

College & CTE Night for Juniors



**Lenape High School
Counseling Department**

Dear Junior and Parents/Guardians of Juniors,

Thank you for attending Lenape's annual *College & CTE Night for Juniors*. The purpose of the evening is to provide juniors and their families with basic information about the college search and application process. We recognize that this process is often a difficult one. This venture is time consuming and can be overwhelming, especially as the college entrance process becomes more and more competitive each year. For this reason, we encourage you to start this process TODAY. We hope this evening eases your concerns, answers many of your questions, and gets you and your student excited for this next chapter in their life!

We are very fortunate in the Lenape Regional High School District to have access to an excellent and comprehensive college search software program called *Naviance Family Connection*. This program allows you to see how you compare to Lenape High School student, past and present, who have applied to a particular college, based on your weighted grade point average and SAT scores. The program has many other helpful features such as the following:

- SuperMatch & Advanced College Search tool
- College comparison tools
- Career interest inventory
- Learning & Productivity Assessment
- Request teacher letters of recommendation

Join the Class of 2024 Google Classroom page for updates!

Class code: 2frjquh

As a way of improving communication between the Counseling Department and students/families, we send out a twice-weekly email, called "Counselor Connection." If you and/or your student become a subscriber to this service, you will receive regular reminders to your inbox regarding important information, announcements, articles, etc. This is a great way to keep current and organized with the college search and application process and any other services that involve the Counseling department.

Click here to subscribe! lrhsd.org/Page/972

Our Counseling Department is also on Social Media! Feel free to follow us @LenapeCounselor on Twitter and @LenapeWellness on Instagram for recent news, announcements, important dates, etc.

I hope you enjoy this evening's program and find it informative and helpful. Please remember as you take this journey, the Lenape Counseling Department is only a phone call or email away.

All the best,

Mr. Woodend & the Lenape High School Counseling Department

If you are having difficulty accessing your Genesis account, please contact the Genesis HelpDesk.

Email: Help@LRHSD.org | Phone: (856) 396-HELP (4357)

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General Timeline – Junior into Senior year

- Spring
 - Review 12th grade course selection sheet with your counselor & check credits
 - **Visit colleges!**
 - Make a list of 5-10 schools that interest you based on size, location and possible majors
 - Schedule appointments with admission counselors
 - See if summer tours are available
 - Check in counseling department for college representative visitations
 - Complete NCAA Eligibility Center forms if applicable
 - Ask teachers in person for letters of recommendation, then request on Naviance later
 - See if tours are available for spring and summer (don't forget you get 3 excused absences for college visits)
- Summer before Senior year
 - Visit or Re-Visit colleges and their admissions offices
 - Check for times and dates of summer tours and orientations
 - Make changes/adjustments to your schedule for senior year **BEFORE July 31**
 - Be aware of application dates set by colleges
 - Consider **early decision** or **early action** admission programs at colleges
 - Sign up for SAT or ACT exams – June (SAT), July (ACT), Aug (SAT), Sept (both)
 - As of August 1: Begin filling out applications & start working on essays
- Fall of Senior year
 - Sign up for SAT or ACT exams if necessary., Oct., Nov., and Dec. SAT dates
 - Fill out applications. Apps must be submitted by 11:59 pm on the deadline date
 - Request transcripts to be sent electronically via Google Form
 - Research scholarships, both local and national, on Naviance first, then other sites like FastWeb, UniGo, or Scholly



Common App essay prompts are the same from last year and available now. Work on them in Microsoft Word or Google Docs, then copy and paste

Important things to note

Credits

- ✓ Check credits and academic classes
- **Option 2-application to school counselor by June 1**
 - ❖ more info and applications- www.lrhhsd.org (Parents /Option 2 Program)

NCAA

- If you are an athlete interested in Division I or Division II sports, you must complete the NCAA eligibility form at <http://eligibilitycenter.org>
- Submit a transcript request form to the registrar.

Send official SAT or ACT scores electronically from testing agency to NCAA

College Visits

- Use spring & summer to visit schools, paying attention to times and dates of tours and orientations.
- A college visit is an excused absence with a note from the Post-secondary institution with date. **(allowed 3 per year)**
- Make any adjustments in your **next year's** schedule as a result of the college visit, by the **July 31st** deadline.

Things to consider when researching colleges

First – What is *really* important to me in this decision?

- My major?
- The school's location?
- rural / suburban / urban
- How far from home?
- The school's size?
- How big is a "big school"?
- How small is a "small school"?
- Extra-curricular activities?
- Sports?
- Fraternities / Sororities?
- Other...?

Second - Narrow your list of potential schools.

- **4-6 schools recommended**
- Most people subscribe to the idea of:
 - "*Reach*" school(s) – generally one or two of these
 - "*Safety*" school(s) – generally one or two of these
 - "*Target*" or "*Match*" schools – the MAJORITY of your selections should be this

Third – Make your decision based on the best information you can get.

-Talk to your counselor, your teachers and the admissions staff at the college if you have questions.

- Visit and re-visit schools to make your final decisions.

Relax and trust yourself and your instincts!

How does the school "feel" when I am on campus? Can I imagine myself here? Do the students look happy?

Should I go to a bigger school or a smaller school?

First, define what size is big and what size is small. What is the average class size? What is the largest class size?

Large colleges: Penn State main campus has over 40,000 undergraduate students on campus and Rutgers New-Brunswick has 36,000. You will attend classes in large lecture halls there. Delaware has almost 19,000 but the largest class size is only 40 students maximum.

Medium colleges: Rowan University has over 15,000 and Stockton has over 8,000, TCNJ has over 6,000

Smaller colleges: Rider has over 3,000, La Salle and Widener both have under 3,000 students.

Large College Pros:

- Wide variety of majors and courses
- Well-stocked libraries
- Variety of housing opportunities
- Well-funded sports programs
- Wide range of academic choices and student activities
- Distinguished or famous faculty
- Bigger research facilities, maybe more \$ invested

Large College Cons:

- Less interaction with professors
- Class sizes are often much bigger
- Taught by Teaching Assistants or Graduate Assistants
- Can become just a number and not a person
- Classes can contain hundreds of students with many distractions
- It may be more difficult to shine as there is more competition for special opportunities

Small College Pros:

- Smaller class sizes
- Hands-on learning opportunities
- Opportunity to get to know professors well
- Individually designed majors
- More attention from professors
- Strong advising system; advisers know students well
- Strong sense of community
- Professors, not teaching assistants, teach most courses
- You matter – you're not just a number!

Small College Cons:

- They do not always offer as many majors as large universities.
- There aren't massive sporting events on campus
- They typically will not have the same resources as large universities.
- Small colleges often may not have the best name recognition.
- Greek life is not usually as popular as it is at large universities.

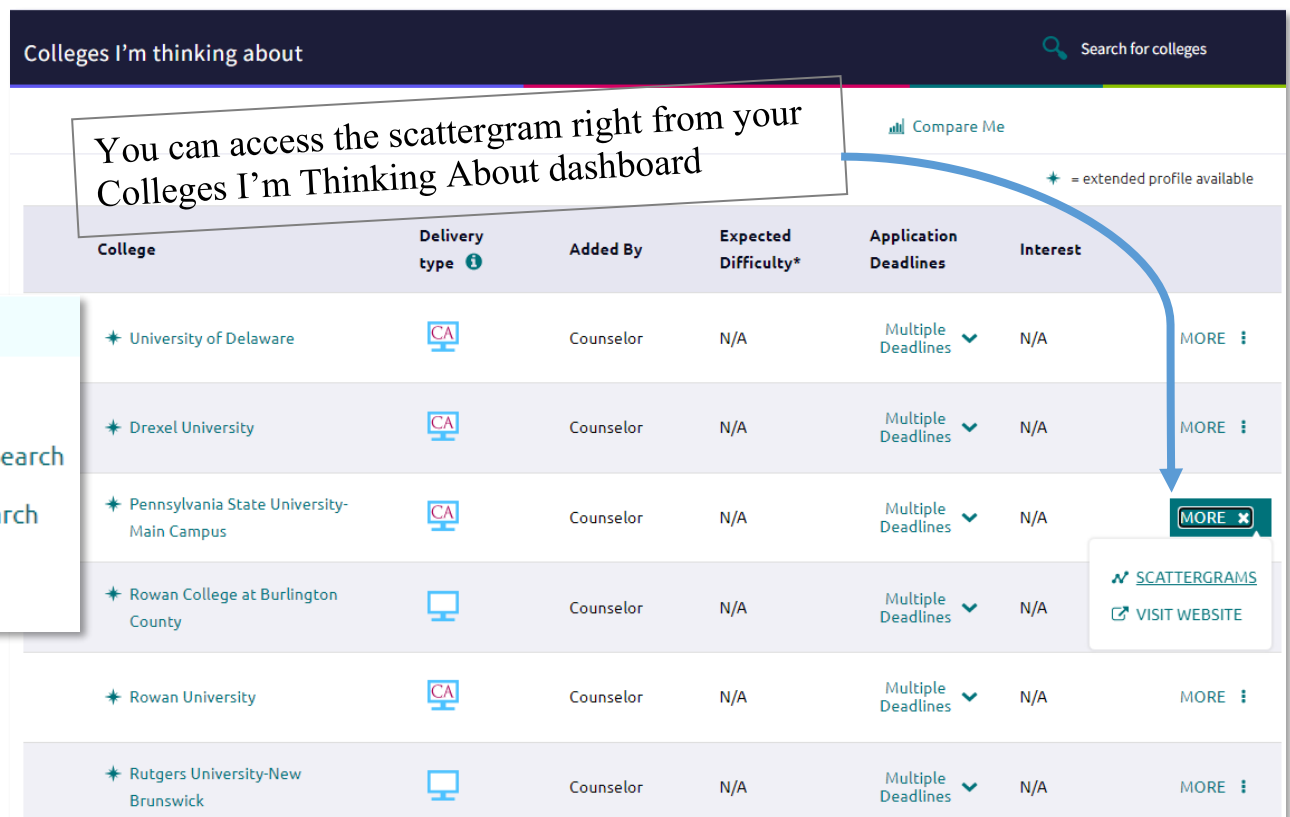
UTILIZING NAVIANCE

Naviance is Lenape's college search/career program. Your counselor will register you if you're not already. Naviance helps keep track of your application(s), important information and scholarship information along with assisting in your college search. Naviance has really good search options, and it's the best place to begin your search.

Use the **SuperMatch College Search** and the **Advanced College Search**, then add schools to your list of **Colleges I'm Thinking About**

Naviance/College Searches

- You should have a list of 4-6 schools by September of senior year, including 1-2 safe schools, 2-3 good match schools and 1-2 one reach schools.
- The average college application fee is around \$45 – that adds up quickly!
- Think about major, location, size, setting (rural/urban/suburban), extra-curricular activities.
- Realistic evaluation of each college's admission requirements (grades, standardized test scores, required high school courses) – check Naviance Graph for students who have applied to each college from LHS to see where you might fit.



Colleges I'm thinking about

Search for colleges

Compare Me

* = extended profile available

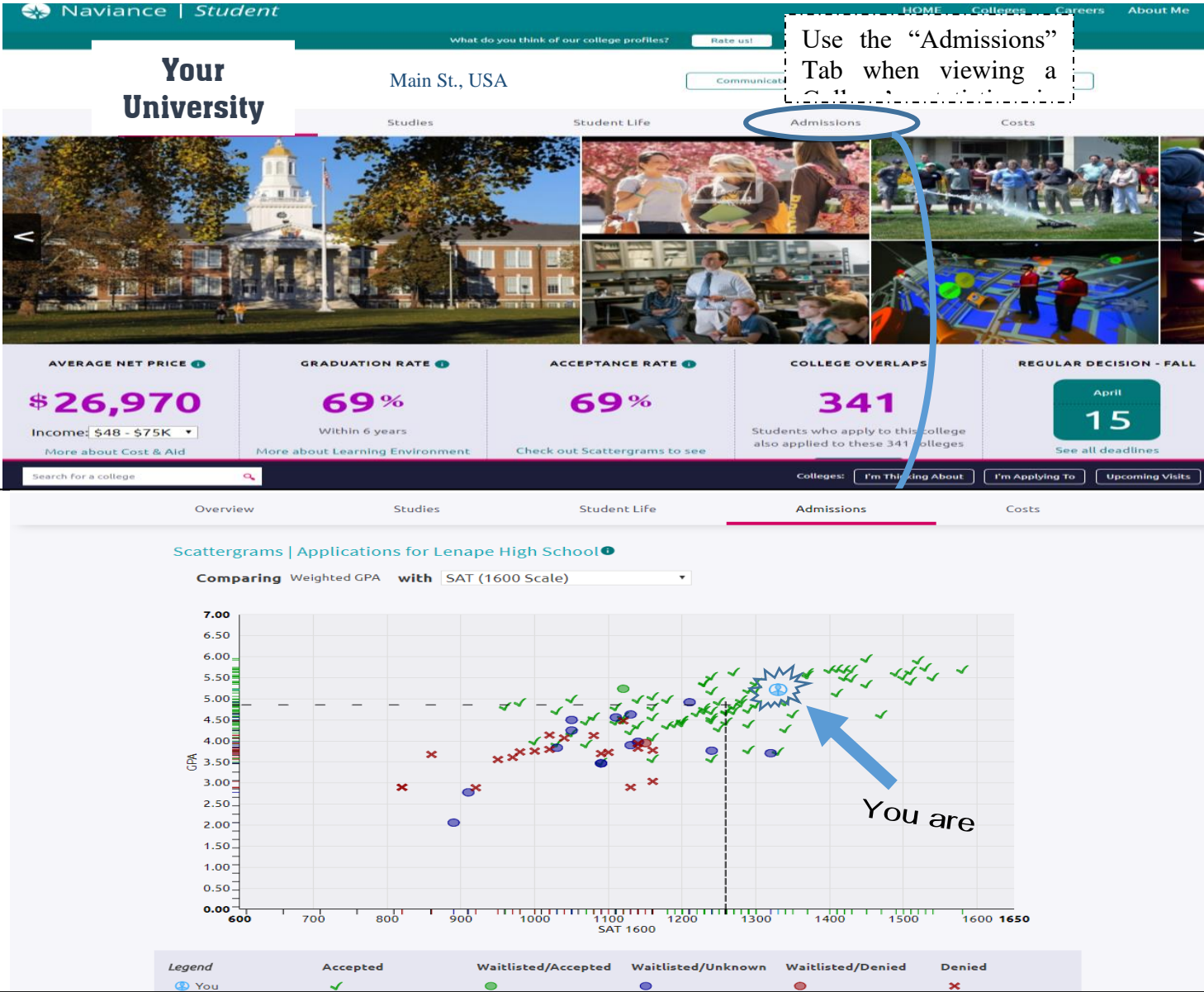
| College | Delivery type | Added By | Expected Difficulty* | Application Deadlines | Interest | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------|------|
| * University of Delaware | CA | Counselor | N/A | Multiple Deadlines | N/A | MORE |
| * Drexel University | CA | Counselor | N/A | Multiple Deadlines | N/A | MORE |
| * Pennsylvania State University- Main Campus | CA | Counselor | N/A | Multiple Deadlines | N/A | MORE |
| * Rowan College at Burlington County | CA | Counselor | N/A | Multiple Deadlines | N/A | MORE |
| * Rowan University | CA | Counselor | N/A | Multiple Deadlines | N/A | MORE |
| * Rutgers University-New Brunswick | CA | Counselor | N/A | Multiple Deadlines | N/A | MORE |

SCATTERGRAMS

VISIT WEBSITE

Use Naviance to determine where you might fit when you apply to a school. The scattergrams on this page use data from only Lenape students' applications.

You will be depicted by a **blue icon** based on your current weighted GPA/SAT scores. In this case this school would be a "Match" school.



For additional, very detailed information about what colleges are looking for during the admissions process, search the web for "Common Data Set" then whatever school you are interested in. e.g. "Common Data Set Rowan University." You will get results that look like this page (scroll down to **section C7**):

Basis for Selection

C6 Do you have an open admission policy, under which virtually all secondary school graduates or students with GED equivalency diplomas are admitted without regard to academic record, test scores, or other qualifications? If so, check which applies:

| | |
|--|---|
| C6 Open admission policy as described above for all students | X |
| C6 Open admission policy as described above for most students, but-- | |
| C6 selective admission for out-of-state students | |
| C6 selective admission to some programs | |
| C6 other (explain): | |

C7 Relative importance of each of the following academic and nonacademic factors in first-time, first-year, degree-seeking (freshman) admission decisions.

| | Very Important | Important | Considered | Not Considered |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|------------|----------------|
| C7 Academic | | | | |
| C7 Rigor of secondary school record | X | | | |
| C7 Class rank | | | X | |
| C7 Academic GPA | | X | | |
| C7 Standardized test scores | | X | | |
| C7 Application Essay | | X | | |
| C7 Recommendation(s) | | | X | |
| C7 Nonacademic | | | | |
| C7 Interview | | | | X |
| C7 Extracurricular activities | | | X | |
| C7 Talent/ability | | | X | |
| C7 Character/personal qualities | | | X | |
| C7 First generation | | | | X |
| C7 Alumni/ae relation | | | | X |
| C7 Geographical residence | | | | X |
| C7 State residency | | | | X |
| C7 Religious affiliation/commitment | | | | X |
| C7 Racial/ethnic status | | | X | |
| C7 Volunteer work | | | X | |



1. Go to CommonApp.org
2. Create an account
3. Add colleges
4. Complete application sections
5. Write essay
6. Add courses & grades
7. E-sign FERPA waiver
8. Submit & pay app fee

1. Go to MyCoalition.org
2. Create an account
3. Complete profile
4. Your locker: TRANSCRIPTS AND LETTERS
MUST BE UPLOADED DIRECTLY TO COALITION
5. Complete app
6. Write essay
7. Add courses & grades
8. Submit & pay app fee

Common App vs. Coalition– Which one should I use?

1. If possible, go with Common App. The second best option would be to use the individual school's application.
 - a. Common App works seamlessly with Naviance
 - b. Coalition requires everything to be uploaded directly and does not allow us to send information, via Naviance or otherwise.
 - c. There are only 9 schools who accept the Coalition Application but don't accept the Common App: Rutgers, Texas-Austin, Texas A&M, Texas State, New Mexico, University of Washington – Seattle, UW - Bothell

NOTE: Some schools are self-report for grades, including: Rutgers, Pitt, South Carolina, West Virginia & more

Interested in going to an HBCU? Check out CommonBlackCollegeApp.com

- Apply to any of the 67 HBCUs on the app for only \$20!
- Students can upload their test scores in the Student Dashboard. If you have not taken the test, you can still complete the CBCA.
- Your School Counselor must create an account to upload your official transcript in the School Counselor Dashboard. If your Counselor did not receive an email requesting them to upload your transcript, please have them go to www.commonblackcollegeapp.com and click on High School Counselor to create an account and upload your transcript.
- Students can upload their test scores in the Student Dashboard. Your application may not be processed by our Member Institutions if your test scores and transcript have not been uploaded to the Student Dashboard. **(Most Member Institutions are test optional. Please contact the college(s) you are interested in attending to inquire.)** Please do not mail, email or fax your transcript or test scores to their office.
- When you apply, you will **choose 4 colleges** to send the app to. If you want to apply to more, you have to contact each college directly.

GET EDUCated!



Completing the Common App:



1. After you create an account, add colleges. Click College Search, then find your school.

2. On the Common App Tab, add Lenape High School under the Education section

3. Next is the FERPA Waiver. We can't send any transcripts or letters of recommendation until you sign this

4. Sign and date the FERPA waiver

5. Fill out the rest of the application,
6. Write the essay,
7. Submit before the deadline, and
8. Pay the application fee.

Release authorization

FERPA Form

☒ I acknowledge that every school that I have attended may release all requested records and recommendations to colleges to which I am applying for admission. I also understand that employees at these colleges may confidentially contact my current and former schools should they have questions about the information submitted on my behalf.*

Please select one: *

☒ I waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.

☐ I DO NOT waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.

☒ I understand that my waiver or no waiver selection above pertains to all colleges to which I apply and that my **selections on this page cannot be changed once I sign and click Save below.***

Signature *

Date *

Date uses "month day, year" format (e.g. August 1, 2002)

Dashboard My Colleges Common App College Search Financial Aid Resources

Common App

Profile

Family

Education

Testing

Activities

Writing

Courses & Grades
0 college(s) require

Education

Preview

- ✓ Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School
- ✓ Other Secondary/High Schools
- ✓ Colleges & Universities
- ✓ Grades
- Current or Most Recent Year Courses
- Honors
- Community-Based Organizations

Current or Most Recent Year Courses

Please list all courses you are taking this academic year. If you are not currently enrolled, please list courses from your most recent academic year.
How many courses would you like to report?*

8

Please select the course scheduling system your institution is using.*

☒ Semester

☐ Trimester

☐ Quarter

Course 1 title*

Physical Education

Course 1 level, if applicable

N/A

Course 1 schedule*

First Semester

Course 2 title*

World Cultures

Course 2 level, if applicable

Accelerated

Course 2 schedule*

Full Year

Student Guidelines for Teacher Recommendation

- ❖ Check college websites to determine number/type of teacher recommendations needed (academic only, specific subject, etc.)
- ❖ Most colleges only require a **maximum of 2 letters**. Therefore, you should only ask for a letter of recommendation from a teacher if it will be read by the college.
- ❖ When/How to Ask:
 - ✓ Ask politely and always in person (if possible).
 - ✓ Writing a letter of recommendation is a professional courtesy; therefore, it is the teacher's option to write a letter of recommendation for you.
 - ✓ Students are encouraged to ask at the end of junior year.
 - ✓ Ask 2 teachers – preferably at least 1 from an academic subject.
 - ✓ Teachers have the option of waiting until the fall of senior year to write letters of recommendation.
 - ✓ **Forms will not be available until August 1 going into senior year.** It is the student's responsibility to follow up with the teachers at the beginning of senior year.
 - ✓ If you ask in senior year, a minimum of three weeks' notice is needed.
- ❖ All letters and specific recommendation forms will be stored in and sent through Naviance.
- ❖ Students will NOT have access to the letters of rec – you will waive your right to see it.
- Colleges → Apply to College → Letters of Recommendation → Select a teacher from dropdown menu → Click circle “All current and future colleges I add to my Colleges I'm Applying To list”

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Letters of recommendation

Add new request

Here you can ask a teacher to write you a letter of recommendation. If you don't have any colleges in your list yet, you may still make a request. Make sure you give your teachers plenty of time to write your recommendations!

Cancel

Submit Request

1. Who would you like to write this recommendation?*

Select A Teacher

2. Select which colleges this request is for:*

☐ Choose **specific** colleges from your *Colleges I'm Applying To* list

☐ All current and future colleges I add to my *Colleges I'm Applying To* list

3. Include a personal note to remind your recommender about your great qualities and any specifics about your request:

Note: You cannot submit a transcript request without your letters of recommendation submitted in Naviance

3000 characters remaining

Cancel

Submit Request

Submitting a transcript request: *(process subject to change)*

- From the Lenape home page, scroll down to find the link where it says “Transcript Requests”
OR go on the Counseling Department page
(or type in <https://www.lrhdsd.org/Domain/1281> straight to your address bar)
- Click Current Students
 - Fill out Google Doc. Page by page it will be:
 1. Basic info
 2. Transcript action (to college vs. other, e.g. NCAA)
 3. College information including Application type (e.g. Early Action), How you are applying (e.g. Common App), College name, and deadline
 4. Address of institution
 5. Letters of recommendation requirement
 6. Recommendations information. Confirm they're submitted in Naviance first!
 7. Confirm that YOU will send your SAT/ACT scores separately (if applicable)

College Information

Application Type

☐ Early Decision

☒ Early Action

☐ Regular Decision

☐ Rolling Admission

☐ Priority Decision

☐ Mid-year Transcript

Clear selection

I am applying...

☒ Common App

☐ School App (online)

☐ Coalition App

Clear selection

College Name *

Princeton University

Deadline for transcript to be sent to the college/university? *

Date

11/01/2020

Recommendations Information

Who is the first teacher that you have asked to complete a recommendation? (Full name: First and Last) *

Mr. Jones

(Optional) Who is the second teacher that you have asked to complete a recommendation? (Full Name: First and Last)

Mrs. Smith

I confirm I have checked Naviance and the teacher(s) recommendation are "In Progress" or "Complete" *

☒ I confirm

Note: You cannot submit a transcript request without your letters of recommendation submitted in Naviance

DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION



National Association for
College Admission Counseling
Guiding the way to higher education

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Non-Restrictive Application Plans

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

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

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

Restrictive Application Plans

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. 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

SAT Registration



Scan the
code to
register today.

OUR SCHOOL CODE IS:

3 1 0 7 6 2

2022 TEST DATES

AUG 27 OCT 1 NOV 5 U.S. ONLY DEC 3

REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINES

JUL 29 SEP 2 OCT 7 NOV 3

LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINES (U.S. ONLY)*

AUG 16 SEP 20 OCT 25 NOV 22

2023 TEST DATES

MAR 11 MAY 6 JUN 3

REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINES

FEB 10 APR 7 MAY 4

LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINES (U.S. ONLY)*

FEB 28 APR 25 MAY 23

ACT**SAT**

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Test Length | 3 hours, 35 minutes | 3 hours, 50 minutes |
| Test Sections | 4 sections-English, Math, Reading, Science; | 4 sections-Evidence-based Reading, Writing, Math without a calculator, Math with a calculator. |
| Scoring | Composite of 1-36 based on average scores from the 4 test sections. 4 scores of 1-36 for each test | Score is out of 1600: 800 for Math, 800 for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing. Subscores and insight scores available. |
| Wrong Answer Penalty | No penalty for wrong answers | No penalty for wrong answers |
| Content | Reading -Reading Comprehension Math -Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II, Trigonometry Science -Analysis, Interpretation, Evaluation, Basic Content, Problem Solving Writing and Language - <i>English Test</i> : Writing & Language multiple-choice questions Essay -Optional final section (40 minutes), not included in composite score, topic of importance to high school students | Reading -Reading Comprehension, Words in Context, Evidence Based Math -Algebra, Data Analysis, Geometry, Trigonometry, Algebra II Science -Science Insight Score Provided Writing and Language -Tests grammatical and rhetorical skills |
| Test Fee | \$66 Late fee: \$36 | \$60 Late fee: \$30 |
| To Register: | www.act.org | www.collegeboard.org/sat |

Most colleges do not require students to take the SAT or ACT for college admission, but some do. Check with each individual school's policy first!

You **must** send Standardized Test scores to colleges directly from the testing agency. Go to their websites to have your scores sent: collegeboard.org/sat (**SAT**) and act.org (**ACT**).

You can send up to four school score report requests at no cost – up to the Monday nine days after the published test date. After that date, it costs \$12 (\$13 for ACT) per report. If you know what 4 schools you will be applying to, it's a good (and cheaper) idea to send scores right away!

More about standardized admissions tests if you choose to take one or both:

The **SAT/ACT** is often taken 2-3 times, twice in the spring of Junior year and once in the fall of Senior year if necessary. Most students will take the SAT twice between the months of January-June and then once if necessary between August-November. This allows time to take a prep course in between testing.

You will need Lenape's CEEB code to sign up for the SAT: **310762**. This code identifies you as a Lenape student.

If you are set on going to RCBC after Lenape, you do not necessarily need to take the SAT/ACT; your class placement depends on your grades in high school courses.

****While you may not need the test for admission, some schools award merit scholarships if you reach a certain threshold with your SAT/ACT score****

CTE: Career Technical/ Trade Education

Unlike your traditional two- or four-year colleges, CTE specialize in degrees and certificates that get you out of the classroom and on the job faster. CTE gives students on-the-job training in a specialty skill.

Because there's a shortage of skilled labor, it's an excellent time to begin a skilled technical/ trade certification program. The number of skilled trade needs is increasing with nearly three million unfilled trade/technical positions in the US.


In all, some 30 million jobs in the United States that pay an average of \$55,000 per year don't require bachelor's degrees, according to the Georgetown Center on Education and the Workforce.

The recent Infrastructure Deal will rebuild America's roads, bridges and rails, expand access to clean drinking water, ensure every American has access to high-speed internet, and tackle the climate crisis.

Burlington County Institute of Technology: <https://www.bcit.cc/domain/582>

Contact: Mr. Jesse Pappler jpappler@burlcoschools.org

Two BCIT campuses: Medford and Westampton

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|--|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication➤ Allied Health Occupations- Basic Life Support (BLS)/CPR- Certified Homemaker Home Health Aide for CNA Applicants- Certified Nurse Aide- Dental- Electrocardiography (ECG)- Medical Assistant Program- Patient Care Technician Program- Pharmacy Technician- Phlebotomy- Practical Nursing- TABE (LPN) Testing<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Animal Care- Pet Grooming- Veterinary Assisting<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Apprenticeship Programs- Electrical- Plumbing<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Automotive/Diesel & Small Engine Technology |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Automotive- Diesel Technology- ETEP- State Inspector<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Building Trades- Carpentry- Electrical- Home Repair- HVAC- Plumbing<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Commercial Truck Driving (CDL)- Class A- Class B<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Cosmetology➤ Digital Accounting- Accounting Fundamentals- Certified Digital Accountant Exam- QuickBooks Basics- QuickBooks Intermediate<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Water / Wastewater Management➤ Welding Technology |
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Additional CTE Programs that offer degrees and certifications:

- **Williamson College of the Trades** (FREE TUITION) – Media, PA
 - williamson.edu
- **Penn College** – Williamsport, PA (out of state tuition)
 - pct.edu
- **Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology** (tuition based)- Lancaster, PA
 - stevenscollege.edu



Military

Army.mil | Navy.mil | Marines.mil | AF.mil | USCG.mil | NationalGuard.mil



Thinking Military? Entering the US Military can be another good option to set yourself up for success through college or a career path.

Contact your local recruiter for more information.

About the ASVAB: The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery is a multiple-choice test of 9 sections: General Science, Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, Auto & Shop, Math Knowledge, Mechanical Comprehension, Electronics Information, and Assembling Objects.

| Test | Description | Domain |
|---|--|-------------------|
| General Science (GS) | Knowledge of physical and biological sciences | Science/Technical |
| Arithmetic Reasoning (AR) | Ability to solve arithmetic word problems | Math |
| Word Knowledge (WK) | Ability to select the correct meaning of a word presented in context and to identify best synonym for a given word | Verbal |
| Paragraph Comprehension (PC) | Ability to obtain information from written passages | Verbal |
| Mathematics Knowledge (MK) | Knowledge of high school mathematics principles | Math |
| Electronics Information (EI) | Knowledge of electricity and electronics | Science/Technical |
| Auto Information (AI)/ Shop Information (SI) | Knowledge of tools, automobile, and shop terminology and practices | Science/Technical |
| Mechanical Comprehension (MC) | Knowledge of mechanical and physical principles | Science/Technical |
| Assembling Objects (AO) | Ability to determine how an object will look when its parts are put together | Spatial |

The ASVAB helps the DoD not just determine whether you are a good fit to join the service, but also which service branch you might be best for and even what [military jobs](#) you can hold after you finish basic training or boot camp. The better your [ASVAB score](#), the broader your options.

| Branch | Requirements | Min. ASVAB Score |
|----------------|--|-----------------------|
| Air Force | US Citizen Age 17-27, pass ASVAB, HS Diploma | 36 |
| Army | US Citizen Age 17-34 pass ASVAB, HS Diploma | 31 (50+ For Bonus) |
| Coast Guard | US Citizen Age 17-39 pass ASVAB, HS Diploma | 40 |
| Marines | US Citizen Age 17-29 pass ASVAB, HS Diploma | 32 |
| National Guard | US Citizen Age 17-35 pass ASVAB, HS Diploma | 31 |
| Navy | US Citizen Age 17-34 pass ASVAB, HS Diploma | 35 |



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MORE than

4!

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Debt Undone with 3+1. With RCBC's premier partnership with Rowan University, you can earn an associate and bachelor's degree without crippling college debt.

How does it work?

Take 75% of your courses at RCBC and finish your degree through Rowan University

Earn Your Associate Degree in

Complete your associate degree which counts as your freshman and sophomore year.

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Take your junior-year courses with RCBC's faculty and RCBC's lowest in-the-state tuition and fees.

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Take your senior-year courses with Rowan University faculty in Mount Laurel or online for a 15% discount off of Rowan University's tuition and fees.

Save a lot of money & Get a jump start on your future

Earn an associate degree from RCBC and a bachelor's degree from Rowan University and save around \$75,000!

Please note: Total tuition is determined by the selected program.

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Current 3+1 Majors offered:

Applied Professional Communication
Biology
Business Administration
Computing and Informatics

Criminal Justice (Law & Justice)
Inclusive Education
Liberal Arts (General Studies)
Nursing
Psychology



Rowan College
at
BURLINGTON COUNTY

STUDENT PROFILE

Fall 2019



1,488

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES
WERE AWARDED IN THE
2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

62%

TRANSFER PROGRAMS

37%

CAREER PROGRAMS

1%

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

8,891

CREDIT COURSE
ENROLLMENT

84,718

STUDENT
CREDIT HOURS

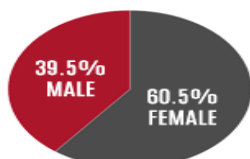
4,153

FULL-TIME STUDENTS

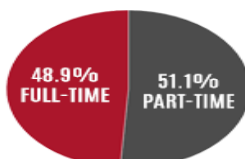


4,340

PART-TIME STUDENTS



GENDER



ATTENDANCE STATUS

CREDIT ENROLLMENT PRIMARY GROUPS

19-24

FULL-TIME STUDENT AGE

25+

ADULT LEARNERS, MANY PART-TIME

26

OVERALL
AVERAGE AGE

23

AVERAGE
FULL-TIME AGE

29

AVERAGE
PART-TIME AGE

20.1%

OF BURLINGTON COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES
ATTENDED RCBC IN FALL 2019

82.3%

ARE BURLINGTON
COUNTY RESIDENTS

RCBC FAQ for Prospective Students

Please refer to the following frequently asked questions list for general answers to some common questions. This page will be updated periodically. If you have a question that does not appear on this page, please contact us at rowan@bcc.edu.

Last Updated: June 11, 2015

Q. Is Rowan College at Burlington County now a four year college instead of a two year college?

A. No, Rowan College at Burlington County is still a two-year college that now has Rowan University on our campus providing an opportunity for individuals to complete a four-year degree in certain majors.

Q. If I apply to RCBC, am I automatically accepted to Rowan University and will I be able to transfer into any program?

A. Yes, RCBC students are conditionally guaranteed admission to Rowan University as long as they earn a 2.0 GPA or higher and meet prerequisite coursework requirements. However, there are restricted majors that have specific admission and GPA requirements that must be met to be considered for admissions. These majors include:

- **Engineering**- 3.5 or higher (except Civil Engineering-3.3 or above) and the specific course requirements
- **Athletic Training**- 2.5 GPA or higher
- **Business** - 2.5 or higher and Statistics (MTH 143) and Calculus (MTH 142 or MTH 118) must be completed or in progress
- **Dance, Art, Music, and Theater**- 2.0 GPA and a portfolio or an audition is required
- **Nursing**- 2.5 GPA or higher and applicants must be eligible to be licensed as an RN in the state of NJ. RN-BSN program only

**All programs that have hyperlinked titles define specific course requirements from the Rowan University website.*

Q. Will I be able to transfer from RCBC to another college/university (other than Rowan University)?

A. Yes, students can transfer to any college from RCBC. Students should review the RCBC transfer website for more information on the Guaranteed Admission Programs (GAP) and articulation agreements offered through RCBC. All students seeking to transfer are encouraged to make an appointment with a transfer advisor. For more information on the Transfer Center, [click here](#).

Q. Do I need to graduate from RCBC to transfer to Rowan University?

A. While it is strongly recommended that you graduate before transferring, you do not need to graduate from RCBC to transfer to Rowan University.

Q. Can I finish my associates degree from RCBC after transferring to Rowan University?

A. If you do transfer without a degree, you can transfer some of your Rowan University credits back to RCBC and you may receive your associates degree in a specialized program of study, Liberal Arts, or Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Q. Will it be more expensive to take classes at RCBC now that RCBC is partnered with Rowan University?

A. No, tuition and fees will not change with this new partnership. For more information about RCBC tuition and fees, [click here](#).

Q. Will the existing associate degree programs still be available at RCBC?

A. Yes, you will still be able to graduate with an associates degree from RCBC.

Q. What bachelor degree programs will Rowan University be offering at the RCBC campus?

A. Rowan University will be offering BA/BS degrees on the RCBC campus beginning with general studies in spring 2016. Additional programs will be added by fall 2017 or sooner.

Q. Are the tuition rates for Rowan University programs offered on the RCBC campus discounted?

A. Yes, students taking BA/BS classes at RCBC will receive a 15% discount off their Rowan University tuition.

Q. What school code do I use on my FAFSA application?

A. The school code for Rowan College at Burlington County (RCBC) is 007730.

Campus Visit Checklist

Visiting a college campus helps you get a sense of what a college — and life at that college — is like. This can help you decide whether the college is right for you.

GATHER INFORMATION

Find out what you need to do to apply, and see if the college's class and major offerings are what you want:

- ☐ Take part in a group information session at the admission office.
- ☐ Interview with an admission officer.
- ☐ Pick up financial aid forms.
- ☐ Sit in on a class that interests you. If classes aren't in session, just see what the classrooms are like.
- ☐ Meet a professor who teaches a subject that interests you.
- ☐ Talk to students about what they think of their classes and professors.
- ☐ Get the names and business cards of the people you meet so you can contact them later if you have questions.

EXPLORE THE CAMPUS

Get a feel for student life, and see if this college is a place where you will do well:

- ☐ Take a campus tour.
- ☐ Visit the dining hall, fitness center, library, career center, bookstore, and other campus facilities.
- ☐ Talk to current students about the college and life on campus.
- ☐ Check out the freshman dorms, and stay overnight with a student, if possible.
- ☐ Talk to the coaches of sports that you may want to play.
- ☐ Walk or drive around the community surrounding the campus.

CHECK OUT CAMPUS MEDIA

Tune in to learn what's happening on campus and what's on students' minds:

- ☐ Listen to the college radio station.
- ☐ Read the student newspaper.
- ☐ Scan bulletin boards to see what daily student life is like.
- ☐ Go to the career center and learn what services it offers.
- ☐ Browse the school's website and any campus blogs.
- ☐ Read other student publications, such as department newsletters, alternative newspapers, and literary reviews.

GET THE MOST OUT OF A CAMPUS VISIT IN 6 STEPS

1 DECIDE WHERE AND HOW

See if your school arranges group trips to colleges or if you could get a group of friends together and visit the campus. A family trip is another option and allows you to involve your family in the process.

2 PREPARE FOR YOUR VISIT

Before you set out, get a map of the college campus and pick out places of interest. Call the college's admission office to schedule a guided tour of the campus.

3 TAKE YOUR OWN TOUR

Just wandering around the campus on your own or with friends can be the best way to get a feel for what a college is like.

4 EXPLORE THE FACILITIES

Find the spots on campus where students gather or ask a student where the best place to eat is to get a feel for the character of the college. Visit the library and check out the gym or theater. Ask an admission officer if you can tour a dorm and a classroom.

5 MAKE CONNECTIONS

Talk to current students. Ask the students at the next table or sitting nearby what they like best about the college.

6 TAKE NOTES

During your visit, write down some notes about your experience. What did you see that excited you? Are there aspects of the college that you don't like? If so, what are they?

Questions to Ask During Your Visit:

ASK TOUR GUIDES/STUDENTS

- What are the best reasons to go to this college?
- What's it like to go from high school to college?
- What do you do in your free time? On the weekends?
- What do you love about this college?
- What do you wish you could change about this college?
- Why did you choose this college?
- What is it like to live here?
- What does the college do to promote student involvement in campus groups, extracurricular activities, or volunteerism?

ASK PROFESSORS

- What are the best reasons to go to this college?
- Can a student be mentored by professors, graduate students, or upperclassmen?
- How are professors rated by the college? Does the college think mentoring and meetings for project guidance are important?
- How does the college help students have access to professors outside class? Do professors join students for lunch, help with community service groups, or guide student organizations?
- How many students do research or other kinds of projects for a semester or more?

ASK THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

- How much has your total college cost for each student risen in the past year?
- How much do your students usually end up owing when they graduate?
- What is the average income of graduates who had the same major that interests me?
- Will my costs go up when your tuition goes up, or can we use the same tuition rate I started with so I'll know the costs for four years?
- How many students usually graduate in the major that interests me? How long do these students usually take to get their degree? In what ways does the college help students graduate in four years?

ONE OPPORTUNITY. LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES.

If you want to play sports at an NCAA Division I or II school, start by registering for a Certification account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org. If you want to play Division III sports or you aren't sure where you want to compete, start by creating a Profile Page account at eligibilitycenter.org.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

To play sports at a Division I or II school, you must graduate from high school, complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses, earn a minimum GPA and earn an SAT or ACT score that matches your core-course GPA.

CORE COURSES

Only courses that appear on your high school's list of NCAA core courses will count toward the 16 core-course requirement; visit eligibilitycenter.org/courselist for a full list of your high school's approved core courses. Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:

DIVISION I

Complete 10 NCAA core courses, including seven in English, math or natural/physical science, before your seventh semester.

| | | | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|---|
| ENGLISH | MATH (Algebra I or higher) | NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (including one year of lab, if offered) | ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science) | SOCIAL SCIENCE | ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy) |
| 4 years | 3 years | 2 years | 1 year | 2 years | 4 years |

DIVISION II

| | | | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|---|
| ENGLISH | MATH (Algebra I or higher) | NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (including one year of lab, if offered) | ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science) | SOCIAL SCIENCE | ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy) |
| 3 years | 2 years | 2 years | 3 years | 2 years | 4 years |

GRADE-POINT AVERAGE

The NCAA Eligibility Center calculates your **grade-point average** based only on the grades you earn in NCAA-approved core courses.

- DI requires a minimum 2.3 GPA.
- DII requires a minimum 2.2 GPA.

SLIDING SCALE

Divisions I and II use sliding scales to match test scores and GPAs to determine eligibility. The sliding scale balances your test score with your GPA. If you have a low test score, you need a higher GPA to be eligible. Find more information about sliding scales at ncaa.org/test-scores.

TEST SCORES

You may take the SAT or ACT an unlimited number of times before you enroll full time in college. Every time you register for the SAT or ACT, use the NCAA Eligibility Center code **9999** to send your scores directly to us from the testing agency. We accept official scores only from the SAT or ACT, and cannot use scores shown on your high school transcript. If you take either test more than once, the best subscore from different tests are used to give you the best possible score. More information regarding the impact of COVID-19 and test scores can be found at on.ncaa.com/COVID19_Fall_B.



HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE

9TH GRADE



- Start planning now! Take the right courses and earn the best grades possible.

- Find your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses at eligibilitycenter.org/courselist.
- Sign up for a free Profile Page account at eligibilitycenter.org for information on NCAA requirements.

10TH GRADE

REGISTER



- If you fall behind academically, ask your counselor for help finding approved courses you can take.

- Register for a Profile Page or Certification account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org.
- Monitor your Eligibility Center account for next steps.
- At the end of the year, ask your counselor at each high school or program you attended to upload your official transcript to your Eligibility Center account.

11TH GRADE



- Check with your counselor to make sure you are on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved courses and graduate on time with your class.

- Take the SAT/ACT and submit your scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.
- Ensure your sports participation information is correct in your Eligibility Center account.
- At the end of the year, ask your counselor at each high school or program you attended to upload your official transcript to your Eligibility Center account.

12TH GRADE



- Complete your final NCAA-approved core courses as you prepare for graduation.

- Take the SAT/ACT again, if necessary, and submit your scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.
- Request your final amateurism certification beginning April 1 (fall enrollees) or Oct. 1 (winter/spring enrollees) in your Eligibility Center account at eligibilitycenter.org.
- After you graduate, ask your counselor to upload your final official transcript with proof of graduation to your Eligibility Center account.
- Reminder: Only students on an NCAA Division I or II school's institutional request list will receive a certification.

How to plan your high school courses to meet the 16 core-course requirement:

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

9TH GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

10TH GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

11TH GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

12TH GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

Search Frequently Asked Questions: ncaa.org/studentfaq

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COLLEGE TERMS TO KNOW

Accreditation - Academic programs, faculty quality, facilities, etc must adhere to standards previously set forth by regional and state bodies. Agencies regularly send teams to colleges to analyze different areas

Affirmative Action – Institutional efforts toward equal employment and educational opportunities for all segments of the population.

Apply – Submitting an application in hopes of gaining admission to the College.

Application fee – where one must pay an amount of money specified by the college

Assessment Test – As identified by the State of New Jersey, skills are assessed in reading, writing and mathematics. All incoming degree-seeking students or students registering for eight or more credits are required to take assessment tests designed to demonstrate strengths and weaknesses.

Associate Degree – The degree typically awarded by community and junior colleges following the completion of a two-year program of study. RCBC offers four such degrees in a variety of career and transfer fields.

Audit – The process by which a student may register for a course on a no-grade basis.

Bachelor's/Baccalaureate Degree – The degree typically awarded by a college or university for successful completion of a four-year program of study.

Commencement – Graduation ceremonies.

Common App – One application that, when complete, allows students to apply to over 600 colleges and universities at one time (a fee often applies to each submission)

Corequisite – A course that you are required to take while enrolled in another, related course.

Course Number – The three-letter and three-digit designation that appears before each course name. The designation will indicate the curriculum area and level of each course.

Credit Hour – Each credit hour is a unit of time that a class meets each week during a given semester e.g. 3 credits = 3hrs

Curriculum – A set of courses designed to lead to a goal, such as a degree or certificate.

Dean's List – Students who have demonstrated significant academic achievements during a given semester.

Degree Requirements – A list of the exact courses, subject areas, requirements and credit hours that a student must successfully complete to obtain a specific degree.

Drop – The process of adjusting a student's schedule by dropping courses after initial registration. The deadline for dropping a course is based on the semester/term of that course.

Early Action – Students apply early, receive an admission decision early in the admission cycle, consider acceptance offer. Students do not have to commit upon receipt. ****NON-BINDING****

Early Decision - Students can only apply to one ED school early, receive notice before the usual notification date, agree to attend the college if accepted and offered a financial aid package that is considered adequate by the family. ****BINDING****

Electives – Courses in which the student may enroll dependent upon interests, needs and specified criteria. Generally a student may choose from among a large list of elective courses.

Financial Aid – Can be loans, grants, or scholarships that students and families use to pay for college. Some schools are; some schools are “

Freshman – A student who has earned no more than 28 credits.

General Education Requirements – Courses which provide all degree students with broad knowledge in a variety of disciplines (i.e. math, science, English, etc.)

Grade Point Average – Also known as GPA, calculation to determine a student's academic progress and status. To determine the GPA, divide the total number of credits attempted by the total numerical value of grades received.

Internship – Available in selected course areas, the internship provides planned, practical on-the-job experience, in addition to regular classroom work.

Major – The subject area in which the student chooses to concentrate his/her academic work.

Needs-blind – College admissions do not view a family's financial status when considering admission

Needs-aware – College admissions view a family's financial status when considering admission

Practicum – See internship.

Prerequisite – A course or courses a student must successfully complete before being allowed to register for a more advanced course in the same or related subject area.

Register – When a student signs up for classes in a particular semester or term.

Semester – A 15-week period during which a student will complete a particular course or courses.

Sophomore – A student who has completed 29 or more credits successfully.

Super Score – Combining a student's highest Critical Reading and Math section scores across each date you took the SAT

Term – A concentrated period during which a student will complete a particular course or courses.

Transcript – The official record of a student's academic performance.

Tuition – Charges for each registered course for which a student registers.


Withdraw – Withdrawing from a class occurs after the Last Day to Drop deadline has passed. The course from which the student withdraws will be recorded on the transcript as a W. The form for processing a course withdrawal may be obtained at the Registrar's Office

Additional Counseling Resources

If you are struggling with anything at all, please talk to me – I can help! Note: This is not a complete list of resources available.

| Resource | Name and Address | Phone Number |
|--|--|----------------|
| Emotional, Depression, Drugs, Alcohol, Family, Eating Disorders, Sexuality, Gender | Princeton House Behavioral Health 351 New Albany Rd Moorestown, NJ 08057 | (856) 779-2300 |
| Substance Abuse, Psychiatric Services for Adolescents | High Focus 53 Haddonfield Rd. Suite 330 Cherry Hill, NJ 08002 | (856) 306-8086 |
| Emotional/Depression, Family | Family Support Organization of Burl. County 774 Eayrestown Road Lumberton, NJ 08048 | (609) 265-8838 |
| Emotional, Depression, Drugs, Alcohol, Family, Eating Disorders | Hampton Behavioral Health Center 650 Rancocas Road Westhampton, NJ 08060 | (609) 267-7000 |
| Drugs/Alcohol | SODAT 60 High Street Mt. Holly, NJ 08060 | (609) 265-7884 |
| Emotional, Depression, Drugs, Alcohol, Family, Eating Disorders, Sexuality, Gender | Healthmark Counseling, LLC 101 Route 130 South Cinnaminson, NJ 08077 | (856) 829-3385 |
| Eating Disorders | Renfrew Center 8945 Ridge Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19128 | (800) 736-3739 |

Some Helpful Websites:

| Name | About | Web Address |
|---|--|---|
| 2NDFLOOR | Confidential and anonymous helpline for New Jersey's youth and young adults to help find solutions to the problems that teens face. Available 24/7 365 days a year. | 2ndfloor.org 888-222-2228  |
| Shatter Proof | Shatterproof is a bold, new national organization committed to protecting our children from addiction to alcohol or other drugs and ending the stigma and suffering of those affected by this disease. | http://www.shatterproof.org/ |
| Club Drug Information | Website maintained by the National Institute on Drug Abuse with information and links for teens and parents. | http://www.clubdrugs.org |
| Narcotics Anonymous | Website for a community based association for recovering drug addicts. | http://www.na.org |
| Al-Anon/Alateen | Help for families of alcoholics. | http://www.al-anon.org |
| Alcoholics Anonymous | Fellowship of people endeavoring to stay sober and help others reach sobriety. Information about the association and meeting locations. | http://www.aa.org |
| Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration | Agency with information about substance abuse and mental illness. | http://www.samhsa.gov |
| National Institute on Alcohol and Alcoholism | Referral information, information pamphlets, research and databases. | http://www.niaaa.nih.gov |
| National Institute on Drug Abuse | Articles, statistics, trends, treatment and prevention information about an array of addictions. | http://www.nida.nih.gov |
| The Partnership for a Drug-Free America | The Partnership for a Drug-Free America is a nonprofit organization that unites parents, renowned scientists and communications professionals to help families raise healthy children. | http://www.drugfree.org |
| Step UP! | Step UP! is a prosocial behavior and bystander intervention program that educates students to be proactive in helping others. | http://stepupprogram.org/ |

Check out these sites for more resources –

[CollegeBoard](#)

( bigfuture.collegeboard.org)

Start here with simple steps you can take today to stay on track for college. New steps will unlock and be added to your dashboard throughout the year, so keep checking back.

[College Raptor](#)

( CollegeRaptor.com)

Discover affordable schools, choose your major and career, find scholarships, compare costs, pay for college, and realize your dreams.

[College Confidential](#)

( CollegeConfidential.com)

Candid college forums on topics such as admissions chances, financial aid, SAT/ACT, and school life.

[College Scorecard](#)

( [College Scorecard.ed.gov](http://CollegeScorecard.ed.gov))

The College Scorecard is designed to increase transparency, putting the power in the hands of the public — from those choosing colleges to those improving college quality — to see how well different schools are serving their students.

[College Navigator](#)

(nces.ed.gov/  CollegeNavigator)

From the National Center for Education Statistics, showing graduation and retention rates among other data

[College Affordability and Transparency Center](#) (<https://collegecost.ed.gov/>)

US Dept of Education Hub to access the College Scorecard, College Navigator, Net Price Calculators, and more

[CollegeData](#)

(COLLEGEData.COM)

Your one stop shop to find the best colleges in the US. Use our college database to find, plan and apply to colleges across the nation.

[Understanding College Affordability](#) from the Urban Institute (<http://collegeaffordability.urban.org/>)

Rising concerns over college tuition and student debt, combined with the widespread conviction that a degree is essential for a middle-class lifestyle, have led to a sense that college in the United States has become "unaffordable." But what does affordability actually mean?

College Searching:

- Start with  NAVIANCE
- Places to find good, unbiased rankings:  Washington MONTHLY  College Raptor
- Great data, including retention & graduation rates:  U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION College Scorecard  COLLEGE Navigator Find the Right College for YOU
- Not sure what a college is looking for? Search their Common Data Set, then scroll down to section C7.
 - E.g. "Rutgers Common Data Set"

Scholarship Websites:

Naviance Scholarship list, Scholarship match

Scholly (App & website) <https://myscholly.com/>



CollegeBoard bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-search

FastWeb

fastweb.com/scholarship-directory



UniGo

unigo.com/scholarships



Scholarships.com scholarships.com



Scholarship Owl scholarshipowl.com/





Raise Me Raise.me





You can apply to scholarships
for college this year!

Financial Aid ...in 7 Easy Steps



Plan ahead for college costs!

You Can Pay for College



Real Costs

A year at most colleges, especially if living costs are included, starts at about \$11,000 and can exceed \$65,000.

The Good News

If you need financial aid to help meet college costs, you are likely to receive it. Two-thirds of undergraduate students attending college in the US receive some form of financial aid. Scholarships can help pave the way to higher education as well.

Seven Easy Steps

Follow these steps to make the process of affording higher education less stressful and less overwhelming....

Get financial planning information from **trusted sources**:

studentaid.ed.gov

fafsa.ed.gov

nacacnet.org

Beware of scholarship scams!

Learn more at:
studentaid.gov/articles/student-loan-scams



You're On Your Way...

01 Set Your Expectations High

Paying for college can be daunting and often deters students and families from fully exploring their financial aid options.

If the cost of college overwhelms you—breathe:

- Most parents and students overestimate the cost of college. Remember, not all institutions charge Ivy League prices.
- While personal growth and higher learning are reasons enough to go to college, there are more practical things to consider.
- College graduates can choose from more jobs and have been shown to earn \$1 million more than those with only a high school education over a lifetime.

The key to affording college is knowledge—know how to pay for it, and more importantly, where to look to find resources to help you afford a college education.

02 Consider Types of College Aid

Aid for college comes in all shapes and sizes: need-based and non-need-based aid; federal and state aid; aid from colleges; and other scholarships.

A combination of the following may be available to you:

- The Federal Pell Grant
- The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- Federal Direct Loans
- Federal Work-Study employment (FWS)
- Merit and other scholarships
- State aid programs

03 Learn More

Explore the US Department of Education's Federal Student Aid website: studentaid.gov

04 Fill Out the FAFSA

Most financial aid is given to students who demonstrate need. A student's need is calculated as the difference between the cost of attending the school—the cost of attendance (COA)—and the amount the student and their family is expected to pay—Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

COA – EFC = Student Need

The EFC is made up of the amount the student's parents can pay from their income and assets and the amount the student can contribute from earnings. Savings account(s) and any amount that is being contributed as a non-repayable gift are also considered. The student and parents are responsible for paying what they can. Financial aid is intended to supplement such efforts, not substitute for them.

To be considered for financial aid, you are required to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, which is available Oct. 1. Many states use the FAFSA for state grant or scholarship consideration. The FAFSA may also be used to determine institutional aid.

Complete the FAFSA online, or for more information, visit studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out.

05 Find Scholarships and Avoid Scams

Some scholarships are awarded to students based on grades, accomplishments, and other personal characteristics, rather than financial need. However, few students receive scholarships out of the blue. Maximize your chances by researching scholarships and completing the applications.

Contact the financial aid offices of the colleges that interest you and ask about their merit or non-need-based scholarships. Other scholarship sources include:

- Organizations that you or your family are involved in.
- Corporations—ask your parents to check at their place of work.
- Local volunteer organizations.
- Local or national religious organizations.
- National organizations relating to your talent/interests.

"Full-ride" scholarships are limited. Seek a variety of scholarships to help fund your education.

To research scholarships outside of your area, look for scholarship directories in your school counseling office or online.

While scholarships can be helpful in financing your college education, estimates show that families lose millions of dollars to scholarship fraud every year. Be careful, and choose your sources wisely.

06 Weigh Your Options

In spite of your hard work and research, it's possible for a college to offer you admission, but not financial aid. Colleges are not obligated to provide financial assistance to all accepted students, so it's a good idea to apply to at least one college whose cost is within your reach without substantial aid.

You may also need to explore alternative educational plans, such as beginning your studies at a less expensive two-year community college and then transferring to a four-year college to complete your degree. Check out colleges with cooperative education programs where you can combine work with study.

07 Get Help

Refer to the following resources for help as you make your way through the financial aid process:

- Your high school counselor
- College financial aid offices
- State departments of higher education: www2.ed.gov/about/contacts/state
- The US Department of Education: studentaid.ed.gov
- NACAC: nacacnet.org
- Other helpful sites include:
 - findaid.org: Advice and tools to help you navigate the financial aid process.
 - ibinfo.org: Information about new federal student loan payment and forgiveness programs

THE SHORT OF IT:

| | What you need to do: | What you DON'T need to do: |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete Application for the college (via Common App, Coalition, School, etc.) | <i>Additional information such as school or common app reports. We send through Naviance</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Write essays for application | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Submit application and pay fee for before deadline | <i>Fee waivers will be signed and confirmed when applicable by the Counselor</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Send your SAT or ACT scores to the colleges you are applying to | <i>Uploading official scores to application</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Request letters of recommendation from Teachers, first in person Junior year then on Naviance after August 1 | <i>Submitting/uploading Teacher letters of recommendation. We send through Naviance (except Coalition)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete Counselor survey on Naviance | <i>Submitting/uploading Counselor letter of recommendation. We send through Naviance (except Coalition)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Submit transcript request forms 3 weeks before application deadline | <i>Uploading transcripts onto Common App or School Apps. We send through Naviance (except Coalition)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete the FAFSA with your parents starting October 1. The sooner the better! Don't forget the HESAA if you're going to be attending a college in New Jersey | |