & Compare Colleges

<https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

Book: The College Finder: Choose the School That's Right for You

Guidebook: Fiske Guide to Colleges

College Compare Website: College Simply
<https://www.collegesimply.com/>

College Essay Guy:
<https://www.collegeessayguy.com/>

Research Brief - Challenge Success: A “Fit” over Rankings: Why College Engagement Matters More Than Selectivity

<https://challengesuccess.org/resources/a-fit-over-rankings-why-college-engagement-matters-more-than-selectivity/>

Common Data Set: Google: [Name of College] Common Data Set
Document with statistics and valuable information on nearly every 4-year college and university in the US.

Example: Fairfield University Common Data Set

<https://fairfield.edu/about/offices-and-departments/institutional-research/common-data-sets/index.html>

UPENN: College Research Worksheets
[A Guide to Navigating Your College Search](#)

Instagram: The College Navigator

Final Thoughts

Parent Perspective

- ★ **Work as a team, but let your student take the lead**
- ★ **Keep lines of communication open**
- ★ **Manage the college list realistically: Reach, Match, Safe/Likely**
- ★ **Schedule time in advance**
- ★ **Guide towards the best fit**

- ★ **Be flexible & supportive**
- ★ **Encourage openness to the process**
- ★ **Listen**
- ★ **Start EARLY**
- ★ **Have fun and enjoy the journey!!**

Thank you for attending Junior Parent & Student Night

Class of 2027

