



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Hillside High School
Guidance Department

Agenda

- Admissions Terms
- College Planning
 - Early Fall
 - Winter
 - Spring
- Questions and Answers
- Counselor's Contact Information

Admission Terms

- Regular Decision
- Early Decision (Binding)
- Early Action (Non Binding)
- Restrictive Early Action
- Rolling Admission
- Waitlist

College Planning Check List (Fall)

- Review College list with student.
- Review application progress with student.
- Know your deadlines! Create a list/spreadsheet.
- Gather information needed to complete your applications (transcript, activities, test scores/dates, & Parent/Guardian Information)
- Keep a folder or binder for organization.
- Complete the transcript Release Form
- Request transcripts at least 2 weeks before deadline.

College Planning Check List (Fall)

- Common Application (CA), Coalition App, and/or School Specific Applications.
- Ensure student has 'MATCHED' their CA and Naviance. (only if utilizing the common application)
- Recommendation Letters (at least 2 Teachers)
- Request letters at least a month in advance.
- Make sure those requests are made directly to teachers (teacher brag sheet) AND through Naviance.

Commonapp.org

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Common Application website. At the top left is the logo "THE COMMON APPLICATION". To the right of the logo is a navigation bar with links for "Parents", "Counselors & Recommenders", "Member Institutions", and "LOG IN". Below this is a secondary navigation bar with "Plan Ahead", "Explore Colleges", "Virtual Counselor", "How To Apply", and a green "Apply Now" button. The main content area features a large background image of a smiling young woman. Overlaid on this is a white box containing the text "College is ready for you." followed by "We're here to help you with your college applications, provide information on financial aid, and more." and a green "Get Started" button. Below this is a dark red box with the text "More than 750 colleges. Only one application." and a search bar labeled "Find Colleges" with a magnifying glass icon. Underneath the search bar is the text "View all colleges that accept the Common Application >". In the bottom left corner, there is a small image of a young man and the logo for "AUGSBURG COLLEGE". In the bottom right corner, there is a small image of a young woman and a young man talking.

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AUGSBURG COLLEGE

Common App

The screenshot displays the Common App user interface. At the top left is the logo "THE COMMON APPLICATION". To the right, a user is logged in, with a "Welcome, First Year | [redacted]" message and a "Sign Out" button. Below the logo is a navigation bar with buttons for "Dashboard", "My Colleges", "Common App" (which is highlighted), and "College Search".

The main content area is divided into a left sidebar and a central panel. The sidebar, titled "Common Application", lists several menu items: Profile, Family, Education (which is selected and highlighted), Testing, Activities, and Writing. The central panel is titled "Education" and includes a "Preview" button and a "View Education Tutorial" link. Below the title is a list of expandable sections: "Current or Most Recent School", "Other School", "Community-Based Organizations", "Education Interruption", "College & Universities", "Grades", "Current or Most Recent Year Courses", and "Honors". At the bottom of this list is a section for "Future Plans".

On the right side of the interface, there is a "Instructions and Help" section with a right-pointing arrow. Below it, a "Highest degree" section prompts the user to "Enter the highest degree you intend to earn in your lifetime." and includes a "[more]" link with a right-pointing arrow.

Common App My Colleges

The screenshot shows the 'My Colleges' section of the Common App website. The user is logged in as a first-year student from CAID. The page is divided into several sections: a navigation bar, a list of colleges, a detailed view for Amherst College, and a sidebar with instructions and help.

THE COMMON APPLICATION

Welcome, [Redacted]
First Year | CAID [Redacted]

Sign Out

Dashboard My Colleges Common App College Search

Amherst College -

Application
(0 of 3 Completed)

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

Writing Supplement
(0 of 2 Completed)

- Questions
- Review and Submit - Writing Supplement

Boston College +

Boston University +

Carnegie Mellon University +

Emory University +

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute +

Rice University +

Rochester Institute of Technology +

Stanford University +

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[View College Website](#)

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Application Deadlines

Fall 2017

First Year
Early Decision - 11/15/2016
Regular Decision - 01/01/2017

Required

Application Fees :
First Year Domestic Fee- \$60
First Year International Fee- \$80

First Year Test Policy:
[Always Required](#)

Recommendations Required:
School Report
Counselor Recommendation
Mid Year Report
Final Report
2 Teacher Evaluation(s)
0 Other Evaluation(s)

Writing Supplement Required:
Required

Personal Essay Required:
Required

Saves School Forms After Matriculation:
Yes

Instructions and Help →

What timezone will display on my application submission?
Submission for all applications is recorded in Eastern Time. That is the submission time visible to ... [+]
[\[more\]](#) →

Where are the application requirements for a specific school listed?
Click on the name of the school in the My Colleges tab to view the requirements for that school. ... [+]
[\[more\]](#) →

Deadline Information
The application deadline is at 11:59 PM of the stated deadline da ... [+]
[\[more\]](#) →

Can schools see the My Colleges list?
A school cannot view any other schools on your My Colleges list and does not receive any informatio ... [+]
[\[more\]](#) →

Accessing Naviance Student Portal

<https://student.naviance.com/hillside>

The screenshot shows the Naviance Student Portal interface. At the top left, there is a logo for Naviance | Student. On the top right, there are navigation links: Home, Colleges, Careers, and About Me. Below the logo, a welcome message reads "Welcome, Lynn!". Underneath the welcome message, there is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search for Colleges" and a dropdown arrow. To the right of the search bar is a search input field with the placeholder text "Type a college name" and a magnifying glass icon, followed by a "SEARCH" button. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column has a header "Class of 2021" and contains a welcome message: "Welcome to Family Connection by Naviance!". Below this, there are two paragraphs of text: "The Counseling staff at Hillside High School is committed to assisting each student, in the Class of 2021 to achieve their academic, career and social emotional goals." and "A primary goal of the Counseling Department at Hillside High School is to assist each student to attain their maximum potential." At the bottom of this column is a "Read more" button. The right column has a header "My Favorites" and contains three items: "COLLEGES I'm thinking about" with a heart icon, "COLLEGES I'm applying to" with a graduation cap icon, and "CAREERS AND CLUSTERS I'm thinking about" with a heart icon. At the bottom of the page, there is a "What's New" section with the text "Nothing new to review this visit. Check back later." and a "Show Me How" button with a help icon.

Naviance | Student

Home Colleges Careers About Me

Welcome, Lynn!

Search for Colleges

Type a college name

SEARCH

Class of 2021

Welcome to Family Connection by Naviance!

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During the 2020- 2021 school year Hillside High School will use Family Connection with

Read more

My Favorites

- COLLEGES
I'm thinking about
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Show Me How

Naviance: Colleges I'm Applying To

https://student.naviance.com/hillside

Naviance | Student Home Colleges Careers About Me

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

Application Milestones Compare Me +

* = extended profile available REMOVE

College	Type	Deadline	Expected Difficulty*	Transcripts	Office materials	Submission Type	Application
<input type="checkbox"/> * Hampton University	RD	-	N/A	no request	Pending		Submitted ▼ EDIT MORE ⋮
<input type="checkbox"/> * Kean University	RD	-	N/A	no request	Pending		Submitted ▼ EDIT MORE ⋮

College that I'm attending:

N/A ▼ Update

College Planning Check List (Fall)

- If applying to RUTGERS:
- Apply directly to Rutgers
- Complete SRAR (Self-Reported Academic Record)
- Input grades and all academic courses (Transcript).
- Rutgers DOES NOT accept transcripts or letters of recommendation.
- Deadlines are Nov. 1st & Dec. 1st.
- NCAA - www.NCAA.org (register for the clearinghouse)
- Send SAT/ACT scores through Collegeboard.org at least 2 weeks before the deadline.
- Hillside DOES NOT send SAT/ACT scores.

Financial Aid Information

- FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Register for FSA ID (www.fsaid.ed.gov)
- Available October 1st
- List a NJ school first on the application to be considered for state aid.
- CSS Profile (<https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org>)
- Available October 1st
- For private aid, required by many private schools, sometimes due by application deadline

Financial Aid & Scholarship Resources

- Naviance Student: <https://student.naviance.com/hillside>
- FastWeb: www.fastweb.com
- Federal Student Aid: <http://studentaid.ed.gov>
- FAFSA4caster: www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov
- FindTuition: www.findtuition.com
- Going Merry: www.goingmerry.com
- The Smart Student Guide to Financial Aid: www.finaid.org
- Sallie Mae: www.salliema.com
- Monthly Scholarship Blast - **CHECK YOUR EMAIL!**

College Planning Checklist (Winter)

- Check your e-mail for Senior/Parent updates!
- Make sure your correct email address is in Naviance.
- Local and independent scholarships are posted in Naviance and sent via email.
- Submit midyear reports: notify counselor if colleges request midyear grades.
- Submit January and February deadline applications.
- Continue to search for SCHOLARSHIPS!!

College Planning Checklist (Spring)

- March/April- Most college acceptances received.
- Revisit schools to assist in decision making.
- May 1 – Date to inform colleges of your final decision

We are here to help!

- There is a college for every student.
- Be realistic and stay positive.
- Stay organized.
- Let your son/daughter do the work.
- Seek out the help - we are here for you

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