

## Tonight's Agenda

- **❖Graduation**Requirement Review
- College Admissions
  Criteria
- Application Process & Procedures
  - StudentResponsibilities
  - School'sResponsibilities
  - Forms! Forms! Forms!
  - Deadlines

- **♦** How to Ease the Stress
- **\*Naviance**
- **\*NCAA Clearinghouse**
- **❖Financial Aid Night**
- **\*Questions**

# Graduation Requirements Status letters sent home in August

Students need 23 credits to graduate:



English 4 credits

Math 3 credits

Social Studies 3 credits

Civics .5 credit

US History 1.0 credit

Science 3 credits

Vocational/ 1 credit

Fine Arts

PE 2 credits

Achieve requirements for Standardized Testing:

SAT: 480 EBRW and 530 Math and Proficiency on NGSS

## Colleges' Top Ten List What they are looking for...

Ability to master a challenging curriculum

- Work or out of school experience
- Grades that represent strong effort and an upward trend
- A well written essay

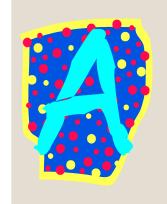
- Solid scores on Standardized Tests: SAT/ACT/SAT Subject Tests
- <u>Teacher recommendations</u> that describe special characteristics

Many are Test Optional this year due to COVID 19 testing limitations

- Supplementary rec. from adults who have had significant contact with the student
- "Passionate Involvement" in a few select activities
- Anything special that <u>makes</u> <u>the student stand out:</u> art portfolio, music and drama auditions

 High quality <u>community</u> <u>service activities</u>

## Transcript & GPA



- oThe student's **Transcript** is the most important piece of the college admission requirements.
- Official academic record
- oShows the final grades from classes taken during grade 9 11 & work in progress.
- oCumulative, weighted GPA
- OWE DO NOT RANK.

# What does Test Optional mean in this COVID Admissions Process

• According to the National Assoc. of College Admissions Counseling, more than 1,450 US colleges and universities moved to a <u>test-optional policy during last year's</u> <u>application process.</u> For the 21-22 application process, <u>many will continue with practice.</u> Test-optional institutions are making a definitive statement that they will not need test scores to make admission decisions this year. Despite the change in policies, high school students and their parents are asking, "Does test optional really mean test optional?" YES. But read the fine print for some specific majors.

#### • TEST OPTIONAL RESOURCES:

- WWW. FAIRTEST.ORG
- The individual college website is the BEST resource.

## College Admissions Testing Dates and Deadlines

SAT	ACT

TEST DATE	REGISTER BY	TEST DATE	REGISTER BY
10/2/21	9/21/21 Late*	10/23/21	9/17/21
11/6/21	10/8/21	12/11/21	11/6/21
12/4/21	11/4/21	2/12/22	1/7/22

REGISTER AT:
WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG

REGISTER AT: WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG

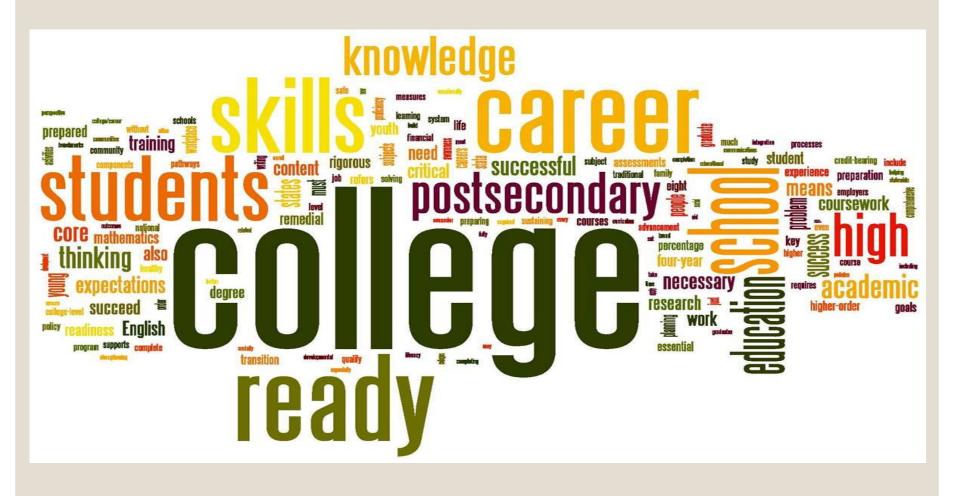
### www.Collegeboard.org

- Register for the SAT
- Apply for the CSS Profile
- Send scores to colleges/universities
- AP Test Information
- Test preparation information & practice tests
- College Search Engine
- Individual College Information
- Financial Aid Information

# Should I take the ACT? www.actstudent.org

- \*ACT not as vocabulary intensive
- Entirely multiple choice no fill-ins for math
- Can use a calculator for entire math section
- Math includes more Geometry.
- Includes a science section
- \*Receive 4 separate scores plus a composite score averaging the four tests.
- **♦** Scale is 1 − 36.
- \*As widely accepted by colleges as the SAT

# The Road to College is paved with organization



## Where are you in the process?

- Students are all at different stages in the process:
  - Have not done a search yet
  - Have a list of schools they are interested in but have not yet visited
  - Have visited a few schools but not sure if the schools are likely, match or reach schools
  - Know all the schools applying to and have begun the Common Application
  - Have completed the application and ready to submit it

# Important Points to Keep in Mind When Choosing Colleges

- There is no absolute when it comes to applying to a range of colleges. The goal, of course, is to be admitted to one college of your choice.
- Most students will apply to one or two schools in the "Reach" category, between four and six in the "Match" category, and at least two or more in the "Likely" category.
- The definition of each category varies based on the individual student. What may be a "Likely" school for one student may well be someone's "reach" school.
- Give as much thought to your <u>Match</u> and <u>Likely</u> schools as your <u>Reach</u> schools.
- Apply only to schools where you believe you would be happy for 4 years, even for "Likely" schools.

Remember, you are looking for the best match for you!

# Understanding Admissions Procedures

**Rolling Admissions:** Applications are reviewed on a continual basis and a decision is made when all information has been received.

**Early Decision - Binding:** An application plan where a student makes a commitment to attend a college if accepted. Apply by Nov. 1, decision rendered by Jan. 1.

**Early Decision II:** another ED opportunity typically due by the regular application deadline: Jan 1, Jan 15

**Early Action:** A form of early application which also requires credentials be submitted early; however, students are not committed to enroll.

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Early Action Single Choice/Restricted Early Action: A non-commitment enrollment option but a student is only allowed to apply to one college under this option. The expectation is that the student doesn't apply to any other schools early. \*\*may apply to other institutions for rolling admission, regular decision, a public school's early application or international schools.

**<u>Early Notification:</u>** This concept is similar to early action, but requires a deposit from the accepted candidate.

**Regular Admissions:** The deadline for submission of applications ranges from January 1 – April 1. Applicants are notified by April 15 and must reply to the college by about May 1.

# School Counseling Dept. FORMS! FORMS! FORMS!

- Purple Parent Brag Sheet
- Pink Educational Records Release Form(FERPA)
- Green Counselor Recommendation Information Form
- Resume
- 1st quarter grades will be sent automatically to all schools
  - Form will be available to stop 1st quarter grades being sent.
  - Caution: if a school requires the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter grades, they will need to be sent in order to complete the application.
  - Not sending them could jeopardize the application.

All necessary forms have been distributed to WCRW students and are available on the LOLHS Website

# Application Process Organization is Key!!



### Student Responsibilities:

- Personally ask teachers to write letters of recommendation.
  - Request the teachers through Naviance.
  - Give teachers Blue Recommendation Form
- Request Transcripts through Naviance.
- Complete Counselor Recommendation Form and give resume to SC
- Submit all required forms to the School Counseling Department.
- Send SAT/SAT Subject scores to the colleges through the official website:
   www.collegeboard.org (if necessary)
- Send ACT scores to the colleges through www.actstudent.org. (if necessary)
- Complete and Submit application:

Supplements Portfolios

**Essays** Interviews

Fee Auditions

# MEET ALL DEADLINES Colleges and LOLHS

- Students must submit all the required materials to their <u>School Counselor</u> and <u>Teachers</u> at least <u>3 weeks prior to their first college application deadline.</u>
- Please use the chart below to ascertain the date the forms and the Naviance Transcript Request MUST be submitted to your School Counselor/Teacher

#### College Application Deadline: Submit Forms to your School Counselor by:

November 1, 2021 Friday, October 8, 2021

November 15, 2021 Friday, October 22, 2021

January 1, 2022

December 1, 2021 Wednesday, November 3, 2021

December 15, 2021 Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

(due to holidays)

• While we appreciate and encourage the submission of your materials in advance of the 3-week minimum, please note that we prioritize the processing of all materials including sending the transcript and the counselor letter of recommendation by the student's first application deadline.

### School Responsibilities:

#### **Teachers:**

Upload and send the Teacher Written Evaluations and Forms through Naviance.

#### **School Counseling Department:**

Submit through Naviance or Mail a hard copy of:

- Transcript & Classes in Progress
- School Profile
- Secondary School Report Form
- Counselor Recommendation
- 1st Quarter Grades
- Mid Year Transcript
- Final Transcript

## 'What's Happening' to ease the stress?

- Many seniors are enrolled in the 'Writing & Communication for the Real World' class.
- Forms are on the LOLHS Website and Canvas.
- Counselor & senior meetings begin this week and will continue throughout the process.
- Students can ask English teachers to review/edit college essays.
- Virtual and in-person College Representative Visits occurring here at LOLHS
- Virtual College Fairs

### **Naviance Student**

- Naviance is an online program used to facilitate and manage the college application process.
- Naviance Student–LOLHS-specific data since 2002.
- LOLHS will submit transcripts and counselor letters of recommendation electronically using Naviance eDocs.
- Teachers will submit their recommendation letters through Naviance eDocs as well.
- Each student has a personal Naviance Account with user name and password.
- Parents also have user names and passwords.

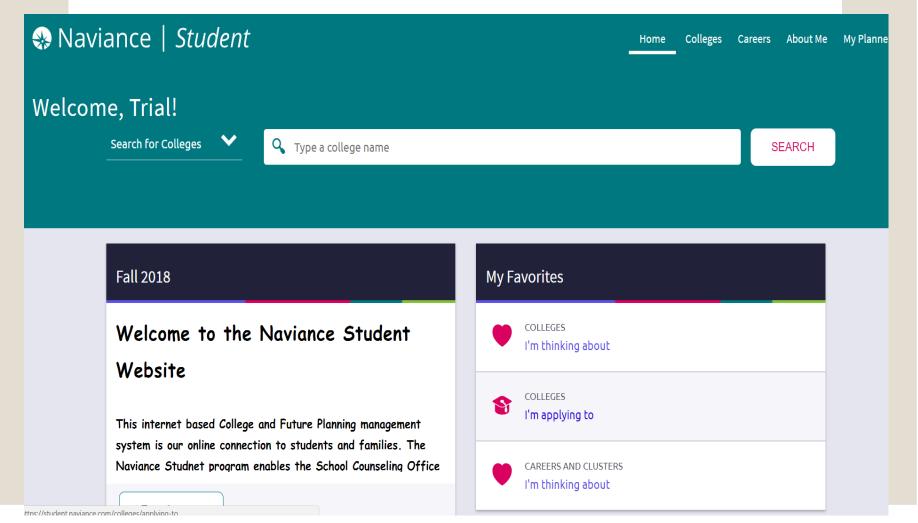
## What Can Be Accomplished on Naviance Student?

- Request transcripts & teacher recommendations
- Complete a College Search
- Create a List of Colleges you are applying to
- Track College Deadlines
- See Scheduled College Visits & Sign up
- See SAT/ACT test scores, GPA
- Search for Scholarships
- Receive emails from the School Counseling Office

https://student.naviance.com/lolhs/

### **Naviance Demonstration**

https://student.naviance.com/lolhs/



# NCAA Clearinghouse www.eligibilitycenter.org

- For students interested in Division 1 or 2 athletics in college
- Students should check their GPA and course requirements to ensure they have what is required.
- Students need to register with the clearinghouse and request their transcript through the on-line system.
- Requires that students submit their high school transcript and SAT scores.
  - SAT scores must be sent by STUDENT, code 9999
  - Transcripts must also be requested through Naviance.
- Final Transcripts will be sent from LOLHS by end of June.
- Students should call Clearinghouse directly, 319-337-1492, with questions.

### Web Resources

- www.collegeboard.org : SAT Info, CSS Profile, AP
- www.actstudent.org: ACT Info
- www.fairtest.org: list SAT/ACT optional schools
- www.commonapp.org: Common Application: all students must create an account!
- www.fafsa.ed.gov: Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
- www.BLS.gov\_: Career Search/Statistics

### Financial Aid Preview

- ED/EA often prompts earlier dates for Financial Aid information to be filed: two forms
- CSS Profile: access it through www.collegeboard.org
- FAFSA: is available as of October 1, 2021 and will use your 2020 tax information. This is good news.

Access it through www.fafsa.ed.gov

- Investigate all financial aid deadlines and requirements as you proceed through this process
- Begin paying attention to Merit Scholarships available through the colleges
- Be proactive and look at the LOLHS Scholarship Bulletin as well as on Naviance as the list is longer and sortable.

## Financial Aid Night

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Jessica Hatfield Connecticut College Financial Aid Office



### Senior Parent Night Evaluation

- Please take the time to complete the evaluation of tonight's event.
- Your input is very helpful as we plan for future events both for you and the future Seniors and their parents.

Thanks for your Help and Support!!