



Welcome

Class of 2022

Common Application

- ▶ <https://www.commonapp.org/>
 - ▶ Widely used by most 4 year colleges and universities
 - ▶ Can apply to multiple schools using the one application
 - ▶ Each school will have it's own section
 - ▶ Be sure to use a non-Vernon Schools email address
 - ▶ There is a section where parent background information is needed
 - ▶ The essay or “personal statement” will be the most time consuming portion
 - ▶ Brainstorm, collaborate, edit and revise
 - ▶ Application fees (if required) are processed as you submit your applications

Naviance

- ▶ Easily accessed through a student's [Clever account](#)
- ▶ Naviance is the RHS hub for all supplemental application documents
 - ▶ We will send- Transcripts, report cards (if required), letters of rec, profile
- ▶ Naviance needs to be connected with Common App.
 - ▶ Once the FERPA is completed in Common App (only done once)
 - ▶ Enter your Common App email in your Naviance account (Colleges that I am applying to)
- ▶ College search tools, scholarship tools, and more

Letters of recommendation

- ▶ At least one or two teachers-preferably junior year (colleges will put a cap on the number you can submit)
- ▶ Asking in person first, and once given the ok, send a request in Naviance
 - ▶ “Letters of recommendation” on the “Colleges Tab”
 - ▶ Teachers may ask for a resume. This can be a shared Google Doc, or there is a resume builder in Naviance
- ▶ Outside letters are allowed- Invite through Common App as “other recommender” or share with your school counselor
- ▶ School Counselors will also provide a letter of recommendation if you request one

Communication is key

- ▶ The application process is time sensitive
 - ▶ Strict deadlines need to be followed
 - ▶ If test scores are required (check requirements in Common App/College Website), be sure to send them through www.collegeboard.org
 - ▶ Please provide your teachers/school counselor 2 + weeks to complete your letters, so ask and meet early
 - ▶ You can submit your application prior to your supporting documents

Help to pay your way

- ▶ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)- www.studentaid.gov
 - ▶ You can start your application now
 - ▶ The earlier you are able to submit the better
 - ▶ Will need your 2019 tax records
- ▶ CSS Profile- Required by select institutions: <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>
- ▶ Scholarships:
 - ▶ Local- RHS-based scholarship: \$327,670 including \$160,000 from McCarthy Miller alone!
 - ▶ December/January starting, Naviance is your hub (Colleges Tab->Scholarship List)
 - ▶ Regional- Hartford Foundation for Public Giving: www.hfpgscholarships.org
 - ▶ National- Fastweb: www.fastweb.com Naviance, etc

Final thoughts

- ▶ Seniors should be scheduling a time to meet with their school counselors
 - ▶ Families are welcome to attend (in-person or virtually)
- ▶ Use your resources- teachers, counselors, families, colleges, etc
- ▶ This is a long-term investment, do your due diligence
- ▶ Don't think twice about asking questions or asking for help

Questions?