

Newburyport High School

College Planning Night



Parent's Role

- Encourage, support, advise, and guide
- Assist in organizing schedule of application tasks
- Be open to new options and suggestions
- Complete financial aid forms (CSS/FAFSA)
- Complete the parent questionnaire form
- Help your student keep up with deadlines and tasks

Student's Role

- Meet with their counselor
- Be familiar with college deadlines and requirements
- Visit colleges and arrange for interviews
- Keep Naviance up to date
- Send official test scores to all colleges
- Meet all deadlines
- Complete all aspects of each application
- Essay (assignment in Senior Lit classes)

School Counselor's Role

- Meet with Senior English classes
- Guide through application process
- Assist with development of college list
- Counseling with decision process
- Write letter of recommendation
- Send out recommendations, transcripts, and school profile

There is a college for everyone!

The student needs to think about who they are and not who everyone else wants them to be

- Interests, abilities, and ambitions
- Values and goals
- Motivation
- Independence
- Strengths
- Learning Styles
- Along with type of campus, size, etc.

Common App

- Over 650 colleges and university accept this universal college application
- Every student should be signed up for a Common App account by September 30th
- Spelling, punctuation, and grammar count! This is transferred into a PDF document which is submitted to each college
- Essay - less than 650 words
- Activity List - Only 10 spots (restrictive)

Naviance

- Students need to keep Naviance up to date with correct application types and due dates
- Remind your student to remember their username and password; save it in a safe space
- Contact your student's counselor if you would like to register for a parent Naviance account
- Common app and Naviance work together
- Teacher recommendations (three week notice)
- Request transcripts

Admissions Glossary

Rolling Admissions

- Can submit application at convenience
- Notified within 4-6 weeks of application submission

Regular Decision

- Application submitted by college deadline date
- Evaluated and notified by spring

Early Action

- Non binding
- Filling top half of incoming class
- Don't rush application just to do early action
- Application deadlines usually early to mid November

Early Decision

- Application deadline usually by November 1st
- Decision made by December – January
- **Binding – required to sign acceptance of admission**

Standardized Tests

- → **The student** is responsible for sending test scores to their colleges ←
- Do not wait to send scores
- Be aware of due dates

SAT Date	Subject Tests Available?	Registration Deadline
October 6	Yes	September 7 *Sept. 26 th Late reg.*
November 3	Yes	October 5
December 1	Yes	November 2

ACT Date	Registration Deadline
Oct. 27	Sept. 28
Dec. 8	Nov. 2

Upcoming Events

Peabody Veteran's Memorial High School College Fair

PVMHS Field House

October 4th, 2018

6:30-8:30pm

NEACAC College Fair

Northern Essex Community College

October 3th, 2018 @ 6:00-8:00pm

MEFA College Financial Seminar

Newburyport High School

October 10th, 2018 @ 6:30pm

Helpful Tips

- Make a spreadsheet with colleges applying to, deadlines, logins for school portals and other sites (like Naviance), etc.
- Reminder, teachers and counselors need at least a **3 WEEK NOTICE** for letters of recommendation
- You are responsible for sending standardized testing scores!
- Have students start working on personal essay; most labor intensive part of this process
- BREATHE and help your child enjoy their last year of high school!

Links

- Massachusetts State College Link
 - <http://www.mass.edu/system/campusdirectory.asp>
- SAT Link
 - www.collegeboard.com
- ACT Link
 - www.act.org
- Naviance Link
 - <http://www.naviance.com/>
- Common Application Link
 - <https://apply.commonapp.org/Login>