

# Senior Parent Night

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# Tonight's Agenda

- ❖ Graduation Requirement Review
- ❖ College Admissions Criteria
- ❖ Application Process & Procedures
  - \* Student Responsibilities
  - \* School's Responsibilities
  - \* 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/ Fine Arts	1 credit
PE	2 credits

All testing requirements have been attained due to inability to test for SAT and NGSS

# Colleges' Top Ten List

## *What they are looking for...*

- \* Ability to master a challenging curriculum
- \* Grades that represent strong effort and an upward trend
- \* Solid scores on Standardized Tests: SAT/ACT/SAT Subject Tests
- \* **Many are Test Optional this year due to COVID 19 testing limitations**
- \* "Passionate Involvement" in a few select activities
- \* High quality community service activities
- \* Work or out of school experience
- \* A well written essay
- \* Teacher recommendations that describe special characteristics
- \* Supplementary rec. from adults who have had significant contact with the student
- \* Anything special that makes the student stand out: art portfolio, music and drama auditions



# Transcript & GPA

- The student's **Transcript** is the most important piece of the college admission requirements.
- Official academic record
- Shows the final grades from classes taken during grade 9 - 11 & work in progress.
- Cumulative, weighted GPA
- WE 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 announced they are moving to a **test-optional policy**, and more will surely follow. By going 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?”** The answer, simply put, is: YES.
- \* **LINKs TO TEST OPTIONAL RESOURCES:**
  - \* <https://www.nacacnet.org/news--publications/newsroom/test-optional-means-test-optional/>
  - \* **WWW.FAIRTEST.ORG**

# College Admissions Testing Dates and Deadlines

**All Seniors taking SATs at LOLHS on Wednesday, October 14th**

## **SAT & SAT Subject Tests**

<b>TEST DATE</b>	<b>REGISTER BY</b>
9/26/20	<b>9/15/20</b> <small>Late*</small>
10/3/20	9/22/20 <small>Late*</small>
11/7/20	10/7/20
12/5/20	11/5/20

REGISTER AT:  
[WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG](http://WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG)

## **ACT**

<b>TEST DATE</b>	<b>REGISTER BY</b>
10/24/20	9/18/20
12/12/20	11/6/20
2/6/21	1/8/21

REGISTER AT:  
[WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG](http://WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG)

# [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

- \* **Register for the SAT & SAT Subject Tests**
- \* **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**

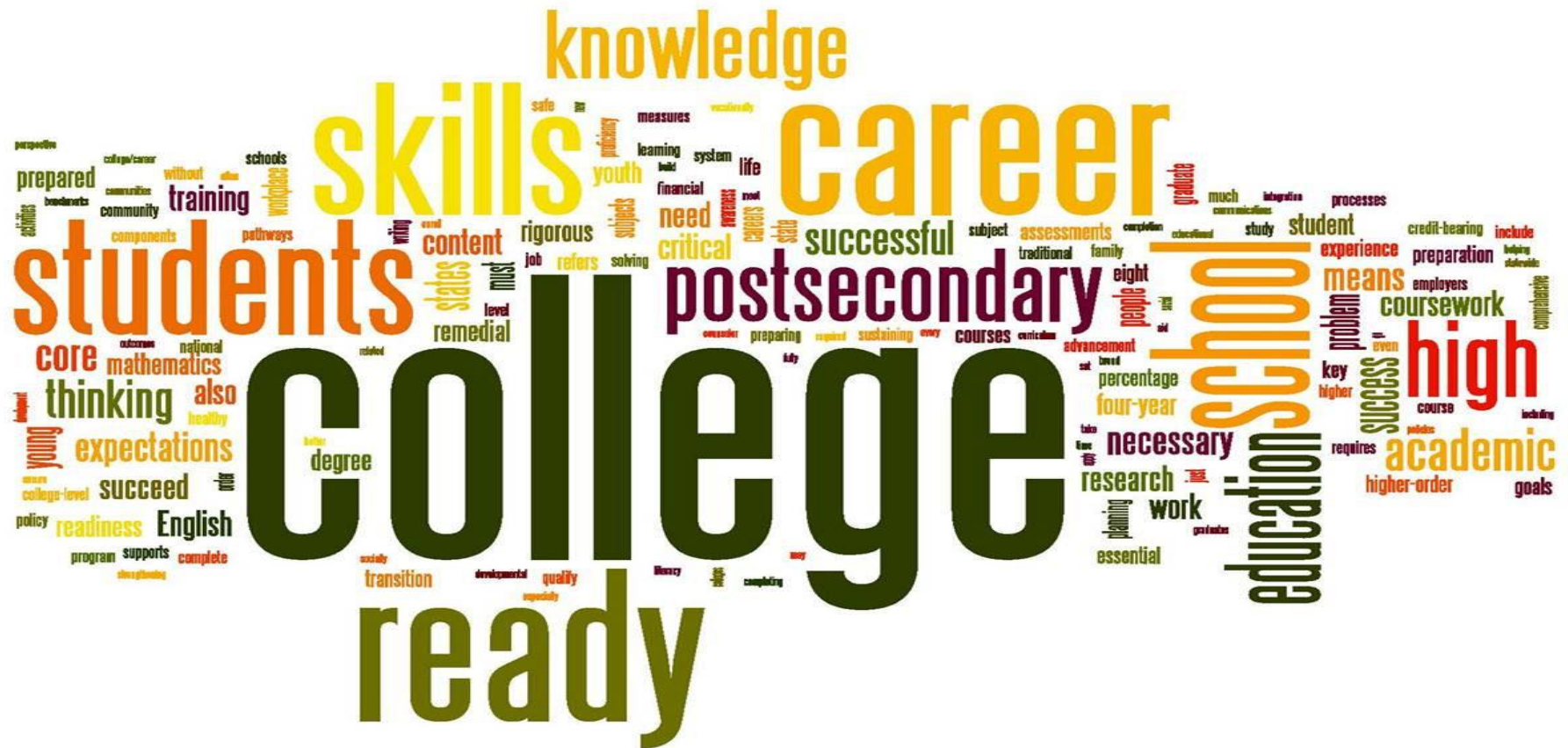


# Should I take the ACT?

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

- ❖ ACT not as vocabulary intensive
- ❖ Entirely multiple choice – no fill-ins
- ❖ 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 Match and Likely schools as your Reach 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**

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

**Early Action II**

**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.

**Early Notification:** 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**
- \* **1<sup>st</sup> quarter grades will be sent automatically to all schools**
  - \* Form will be available to stop 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.collegeboard.org) (if necessary)
- \* Send ACT scores to the colleges through [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). (if necessary)
- \* Complete and Submit application:

Supplements

Essays

Fee

Portfolios

Interviews

Auditions



# MEET ALL DEADLINES

## Colleges and LOLHS

- \* Students must submit all the required materials to their School Counselor and Teachers at least 3 weeks prior to their first college application deadline.
- \* 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:

November 1, 2020

November 15, 2020

December 1, 2020

December 15, 2020

January 1, 2021

### Submit Forms to your School Counselor by:

Friday, October 9, 2020

Friday, October 23, 2020

Monday, November 2, 2020

Monday, November 16, 2020

Monday, November 30, 2020 (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.

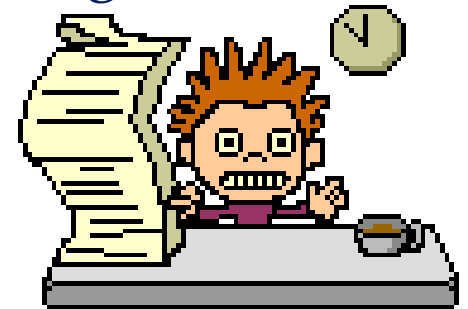
## School Counseling Department:

Submit through Naviance or Mail a hard copy of:

- Transcript & Classes in Progress
- School Profile
- Secondary School Report Form
- Counselor Recommendation
- 1<sup>st</sup> 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 next week and will continue throughout the process.
- \* Students can ask English teachers to review/edit college essays.
- \* Virtual 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 Depart.**

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

# Naviance Demonstration

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

 Naviance | *Student*

[Home](#) [Colleges](#) [Careers](#) [About Me](#) [My Planne](#)

Welcome, Trial!

[Search for Colleges](#)



Type a college name

SEARCH

Fall 2018

## Welcome to the Naviance Student Website

This internet based College and Future Planning management system is our online connection to students and families. The Naviance Studnet program enables the School Counseling Office

## My Favorites



COLLEGES

I'm thinking about



COLLEGES

I'm applying to



CAREERS AND CLUSTERS

I'm thinking about

# 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](http://www.collegeboard.org) : SAT Info, CSS Profile, AP
- \* [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org): ACT Info
- \* [www.fairtest.org](http://www.fairtest.org): list SAT/ ACT optional schools
- \* [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org): Common Application: all students must create an account!
- \* [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov): Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
- \* [www.BLS.gov](http://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](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- \* FAFSA: is available as of October 1, 2020 and will use your 2019 tax information. This is good news.

Access it through [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://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 29, 2020**

**6:30 pm**

**Via Zoom**

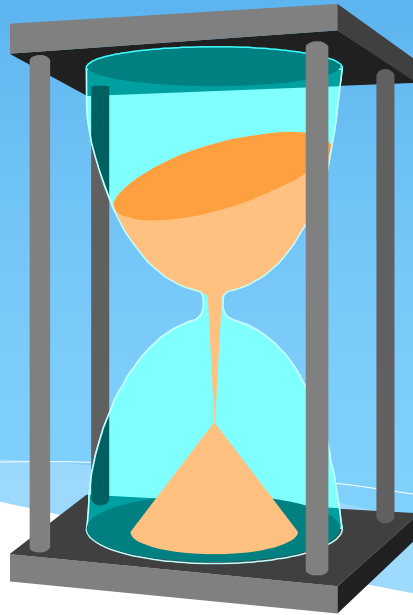
**Jessica Hatfield**

**Connecticut College**

**Financial Aid Office**



# Questions/Comments:



# 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!!