

Class of 2022

College Advisement



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College & Career Center Offers...



College Search Assistance
College Knowledge Night
Job Shadowing & Internship Opportunities
Resume Help
College Application Workshops
Career Search Assistance
Naviance Help
Summer Enrichment Information
Financial Aid Workshop
SAT/ACT & Tutoring Information
College Admissions Rep Visits
College Fair Information
College Essay Feedback
Career Chats
Interviewing Tips for Colleges and Jobs
Volunteer Opportunities and more....

College & Career Center

College Representative Visits

College Visit Times

Nutrition

Lunch

7th Period

After School

(Occasionally before school at 8am)

Take the opportunity to personally connect with College Admissions Representatives. Remember these reps read YOUR applications.

College Visits and Dates



Looking Ahead: Applying to a 4 Year College

SUMMER

- Complete Naviance Tasks
- Take SAT/ACT
- Research Colleges
- Start Common App essay



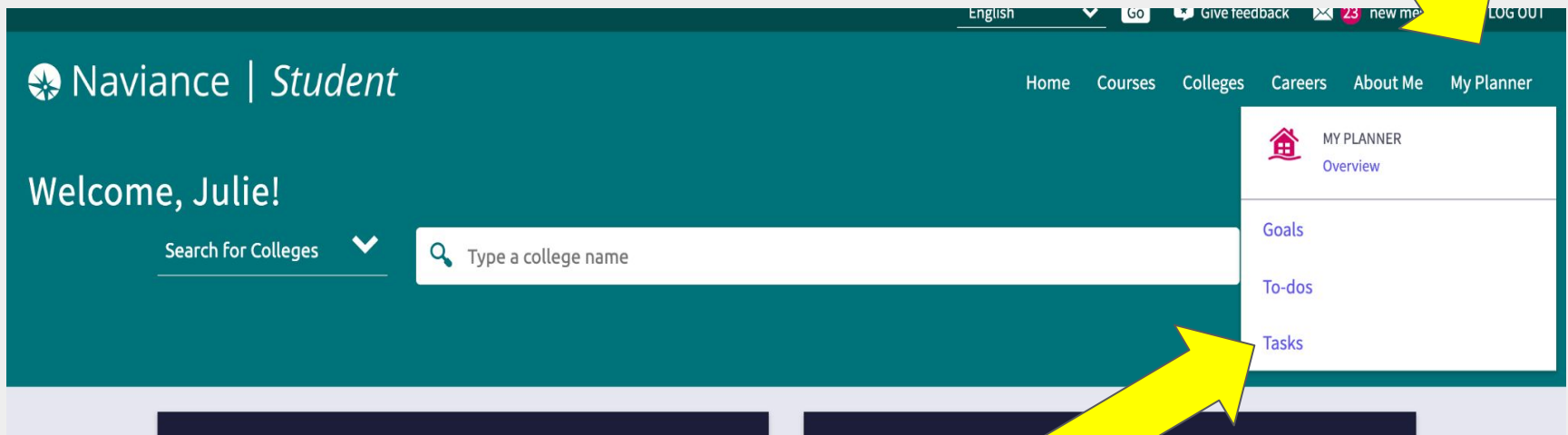
AUGUST - DECEMBER

- Attend *mandatory* meeting for seniors applying to a 4-year (August)
- Sign up for individual college meeting with counselor (Sept-Nov)
- Request letter(s) of recommendation from teachers (August-Oct)
- Complete/Submit college applications (TBD based on college deadlines)
- Request official transcripts to be sent to colleges (Sept-Nov)
- Submit SAT/ACT test scores from testing web sites (August-Nov)
- Apply for Financial Aid – FAFSA/CSS Profile/Scholarships (Oct-Dec)

Complete Checklist & Naviance Tasks

Applying to College Checklist

Check your Naviance for assigned tasks located under “My Planner”



Balanced College List

Use Naviance College *SuperMatch* to research schools

View Naviance *Scattergrams* to compare
your academic profile with past applicants

Create a balanced college list

LIKELY (2-4 schools): your GPA/Scores are well above the average

TARGET (2-5 schools): your GPA/Scores are within the middle 50% average

REACH (2-3 schools): your GPA/scores are equal or lower than the average

What Colleges Look For

- A **rigorous high school curriculum** that challenges the student appropriate to his/her capabilities.
- **Grades** that represent a strong effort, with an upward or consistent trend.
- **Solid scores** on standardized tests (SAT, ACT). These should be consistent with high school performance.
- **Passionate involvement** in activities, demonstrating your interests and initiative. Depth over breadth!
- A **well-written essay** that provides insight into the student's unique personality, experiences, values and goals.
- **Letters of Recommendations (LOR)** from teachers and school counselor that give evidence of an interest in learning, special skills, and positive character traits.
- Colleges seek to develop a freshmen class that is diverse. **Colleges like INTERESTING people** - follow your own path or you risk looking like every other applicant.

Types of Applications

- **University of California (UC)** (opens August 1st)
- **California State University (CSU)** (opens October 1st)
- **Common Application** (register or rollover August 1st)
- **Coalition Application***
- **Other*** (some universities have their own application)

*OPHS prefers students use the **Common Application** if given the option.

University of California

- Student creates UC account
- Self report grades (no initial transcript)
- No Letters of Recommendation
- Answer Personal Insight Questions (PIQs) 4 of 8 questions
- Opens August 1
- Submit Application between Nov. 1- November 30
- Apply:
<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/>
- \$70 application fee per campus



California State University

- Student creates CSU account.
- 23 campuses
- Self report grades (no initial transcript)
- No Letters of Recommendation
- No Essay
- Application opens October 1st
- Submit application between October 1st - November 30th.
- Apply:
<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>
- \$70 application fee per campus



Community Colleges

- Community college can be a smart and affordable way to transfer to a four-year college or university, discover a career, earn a certificate, or learn a new skills. 116 CA community colleges.
- High transfer rate to some UC/CSUs.
- Articulation and Transfer Guarantee Agreements (TAG)
- Give time and exploration space to figure out what you want to do next.
- Moorpark College visits OPHS for Application support.



The Common Application

<https://www.commonapp.org/>

- Account Register/Rollover - August 1st
- Each College has Supplements (including essays, questions etc.)
- Official Test scores sent to the college through the SAT and ACT websites **by the student**
- Transcripts – Initial, Midyear, and Final
- Letters of Recommendations vary from college to college:
 - Counselor
 - Number of Teachers
 - Other recommenders (i.e. Coaches, music/art teacher, employer)
- **DO NOT ASSIGN teachers/counselor (or anyone with an opusd email) as recommenders in the Common App – This task is done through Naviance your senior year!**

The Coalition Application

Coalition Application

- Account Register*
- Review Essay Prompts
- The **Coalition App** gives the **option** to have documents sent such as transcripts and recommendations outside of the Coalition Application locker
- **OPHS uses Naviance for document submission**

**OPHS prefers students use the Common Application if given the option.*

Other College Applications

- **Variety of deadlines** - “Rolling” deadlines do as soon as possible.
- **Monitor your college portals** for documents received or needed. It is student responsibility to ensure all documents have been received by the college.
- Don't apply just because you receive a free, fast application offer. Have a genuine interest. *It's no guarantee of admission.*

College Bound Athletes

NCAA Eligibility

CREATE AN ACCOUNT

[NCAA Eligibility Center](#)

SUBMIT TRANSCRIPT AND TEST SCORES



Eligibility Center

Student Email

Password

Login

? Help

High School Administrator

[Forgot your password?](#)

WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?

Creating an account is the first step to becoming an NCAA student-athlete



REGISTER

Types of Admission

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.

Early Decision Policy

ED Applicants - You must be absolutely certain you will attend this college if accepted.

- Apply early (usually in November) to first-choice college
- Receive college admission decision well in advance (usually by December)
- **Agree to attend the college if accepted**
- May only apply to one college for Early Decision
- May apply to other colleges under regular admission
- **Must withdraw all other applications when accepted by ED**
- Usually must give a nonrefundable deposit upon acceptance

Student, parent & counselor will sign an ED Policy Agreement
OPHS strictly adheres to the ED Policy

Standardized Tests - SAT/ACT

Register Online:

SAT www.collegeboard.com

ACT www.actstudent.org

List of Test Optional Colleges*

[The National Center for Fair and Open Testing](#)

***Visit each college's website to verify testing policy!**

Letters of Recommendation

- Not all colleges require Letters of Recommendation (LOR)
- No LORs needed for UC/CSU - Do **NOT** request for these universities.
- Ask your teacher/counselor ***personally first.***
- In August, you will be given instructions on how to invite teachers and counselors to send letters through **Naviance**.
- Waiving your rights is necessary for recommendations (FERPA)

***WARNING* - Do NOT assign/request recommenders in the Common App for OPHS teachers/staff.**

This is done through Naviance.

School Report

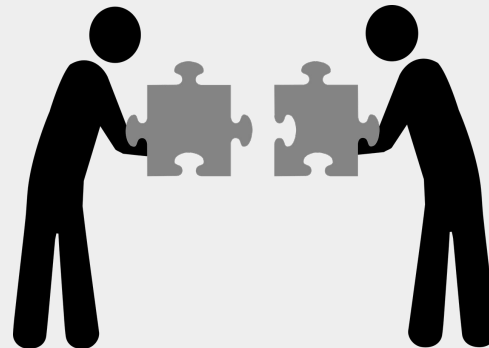
The “***School Report***” also known as the ***Secondary School Report*** is automatically sent along with your transcript and/or counselor recommendation.

You do not need to request a school report, however, you will need to request the transcript.



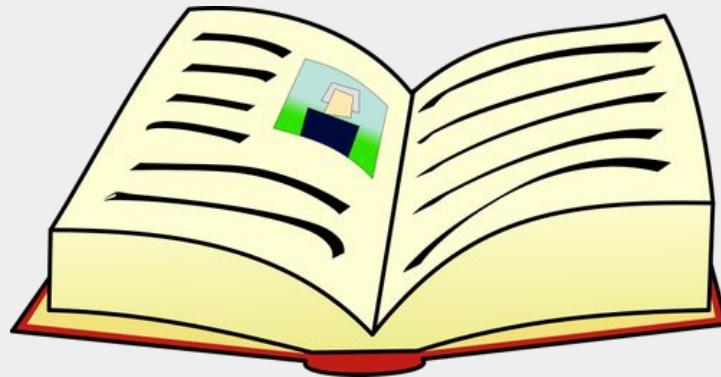
Parent/Guardian Role

- Complete the Naviance Parent Questionnaire
- Manage expectations:
 - *What is your child ready for?*
 - *Which type of college is the best fit? **Fit over Ranking!***
 - *Discuss costs of college and realistic family contribution*
- Monitor tasks and deadlines; let your child lead the process
- Validate all information instead of listening to word of mouth
- Support and encourage



Senior Year Considerations

- Maintain a solid senior year course schedule!
- College applications take A LOT of time!
 - Consider all your commitments.
 - Stay organized and start early!
- Many colleges will ask for mid-year grades
 - Don't lose your academic focus (senioritis!).
 - Remember - acceptances are provisional!



Summer Considerations

- Land an internship or job
- Enroll in an enrichment program
- Take a summer college course
- Volunteer - Community Service
- Tour prospective colleges in person or virtually
- Take part in a research project
- Get organized
 - make a list of prospective colleges
 - due dates
 - requirements
 - start the Common App essay



Additional Resources

- **August**
 - 4-year College Application Meeting
 - Parent Meeting for College Bound Seniors
- **September**
 - UC and CSU application workshops
 - Essay workshop through PFA
- **Sept - Nov** - 1:1 Meeting with your counselor
- **Sept - Dec** - Learn at Lunch Meetings - College & Career Center
- **October** - Financial Aid Workshop at OPHS

Using Independent College Advisors

- Can assist in identifying colleges, help organize the process and help students meet deadlines.
- Ask about training (UCLA College Counseling Certificate etc.).
- **Only your school counselor and College & Career Center is authorized** to exchange information with college admissions staff, and/or submit documents.
- Beware of anyone saying they can “*guarantee*” admissions to a particular college or get you financial aid.
- Students **MUST** follow all the OPHS protocols and deadlines.

Questions?

To answer questions you may have,
Students and Parents are invited to join the
OPHS Counselors and College & Career Center.

When: Wednesday, April 14th

Time: 6:30pm - 7:00pm

Click here to join:

<https://zoom.us/j/95476587136?pwd=N3dkVWZnL1RKa1N2dHIDZU42emMwUT09>

This meeting is for general questions related to the
college admissions process.

Student-specific questions should be
emailed to the student's counselor.