

SO YOU WANT TO BE A HIGH
SCHOOL GRADUATE...
SENIOR ORIENTATION

Class of 2019

STEPS TO GRADUATION

1. Credit Evaluation by Ms. Gaudette

-3 Math Credits (4 years)

-3 Science Credits

-US History, Government, World
History

-4 English Credits

-Fine Art

-Foundations of Tech

-Health, Personal Fitness

-Two years of Language

-At least 21 credits to
Graduate

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2. Have you completed a minimum of 24 hours of community service and turned in your forms?

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3. Have you passed all of your testing requirements?

You need to sit for HSA Biology, pass HSA Government or complete an AVP Government Project, pass the PARCC English 10 and sit for the PARCC Algebra 1

HOW TO FORM YOUR COLLEGE LIST

1. Limit your college list to 4-6 colleges
 - a. Application fees are expensive and each application needs your time and attention to be of high quality
2. Visit the colleges you are considering
3. Compare your SAT/ACT scores and GPA to the school's expectations
 - a. Reach vs. Target vs. Safety
4. Use tools such as College Board and College Greenlight to search for schools

HOW TO APPLY

1. Once you have your list, write down everything you need (transcripts, essays, recommendations, etc.)
2. Load everything into Naviance by October 1st
 - a. Ms. Gaudette will be making individualized checklists for all seniors based on what is in Naviance
3. Figure out how you will apply to each school on your list: CommonApp, Coalition, School Website
4. Write drafts of your essays and have them looked over by a trusted adult or teacher.
 - a. Ms. Gaudette will do last reviews between now and October 1

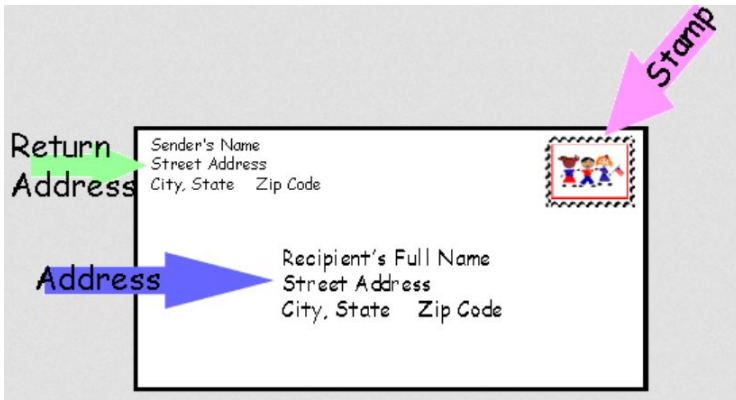
HOW TO APPLY (CONTINUED)

5. RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

*Have you asked your teachers yet? If not, you're super behind. Teachers must be added into Naviance by October 1st. Ask your teachers to upload their letters by October 15th so that you don't miss your deadlines!

*Counselor Recommendation:
-Submit your **resume** and completed **Senior Questionnaire** to me via email by October 1st

HOW TO APPLY (CONTINUED)



6. Transcript Requests

*If you are applying through Naviance, I will send your transcript and letters through there with no paperwork needed.

*If a school requires a transcript to be mailed, Naviance will have a symbol that looks like a Red Stamp. For those schools, you will need to fill out a Transcript Request Form and turn it in to Ms. Gaudette With a blank, unstamped envelope.

*Ms. Gaudette will prepare a mailer for each of those schools for you to pick up and mail out.

TESTING

SAT and ACT

1. Most colleges require the SAT or the ACT.
2. Sign up for the October and/or November test if you want to boost your scores a little bit more!
 - a. Register for the SAT on the CollegeBoard website and pay the fee online.
3. **Community Colleges do NOT require the SAT or ACT, but they — sometimes use it for academic placement.

TESTING

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- Note: YOU HAVE TO SEND YOUR SCORES.
 - Ms. Gaudette cannot send them for you.
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PAYING FOR COLLEGE

- ACADEMIC / MERIT - BASED, ATHLETIC, INVOLVEMENT, NEED-BASED
 - SCHOLARSHIPS RANGE FROM \$100 - \$1000 AND MORE
 - APPLY FOR EVERYTHING
 - SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS VS. LOANS
 - FEDERAL WORK STUDY
- EVENTS:
 - COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE WORKSHOP: SEPTEMBER 30TH
 - FINANCIAL AID NIGHT: OCTOBER 3RD
 - WEEKLY SEMINAR SERIES FOR INDIVIDUALIZED HELP

OTHER USEFUL TIPS

- 1ST SEMESTER GRADES ARE IMPORTANT - COLLEGES SEE THESE!
- COLLEGES WILL REQUEST A MID-YEAR TRANSCRIPT AND FINAL TRANSCRIPTS ARE SENT AS WELL...SO DO NOT SLACK OFF AT ALL!

COMMUNITY COLLEGE MAY BE A GOOD CHOICE FOR YOU

- IF YOU ARE NOT SURE OF YOUR COLLEGE PLANS OR YOU WANT TO SAVE SOME MONEY
- TUITION IS WAY LOWER!
- THERE IS NO SAT REQUIREMENT
- THIS WILL GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE YOUR GPA
- YOU MAY TRANSFER DIRECTLY TO MOST MARYLAND SCHOOLS AFTER YOU COMPLETE ONE YEAR AT COMMUNITY COLLEGE WITH A STRONG GPA

QUESTIONS?