

Hasbrouck Heights High School  
Class of 2022



Senior Night

College Admissions Process Presentation

# Presented by: Your School Counselors



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# Updates & Upcoming Events

- **College Visits for Fall '21:** Colleges are scheduled to visit our school between September and December. Students **MUST** register to attend these visits by logging into Naviance.
- **Financial Aid Presentation:** Please join us in person on October 25th at 6:00 PM for a follow up Q&A hosted by guest speaker Ed Zamora from Principia Prep.
- **Individual Planning Meetings:** School counselors will meet with each senior individually beginning tomorrow, Tuesday, September 21st through the end of October. Students will sign up for an appointment by accessing their counselor's Google Calendar that was emailed to them.
- **Authorization to Release Educational Records Form**
- **Google Classroom:** All students must join the Google Classroom for your Graduating Class to receive important information from your school counselor throughout the year:

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Behind the Scenes @ Amherst College...



# Key Points from Admission Committee at Amherst College

- 15 Minute Read
- Rigor or Strength of Transcript
- GPA
- Extracurricular Activities
- Leadership
- Life Experience/Hardship
- Resiliency



# What colleges are looking at...

- Academic Record (GPA & Rigor)
- Standardized Test Scores
- Essay and/or Personal Statement
- Extracurricular Activities, Athletics, Service, Employment, Internships, etc.
- Honors and Awards
- Letters of Recommendation
- Demonstrated Interest/Interview



# Application Process Overview

## Student Expectations

- Finalize your list of colleges
- Add colleges to Naviance
- Request Letters of Recommendation
- Complete all Brag Sheets
- Complete Applications
- Write College Essay(s)
- Send Test Scores
- Submit Transcript Request Form to counselor
- Follow up



# Application Process Overview

## Student Checklist

### Hasbrouck Heights School Counseling Department College Application Process

#### STUDENT CHECKLIST

- Sign up for individual Senior Meeting
  - Before you attend your meeting, please have the following completed:
    - Brag Sheets (see below for more information)
    - Colleges you are applying to added to your Naviance account (see below for more information)
- Complete Brag Sheets in [Naviance](#) (Counselor Brag Sheet, Teacher Brag Sheet(s), and Parent Brag Sheet)
  - Under 'About Me' tab
  - Select 'My Surveys'
  - Select 'Surveys Not Started'
- Request Teacher Recommendations
  - You must request both personally (via email or Google Meet) and via [Naviance](#).
  - Under 'Colleges' Home tab
  - Select 'Letters of Recommendation'
  - Select 'Add Request'
  - Select the teacher from the drop-down
  - Select 'All current and future colleges I add to my Colleges I'm Applying to lists' (instead of a specific college)
  - Check the status of your letters in Naviance
    - Please note: you will not see the actual letter in your Naviance; you will only see the status updated as 'requested,' 'in progress,' or 'submitted'
  - Please make sure you follow up with your teachers as needed
- Add all schools you are applying to on [Naviance](#) under the 'Colleges I'm Applying To' tab
  - The counselors will not be able to send transcripts/supporting documents to schools that are not listed in Naviance
  - Common Application Schools:
    - Match your accounts on [Naviance](#)
    - Under 'Colleges' tab
    - Select 'Colleges I'm Applying To'
    - Click on the 'Match Accounts' button
    - Please note: the FERPA waiver must be signed on your Common App application in order to match your accounts
  - Direct to Institution Schools:
    - Manually enter all colleges you are applying to on [Naviance](#)
    - Under 'Colleges' tab
    - Select 'Colleges I'm Applying To'





# What colleges will you apply to?

- If you don't already know, continue to:
  - Research colleges on Naviance (SuperMatch search) and other websites.
  - Take campuses visits and tours
  - Attend college rep visits through HHHS (sign up on Naviance)
  - Speak with your counselor!



# Which Application Type is Right for Me?

- Early Decision (Binding Agreement)
- Early Action
- Regular Admissions
- Rolling Admissions
- Open Admissions



# Community College

- Reasons why a community college could be right for you:
  - Affordable Cost
  - Undecided about college major
  - Open admissions policy
  - Plan to commute

## NJ STARS

A scholarship program exclusively for New Jersey residents that covers the cost of tuition at New Jersey's 19 community colleges.

- Students who rank in the top 15 percent of their high school class at the end of either junior or senior year will be eligible.



# Make your College List on Naviance

- Add your list of colleges (applying to) into Naviance
- Application type (early, regular, rolling)
- Application format (common app, direct to institution)
- If you have submitted your application, etc.

Manage Transcripts Application Milestones Compare Me

+ = extended profile available + REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS REMOVE

College	Deadline	Transcripts	Office materials	Submission Type	Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Monmouth University	EA Early Action December 1	no request	Pending	CA	Unknown EDIT MORE

College that I'm attending:  
N/A

# Make your College List on Naviance

[X Cancel](#)

[Move to College Applications](#)

STEP 1

STEP 2

Add Applications

Request Transcripts

Monmouth University

**Which application deadline do you prefer?**

N/A



**How will you submit your application?**

I'm not sure yet



I've already sent my application


Add Applications


ADD AND REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS











# Ways to Apply to College


- Common App
- Directly to the Institution

Manage Transcripts   Application Milestones   Compare Me   

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

College	Type	Deadline	Transcripts	Office materials	Submission Type 	Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Monmouth University	EA	Early Action 1 December 1	no request	Pending		Unknown  <a href="#">EDIT</a> <a href="#">MORE</a> 
<input type="checkbox"/> Montclair State University	ROLL	Rolling April 1	no request	Pending		Unknown  <a href="#">EDIT</a> <a href="#">MORE</a> 

College that I'm attending:  
N/A 



# Common Application

- Create an account at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- More than 900 colleges/universities accept the Common Application
- Be sure to check for college specific supplemental questions that need to be completed
- Match your Common App account with your Naviance Account
- Each college application must be submitted separately



# Direct to Institution

- Go to the college website
- Go to Admissions
- Go to Undergraduate
- Go to Apply Now
- Create an account
- Fill out the application
- Submit your application

**Please note:** Students may be required to complete the Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR), e.g. Rutgers





# Teacher Letter of Recommendation

- Two letters from core academic teachers
- Request in person/email: Mandatory
- Complete Teacher Brag Sheets on Naviance
  - Under 'About Me' tab
  - Select 'My Surveys'
  - Select 'Surveys Not Started'
- Electronically request through Naviance
  - Under the Colleges Home Tab, select Letters of Recommendation
  - Select Add Request
  - Select a teacher from the drop down
  - Select All Colleges (instead of a specific college)
- Follow up with teachers
- Send a Thank You note



# Teacher Letter of Recommendation

## Step 1

Apply to Colleges

COLLEGES  
I'm applying to

Letters of Recommendation

College Events

Manage Transcripts

Test scores

Show less

## Step 2

Letters of recommendation


Your Requests

You can request new letters of recommendation and track the most recent status of your requests here.

Add Request

Recommendation For ^	Deadline ^	Recommender(s)	Status ⓘ	Cancel Request
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Your recommendation requests will show up here.



Add Request

# Personal Essay

- Follow directions (word count)
- See Common App essay prompts
- Proofread and have at least one other person read
- Do not repeat resume/application information
- Research and read what was considered 'good' essays
- Should give insight into who you are, your values, how you think
- Open strong, show you can write, be direct
- Be authentic!

# Support for Writing Your College Essay

- Here are the [Common App Essay](#) prompts for the 2020-2021 school year
- This is a good place to start, but some colleges have their own unique essay questions and/or short supplemental essay you may also need to complete
- Here are some additional resources:
  - CollegeBoard - [Big Future Essay Writing Page](#)
  - [Princeton Review Essay Writing](#)
  - [Ivy Wise List of Essay Writing Resources](#)

# Transcript Request Form

- The Transcript Request Form is **required** to release your transcript and supporting documents to the colleges you've applied to
- The Transcript Request Form **must** be filled out each time you submit an application to a college at least **2 weeks** prior to your deadline
- Parent **must** fill out the Authorization to Release Educational Records prior to release of any records

HHHS Deadline for Transcript Request Form	College Application Deadline
October 4, 2021	October 15, 2021
October 18, 2021	November 1, 2021
November 1, 2021	November 15, 2021
November 15, 2021	December 1, 2021
December 1, 2021	December 15, 2021
December 8, 2021	January 1-5, 2022
January 18, 2022	February 1, 2022
February 8, 2022	March 1, 2022



# Transcript

Hasbrouck Heights School District										
Hasbrouck Heights High School 365 Boulevard Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604										
Parent or Guardian		Student ID		Sex		Date of Birth				
Guidance Counselor		CEEB Code 310510		Entry		Withdrawal		Graduation		
Student Academic History						X Official Transcript Student Copy				
(H) Honors	(Pr AP) Pre Advanced Placement	(AP) Advanced Placement	(DE) Dual Enrollment	(SS) Summer School						
Grade	09 Year	2012-13	Final Grade	Credits	Grade	10 Year	2013-14	Final Grade	Credits	
	Personal Finance		A	5.000	English/Language Arts 10 Pre AP			A	5.000	
	English 9		B+	5.000	Algebra II Honors			A	5.000	
	Spanish II		A+	5.000	Chemistry Pre AP			B+	5.000	
	World History Pre AP		A-	5.000	Early US Pre AP			A-	5.000	
	Geometry H		A+	5.000	Piano			A+	5.000	
	Phys. Ed/Health 9		A+	5.000	Spanish III			A	5.000	
	Biology Pre AP		A	5.000	Phys. Ed/Health 10			A+	5.000	
GPA		4.3714	Credits Earned		35.000	GPA		4.4583	Credits Earned	
GPA		4.0689	Credits Earned		36.000	GPA		4.2846	Credits Earned	
Cumulative Data Weighted		Total Credits Earned		138.000	Total Q.P.		592.9000	Cumulative GPA		4.2964
Decile Ranking										3
Counselor:		Date				School Seal				

- Courses
- Grades
- Cumulative GPA
  - 4.0 Scale
  - Weighted
- Rank
  - Decile
  - Weighted
- Graduating Class: ≈143



# Testing and Scores

**Note:** Due to ongoing health concerns, many schools have opted to be Test Optional for this senior class.

Results after taking test (SAT: approx. 3 weeks, ACT: approx. 3-8 weeks)

- Confirm test policy at each college
- Submitting your scores to your schools:

**IMPORTANT:** All students are responsible for submitting their own scores to each school you apply through [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) or [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

- Counselors are not able to send your scores for you
- It can take up to two weeks for your score to be received by your schools.
- Test Optional Schools
  - [Fairtest.org](http://Fairtest.org)



# Standardized Test Prep Options

**Note:** Due to ongoing health concerns, many schools have opted to be Test Optional for this senior class.

Need help preparing for the SAT/ACT?

Click on the links below for support:

- [Khan Academy](#)
- [CollegeBoard](#)
- You can also download the [Daily Practice](#) app, which will prompt you to complete 1 SAT prep question each day.
- [ACT](#)

If you have further questions about testing, do not hesitate to contact your counselor!





# Financial Aid & Scholarships

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov)):
  - Opens October 1st
- Local scholarships will be posted on the HS website around February 2022
- Regional scholarships will be posted in Naviance under the colleges tab.
- National scholarships can be found through Naviance or other sites below.

## Other Resources:

- [www.fastweb.com](https://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.collegeboard.com](https://www.collegeboard.com)
- [Naviance](#)



# Feedback Form



# Thank You

Your feedback is greatly appreciated.  
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regarding this presentation!

