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INTRODUCTION

Resources
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➢ College Admissions Representatives
➢ College Websites
➢ Naviance
➢ Mrs. Cramer - College Admissions Assistant

Tips
➢ Follow the HPHS Process
➢ Weekly Goals
➢ Student Ownership
PARENT ROLE
Parenting During The Process

This can be an exciting, emotional, and stressful time for you and your student!

- Practice patience
- Move at your student’s pace
- Be present and available
- Practice ‘Active Listening’
- Separate your worries from your student’s worries
- Know when to give your student space
- Allow your student to practice ‘adulting’ - planning, organization, budget, laundry, etc.
- Be a ‘Consultant’ not a ‘Manager’
- Weekly Meeting
Your top priority is to empower, encourage, and support your student through the process, and remind them that you love them no matter what!
Naviance Important To-Dos and Tasks

➢ Build Your College List - “Colleges I’m Applying To”
  ○ Application deadlines
  ○ Types of application (CA, Direct to Institution)
  ○ Auto-populates from CommonApp

➢ Match Your Common App Account to Naviance and sign your FERPA waiver
  ○ FERPA waiver gives us permission to send documents on your behalf

➢ Request Transcripts
  ○ Must request through Naviance and meet with Mrs. Cramer to confirm delivery method and to pay fees ($5 per transcript)
# Naviance Student

College Representative Visits: ‘Colleges’ - ‘College Visits’

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NAVIANCE STUDENT

College Rep Visits: Important Tips

➢ Register for visits in Naviance, and if you sign up – show up!
➢ Come dressed appropriately and use your best manners
➢ Come ready to ask questions
➢ Virtual visits will also take place in the counseling office conference room
➢ You must sign-in at the RepVisit to be counted non-absent from your class (QR Code or Sign-in Sheet)
  ○ **Sign-in is very important for senior exam exemptions!!**
FINANCIAL AID AND FAFSA
The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the form you need to fill out to get any financial aid from the federal government to help pay for college.

- Submitting the FAFSA is the most important thing you can do if you want financial aid.
- The FAFSA is free—you don't need to pay anyone to prepare it for you.
- You need to submit a new FAFSA before each academic year in which you want to get aid. If you plan to apply for aid throughout college, you'll need to fill out the FAFSA each year.
- Anyone planning on going to college in the next academic year should fill out the FAFSA.
- Each year, millions—sometimes billions—of dollars in federal aid is left on the table by students who didn’t file a FAFSA. It’s simple: If you don’t file, you won’t qualify for most financial aid.
- Your family doesn’t have to have a low income to qualify for assistance. Even if your family makes $200,000 a year, you could be eligible for aid.
- You automatically qualify for a low-interest federal loan when you submit a FAFSA. These loans are less expensive to pay back than many private student loans.
- Many work-study programs require the FAFSA.
- Some merit-based scholarships require the FAFSA to help them determine scholarship amounts.
FAFSA COMPLETION OR OPT-OUT

The Texas Education Agency requires that all seniors either complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or submit a signed opt-out form as a state graduation requirement.

- Back to School Sign Up Options
  - Option I: Student is 18 or older and wishes to opt-out of the financial aid application graduation requirement.
  - Option II: Student and Parent or guardian wish to opt-out of the financial aid application graduation requirement.
  - Option III: Student/Parent or guardian will complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TAFSA)

- Option I and Option II meet the graduation requirement by opting-out of completing the FAFSA.
  - You can still complete the FAFSA anytime, even if you opted out during Back to School Sign Up

- If you selected Option III, you will complete the FAFSA starting on December 1st, 2023 to meet the graduation requirement.
  - You can still opt-out of completing the FAFSA should you choose not to complete it.
FAFSA submissions open on December 1st, 2023 and can be accessed by visiting the Federal Student Aid website at fafsa.gov or by scanning the QR code on the next slide.

You are able to set up an account now and enter general demographic information, but will not be able to submit the completed form until on or after December 1st, 2023.
FAFSA Completion or Opt-Out QR Codes

Complete the FAFSA

Opt-Out of FAFSA
The Texas Education Agency requires that all seniors either complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or submit a signed opt-out form as a state requirement for your student to receive their transcript.
FINANCIAL AID SEMINAR

• Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 6:00pm in the HPHS Auditorium

• Lauren Foley, Financial Aid Advisor, Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid, Texas Christian University

• Watch for upcoming information
APPLICATIONS
APPLICATION OPTIONS

APPLY DIRECTLY ON A COLLEGE’S WEBSITE:

- common app
- ApplyTexas
- TCU Application
- The Coalition
There are now over 1000 Common Application members

They represent an enormously diverse variety of institutions: small and large, public and private, coed and single-sex, highly selective and relatively open enrollment

Note: All documents (school reports, letters of recommendation, transcripts, etc) will be sent via Naviance and **not** via Common App requests
Apply Texas

- [www.applytexas.org](https://www.applytexas.org)

- Apply for admission to any Texas public university and to participating community and private colleges (Texas’s own “Common App”)

- Apply for scholarships from participating universities

- Apply for housing with participating universities

- Note: For delivery type in Naviance, choose “Direct to Institution”
INDIVIDUAL COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

➢ Complete the application on the college or university’s website

➢ For delivery type in Naviance, choose “Direct to Institution”
There are over 150 institutions of higher education members.

Coalition schools represent a range of public schools with low-cost, in-state tuition and private schools committed to financially supporting their students and graduating them with little to no debt.

For delivery type in Naviance, choose “Direct to Institution”.

Note: All Coalition documents will be sent via Naviance and not via individual Coalition requests.
APPLICATION DEADLINES & SCHOLARSHIPS
DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

**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 responsible for determining and following restrictions.

For a copy of this flyer, please visit www.nacacnet.org
Try to complete & submit at least one (or more) college applications by October 31
**Scholarships**

- Check with each college’s Office of Financial Aid for college-specific opportunities

- National scholarships can be found through the *Naviance Scholarship Search*

- Nominated Scholarship Process is detailed on the counseling webpage

- Applications to apply for local scholarships become available in the SPRING
  - HPEF.ORG
  - Local Scholarship Recipients are announced at Honors Day
Scholarship Nominations

Scholarships and Scholars Programs
(Nominations Required)

Dear Scots,

Please review the following Scholarships and Scholars Programs. All of these programs require a nomination from the school.

If you are interested in being nominated for these prestigious designations, please complete the following Google Form for each scholarship/program of interest.

Nomination Request Form

Mrs. Cramer will email you shortly to confirm that your request has been passed on to the nomination committee. If you do not hear back from her within 72 hours, please email her to check-in at cramerm@hpisd.org

Best of Luck,
Your Counseling Team

*Please note that this list is not exhaustive. These are merely the programs that we have nominated students for in recent years. Please check back frequently for updates. You’re welcome to let Mrs. Cramer know if you find another program of interest!

Clarkson University

Leadership Award
Nomination Request due: May 1
Nominations due: June 1

Achievement Award
Nomination Request due: May 1
Nominations due: June 1
Naviance Important To-Dos and Tasks

➢ Request Teacher Recommendation Letters
  ○ After you have received confirmation that the teacher is able to write for you, request the letter officially in Naviance
  ○ Be patient with teachers - they are committed to meet your application deadlines, not your personal deadlines

➢ Request Counselor Letter of Recommendation
  ○ Only if REQUIRED - do your research!
  ○ Student and Parent Information Sheets
    ▪ ‘Your Initials’ - ‘Surveys from Your School’
  ○ Upload Resume to your ‘Journal’
  ○ Step 6 - Complete Request Form
  ○ Please submit at least 3 weeks before earliest deadline
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION - TEACHERS

- Politely ask for teacher recommendations, then enter request in **Naviance**
- Do **not** enter requests in the Common App, only in Naviance
- Be sensitive to teacher’s hesitancy
- Give plenty of notice – at least 3 weeks
- Rec letters for seniors new to HP
- Provide teacher with
  - names of colleges and deadlines (through Naviance)
  - Teacher recommendation forms (if applicable)
- Follow up with the teacher a few days prior to deadline
- Write a thank you note and notify teacher of admissions decisions
COUNSELOR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

• Research your schools before completing the Parent or Student Information Sheet
• Counselor Letters of Recommendation sent to schools that require them. Follow guidelines on institution website.
• Complete Parent Information Sheet and Student Information Sheet
• Follow our process—must request through Ms. Cramer
• Please give 3 weeks’ notice prior to deadline
TESTING AND TRANSCRIPTS
Test Scores
➢ Many institutions continue to waive the requirements of test scores for Class of 2024
➢ Research each college’s protocol for using test scores
➢ Test scores must be sent to colleges directly from ACT and/or College Board (SAT)
   ■ ACT – www.act.org
   ■ SAT – www.collegeboard.org
Transcripts were posted to Skyward last week for your Seniors to download and review.

- Useful for self-reporting grades to Texas A&M and other colleges that utilize a SRAR (Clemson, Tennessee, LSU, etc)
- Upload for scholarships

Email the registrar, Mrs. Scott: ScottB@hpisd.org with any questions
CHECKING APPLICATION STATUS

● **2 weeks after submitting completed application**
  ○ College’s Website and/or Student Portal- Status Check
  ○ E-mail to Admissions Representative
  ○ Phone call to Admissions Representative

● **Student Follow up with Counseling Office**
  ○ Student’s counselor
  ○ Mrs. Cramer

● **Questions?**
  ○ Please encourage your student to reach out to his/her counselor
UPCOMING EVENTS
What: HPHS College Night -- Approximately 160 colleges and universities will be represented. Formal presentations by select colleges at 6:10, 6:40, and 7:10 p.m.

When: Wednesday, September 13, 6:00 p.m.

Who: All HPHS Students and Parents welcome

Where: HPHS Cafeteria

Before College Night: Register for a barcode at https://FallTacrao.swoogo.com/Registration
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