

SO YOU WANT TO BE A HIGH
SCHOOL GRADUATE...
SENIOR ASSEMBLY

Class of 2018

STEPS TO GRADUATION

1. Credit Evaluation by Ms. Gaudette

-3 Math Credits (4 years)

-3 Science Credits

-US History, Government, World
History

-4 English Credits

-Fine Art

-Foundations of Tech

-Health, Personal Fitness

-Two years of Language

-At least 21 credits to
Graduate

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2. Have you completed a minimum of 24 hours of community service and turned in your forms?

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3. Have you passed all of your testing requirements?

You need to sit for HSA Biology, pass HSA Government or complete an AVP Government Project, and sit for the PARCC Algebra and English

HOW TO FORM YOUR COLLEGE LIST

1. Limit your college list to 4-6 colleges
 - a. Application fees are expensive and each application needs your time and attention to be of high quality
2. Visit the colleges you are considering
3. Compare your SAT/ACT scores and GPA to the school's expectations
 - a. Reach vs. Target vs. Safety
4. Use tools such as College Board and College Greenlight to search for schools

HOW TO APPLY

1. Once you have your list, write down everything you need (transcripts, essays, recommendations, etc.)
2. Load everything into NAVIANCE by OCTOBER 1st
 - a. Make a list of schools that DON'T use Common App (Such as the University of Maryland)
3. Write drafts of your essays and have them looked over by a trusted adult or teacher.

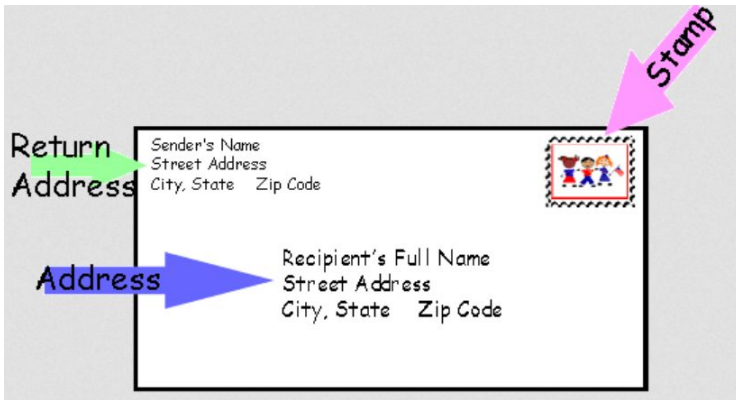
HOW TO APPLY (CONTINUED)

4. RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

*Have you asked your teachers yet? If not, you're behind. Teachers must be added into Naviance by October 1st. Letters must be uploaded by October 15th.

*Counselor Recommendation:
-Submit your **resume** and completed **Senior Questionnaire** to me in a hard copy by September 29th

HOW TO APPLY (CONTINUED)



5. Transcript Requests

*If you are applying through Naviance, I can send your transcript and letters through there with no paperwork requests

*If a school requires a transcript to be mailed, you need to fill out a Transcript Request Form and turn it in to Ms. Gaudette in an **unsealed** envelope **two weeks before your application deadline**. Ms. Gaudette will prepare your materials and you will pick them up. You will also have to pick up your teacher recommendations to send as well.

TESTING

SAT and ACT

1. Most colleges require the SAT or the ACT.
2. Sign up for the October and/or November test if you want to boost your scores a little bit more!
 - a. Register for the SAT on the CollegeBoard website and pay the fee online.
3. **Community Colleges do NOT require the SAT or ACT, but they sometimes use it for academic placement.

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Upcoming Dates

SAT DATES

- October 7th (September 27th is the late registration deadline; \$29)
- November 4th (October 17th deadline to register)

ACT DATES

- October 28th (September 22nd registration deadline)
 - December 9th (November 3rd registration deadline)
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PAYING FOR COLLEGE

- ACADEMIC / MERIT - BASED, ATHLETIC, INVOLVEMENT
 - SCHOLARSHIPS RANGE FROM \$100 - \$1000 AND MORE
 - APPLY FOR EVERYTHING
 - SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS VS. LOANS
- EVENTS:
 - COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE RETREAT SEPTEMBER 30TH
 - FAFSA NIGHT IN OCTOBER
- USEFUL SITES TO LOOK FOR SCHOLARSHIPS: FASTWEB.COM, ZINCH.COM, SCHOLARSHIPPOINTS.COM, CONNECT.EDU

OTHER USEFUL TIPS

- 1ST SEMESTER GRADES ARE IMPORTANT - COLLEGES SEE THESE!
- COLLEGES WILL REQUEST A FINAL TRANSCRIPT TO THE SCHOOL YOU WILL ATTEND IN THE FALL - THIS TAKES PLACE AFTER GRADUATION...SO DON'T SLACK OFF 2ND SEMESTER

COMMUNITY COLLEGE MAY BE A GOOD CHOICE FOR YOU

- IF YOU ARE NOT SURE OF YOUR COLLEGE PLANS OR YOU WANT TO SAVE SOME MONEY
- TUITION IS WAY LOWER!
- THERE IS NO SAT REQUIREMENT
- THIS WILL GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE YOUR GPA
- YOU MAY TRANSFER DIRECTLY TO MOST MARYLAND SCHOOLS AFTER YOU COMPLETE TWO YEARS AT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OTHER IMPORTANT STEPS:

- GRADUATION NOTIFICATION MEETINGS WITH MS. GAUDETTE SEPTEMBER 29TH AND OCTOBER 6TH
- COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE RETREAT NEW DATE:
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 9AM-4PM

QUESTIONS?