

Whetstone High School College Info Night

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Stay Connected: Receive Announcements (start TODAY)

- ❑ **Braves Bulletin:** Send an email to bravesbulletin@gmail.com
- ❑ **Remind101:** Text Announcements from Counselors (once they are Seniors, this is also how info from Admin is sent out). Send a message with the text below for your graduating class **to 81010**. Reply with your name & role (student/parent)
 - ❑ Juniors: "@2020braves"
 - ❑ Sophomores: "@2021braves"
 - ❑ Freshmen: "@2022braves"
- ❑ **Naviance:** Add your email to Naviance account to receive email updates to your inbox
- ❑ Make sure your email is updated in **Infinite Campus** - contact Main Office to correct
- ❑ **Senior Year:** Read "**Senior Update**" - Counseling Newsletter sent through all options above and available for download on Naviance site.

Tonight's Topics

College Search & Selection

College Application & Timeline

FAFSA & Financial Aid

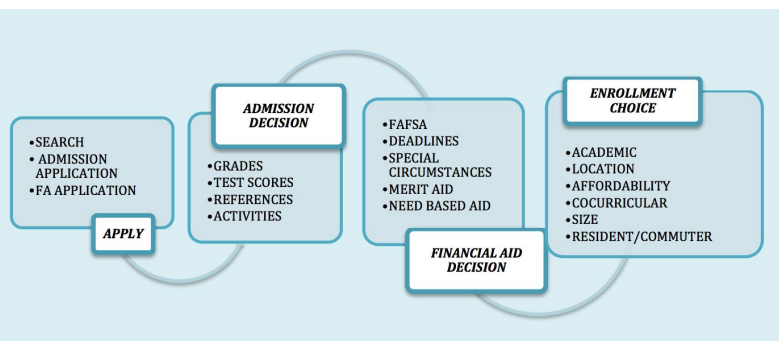
Common App vs Institutional App

Naviance & Tools

Questions...

The College Process

Spring Junior Year through Senior Year



College Search & Selection

The College Search.... Finding the Right “Fit”

- Know yourself
- Know the College Specifics
- College Visits
- Use College Search Websites such as Naviance, Niche, etc

→ **ACTION STEP:** Research at least 4 colleges using College Search websites this Spring/Summer

Visit Colleges....

Choose a college to visit in the following categories:

- ☐ Large Public University
- ☐ Large Private University
- ☐ Small Private University
- ☐ Community College

→ **ACTION STEP:** Visit at least 2 colleges this summer!

Through the College Visit and/or Research.... Learn about College Specifics:

Location
Size
Majors
Cost
Programs
Selectivity
Culture/Climate
Retention/Graduation Rate



Creating Your College List

- Apply to at least four colleges.
- Make sure you include “reach, good-fit and safety schools”
- Affordability?
- Seek advice from trusted adults, compare match activities, and do your research (don’t just rely on friends)



→ **ACTION STEP:**

Sign up for at least two College Rep visits in the Fall

College Visits & College Rep Visits

- Read Announcements/Updates we send out
- Visit when school is in session & allow enough time to get the feel
- Talk with faculty and students
- Talk to College Reps during visits to WHS & College Fairs
 - 28 colleges visited WHS in Fall 2019 → sign up using Naviance!

Creating Your College List



- **Reach Schools:** Student may fall within the academic profile of the college, but the admit rate is very low; OR student’s academic profile may be below the college’s averages for their admitted students
- **Good-Fit:** Student falls within the academic profile of the college’s admitted students and the admit rate of the college is not highly selective
- **Safety Schools:** Student exceeds the academic profile of the college’s admitted students and the college is not highly selective, or is open enrollment

College Application Timeline

- ★ Senior Course Planning
- ★ College Search
- ★ The Application
 - *Start College Essay*
 - *Letter of Recommendations*
- ★ FAFSA & Scholarships

The Application

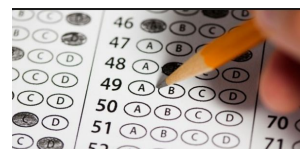
What's Important to Colleges?

- ☐ Challenging courses (transcript)
- ☐ GPA
- ☐ Admissions Tests (SAT, ACT, SAT Subject Tests)
- ☐ Meaningful extracurricular activities, community service, work experiences
- ☐ Essay(s) & Short Answers
- ☐ Recommendations – Teachers and School Counselor
- ☐ Development
- ☐ Music/Art

Your Academic Performance

- ★ ALL of your grades matter!
- ★ Finish your Junior year strong
- ★ Take/retake courses this summer if necessary
- ★ Colleges will review your Senior schedule and grades during the application review process.
 - Keep taking advanced, AP and/or CCP courses especially in math, science & foreign language
 - Don't just sign up for the minimum graduation requirements

SAT or ACT?



- Take **both** tests! Most colleges will consider your highest score(s) from either test.
- Compare your scores after junior year and focus on preparing to retake your best test one-two more times senior year.
- Why retest? A few schools use superscoring (combine best sub-scores).
- Test fee waivers for students who qualify as economically disadvantaged*
- Test optional colleges (<http://www.fairtest.org/>)

The **ACT**[®]

Sections Scored	Score Range
English	1-36
Mathematics	1-36
Reading	1-36
Science	1-36
Composite (Average of four sections)	1-36
Writing Test	0-12
Combined English/Writing	1-36

Most students should register for the **ACT with Writing**

Sections Scored	Score Range
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	200-800
Math	200-800
Total	400-1600
Optional Essay	1-8



SAT Subject Tests

- One hour/multiple choice test on one of 20 different subjects.
- Required/Recommended by **some selective colleges and programs** for admission.
- Some colleges accept the **ACT instead** of the SAT Reasoning + Subject Tests
- Opportunity to provide additional standardized testing results
- **PRACTICE TESTS AVAILABLE**
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat-subject-tests/subjects>

Plan Ahead... 2019-2020 Test Dates

SAT

May 4, 2019
June 1, 2019
August 24, 2019
*October 5, 2019
November 2, 2019
December 7, 2019
March 14, 2020

ACT

April 13, 2019
June 8, 2019
* July 13, 2019
* Sept. 14, 2019
October 26, 2019
December 14, 2019
February 8, 2020

Register
in Summer!!

Plan to complete at least one SAT and/or one ACT Junior Year!
Registration deadlines are 5 weeks before tests- register early!

* These are the last test dates that meet November 1 deadlines (scholarships)!

→ **ACTION STEP:**

Talk with School Counselor/IKIC about testing plan
Send existing ACT/SAT Scores to Colleges (see next slide)

Meaningful Extracurricular Activities & Experiences

- Passionate involvement in a few activities, demonstrating leadership and initiative
- Community service
- Work or out-of-school experiences (including summer) that illustrate responsibility, dedication, and development of areas of interest
- That Extra "Something"
- Plan for a productive summer!

→ **ACTION STEPS:**

Volunteer and/or work experience this summer
Create your Resume

Reporting Your Scores

- Send all scores- Most colleges will use your best scores from one test administration date; a few will use super-scoring; some require a complete test history
- Many colleges require that you send scores directly from ACT/SAT, not on a school transcript
- Score Choice – gives option to send ACT and SAT scores by test date, and SAT Subject Test scores by individual test.
- **You are Responsible for Sending Test Scores:** If you wait to send scores to colleges until applying senior year, make sure to **send score reports at least 2 weeks before deadlines!**

Know the Tools

- Naviance / Family Connection!
Connection.Naviance.com/Whetstone
- College Board (SAT, AP & My College QuickStart)
www.collegeboard.org
- College Search sites:
Ex: Niche.com, PrincetonReview.com, Scion.com
- ACT website (View/Send Scores, Prep, Register)
www.actstudent.org
- Your School Counselor & IKIC Advisor
- Remind101 App, Senior Update



→ **ACTION STEP:** Sign up for Counselors' REMIND101
Text "@2020braves" to 81010
reply with your first & last name when prompted
(parents and students should both subscribe)

College Applications....

Common App vs. Institutional App

Applications!

APPLY
ONLINE!

Types of Applications

- **The Common Application:** 750+ Colleges nationwide
commonapp.org
- **Institutional Apps:** Apply directly, some colleges use their own college application
- **Common Black College App** - 58 HBCUs on 1 application
commonblackcollegeapp.com

College Application Fees? How to pay:

- You pay fee when submit applications OR
- Use Application fee *waivers if qualify*
- IKIC application *payments (3 applications)*
- Free application offers
- Common Black College App: \$35 one time



Applications!

Examples of...

Ohio Colleges on Common App

- The Ohio State University
- Ohio Wesleyan University
- Otterbein University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Kenyon College
- Denison University
- Ohio University
- Bowling Green State University
- Capital University



Ohio Colleges that require (accept) Institutional Application

- Columbus State Community College
- OSU Regional Campuses: Newark, Marion, Lima, etc.
- Ohio Dominican University
- Wright State University
- Central Ohio Technical College



THE COMMON APPLICATION

Used by 750+ colleges and universities, including OSU

You Can Start Now!

- ★ Common App information entered through the summer can be rolled over in August

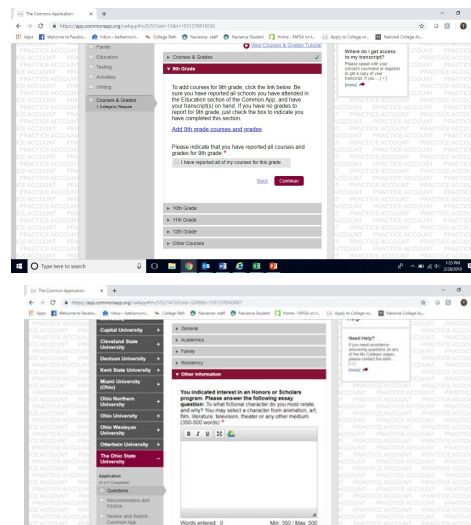
2019-2020 Common Application Essay Prompts

- Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
- The lessons we take from *obstacles we encounter* can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a *challenge, setback, or failure*. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
- Reflect on a time when you *questioned* or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your *thinking*? What was the *outcome*?
- Describe a *problem you've solved* or a *problem you'd like to solve*. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
- Discuss an accomplishment, event, or *realization* that *sparked a period of personal growth* and a *new understanding of yourself* or others.
- Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so *engaging that it makes you lose all track of time*. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
- Share an essay on *any topic of your choice*. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

→ ACTION STEP:

Write a good draft of Common App Essay by August!

Essays must be 250-650 words



OSU Supplement to the Common Application

THE COMMON APPLICATION

Paying for College



Paying for College

Need-based Aid

- Grants
- Student Loans
- Work Study

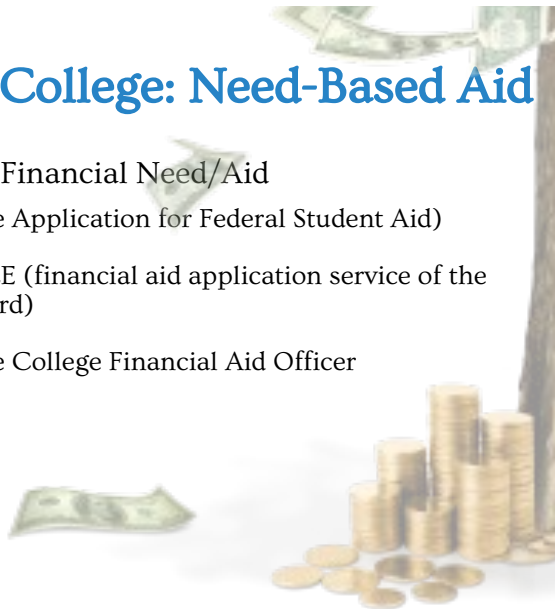
Scholarship Opportunities

→ ACTION STEP:

Summer family meeting to discuss family finances and paying for college.

Paying for College: Need-Based Aid

- Determining Financial Need/Aid
 - **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
 - CSS PROFILE (financial aid application service of the College Board)
- Utilizing the College Financial Aid Officer



FAFSA

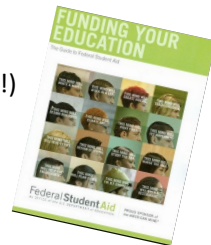
FREE Application for Federal Student Aid

Class of 2020

- file AFTER **October 1, 2019**
- use 2018 tax information
- [FAFSA.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov) (2019-2020 School Year!)

What will you need:

- 2018 Tax Return
- Social Security Number (Student & Parents)
- Parent FSA ID (if already created)



→ ACTION STEPS:

Attend FAFSA Night Workshops
Goal: Complete FAFSA by Nov 20, 2019

Paying for Different Types of Colleges

- ★ Ohio Public Universities
- ★ Out-of-State Universities
- ★ Private Colleges and Universities
- ★ Community Colleges & Transfer Programs
- ★ Midwest Student Exchange Program
- ★ Other Out-of-State Colleges that provide In-State Tuition

→ Use a **Net Price Calculator** to estimate how much colleges will cost. Go to:
<https://collegecost.ed.gov/netpricecenter.aspx>

Paying for College: Scholarships

- ★ Academics
- ★ Athletics
- ★ Arts & Talents
- ★ Career Plans/Interests
- ★ Community Service
- ★ Leadership
- ★ Underrepresented Students



Applying for Scholarships

- ★ Universities/College website
- ★ WHS Senior Update Newsletter
- ★ Naviance
- ★ Columbus Foundation ScholarLink
- ★ Fastweb.com/ Cappex
- ★ Personal/family connections
- ★ Special Programs: Columbus Denison Alliance Scholarship, IKIC Founders' Scholarships
- ★ Military



Paying for College

Assistance Available.....

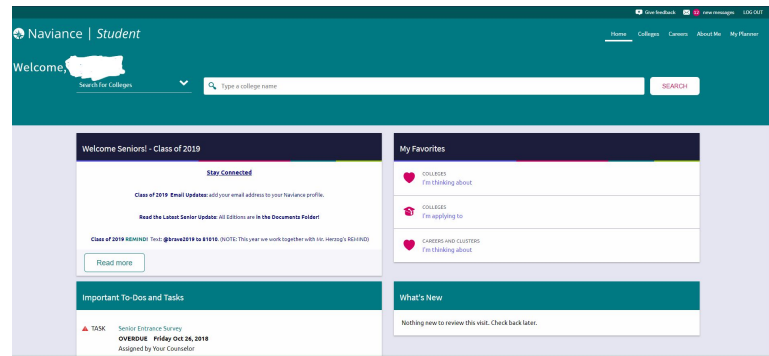


I Know I Can (for CCS families)!

- Save Smart Program
- IKIC Grant
- Founders' Scholarship
- Pay for up to 3 College Application fees

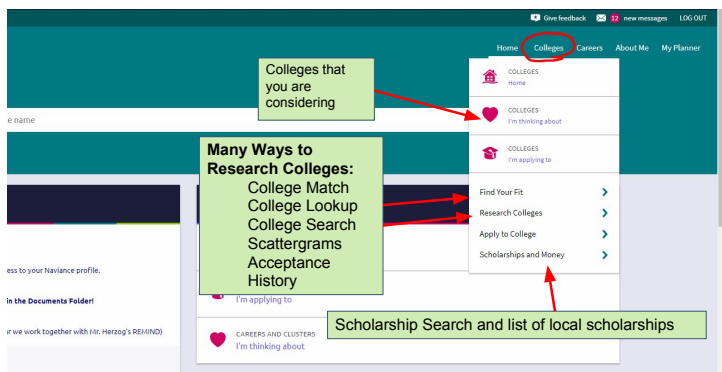
Naviance

Naviance/Family Connection: Home Page

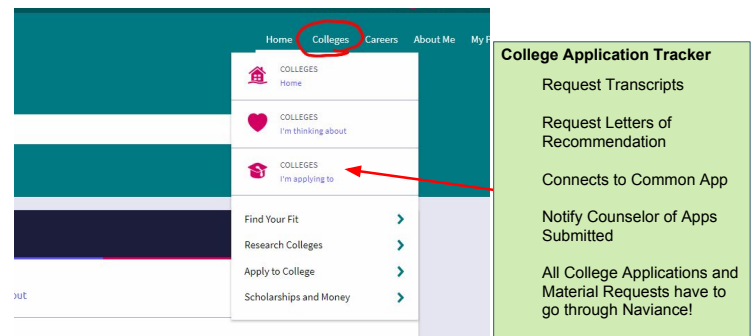


- ★ All of your college applications will be managed in Naviance next year.
- ★ Make sure you have updated your **EMAIL ADDRESS**.

College Planning Tools



College Application Tools



Other Post-High School Options...

- Career/Tech Programs
- Apprenticeships: "the other four-year degree!"
- Military
- Gap Year
- Work (some employers such as FedEx offer tuition assistance for college)
- Service: ex: Americorps



→ ACTION STEPS: Review for Class of 2019

Spring 2019

- ☐ Talk with School Counselor/IKIC about testing plan
- ☐ Sign up for the 2020 Remind

Summer 2019

- ☐ Volunteer and/or Work experience this summer
- ☐ Create your resume
- ☐ Use College Search websites to research 4 colleges
- ☐ Visit at least 2 colleges this summer
- ☐ Family meeting to discuss finances and paying for college
- ☐ Draft of Common App Essay by August

Fall 2019

- ☐ Schedule a meeting with your School Counselor
- ☐ Sign up for at least 2 College Rep visits at WHS in the Fall
- ☐ Attend FAFSA Night IKIC Workshops in Fall
- ☐ FAFSA completion goal is November 20, 2019

Final Remarks...

- ★ The admission process can be taxing on the parent/child relationship
- ★ Juniors, take ownership of the admission process!
- ★ Parent's role
- ★ Working with your School Counselor & IKIC, we're here to help! Communication is essential!
- ★ Plan ahead, stay organized

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