

Senior College Application Information Night—Class of 2017

NAVIANCE Neuqua Valley's primary website for NVHS college & career info!

- Senior Year: college transcript tracking, NVHS admissions data, NVHS college visits, scholarships, career assessments, links to financial aid web sites, and NVHS Guidance information/communication.
- Access Naviance from the NVHS website or <http://connection.naviance.com/neuquavhs>
Username: Student's Full School E-mail Address Password: Student Computer Password

LOCAL COLLEGE FAIRS

- National College Fair October 1, 11am-3pm, McCormick Place, Chicago www.nacacnet.org
- Performing Arts College Fair September 24, 1pm-3:30pm DePaul, Chicago www.nacacnet.org
- Local College Fair -October 18, 6:00-8:00 p.m. College of DuPage www.iacac.org/college/fair

HOW MANY APPLICATIONS ARE ENOUGH?

- Varies by student. Ideally 3-5 applications.
- Safety School
- *Academic Safety*--Your credentials definitely exceed the published admission standards for the school. You must also meet all deadlines.
- *Financial Safety*--Academic safety school that also meets your financial situation.
- Target School--Your credentials are in the range of the published admissions standards.
- Reach School--Your credentials may meet or are below the published admissions standards for the school. All "highly selective" schools are a reach for all students.

THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications can be completed & submitted online, downloaded from colleges' websites or using the commonapp.org process.
- Applications may require some or all of the following: official transcript, test scores, essays, counselor form, signature pages, recommendations.
- Request standardized test scores (directly from testing company).
- If a letter of recommendation is needed, you must provide the Letter of Recommendation Form <http://nvhsguidance.weebly.com/seniors.html> to your teacher, sponsor, coach, counselor, etc. Allow at least 2-3 weeks for completion.
- Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the college.
- Read application requirements thoroughly; identify deadline dates; follow directions carefully; proofread.

SUBMITTING TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

1. Complete Transcript Release Authorization and submit to Class House. This only needs to be completed one time. It does not need to be submitted for each transcript request.
2. Log into Naviance & update list of *Colleges I'm Applying To*
3. Some schools accept either Common App or their own institution application. Indicate in Naviance which type of application you sent.
4. Remember to click *Request Transcript*
5. For colleges that only accept mailed transcripts, turn in to the Senior Class House an envelope addressed to the college with appropriate postage and **NVHS address** as the return address along with any additional application materials.

THE COMMON APPLICATION www.commonapp.org (550+ member colleges)

- Requirements can vary by school—check for requirements & supplements by college.
- Most require at least 1 letter of recommendation and essays, many require more.
- All Common App schools require a counselor letter of rec. Please provide the Letter of Recommendation Form (see above) to your counselor.
- Add schools to *Colleges I'm Applying to* in Naviance and indicate that you completed Common App.

SELF REPORTING COLLEGES

- Students must accurately report their academic information on the application. Official transcripts are not part of the initial application. They are sent at the end of senior year. If students do not report accurately, offers of admission could be rescinded.

TRANSCRIPT/APPLICATION FOLLOW-UP

- Check the date that your transcript was sent from NVHS on Naviance.
- From the sent date, allow the college to acknowledge receipt of the transcript.
- Check your status online on the college's web site- they post what is received.

NOTIFICATION OF ADMISSION

- Rolling Admission – colleges will notify applicants as they receive applications.
- Notification Dates – colleges will notify students by particular dates.
- Multiple Notification Dates – colleges notify some students by a certain date and other students at a later date. (May be due to “priority” filing of applications, may vary by college within the university, or some applications may require additional review.)

EARLY DECISION/EARLY ACTION—options at highly selective

- Early Decision Notification (ED) is designed for students who have evaluated their college choices at an early date, have determined their first choice and are ready to sign the Binding Agreement with the college. Use it only if you are 100% certain of the college that you want to attend. Can only apply to one ED.
- Early Action Notification (EA) programs have varying rules. These are NOT Binding Agreements to attend the college but may have different guidelines. Read carefully.
- NOTE- Many colleges have priority filing dates. Please check individual college deadlines.

MID-YEAR REPORTS

- Some colleges will request a mid-year report (an official transcript that includes your 7th semester). If your application requires it, refer to the Submitting Transcript Requests section of this handout.

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Financial Aid Information Night – September 19th at 7:00 pm NVHS Auditorium
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available on-line 10/1/2016 www.fafsa.gov
- Scholarship Bulletins will be posted on Naviance.

ATHLETICS

- Students who are interested in participating as a collegiate athlete should review the guidelines on the appropriate agency website (NCAA, NAIA, etc.) An application, transcript, standardized test scores, may be required.

Many applications ask for the same information, so you may want to create a reference sheet to keep on hand with information below.

School Address: Neuqua Valley High School
2360 95th Street
Naperville, IL 60564

School Code (CEEB Code): 143-108

For ACT -- go to www.actstudent.org

For SAT -- go to www.collegeboard.org

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