



COLLEGE APPLICATION 101 Class of 2022

Message from the PTO

SPOTLIGHT – JUNIOR FAMILIES

ALL NIGHT PARTY

- Volunteer Monday, June 7th 12:30am (YES! A.M.)
- Join the walk-through for Class of 2021 party
 - TBD either Friday, June 4th or Saturday, June 5th
pending approval by Fire Marshalls
- Start buying All Night Party tickets beginning summer 2021
- Start buying Graduation Lawn Signs beginning summer 2021
 - Funds needed for deposits required in October

Questions? pto.bhhs@gmail.com

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COLLEGE & CAREER RESOURCE CENTER (CRC)

CRC Coordinator: Lou Ann Frantz

The CRC has a wealth of information available to students:

- College visits
- AP Test Registration
- ACT/SAT Prep Information
- College Reference Materials
- Scholarship Information
- Summer Enrichment Opportunities

BEFORE THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDS...

Look at what is required by the colleges to which you are applying. If you need a recommendation letter, initiate a communication preferably during BlackHawk Hour or at least via email, with one or two academic teachers who would write a positive letter of recommendation for you.



HOW TO REQUEST A LETTER

Students will be required to submit the **“Teacher Request For Recommendation Form”** in the **fall** in order to officially request that a teacher write a letter on your behalf

*We will review this again during our senior meeting in the fall and the form will then be provided

TEACHER REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATION FORM

Teacher Recommendation Request Form

Student Name:

Date:

Email:

Phone:



Dear _____ :

It would be an honor to have you write a recommendation letter to the following colleges. In addition to the letter, please complete any necessary recommendation forms available on Naviance (if applicable). I understand that I am required to provide you with at least 10 school days notice to prepare your letter. The application due dates are also provided below. Please upload and submit your recommendations through Naviance within 10 school days of my submission of this document to you. My contact information is provided should you have any further questions or concerns. Thank you very much for all your help.

Colleges and Universities:

Name:

Required Recommendation Form: Further Directions:

Due Date:

- ☐ School Specific (Attached)
- ☐ Common Application (on Naviance)
- ☐ None

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JUNE

- You will receive a letter home regarding your graduation status
 - Check your transcript carefully!
 - Report errors to your teacher when you return in the fall
- You should have completed your college search using Naviance and you should have already added at least 3-5 colleges to your “**Colleges I’m thinking about**” list

NAVIANCE

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NAVIANCE STUDENT

The following Naviance tasks were assigned during 9th, 10th and 11th grades:

- Annual short-term & long-term goal setting
- Game Plan
- Career Interest Profiler
- Resume Builder (should be complete)
- Do What you Are (Personality Assessment)
- Strengths Explorer
- College Searches/SuperMatch

*These were only the required activities, please explore all of the other benefits of the Naviance program over the summer

NAVIANCE STUDENT: COLLEGES

The screenshot shows the Naviance Student website. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for Home, Colleges, Careers, About Me, and My Planner. The 'Colleges' link is circled in red, with a red arrow pointing to it from the left. Below the navigation bar, a search bar is labeled 'Search for Colleges' with a dropdown arrow. A red arrow points from the search bar to a search input field labeled 'Type a college name'. To the right of the search bar, a dropdown menu is open, showing three options: 'COLLEGES Home', 'COLLEGES I'm thinking about', and 'COLLEGES I'm applying to'. The 'I'm thinking about' option is circled in red, with a red arrow pointing to it from the left. Below the search bar, there are two main sections: 'Welcome Bloomfield Hills High School Black Hawks!' and 'My Favorites'. The 'My Favorites' section lists 'COLLEGES I'm thinking about' and 'COLLEGES I'm applying to'. The bottom of the page shows a Windows taskbar with various application icons and a system clock indicating 11:31 AM on 5/24/2018.

You are viewing Naviance Student as **Iron Man**

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Naviance | *Student*

Welcome, Iron!

Search for Colleges ▼

Type a college name

COLLEGES Home

COLLEGES I'm thinking about

COLLEGES I'm applying to

Search Tools >

Research Colleges >

Apply to College >

Scholarships and Money >

My Favorites

COLLEGES I'm thinking about

COLLEGES I'm applying to

CAREERS AND CLUSTERS

Welcome Bloomfield Hills High School Black Hawks!

The mission of the School Counseling Office at **Bloomfield Hills High School** is to assist each student to attain their maximum potential in realizing their post-high school dreams.

We are happy to introduce our students to **Family Connection** with enhanced features, by Naviance. **Family Connection** offers innovative, easy-to-use web applications for high school students and their parents. **Family Connection** will help guide students' academic



NCAA



- If you are planning to participate in collegiate-level athletics you should have already registered on the NCAA Clearinghouse. If you have not, you must do so **before the school year ends** (transcripts are sent to NCAA in June)
- Website: [NCAA Eligibility Center](#)
- School code: 850251
- Must send ACT/SAT to Clearinghouse; use code 9999
- See the counseling webpage for important links and eligibility requirements

WHAT SHOULD I DO OVER THE SUMMER?

- Take advantage of the summer to visit colleges
- Complete student & parent questionnaires (only if a letter is required by the college) available on Naviance and counseling website
- Complete your Service as Action requirements by filling out the Google Form on the Community Service page of the website (due in January)
- Finish creating your resume using the resume builder on Naviance
 - Helpful to teachers & counselors for letters



WHAT TO DO OVER THE SUMMER (CONT.)

****Do not send your application to a college until after school starts in the fall****

- Create an appropriate email account if you don't already have one for college applications. Your Bloomfield address will not be available after you graduate.
- Watch for the fall 2022 college applications to be posted to college websites (July/ August)
- Common Application goes live on August 1
 - The essay questions are available for preview **NOW!**
 - Complete as much of the application as you can (have parent/adult review)
- Work on the essay/ personal statement (have parent/adult review)

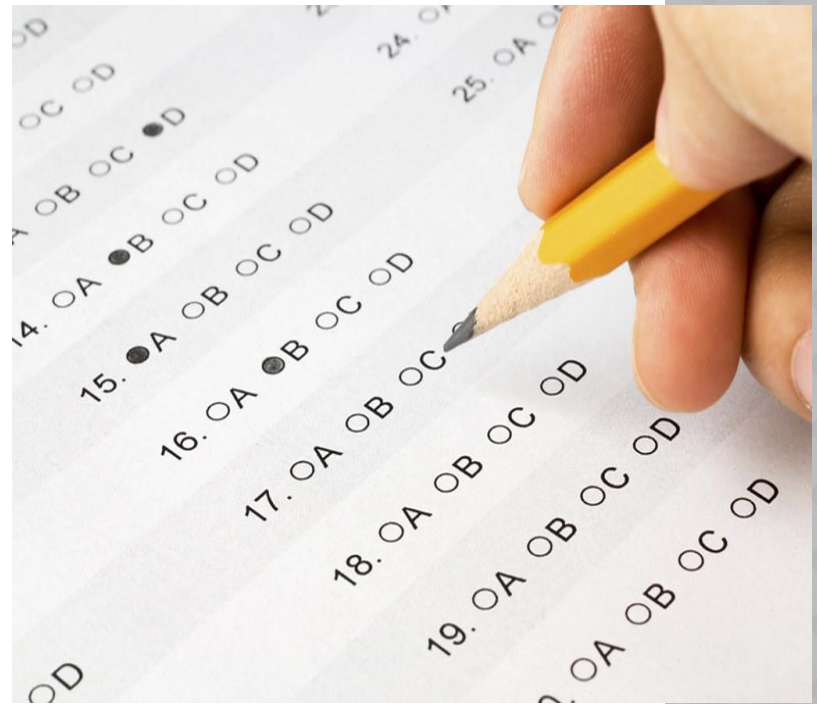
THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

- There will be great variance between colleges as to how COVID-19 will affect admissions requirements and processes
- Colleges recognize the importance of being flexible in their review of students
- Potential changes could include:
 - Test optional
 - Different essays
 - Additional essays
 - GPA recalculations
 - COVID Credit/COVID No Credit (2019-2020) or Pass/Fail

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO APPLY “TEST OPTIONAL”?

- Not all colleges will require students to submit an ACT/SAT test to complete an application
- There could be a variety of reasons as to why students should or should not apply test optional, this is a discussion to have with your counselor if you are unsure
- It is your responsibility to monitor application requirements
- One resource that lists test optional schools is [fairtest.org](https://www.fairtest.org)

[Fair Test Website](https://www.fairtest.org)



*We highly advise you ALWAYS double check this on the colleges' websites

SAT & ACT

SAT

- Check College Board website for updates & changes:
www.collegeboard.org
- The optional essay has been removed from the SAT as of June 2021
- The College Board is no longer offering subject tests

ACT

- Continue to check ACT website for updates & changes:
www.actstudent.org
- Specific test dates are listed on the agencies websites



APPLICATION PROCESS

- Follow the directions carefully, be sure you are entering the information for which the application is asking:
 - Letters of Recommendation
 - Essay/ personal statement (always do if optional)
- Verify your course requests. Your classes must be listed accurately
 - If you change academic classes after your application is sent, you **MUST** contact the colleges to inform them

APPLICATION PROCESS

Once you have determined which colleges you are applying to, you must shift all of those schools from the “**Colleges I’m thinking about**” page to the “**Colleges I’m applying to**” page on Naviance

COLLEGES I'M THINKING ABOUT

Navigation bar: Home **Colleges** Careers About Me My Planner

Quick Links

- MORE SEARCH OPTIONS
 - SuperMatch™ College Search
 - Advance college search
 - College lookup
- MY COLLEGES
 - Upcoming college events
 - Colleges match
 - Colleges Visits
 - Colleges I'm thinking about**
 - Colleges I'm applying to
- COLLEGE RESEARCH

Colleges I'm thinking about

+ Add Colleges to List

UPDATE INTEREST MOVE TO APPLICATION LIST REMOVE

College	Delivery type	Added By	Expected Difficulty*	Application Deadlines	Interest
<input type="checkbox"/> Albion College	CA	Student	N/A	Early Action December 1	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Bowling Green State University	CA	Student	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Ferris State University		Student	N/A	Regular Decision August 4	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Harvard University	CA	Counselor	N/A	Regular Decision January 1	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Hope College	CA	Counselor	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Kalamazoo College	CA	Counselor	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> College of Lake County		Counselor	N/A	N/A	N/A

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MOVING COLLEGES TO “APPLYING TO” LIST

Cancel Move to College Applications

Wayne State University

Which application deadline do you prefer?
N/A

How will you submit your application?
I'm not sure yet
Via Common App
Direct to the institution
I'm not sure yet

Add Applications

Tell us how you are applying to that college...School's app or Common App?

Bloomfield Hills High School
4200 Andover Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
p: (248) 341-5630
www.bloomfield.org/bhhs
Contact Counselor



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COLLEGES I'M APPLYING TO

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Naviance | StudentHomeCoursesCollegesCareersAbout MeMy Planner

Colleges I'm applying to

Search for colleges

✓ Your Common App account has been matched.
Your FERPA status is not waived. You're ready to apply to colleges using Common App.

Manage TranscriptsApplication MilestonesCompare Me

+ = extended profile available+ REQUEST TRANSCRIPTSREMOVE

College	Type	Deadline	Transcripts	Office materials	Submission Type	Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Grand Valley State University	RD	Regular Decision	July 25	Pending		Unknown▼ EDIT MORE
<input type="checkbox"/> Indiana University at Bloomington	RD	Regular Decision	February 1	Pending		Unknown▼ EDIT MORE
<input type="checkbox"/> Michigan State University	RD	N/A		Pending		Unknown▼ EDIT MORE
<input type="checkbox"/> University of Michigan	RD	Regular Decision	February 1	Pending		Unknown▼ EDIT MORE
<input type="checkbox"/> The Ohio State University	RD	Regular Decision	February 1	Pending		Unknown▼ EDIT MORE

College that I'm attending:

APPLICATION PROCESS (CONT.)

Deadlines: Pay close attention to application deadlines

- Regular Decision
- Rolling Admission
- Early Action
- Early Decision (binding)
- Restrictive Early Action



FALL: APPLICATION PROCESS



- Attend mandatory senior meeting in September
- Review your transcript again
- The process for requesting a transcript will be reviewed in the fall
- Complete “**Teacher Recommendation Form**” ONLY if the college requires a recommendation letter (submit directly to teacher)

FALL: APPLICATION PROCESS (CONT.)

- For your first transcript request, you should submit the following:
 - Follow procedures for a transcript request
 - Submit student and parent questionnaires ONLY if a counselor recommendation letter is required
 - Essay (if available, this is helpful for recommendations)
- Send ACT, SAT or TOEFL scores to colleges
 - [ACT](#), [SAT](#), [TOEFL](#)

AFTER APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED

- RELAX AND TAKE A DEEP BREATH!
- Don't catch senioritis – stay healthy and do well
- Check the status of your application on each college's online portal to make sure your application is complete – **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT**
 - When in doubt, call the college directly
 - Be patient...it may take a few weeks for your application status to be updated

***Junior year gets you in,
senior year keeps you in!***

COMMON APPLICATION VS. COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY-SPECIFIC APPLICATION

- Common Application – application used for over 900 colleges/universities
- College/University-specific applications are accessed directly through each school's website
- Before getting started – review the tips on the Common App [CA For First Time Users](#)
- Some colleges offer the choice to use the CA or a school-specific app (ex. MSU, Wayne State, Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan)
 - If a school does not require a teacher letter, do not ask for one.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



- Common Application (U of M has a supplement)
- Counselor/Teacher recommendations
- Early Action Deadline: November 1
 - Non-binding
 - Submit by early to mid-October (sooner the better)
- Regular Decision: February 1
- Testing requirements have not yet been released...stay tuned and continue to check U of M's website



THE NUMBERS...

- Total Applicants Fall 2020: 65, 021
- Average ACT/SAT of admitted:
 - National Average: ACT 32-35/SAT 1380-1550
 - BHHS: ACT 31/SAT 1380
- Average GPA of BHHS admitted: 3.90
- Number of BH students applied: 126
- Number of BH students admitted: 61
 - 48% acceptance rate for BHHS, 26% national acceptance rate

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



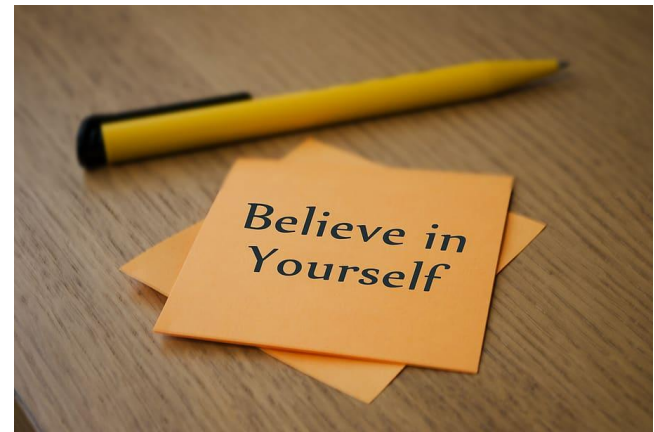
- Early Action is November 1
- Offers MSU application or Common App
 - Essay required regardless of which app is used
- No teacher/counselor letter of recommendation required
- MSU will remain test optional for the Class of 2022

THE NUMBERS...



- Total Applicants 2020: 45,426
- National average ACT/SAT & GPA of admitted:
 - ACT 23-29/SAT 1110-1280
 - GPA: 3.5
- BHHS average ACT/SAT & GPA of admitted:
 - ACT 28/SAT 1220
 - GPA: 3.68
- Number of BHHS students applied: 197
- Number of BHHS students admitted: 144
 - 73% acceptance rate for BHHS, 71% nationally

ACCEPTANCES



- As soon as you have made a decision on which school you will attend, send a deposit right away
- Inform the schools whose offer you are declining that you will not be attending. This helps for admission of deferred students
- Enter all decisions into Naviance as well as which college you will be attending

THINGS TO DO!



- College Night TBD
- Financial Aid Night at BHHS (Sept 29)
- College Rep Visits – During school day (format TBD)
- Attend In-Person or Virtual College Campus Days & Tours
- Apply for scholarships (watch counseling newsletter, Canvas and check Naviance)
- Complete your Service as Action requirements! This is due at the end of January (Three Community Service Experiences)

SIGNING UP FOR SCHOOL-DAY COLLEGE REP VISITS

- Log into Naviance Student
- Click on the “Colleges” home tab at top of screen
- Scroll down to “College Visits”; click on “Show More”; Click on “Register”
- In the fall you will see all the colleges visiting BHHS
- Check back often, colleges are added throughout the summer and fall
- Click on “Signup” next to the college you are interested in hearing information about

STAYING INFORMED AND CONNECTED

EMAIL & NAVIANCE!

- Counselors will be doing a great deal of corresponding with students using your Bloomfield email account. You **MUST** check your Bloomfield email regularly and frequently to stay informed and updated on various items
- Checking Naviance regularly will expedite the processing time of your applications and you can also verify that your documents have been sent through your Naviance account

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Naviance
- Counseling Newsletter
- Canvas
- BHHS Website – “Counseling” link
- www.fastweb.com



**THANK YOU FOR
ATTENDING!**

**Have a
Wonderful Summer!**

