

Junior Reminders

Upcoming ACT and SAT's:

- SAT
 - www.collegeboard.org – Cherokee – June 5th
- ACT
 - www.actstudent.org –Seneca- June 12th & July 17th
- Free Test Prep: Khan Academy- www.khanacademy.org

Naviance:

Log in- Seneca website, click on Naviance,

Username: school ID#@lrstudents.org

Password: personal password created by student

Research colleges and go on visits

- Make a list of pros and cons for each school you visited.
- Take pictures to remind you of the campus.
- Talk about financial info with your family.
- Keep a list of your schools in Naviance (college tab)/organizer worksheet

Teacher/Counselor Recommendation

- Think about 2 teachers to ask to write you a letter or recommendation
 - **Ask the teacher in person or email if you are virtual
 - **The teacher must agree to write your letter
 - **Request thru Naviance, see below:
 - colleges tab, colleges I'm applying to, add/cancel request- find teacher in scroll down box, type message and hit update request
- Complete the Brag sheets for: Teachers and Counselors -Click on About Me Tab

The screenshot shows the Naviance website interface. At the top, there are four navigation tabs: "home", "colleges", "careers", and "about me". Below the tabs, on the left side, there is a sidebar menu titled "surveys to take:" with three items: "brag sheet for teacher letter of recommendation", "counselor rec brag sheet", and "Success Plan". The "Success Plan" item is highlighted with a green background and contains a sub-item "goals".

Answer the questions on the "brag sheet for teacher letter of recommendation" and "counselor rec brag sheet" forms.

GRADES, GRADES, GRADES......keep working on your academic achievement, the cumulative GPA sent to colleges is finalized in June.

- Check with the colleges you are interested in as your 2021-22 course selections may depend on:
 - Academic units the college advises
 - A specific major you are interested in
 - When in doubt contact an admissions advisor at the college

Regular GPA /4.0

Includes **ALL** classes – academic, electives, PE and Health etc.

Weighted GPA /6.0

Includes: **math, english, science, history & world language classes**

Use the below criteria to figure out weighted GPA

	<u>HON</u>	<u>ACC</u>	<u>CP</u>				
A	6.0	5.0	4.0	B	5.0	4.0	3.0
C	4.0	3.0	2.0	D	3.0	2.0	1.0

Get ready to start your college applications!

- **Common App:** www.commonapp.org
You can start the common app and then go through the rollover process in August. Almost all information will be saved.
 - Check out the video for more info: www.commonapp.org/rollover
- **Coalition App:** www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org
Check to make sure your college accepts this application before completing. It is an extensive application process.
- **Apply directly to the institution** – You will apply directly to the college.
- **Applying to a self-report college-** You will apply directly to the college and self-report your grades. Your counselor will not send any documentation until set it as your attending college, final decision.

Pay attention to deadlines

- **Early decision** – You can only apply to one college early decision. This is a legally binding contract between you and the college. The deadline is early, it is advisable to start the early decision school application in August.
- **Early Action** – A favorite among counselors! A great way to let the college know that you are interested in their school. These deadlines are typically around November 1st. Remember transcript requests need to be to your counselor no later than two weeks before a deadline. For example, a November 1st deadline, indicates a transcript request no later than October 15th!!!

- **Regular Decision** – The deadline date is when all parts of the application process are due. Colleges begin reviewing applications once this date occurs.
- **Rolling** – Applications are reviewed in the order they are received. This process is ongoing until their final deadline or they reach their acceptance capacity. Colleges will contact you with a decision. You do not want to wait to apply to schools that are rolling admissions. If they reach their acceptance goal, you may miss your opportunity for that school even if the deadline is May 1st.
- **Priority** – If you apply before this deadline, you have a greater chance of getting admitted and/or receiving a scholarship (if you meet the criteria) to a public university. Many state and/or public universities use priority deadlines to encourage early applications.

Common Application Essay Prompts 2021/22

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.