Still Need to Match Your Common App with Naviance?
Click here to watch a 2 minute tutorial on how to match your two accounts

What is the FAFSA and CSS Profile?

FAFSA
The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was designed for students to apply for federal and state student grants, work-study, and loans. This form can be completed in paper form or over the Internet (recommended). In order to complete the FAFSA online, you will need to create a user ID at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Once completed, the form will be submitted to the colleges/universities selected. A financial aid letter will then be sent to you identifying all the financial aid available to you for that particular school year. Be sure to meet each and every deadline. If you miss the deadline, you will not receive a financial aid package for that school year.

CSS Profile
In addition to the FAFSA, some colleges/universities may request that you fill out the CSS Profile. The Profile helps the schools to award non-federal student aid funds. The Profile application is available online at www.collegeboard.org. The Profile application is customized for you based on the information you give when you register for the service. By completing the Profile, you are able to give a complete picture of your family’s financial circumstances, including explanations of your special circumstances. Complete the Profile and return it to the College Board at least 2 weeks before the earliest priority filing date specified by your schools and programs. Priority filing dates are provided to you online. Click here for helpful tools and a listing of colleges requiring the CSS profile.

Why Attend a Two-Year College?
There are many advantages to attending a two-year institution versus a four-year institution. Often, two-year colleges offer noncompetitive admission policies. This means students with lower grade point averages (GPA) that demonstrate potential for future academic success will most likely be accepted to many two-year colleges. Secondly, if you are a student who is unable to identify a particular career direction, attending a two-year college will allow you to explore all of your career options. Third, the tuition of a two-year college is significantly lower than most four-year institutions. After successfully completing a 2-year college program, most students will receive their associate’s degree. There are many professions that require only a two-year degree, such as a paralegal, radiology technician, or veterinary technician among many others. Log in to Naviance to research careers that require an associate’s degree.

Many two-year colleges have joint admissions programs with four-year institutions, commonly referred to as “2+2” programs. A student could attend a two-year institution for two years and transfer the credits gained in that two years to a four-year college towards a bachelor’s degree. This program requires students to identify their interest in the joint admissions program at the start of their first two years and uphold a minimum GPA to enter a four-year college. We encourage you to discuss the possibility of a two-year college with your school counselor.

Log in to Naviance to view a list of Scholarships!!
Naviance Information Night
For Students and their Parents

Monday, October 29, 2018
6:00 PM-7:30 PM
Salem High School PAC

Learn about the Role of Naviance in the College Exploration Process and also Scholarship Opportunities Available in Naviance

Deadlines

Seniors with a college application deadline in the month of December must request a transcript, complete all Naviance work (counselor recommendation form, resume & parent questionnaire) and ask your teachers to complete the green teacher comment cards for a counselor letter of recommendation no later than Monday, November 12th! Seniors with an application deadline of January 1st must complete their Naviance work by Monday, December 3rd!

**Have you requested your teacher formal letter of recommendation? Remember to provide your teachers with plenty of time to write your letter.

NCAA Eligibility Center

Are you thinking about playing sports in college? If you plan to attend a Division I or Division II college/university and want to play a sport you must register with the clearinghouse. You can do so online at www.eligibilitycenter.org. Fill out the information page, and request your transcript through Naviance to be sent to NCAA. This must be done ASAP if you plan to participate in a fall sport next year. Stop down to the guidance office with any questions!

Remember to register for the December 1st SAT by November 2nd to avoid paying a late registration fee at www.collegeboard.org.

Remember to log into your collegeboard account to send your official score report to each of the colleges you plan to apply. Plan to request your score report at least two weeks ahead of the application deadline to ensure it arrives at the admissions office on time.

National Apprenticeship Week is November 12-18, 2018

Please visit ApprenticeshipUSA to learn more about apprenticeship opportunities

Benefits of being an apprentice

- Hands-on career training with a mentor in a wide selection of occupations in all industries of the workforce.
- Post-secondary education and the potential to earn college credit and a degree.
- A paycheck from day one guaranteed to increase over time as you learn new skills.
- National industry certification recognized anywhere in the United States.
- A career with a competitive salary and little or no educational debt.

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