

College Application Information



What we will discuss today:

- Transcripts
- Timeline
- Refining and Finalizing Your College List
- Types of Applications
- Application reviews
- Application components
- Action Items: your to-do list



Follow Up Study 2018

AUHSD Data

- ❑ Average Unweighted GPA - 3.2
- ❑ Average SAT Score - 1257
 - ❑ National Average - 1020
- ❑ Average ACT Score - 25
 - ❑ National Average - 21

14% Enrolled in a CSU

17% Enrolled in a UC

8% Enrolled in a CA Private School

34% Enrolled out of State

*The class submitted 9,782 college applications for an average of 7.2 applications per student

* AUHSD staff submitted 6,798 letters of recommendation

Acalanes Data

- ❑ 2 Year College 21.7%
- ❑ 4 Year College 75.3%
- ❑ University of California (UC) 12.5%
- ❑ CA State University (CSU) 17.7%
- ❑ Out of State Colleges 43.7%
- ❑ International Universities 1%
- ❑ Gap Year/Undecided/Unknown 2.9%

Application Timeline

Late Summer/Early Fall:	Rolling admission begins
August 1	UC and Common Applications open
October 1	CSU Application opens, FAFSA submission begins
Mid-Oct. - Mid-Nov.	Early Action/Early Decision deadlines
Nov. 1 - Nov. 30:	UC/CSU Application filing period
Dec. 1 - Feb. 1:	Regular decision deadlines
December - January	Early Action/Early Decision notifications
March	Community College applications
April	Placement testing (community college)
March - April	Regular decision notifications

Important Terms

Early Action

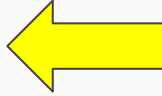
Non-Binding

Advantages:
Earlier notification, more favorable review at some, but not all, colleges

Check Merit scholarship deadlines

Early Decision

Binding



Appropriate if 100% certain about where you want to attend

Advantages:
Earlier notification, more favorable review

Regular Decision

Non-Binding

Advantages:
Opportunity to improve grades during Fall semester

Rolling Decision

Non-Binding

Advantages:
applications are reviewed in the order they are received

A “GOOD” college...



- is a **good fit** for YOU
- is in the **location** and has the **campus setting** you want
- offers the **academics** you are interested in
- offers the **clubs, activities, and student life** you are looking for
- is **affordable** for you and your family
- **challenges** and **supports** you personally and academically
- is a place you will **graduate** from

Refining a “Good” College List

Consider:

- Would you attend each school on the list?
- Number of different applications
- Number of essays and supplements
- Testing - what tests are needed? Test optional?
- Timing of applications - can you get them all done if you're busy with water polo season?
- Can you get the applications done and... still pass classes?
...be a senior? ...get some sleep?



Important Terms

Likely

Colleges whose requirements mean little chance of rejection for that applicant.

Don't forget financial fit.

Match

The student should fit the general admission criteria in academic and extracurricular categories.

Reach

Colleges that are less likely to accept the student. This may be because the student's qualifications match or fall slightly short of the college's average, and the competition is intense.

Look at Admission rates, admitted student profiles, Naviance scattergrams, and admission requirements to determine categories

The Goal:

By October of your Senior Year, your list should be finalized. It should:

- Consist of 6-10 schools
- Include 1-3 “likely” schools (that you would actually go to)
- Be realistic. No more than $\frac{1}{3}$ should be “reach”
- Respect parents’ input, but not be your parents’ list
- You should know why each school is on your list
- You should want to go to each school on your list. What if you only got into one?

Action Item: Move Colleges to “Colleges I’m Applying to” list

Colleges I'm thinking about 🔍 Search for colleges

+ Add Colleges to List 📊 Compare Me

1 selected 🔄 UPDATE INTEREST 📁 MOVE TO APPLICATION LIST 🗑 REMOVE * = extended profile available

	College	Delivery type ⓘ	Added By	Expected Difficulty*	Application Deadlines	Interest	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The University of Alabama		Student	N/A	Priority February 1	N/A	▼ MORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo		Student	N/A	Regular Decision November 30	N/A	▼ MORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of California,		Student	N/A	Regular November	N/A	▼ MORE

Applications

Application Components

UCs

- Self reported grades (no transcripts)
- Official test scores
- Activities and Awards list
- Personal Insight Questions (respond to 4 out of 8 questions - 350 word max for each)

CSUs

- Self reported grades (no transcripts)
- Official test scores

NO letters of recommendation required

Common Application

- Transcript
- Official test scores
- Activities and Awards
- Essay (choose 1 from 7 options - 650 word max)
- Supplemental Essay (s) - depends on the school
- School Report (may include counselor recommendation)
- Teacher letter(s) of recommendation

Coalition Application

University of Washington and a few others are using only
this application

Types of Application Review

Index Review

- GPA & courses
- Test scores
- Optional essay or short response



NORTHERN
ARIZONA
UNIVERSITY



Holistic Review

- Academics
 - Grades, coursework, rigor
 - Standardized tests - SAT or ACT
- Achievement outside the classroom (extracurricular activities, employment, volunteer work, etc.)
 - Commitment and Leadership
- Context of High School achievements
- Personal Qualities - essays and letters of recommendation
- Match/Fit and demonstrated interest




THE COMMON
APPLICATION

Transcripts

Action Item: Request transcripts in Naviance

Colleges I'm applying to

 Search for colleges

! It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools.
Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started.


Match Accounts

 Manage Transcripts

 Application Milestones

 Compare Me



 = extended profile available

 REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS  REMOVE

College	Type	Deadline	Expected Difficulty*	Transcripts	Office materials	Submission Type 	Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Arizona State University	RD	Regular Decision	-	N/A	No Request	Pending	 Unknown   EDIT  MORE
<input type="checkbox"/> University of Nevada, Reno	RD	Regular Decision	April 7	N/A	No Request	Pending	 Unknown   EDIT  MORE
<input type="checkbox"/> Southern Oregon University	RD	Regular Decision	-	N/A	No Request	Pending	 Unknown   EDIT  MORE

Test Scores

Fall Test Dates

October is the latest test date for EA/ED

Test Optional
Details at
www.FairTest.org

SAT

August 25

October 6

November 3

December 1*

ACT

September 8

October 27

December 8*

*Last test date for UC/CSU and many other Regular Decision schools

Action Item: Order test scores from testing companies



SAT Suite of Assessments


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PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 ▾

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Sign In to Your Score Report

May SAT and SAT Subject Test scores are available now.

Get Your Scores



Register for the SAT



Send Score Reports to Colleges



Makeup SAT: Find Out When and Where

Incoming Events

Action Item: Order test scores from testing companies



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SENDING YOUR SCORES

We get it—things change. While we still automatically send your scores from the ACT@test to the places you requested when you registered, something may have changed since then. Maybe you've got your eye on a new college, have a chance at an unexpected scholarship, or accidentally left off the university you toured last semester.

No need to worry.

You can have your ACT scores sent to other colleges and scholarship agencies, even after you test. Requests are processed after your tests have been scored and all scores for your test option—the ACT or the ACT with writing—are ready.

ORDERING OPTIONS

- **Online request**—create or sign in to your [ACT Web account](#). You must pay by valid credit card.
- **Download** a [PDF copy of the request form](#).
- **Order by phone** at 319.337.1313.
- **Send a letter of request** to:

ACT Student Services — Score Reports
PO Box 451
Iowa City, IA 52243-0451

Letters of Recommendation

Letters of Recommendation

- Look at your list of schools and their application requirements to determine if you need letters before asking teachers.
- Goal of the letter:
 - Speak to your personality, character, abilities
 - Fill in the gaps, provide insight
 - Support and augment larger application narrative
- Who should you ask?
 - Someone who knows you well! More important than someone who teaches a subject related to your potential major.
 - Ideally someone in the past two years
 - Not necessarily someone who gave you a good grade

*May be exceptions to this if applying to programs like arts or engineering.

Letters of Recommendation: Process

Fall of Senior Year:

- Request recommendations in person.
- Request recommender through Naviance.
- Provide your recommenders with background information so that they can write thorough and personalized letters.
- Write thank you notes!



School Report forms and Counselor Letter

Common App requires a School Report with a transcript

Counselors have the **option** of submitting a letter of recommendation with a School Report

To get a counselor recommendation:

1. Ask your counselor in person
2. Know your earliest deadline that requires a school report
3. Complete the Student Statement Survey in Naviance. Have a parent complete the Parent Statement survey
4. Complete the resume in Naviance

Your counselor cannot complete a School Report or send a letter until:

1. Your list of colleges is up to date
2. Your Common App and Naviance accounts are matched
3. Your transcripts are paid for

Naviance tasks

Action Item: FERPA questions on Common Application

Welcome, Annie!

Practice Applicant [Usage Tips](#)

First Year | CAID 18751433

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Sign Out

Dashboard

My Colleges

Common App

College Search

Financial Aid Resources

Saint Mary's College of California

Application

(0 of 3 Completed)

- Questions
- Recommenders and FERPA**
- Review and Submit - Common App

For All Colleges

• FERPA Release Authorization

You must complete the release authorization process, which will allow transcripts and recommendations to be submitted on your behalf through Naviance eDocs.

[Release Authorization](#)

Invite Recommenders

Recommenders are people who will submit forms and information to colleges on your behalf. Check out our [video about recommenders](#).

[Invite and Manage Recommenders](#)

Advisor

An advisor can be anyone who is assisting you with your application process. You may invite an advisor using the 'Invite Advisor' link below. An advisor can view your application information and give you personalized feedback. An advisor does not submit any forms on your behalf.

Required: 0 Optional: 3 Total: 3

[Invite Advisor](#)

Instructions and Help

Recommender Information does not change

Once a recommender has been added and invited, the name and title you entered cannot be changed ... [+]

[\[more\]](#)

Adding and assigning recommenders for Naviance schools

If your school uses Naviance, you will not be able to assign Counselor or Teacher recommendation ... [+]

[\[more\]](#)


Don't forget to assign your teacher recommendation!


If you see the "assign" button beside the name of your teacher, this means you need to assign this ... [+]

[\[more\]](#)

Action Item: Match Common App with Naviance

Colleges I'm applying to

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 **It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools.**
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[Match Accounts](#)

Action Item: Request letters from teachers in Naviance

The screenshot displays the Naviance Student interface. At the top left, the logo reads "Naviance | Student". A navigation bar at the top right contains links for "Home", "Colleges", "Careers", "About Me", and "My Planner". The main content area is titled "Colleges" and features a search bar with the placeholder text "Type a college name" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, the text "MORE COLLEGE SEARCH OPTIONS" is visible. A dropdown menu is open under the "Colleges" tab, showing a "Back" link and the title "Apply to College". The menu items are "Letters of Recommendation", "College Events", "Manage Transcripts", and "Test Scores". A red arrow points to the "Letters of Recommendation" option.

Request letters from teachers in Naviance

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.

Add Request

Action Item: Complete Student & Parent statements in Naviance

Quick Links

INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT ME

Resume

Game plan

Documents

Journal

Survey history

OFFICIAL THINGS

My Surveys

Filter by

All progress



Parent Statement

NOT STARTED

Senior Exit Survey 2018

NOT STARTED

Student Statement

NOT STARTED

Teacher Rec #2 AHS

NOT STARTED

Teacher Rec form AHS

NOT STARTED



Action Item: Update Resume in Naviance

Resume

[Add/Update Sections](#)

[Print/Export Resume](#)

Add new entries to your resume by selecting a type of entry from the menu below. If you're not sure what information to provide, you can select an entry type and read the tips displayed. When printing your resume, you can choose which entries you want to display, so we encourage you to add as much information as possible.



Volunteer Service

Coach

CYO Basketball

Invalid date - Present

4 hours/week

Total Hours: 32

High school 5th grade basketball team



Extracurricular Activities

Soccer - high school JV

August, 2015 - Present

10 hours/week

Grades 10,11

most inspirational, sweeper, player of the game

Questions?