



# COLLEGE APPLICATION 101

## Class of 2025

# College 101 Presentation



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## Senior All Night Party

Fun for you! Fun for kids!

**Sunday 6/2/2024: Junior Parent & Guardian Sneak Peek/Tear Down  
MIDNIGHT - 2AM Scan Code and Sign Up! (Need 80 people to help)**

**Sunday 6/1/2025: Class of 2025 All Night Party**

**9PM - 2AM! Save the Date! Tickets go on sale in September!**



Scan Me to Sign Up!

- 50+ years of keeping our kids safe and giving them one last memory as a class.
- The ONLY party after graduation! Held at BHHS on graduation day from 9pm-2am.
- Seeking current junior parent(s) to lead the event planning for next year!! Watch for monthly meetings beginning in August 2024.
- Shhhhhh...the event details are a secret for your kids, but there will be a live show, tons of games and activities, food, and great prizes!
- **Junior parents/guardians traditionally attend the Sneak Peek and help with clean-up! Next year's class will help us! Sign up using the QR code above. Share with a friend!**
- **Questions? Contact the 2025 ANP organizers at [bhhsanp2025@gmail.com](mailto:bhhsanp2025@gmail.com). Watch the BHHS PTO Facebook page for meeting information.**

# BHHS COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS

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Shayna Klein: B & L-O

Melanie Brooks: P-Si

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# COLLEGE & CAREER RESOURCE INFORMATION

Coordinator: Lou Ann Frantz

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

# Factors Considered For Evaluating Admissions

Academic Achievement	Academic Potential
Rigor & Context	Diversity
Personal Attributes	Geographic Balance
Curriculum and Trend	First Generation/Low-Income
Intellectual Curiosity	Athlete / Artist
Services & Leadership	Adversity

# What is the difference between a 2 year College and a 4 year College?

## 2 Year

- Students can earn an Associate's Degree or transfer to a 4 year college
  - Cost less than a 4 year college.
  - Offer vocational degrees & technical degrees
  - Students can earn their general ed. credits (60) then transfer to a 4 year college.
  - Admit all students but placement tests determine level of coursework.

## 4 Year

- A 4 year college is a place where students can earn a Bachelor of Art or Science degree
  - 4 year colleges cost more than a 2 year colleges.
  - No need to transfer
  - Colleges range from less to more to very selective.
  - Require certain courses, grades & GPA to be admitted
  - Many professional degrees offered.

## BEFORE THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDS...

Look at what is required by the colleges you are applying to. If you need a recommendation letter, initiate a conversation with one or two academic teachers (depending on how many letters are required) who would write a positive letter of recommendation for you.





# HOW TO REQUEST A TEACHER LETTER

Official teacher letter requests will be made through Naviance and will not be available until we return to school.

This process will be reviewed during the mandatory senior meeting in September.



# COUNSELOR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

If a college requires a letter of recommendation from your counselor, you must complete the Student Questionnaire and have a family member complete the Parent/Guardian Questionnaire (check the college/universities website)

Student Questionnaire

Parent/Guardian Questionnaire



# 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
- It is your responsibility to track and monitor NCAA requirements

# JUNE

- You will receive a letter home regarding your graduation status
  - Check your transcript carefully
- In the fall 2023, you 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
- You can continue to add or remove schools as you continue to research colleges

# NAVIANCE STUDENT

The following Naviance tasks were assigned during 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades:

- Annual short-term & long-term goal setting
- Game Plan
- Career Interest Profiler
- Resume Builder (should be complete)
- 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

# WHAT SHOULD I DO OVER THE SUMMER?

- Take advantage of the summer to visit colleges
- Complete [Student & Parent/Guardian Questionnaire](#) (only if a counselor letter is required by the college).
- 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.)

**\*\*It is not recommended to send your application to a college before school starts in the fall\*\***

- Begin working on your applications: Follow directions carefully!
- Use an appropriate personal email account if you don't already have one for college applications. Your bloomfield.org address will not be available after you graduate.
- Watch for the Fall 2025 college applications to be posted to college websites (July/August)
- [\*\*SIGN UP HERE\*\*](#) to attend Summer Bootcamp
- Common Application goes live on August 1 but you can create an account now and it will rollover to the new cycle
  - Common App tab section only

# COMMON APPLICATION VS. COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY-SPECIFIC APPLICATION

## Common Application:

- Same application is accepted by 1,000+ colleges
- Common Application has a mobile app as well
- There are supplemental requirements for some colleges

## College/University-specific Applications:

- Accessed directly through each school's website and only used for that specific school
- Some colleges offer the choice to use the CA or a school-specific application



# THE COLLEGE ESSAY: ESSAY MYTHS

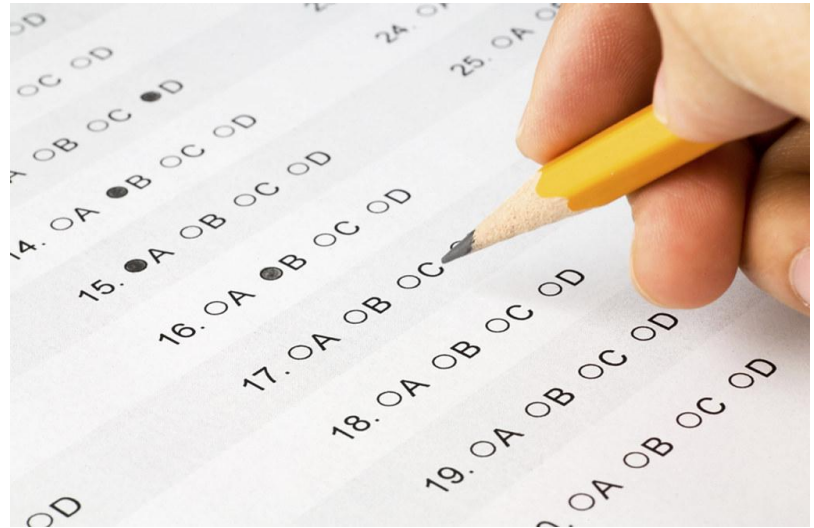
- The essay should sound sophisticated
- Students need an impressive topic
- Admission officers do not read them
- Colleges do not know if students get too much help
- There's a secret formula
- Don't use AI

## ESSAY TIPS

- Understand the prompt
- Brainstorm ideas
- Focus on a theme
- Speak from the heart/use your voice
- Think about “what do I want people to know about me”
- Have a peer/adult read your work

# WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO APPLY “TEST OPTIONAL”?

- Not all colleges will require students to submit an ACT/SAT score to complete an application
- 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**

# NAVIANCE: NEXT STEPS

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

# COLLEGES I'M THINKING ABOUT

Home Self-Discovery Careers **Colleges** Planner

 About Me 

## Quick Links



**MORE SEARCH OPTIONS**




- SuperMatch®
- Advanced college search
- College lookup















**MY COLLEGES**


- Upcoming college events
- Colleges match
- Colleges Visits
- Colleges I'm thinking about**
- Colleges I'm applying to

## Colleges I'm thinking about



+ = extended profile available

College	Delivery type	Added By	Application Deadlines	Interest
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hope College	CA	Student	Multiple Deadlines  Application Deadlines	N/A  MORE 
<input type="checkbox"/> University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	CA	Student	Multiple Deadlines 	N/A  MORE 
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Illinois State University	CA	Student	Multiple Deadlines 	N/A  MORE 
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michigan Technological University	CA	Student	Priority January 15	N/A  MORE 
<input type="checkbox"/> University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	CA	Student	Multiple Deadlines 	N/A  MORE 



# MOVING COLLEGES TO “APPLYING TO” LIST

NAVIANCE BY POWERSCHOOL

Home Self-Discovery Careers **Colleges** Planner

Heart icon, Chat icon, 3 Messages icon, LB About Me, LOG OUT

X Cancel

STEP 1 Add Applications STEP 2 Request Transcripts

Hope College

Which application deadline do you prefer?

Early Action November 1 ✓

How will you submit your application?

Via Common App ✓

☐ I've already sent my application

Add Applications ADD AND REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS

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

NAVIANCE BY POWERSCHOOL

LB Logged in as Lawrence Blackhawk

LOG OUT Show Me How

# COLLEGES I'M APPLYING TO

Naviance | Student

[Home](#)
[Courses](#)
[Colleges](#)
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[My 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 Transcripts](#)
[Application Milestones](#)
[Compare Me](#)

= extended profile available
 [+ REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS](#)
 REMOVE

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

College that I'm attending:

# APPLICATION DEADLINES

Deadlines: Pay close attention to application deadlines

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

Enrollment & Deposit Deadline: May 1





# 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
- Invite your teacher recommender through Naviance

# FALL: APPLICATION PROCESS

For your first transcript request, you should submit the following:

- Transcript requests will be made through Naviance
- **If using the Common App, match your Common App and Naviance accounts (IMPORTANT)**
- Your student and parent questionnaires should have been submitted if a counselor recommendation letter is required
- Essay (if available, this is helpful for your counselor's letter of recommendation)
- Send ACT, SAT or TOEFL scores to colleges if applicable
  - 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!\***

# 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!

- [SIGN UP HERE](#) to attend College Bootcamp, August 1  
Only STUDENTS can sign up, parents cannot register for their students, deadline to register is July 1
- College Night: October 21, 2024
- Financial Aid Night: September 24, 2024
- College Rep Visits – During school day
- Attend In-Person or Virtual College Campus Days & Tours
- Apply for scholarships (Canvas, Naviance, other websites)
- Complete your Service as Action requirements! This is due at the end of January (4 Service Experiences)



# SIGNING UP FOR SCHOOL-DAY COLLEGE REP VISITS

- Log into Naviance Student
- Click on the “Colleges” home tab at top of screen
- Underneath the heading “Research Colleges”; click on “College Visits”; 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

# 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

# PAYING FOR COLLEGE

- Scholarships:
  - Naviance & Canvas
  - Colleges' Websites
  - [Fastweb](#)
  - [Appily](#)
  - [Niche](#)
  - [Student Scholarships](#)
- BHHS Counseling Website: Financial Aid & Financial Aid Night
- State of Michigan: [MiSSG](#)





# HELPFUL RESOURCES: CLICK THESE LINKS!

[Common App Ready](#)

[Common App Help Page](#)

[Exploring Colleges](#)

[Common App Essay Prompts](#)

[Test Optional Schools & Information](#)

[Planning for College](#)

[Free Essay Writing Resources](#)

[Common App Resources](#)

[Parent/Guardian Questionnaire](#)

[Student Questionnaire](#)

[Understanding College Application Deadlines](#)

[College Essay Guy Resources](#)

THANK YOU FOR  
ATTENDING!

Have a  
Wonderful Summer!

