

Hasbrouck Heights High School  
Class of 2020



Senior Night

College Admissions Process Presentation

# Tonight's Program

- 6pm – 7pm College Application Process
- 7pm – 8pm Financial Aid  
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# Updates & Upcoming Events

- **Student Classroom Visits:** Counselors visited Senior English classes to give an overview of the college application process and how to schedule individual senior meetings
- **Individual Senior Meetings:** Students are currently meeting with their respective counselors to go over individual post-secondary plans
- **College Visits at HHHS:** Admissions reps will be visiting HHHS throughout the fall to meet with prospective applicants. You can view & sign up for these through Naviance under the College Tab





Behind the Scenes @ Amherst College...



# Key Points from Admission Committee at Amherst College

- 15 Minute Read
- Rigor or Strength of Transcript
- GPA
- Extracurricular Activities
- Leadership
- Life Experience/Hardship
- Resiliency



# What colleges are looking at...

- Academic Record (GPA & Rigor)
- Standardized Test Scores
- Essay and/or Personal Statement
- Extracurricular Activities, Athletics, Service, Employment, Internships, etc.
- Honors and Awards
- Letters of Recommendation
- Demonstrated Interest/Interview



# Application Process Overview

## Student Expectations

- Finalize your list of colleges
- Add colleges to Naviance
- Request Letters of Recommendation
- Complete all Brag Sheets
- Complete Applications
- Write College Essay(s)
- Send Test Scores
- Submit Transcript Request Form to counselor
- Follow up



# What colleges will you apply to?

- If you don't already know, continue to:
  - Research colleges on Naviance (SuperMatch search) and other websites.
  - Visit college campuses
  - Attend college rep visits at HHHS
  - Speak with your counselor!





# Which Application Type is Right for Me?

- Early Decision (Binding Agreement)
- Early Action
- Regular Admissions
- Rolling Admissions
- Open Admissions



# Community College

- Reasons why a community college could be right for you:
  - Affordable Cost
  - Undecided about college major
  - Open admissions policy
  - Plan to commute

## NJ STARS

A scholarship program exclusively for New Jersey residents that covers the cost of tuition at New Jersey's 19 community colleges.

- Students who rank in the top 15 percent of their high school class at the end of either junior or senior year will be eligible.



# Make your College List on Naviance


- Add your list of colleges (applying to) into Naviance
- Application type (early, regular, rolling)
- Application format (common app, direct to institution)
- If you have submitted your application, etc.

Manage Transcripts Application Milestones Compare Me

+ = extended profile available + REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS REMOVE

College	Deadline	Transcripts	Office materials	Submission Type	Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Monmouth University	EA Early Action December 1	no request	Pending	CA	Unknown EDIT MORE

College that I'm attending:  
N/A



# Make your College List on Naviance

[Cancel](#)

[Move to College Applications](#)

STEP 1

STEP 2

Add Applications

Request Transcripts

Monmouth University

**Which application deadline do you prefer?**

N/A



**How will you submit your application?**

I'm not sure yet



I've already sent my application


Add Applications


ADD AND REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS











# Ways to Apply to College


- Common App
- Directly to the Institution

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College	Type	Deadline	Transcripts	Office materials	Submission Type 	Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Monmouth University	EA	Early Action 1 December 1	no request	Pending		Unknown  <a href="#">EDIT</a> <a href="#">MORE</a> 
<input type="checkbox"/> Montclair State University	ROLL	Rolling April 1	no request	Pending		Unknown  <a href="#">EDIT</a> <a href="#">MORE</a> 

College that I'm attending:  
N/A 



# Common Application

- Create an account at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- More than 800 colleges/universities accept the Common Application
- Be sure to check for college specific supplemental questions that need to be completed
- Match your Common App account with your Naviance Account
- Each college application must be submitted separately



# Direct to Institution

- Go to the college website
- Go to Admissions
- Go to Undergraduate
- Go to Apply Now
- Create an account
- Fill out the application
- Submit your application

**Please note:** Students may be required to complete the Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR), e.g. Rutgers



# Teacher Letter of Recommendation

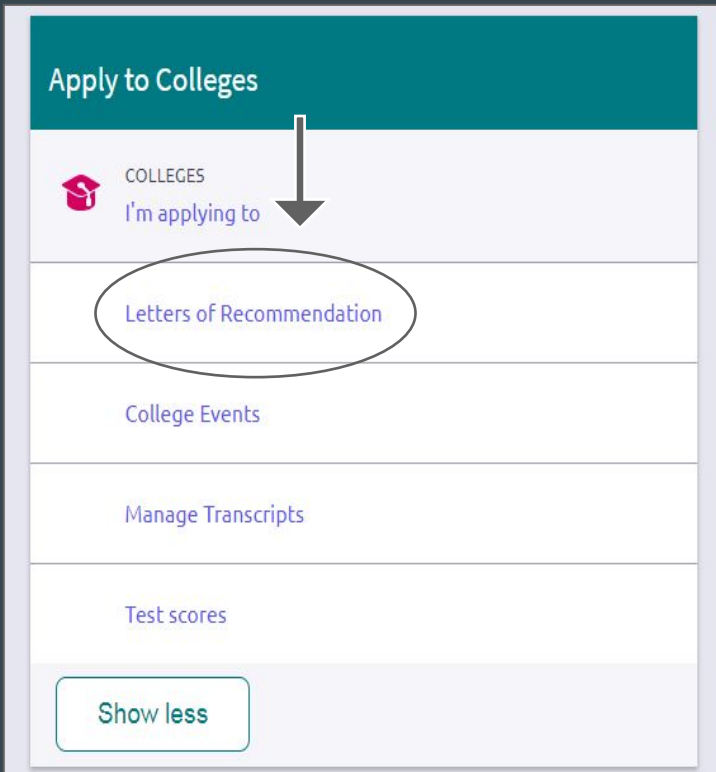
- Two letters from core academic teachers
- Request in person: Mandatory
- Complete Teacher Brag Sheets on Naviance
- Electronically request through Naviance
  - Under the Colleges Home Tab, select Letters of Recommendation
  - Select Add Request
  - Select a teacher from the drop down
  - Select All Colleges (instead of a specific college)
- Follow up with teachers
- Send a Thank You note





# Teacher Letter of Recommendation

## Step 1



Apply to Colleges

COLLEGES  
I'm applying to

Letters of Recommendation

College Events

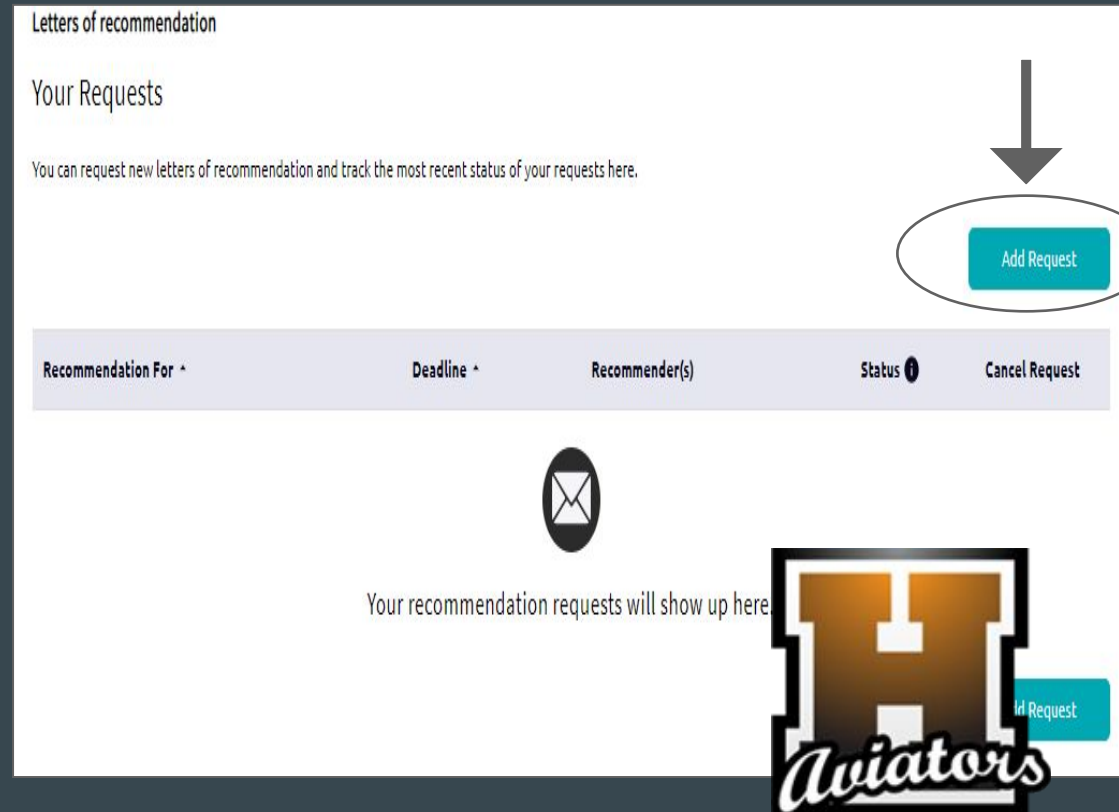
Manage Transcripts

Test scores

Show less

Detailed description: This is a screenshot of a web application's navigation menu. The menu is titled 'Apply to Colleges' and is set against a teal background. Below the title, there are several menu items: 'COLLEGES I'm applying to' (with a red graduation cap icon), 'Letters of Recommendation' (circled in black), 'College Events', 'Manage Transcripts', and 'Test scores'. At the bottom of the menu is a 'Show less' button. A black arrow points from the top of the menu down to the 'Letters of Recommendation' item.

## Step 2




Letters of recommendation

Your Requests

You can request new letters of recommendation and track the most recent status of your requests here.

Add Request

Recommendation For ^	Deadline ^	Recommender(s)	Status ⓘ	Cancel Request
 Your recommendation requests will show up here.				

Aviators

Detailed description: This is a screenshot of a web application page titled 'Letters of recommendation'. The page has a white background. At the top, it says 'Your Requests' and provides a brief instruction: 'You can request new letters of recommendation and track the most recent status of your requests here.' Below this is a teal 'Add Request' button, which is circled in black. A black arrow points from the top of the page down to this button. Below the button is a table with five columns: 'Recommendation For ^', 'Deadline ^', 'Recommender(s)', 'Status ⓘ', and 'Cancel Request'. The table body is currently empty, showing only a centered envelope icon and the text 'Your recommendation requests will show up here.'. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for 'Aviators' and a small teal 'Add Request' button.

# Transcript Request Form

- The Transcript Request Form is **required** to release your transcript and supporting documents to the colleges you've applied to
- **Must** be turned in each time you submit an application to a college
- **Must** be submitted to your School Counselor at least **2 weeks** prior to your deadline
- **Must** be signed by parents and students

Guidance Deadline for Transcript Request Form	College Application Deadline
September 29, 2019	October 15, 2019
October 18, 2019	November 1, 2019
November 1, 2019	November 15, 2019
November 17, 2019	December 1, 2019
December 1, 2019	December 15, 2019
December 18, 2019	January 1, 2020
January 18, 2020	February 1, 2020



# Transcript

Hasbrouck Heights School District									
Hasbrouck Heights High School 365 Boulevard Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604									
Parent or Guardian		Student ID		Sex		Date of Birth			
Guidance Counselor		CEEB Code 310510		Entry		Withdrawal		Graduation	
Student Academic History					X Official Transcript Student Copy				
(H) Honors	(Pr AP) Pre Advanced Placement	(AP) Advanced Placement	(DE) Dual Enrollment	(SS) Summer School					
Grade 09	Year 2012-13	Final Grade	Credits	Grade 10	Year 2013-14	Final Grade	Credits		
Personal Finance		A	5.000	English/Language Arts 10 Pre AP		A	5.000		
English 9		B+	5.000	Algebra II Honors		A	5.000		
Spanish II		A+	5.000	Chemistry Pre AP		B+	5.000		
World History Pre AP		A-	5.000	Early US Pre AP		A-	5.000		
Geometry H		A+	5.000	Piano		A+	5.000		
Phys. Ed/Health 9		A+	5.000	Spanish III		A	5.000		
Biology Pre AP		A	5.000	Phys. Ed/Health 10		A+	5.000		
GPA 4.3714		Credits Earned 35.000		GPA 4.4583		Credits Earned 38.000			
Grade 11	Year 2014-15	Final Grade	Credits	Grade 12	Year 2015-16	Grade	Credits		
English/Language Arts 11		A-	5.000	English/Language Arts 12		A	5.000		
Pre Calculus Honors		A-	5.000	AP Calculus AB		A-	6.000		
AP Chemistry		B-	6.000	AP Physics C		B	5.000		
Physics Pre AP		B+	5.000	Contemporary U.S. Issues		A	5.000		
Modern US History Pre AP		B	5.000	Creative Art		B+	5.000		
Photography		A	5.000	Phys. Ed/Health 12		A+	5.000		
Phys. Ed/Health 11		A+	5.000						
GPA 4.0689		Credits Earned 36.000		GPA 4.2646		Credits Earned 31.000			
Cumulative Data Weighted		Total Credits Earned 138.000		Total Q.P. 592.9000		Cumulative GPA 4.2964		Decile Ranking 3	
Counselor: _____ Date _____ School Seal _____									

- Courses
- Grades
- Cumulative GPA
  - Weighted
  - Rank
- Decile
  - Weighted
- Graduating Class: ≈141



# Testing and Scores

- Results after taking test (SAT: approx. 3 weeks, ACT: approx. 3-8 weeks)
- Confirm test policy at each college
- Submitting your scores to your schools:

**IMPORTANT:** All students are responsible for submitting their own scores to each school you apply through [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) or [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

- Counselors are not able to send your scores for you
- It can take up to two weeks for your score to be received by your schools.
- Test Optional Schools
  - [Fairtest.org](http://Fairtest.org)

**Follow the Guidance Deadlines and you will be fine!**



# Financial Aid & Scholarships

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov)) Opens October 1st.
- Local scholarships will be posted on the HS website around February 2020
- Regional scholarships via be posted in Naviance under the colleges tab.

## Other Resources:

- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- [Naviance](#)



Questions?



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