

**Warwick Valley
Post Graduation
Planning &
College Kickoff**

A Parent's Playbook



Announcements

Community service: Students in the class of 2023 are required to complete 10 hours of community service. If your student has already completed community service hours, they can still submit them towards the Principal or Superintendent community service awards (50 hrs/100 hrs)

[Community Service Log google form](#)

Senior meetings: Counselors are meeting with seniors to discuss post graduation plans and review graduation requirements. Your student should have received a google invitation for their meeting. If they are applying **early action/decision** to any schools, they should let their counselor know so they can schedule the meeting sooner rather than later.

Transcript: Your student will receive a copy of their transcript at their senior meeting.

Reminders

- On the Remind app, join Class of 2023. Text @ to 81010
- Follow us on Twitter: @wvhsguidance1
- Google Classroom Code -m2tfeio
- Students should check your school and personal email daily.
- Registration and payment for AP exams is open. The deadline to register and pay before the \$40.00 late fee is November 15th at noon. The final deadline to register and pay is March 8th. Exam cost \$101 per exam. <http://totalregistration.net/AP/335790>

How to prepare for the future: Post Graduation Options

There are many different options that you have after graduating from high school to prepare for your future. These include:

- College 4 year / 2 year - Bachelor's degree/Associate's degree
- Technical College / Trade school
- [Adult Education programs at OUBOCES](#)
- Certification programs ([OCCC](#), [RCCC](#))
- [Military](#) (enlistment, reserves, National Guard)
- Employment / [apprenticeships](#)
- Gap year
- Civil service exam/jobs: [USPS](#), [Federal jobs](#) , [NY State jobs](#)

More info is available regarding these options in the Class of 2023 google classroom and through the school counselors.

Naviance
&
Applying to College

Naviance

Warwick uses Naviance to manage the College Application Process.

Sign in is through the district Launch Pad.

Students are expected to:

- **Update Prospective & Active Applications**
- **Complete Surveys**
- **Request Letters of Recommendation**
- **Register for and attend College Visits**

Naviance senior home screen

The screenshot displays the Naviance senior home screen with several key sections and callouts:

- Senior Summer Message:** A dark header with "Senior Summer Message" and "English" with a dropdown arrow and a "Go" button. The message content includes "Hello Seniors," "Welcome to Senior year. There is lots to do and this year is going to fly by:", and "If you are feeling a little anxious and want to get a head start on some of the college application stuff here are some ideas of what you can do." A "Read more" button is at the bottom.
- My Favorites:** A list of favorite items, each with a heart icon and a link. The first two items are "COLLEGES I'm thinking about" and "COLLEGES I'm applying to", both circled in purple. A teal callout box points to them with the text "Quick access to college info".
- Important To-Dos and Tasks:** A teal header circled in purple. Below it are two task items, each with a calendar icon and the text "TASK Complete Career Plan Survey No Due Date Assigned by Mary Fox".
- What's New:** A teal header circled in purple. Below it are two event items, each with a calendar icon. The first is "SUNY College at Brockport will be visiting your school on Friday, September 23rd, 2022 at 3:30 pm more info". The second is "Northern Vermont University-Johnson will be visiting your school on Wednesday, September 28th more info". A teal callout box points to this section with the text "Upcoming college visits- in person and virtual Over 60 opportunities to date".
- Guided Tutorials:** A teal callout box at the bottom right with the text "Guided tutorials for common tasks" points to a circular icon labeled "Show Me How" which contains a laptop and a question mark.

Colleges I'm applying to

This is the first step in managing college applications in Naviance.

- » Students are responsible for adding schools to the *colleges I'm applying to* list and keeping it up to date. If your student is using the commonapp, their schools from commonapp will automatically update in Naviance when they match their accounts.
- » Students can move schools from their *colleges I'm thinking about* to your *colleges I'm applying to* list.

Teacher Recommendations

- Complete the “**pre-application packet for students / parents**” (under the About Me Tab > Surveys from your school) and/or a resume or activity list; this provides a larger picture for the writer to work with.
- Your student should choose teachers (at least 2) with whom they have developed a positive relationship and whom they have shown a strong work ethic.
- Requests for letters should come from students in person.
- Students must also submit an electronic letter of recommendation request in Naviance (Colleges > Apply to College > Letters of recommendation). If a letter is from an individual outside the school, the student or recommender should submit the letter to their school counselor.
- Students should give teachers a month or greater to complete their letter.

In Person & Virtual College Visits & College Fairs

- Many colleges consider a student's "demonstrated interest" in their school into account when reviewing applications.
- By attending rep visits, following the college or rep on social media or attending college fairs, students are showing "demonstrated interest" in their school.
- There are many in person and virtual college events taking place throughout the fall. These events are posted in the Class of 2023 google classroom. SUNY is hosting virtual fairs October 13th & 19th from 5:30pm - 7:30pm- registration info is in the google classroom. SUNY Rockland is hosting a fair on Oct 20th from 7pm - 9pm. Over 250 schools will have reps attending.
- On the Naviance home screen under "What's New" you can view colleges that have reps who have scheduled virtual visits this fall. As of today, there are 50+ visits scheduled through December with more visits being added weekly.
- College visits are taking place during lunch (in person) and afterschool (virtually). Students register through Naviance and will have access to the virtual visit link in Naviance 30 minutes prior to the start of the visit.

College Applications

- **DO NOT USE STUDENT SCHOOL EMAIL FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS.** The school email only allows email from others in wvcasd.org
- College applications are the responsibility of the student. Parents may want to proofread applications, but the student should be the one completing the application.
- College applications are available online at individual school websites. Each school will have information regarding their application requirements.
 - SUNY application www.suny.edu for all four and two year SUNY schools and some SUNY community colleges
 - Common Application www.commonapp.org Over 1000 schools accept this application.
- Students need to be aware that there may be supplemental forms, essays, or specific documents requested to be sent with the application.
 - Self Reported Academic Record (SRAR), additional Common app school specific questions and essays.
- The Class of 2023 google classroom has a lot of useful information and forms related to the WVHS College application process, community service, scholarships and career opportunities.

The Common Application- matching it to Naviance

Click on the “Colleges I’m Applying to” tab under “Colleges Home”.

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

In the red bar, click on
“Match Accounts”.

When you click on Match Accounts, you will be taken to the Common Application.

You will log into your Common App account using the email that you used to create your Common App account. Once you are logged in, your Common App account and Naviance will automatically link.

Students can’t match their account and counselors are unable to submit documents unless the FERPA waiver is completed.

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Waiver- Common App

- Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
- In the application you'll be asked if you want to waive the right to see your confidential letters of recommendation. Waiving your right let's colleges know that you do not intend to read your letters of recommendation which reassures them that the letters are candid and truthful.
- In order for your counselor to send your school documents electronically to the Common App, this form must be completed.

Official/Initial High School Transcript

- Sent to colleges directly from school counseling office.
- It is a record of all of the courses that have been taken during high school, including failed courses and summer school courses.
- Students' three-year class rank and three-year g.p.a. is listed.
- Students' Regents scores and final exam grades are included.
- Shows senior year courses in progress.
- Standardized test scores (SAT's, ACT's, AP's) ARE NOT included on your high school transcript.

Transcript Request

For each school that a student applies to, students must submit a transcript request form.

The form is a google form that is posted in the Class of 2023 google classroom.

The form must be submitted to counselors at least two weeks before the application deadline.

The form requires both a student and parent/guardian electronic signature.

Once the completed form has been received by your school counselor the process of sending your official transcript and other supporting materials will begin.

Standardized test scores

Students send scores directly from the testing agency to each college they are applying to. Many schools are test optional this year due to Covid-19, check your schools to see their standardized test requirements.

- SAT scores from College Board

www.collegeboard.com

-Cumulative report

- ACT scores from ACT

www.actstudent.org

- Separate report per each test date

*DO NOT USE SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS FOR SATs/ACTs.

Essays

- Students should author their own essays, parents are welcome to proofread (if your student desires), but the final product should be the students.
- Encourage your student to start early and to follow the directions, topic choices and deadlines.
- If your student does not seek your opinion, encourage them to seek the opinion of someone they respect for feedback.
- Students should focus on being genuine in their essay
- Some essays require that part A and part B be completed, help your student check the packet before the final documents are submitted.

Essay Guidelines

Essay guidelines shared with your student:

One tip from an admissions representative at a selective university is to ask yourself if your essay answer these four questions....

1. What drives you, what is your motivation?
2. How do you work with others?
3. What do you think about, what occupies your mind?
4. How do you problem solve, how do you deal with a difficult situation?

There is no right answer. The essay allows the reader a glimpse into who your student is beyond their transcript/test scores/resume. It is an "open a window to who they are".

COVID-19 question on the Common Application

Community disruptions such as COVID-19 and natural disasters can have deep and long-lasting impacts. If you need it, this space is yours to describe those impacts. Colleges care about the effects on your health and well-being, safety, family circumstances, future plans, and education, including access to reliable technology and quiet study spaces.

- *Do you wish to share anything on this topic? Y/N*
- *Please use this space to describe how these events have impacted you.*

The question will be optional and will appear in the Additional Information section of the application. The response length will be limited to 250 words.

The question will be accompanied by a more detailed FAQ to help students consider the kinds of impacts they may wish to report, including illness and loss, housing and employment disruptions, and shifting family obligations.

Summary of Student Responsibilities

- **Using Naviance:**
 - Add schools to ‘Colleges I’m Applying to’ list
 - Request teacher recommendations (*in-person & in Naviance*)
 - Pre-application Packet – *provides personal info for recommenders*
 - “Match” Naviance & Common App
(must first complete FERPA in Common app)
- **Warwick Transcript Request Form**
 - Electronic form to counselor TWO WEEKS prior to app deadline.
 - Parent electronic signature on form
- **Completing college applications;** Common Application, SUNY, CUNY, direct to college.
 - Essays
 - Application Deadlines
- **Sending SAT/ACT/AP Scores to Colleges**

Summary of Counselor responsibilities

- Presentations and individual Naviance assistance.
- Post-high school planning
- Reviewing student-entered information in Naviance
- Preparing school documents required by admissions offices:
 - School Profile
 - Teacher recommendations and multiple other supporting school documents.
 - Counselor forms and recommendation (*if required*)
 - Current Transcript
 - Submit mid-year grades - once first semester grades are final.
 - Submit final transcript after graduation.

Student Athletes and NCAA

Student-Athletes

NCAA Eligibility Center

What is the NCAA Eligibility Center?

- It certifies whether a prospective college athlete is eligible to play sports at Division I or II institutions.

Initial Eligibility- Initial-eligibility standards help ensure you are prepared to succeed in college. If you want to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year at a Division I or II school, the NCAA Eligibility Center must certify you as eligible.

Student-Athletes

NCAA Eligibility Center

What makes you eligible?

- Complete a certain number of high school core courses.
- Earn a certain minimum GPA in these core courses.
- Earn a certain minimum score on the SAT or ACT (waived for the Class of 2023).
- Graduate from high school.

Student-Athletes NCAA Eligibility Center

How do you register & find additional information?

Students must register online at <https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/> and request that a transcript be sent to the NCAA Clearinghouse.

WVHS CEEB Code is 335790.

Financial Aid

[HESC- Your comprehensive site for financial aid information](#)

Students/parents can complete the FAFSA after October 1 of their senior year.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Higher Education Services Corporation. At the top left, the logo reads "Higher Education Services Corporation" with "Andrew M Cuomo, Governor" and "Dr. Guillermo Linares - President" below it. To the right are links for "Partner Access" and "Student Access", and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. A search bar says "ENHANCED BY Google". A navigation bar includes "Prepare", "Pay", "Repay", "Contact", and "Accommodation", with "Pay" highlighted. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: "Home / Pay for College / Apply For Financial Aid / Apply for Aid — Start Here". The main heading is "Apply for Aid — Start Here".

Federal and New York State student financial aid is available to help pay for college. In order to continue receiving financial aid, you must apply for it every year you attend college.

Below is an outline of the process for applying for financial aid.

- Step 1: The FAFSA
- Step 2: New York State TAP
- Step 3: Other NYS Aid
- Step 4: Institutional Aid
- Step 5: Outside Scholarships
- Step 6: Compare College Award Letters
- Step 7: Student Loans

In The Spotlight

- NYS DREAM Act is Available
- FAFSA & TAP Application is Now Available 2020-21
- Check your TAP and Scholarship Status, Change your College Code or Update your Information
- NYS Get on Your Feet Loan Forgiveness Program is Available
- TAP Frequently Asked Questions

Related Resources

- How to Complete the

Important upcoming events

October 1st- [FAFSA](#) becomes available

October 1st- **SAT** at WVHS 7:45 am

October 6th- College application workshop- during lunch

October 7th- deadline to register for the November 5th SAT

October 19th- Financial Aid presentation 6-7pm Auditorium
College Fair 6:30-8:00 pm New Gym

November 22nd- ASVAB test administration during the school day

January 26th (snow date 1/31)- Local Scholarship Parent Information presentation

ONGOING - Virtual College rep visits- check Naviance and register

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