

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

A Parent's Playbook



Announcements

Community service: Students in the class of 2024 are required to complete 15 hours of community service. If your student has already completed community service hours, they can submit them towards the Principal or Superintendent community service awards (50 hrs/100 hrs). All hours must be submitted by April 12th, 2024 [Community Service Log google form](#)

Senior meetings: Counselors are meeting with seniors to discuss post graduation plans and review graduation requirements. Your student will receive 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 2024. Text @4ga3d4 to 81010
- Follow us on Twitter: @wvhsguidance1
- Google Classroom Code - dp2ilmd
- 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 \$102 per exam. <http://totalregistration.net/AP/335790>

Important upcoming events

October 4th & 11th- College application workshops- during lunch
10/4: Naviance & Common App; 10/11: Bring your questions

October 5th- deadline to register for the November 4th SAT (at Warwick)

October 18th- Financial Aid presentation 6-7pm Auditorium
College Fair 6:30-8:00 pm New Gym

November 4th- **SAT** at WVHS 7:45 am

November 21st- ASVAB test administration during the school day

December 2nd- LAST paper SAT; deadline to register is November 2nd

December- [FAFSA](#) becomes available

January 31st- Local Scholarship Parent Information presentation (**Virtual** presentation)

April 3rd- ASVAB test administration during the school day

ONGOING - Virtual College rep visits- check Naviance and register

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 2024 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 (Senior Brag Sheet)**
- **Request Letters of Recommendation**
- **Register for and attend College Visits**

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 “**Senior brag sheet**” (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.

College Visits & College Fairs

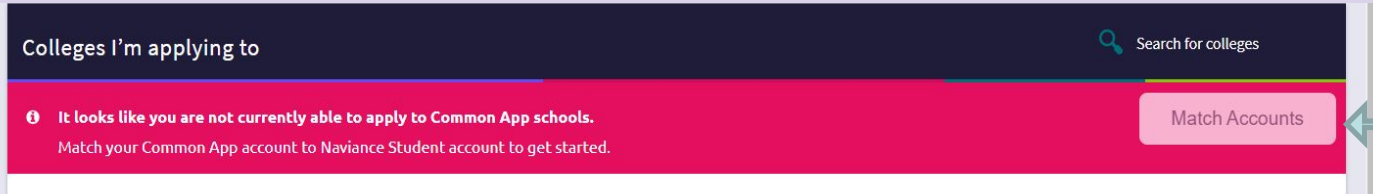
- Many colleges consider a student's "demonstrated interest" in their school into account when reviewing applications.
- By attending rep visits, following the college or rep on social media or attending college fairs, students are showing "demonstrated interest" in their school.
- There are many in person and virtual college events taking place throughout the fall. These events are posted in the Class of 2024 google classroom. We are hosting a college fair and financial aid night on October 18th from 6pm - 8pm. SUNY is hosting a [multiple events](#) throughout the fall to introduce students and families to their SUNY options. SUNY Rockland is hosting a [college fair on Oct 26th](#) from 7pm - 9pm at their fieldhouse. Over 200 schools will have reps attending.
- On the Naviance home screen under "What's New" students can view colleges that have reps who have scheduled virtual visits this fall. As of today, there are 55+ 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 wvcsd.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](#) for all four and two year SUNY schools and some SUNY community colleges.
 - [CUNY application](#) for colleges and universities in the CUNY system.
 - 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 2024 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”.



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 must match their account and complete the FERPA in commonapp. 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 2024 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.

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. For more information, check out our [COVID-19 FAQ](#).

- *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.

There is a COVID-19 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*)
 - Senior Brag Sheet – *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.

Financial Aid

In order to be eligible for financial aid and grants, families must complete the:

FAFSA- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid.** The FAFSA will open in December 2023.

- Check college websites to see what their deadline is for the FAFSA

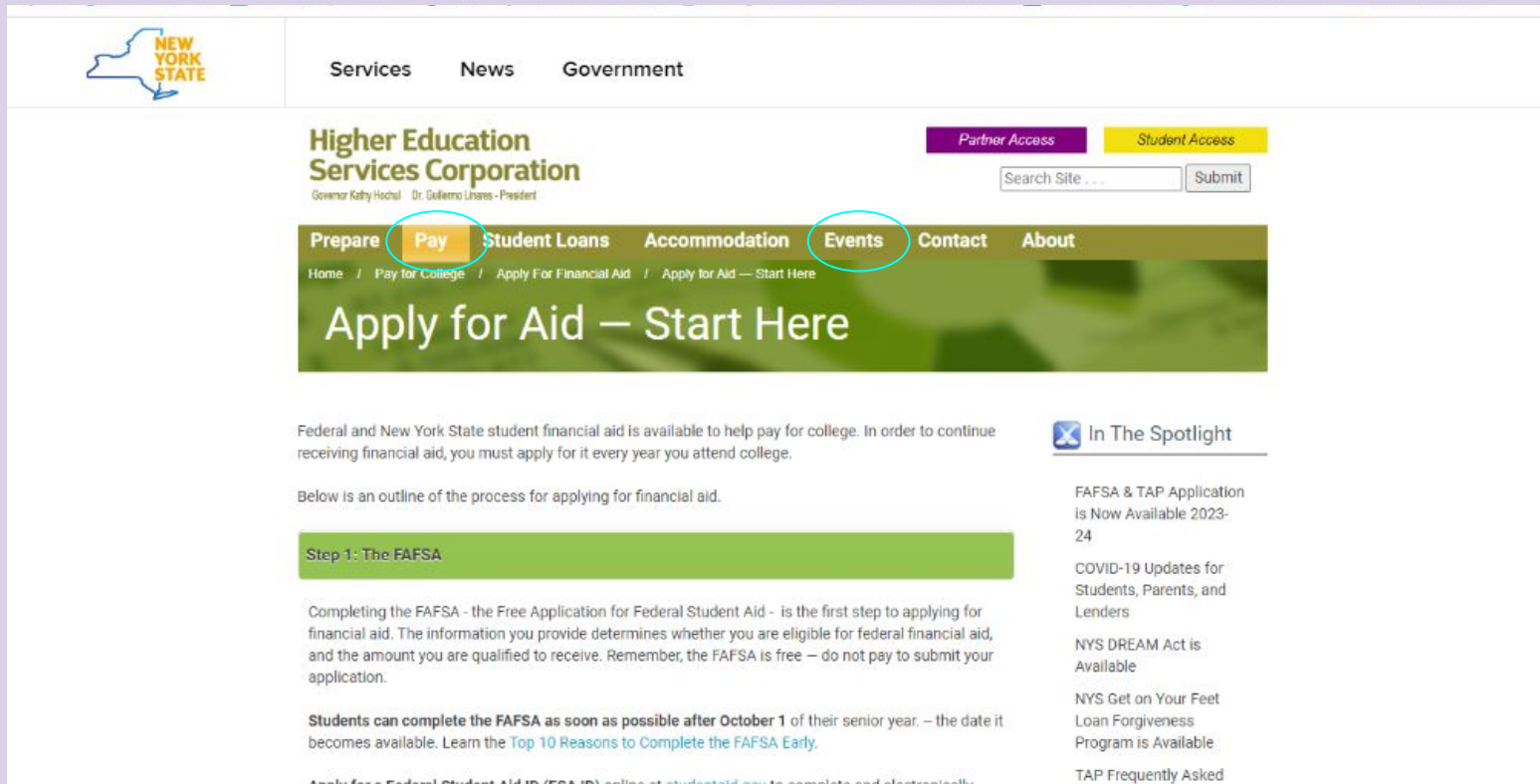
Additionally, families may need to complete the:

CSS Profile- The CSS Profile is an online application used by colleges and scholarship programs to award non-federal institutional aid. Only select schools require the CSS profile.


Be sure to attend our financial aid night presentation on October 18th at 6pm
for more information!

Higher Education Services Corporation

HESC- Your comprehensive site for financial aid information



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Higher Education Services Corporation. At the top left is the New York State logo. The main navigation bar includes 'Services', 'News', and 'Government'. Below this is the organization's name and a search bar with 'Partner Access' and 'Student Access' buttons. A secondary navigation bar features 'Prepare', 'Pay', 'Student Loans', 'Accommodation', 'Events', 'Contact', and 'About'. The 'Pay' and 'Events' buttons are circled in red. Below the navigation is a large green banner with the text 'Apply for Aid — Start Here'. The main content area contains a paragraph about federal and state financial aid, followed by a section titled 'Step 1: The FAFSA' with a green background. To the right is an 'In The Spotlight' section with several links.

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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

Completing the FAFSA - the Free Application for Federal Student Aid - is the first step to applying for financial aid. The information you provide determines whether you are eligible for federal financial aid, and the amount you are qualified to receive. Remember, the FAFSA is free — do not pay to submit your application.

Students can complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1 of their senior year. — the date it becomes available. Learn the [Top 10 Reasons to Complete the FAFSA Early](#).

Apply for a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) online at [studentaid.gov](#) to complete and electronically.

In The Spotlight

- FAFSA & TAP Application is Now Available 2023-24
- COVID-19 Updates for Students, Parents, and Lenders
- NYS DREAM Act is Available
- NYS Get on Your Feet Loan Forgiveness Program is Available
- TAP Frequently Asked

Grants, Scholarships and Loan Programs

There is information about a variety of scholarships such as the Excelsior and STEM scholarships

Under specific scholarships you can provide an email and they'll let you know when the application is open

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Grants, Scholarships and Loan Programs

NYS Grants	NYS Scholarships & Awards	Federal Grants	Federal Work-Study	Other Grants & Scholarships	Loan Forgiveness	Student Loans
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State Grant	Summary
Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)	The Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), New York's largest grant program, helps eligible New York residents attending in-state postsecondary institutions pay for tuition. TAP grants are based on the applicant's and his or her family's New York State taxable income.
Part-time TAP	Part-time TAP helps eligible New York residents attending in-state postsecondary institutions on a part-time basis pay for tuition.
NYS Aid for Part-time	The NYS Aid for Part-time Study (APTS) program provides grant assistance for eligible part-time students enrolled in approved

Related Resources

[Learn More About TAP](#)

[How Much Will College Cost You?](#)

[Compare The Different Types of Loans](#)

[Served in the Military? There Are Special Programs Just For You](#)

[Youth in Care](#)

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[FAFSA & TAP Application](#)

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HESC Upcoming and On-Demand Virtual Events

"The Path" is a series of virtual live and on-demand events, hosted by NYS HESC, and designed to help New York's students on their path toward a higher education. Students and their families can get advice about accessing and financing a college education from higher education experts by attending these events from the comfort of their homes.

Browse our upcoming events to join a discussion with HESC. Can't make our virtual live event? Visit our [on-demand events](#) library to view archived events at your leisure.



What Seniors Need to Know about Financial Aid for College

During this event we will review federal, state, institutional and private scholarships, how to apply for aid, deadlines and more.



Creating Your FSA ID

Your FSA ID is the first step to getting access to federal student financial aid. Join us and we will walk you through the quick and easy process to creating your...



Alumni Panel Event

Join HESC for an Alumni Panel Event featuring accomplished graduates from various New York State colleges.

Once the FAFSA opens, both HESC and SUNY will offer FAFSA completion events

HESC On-Demand Video Library

On-Demand Video Library

Federal Student Aid

Overview of the Financial Aid Process

Are you ready to attend college or career school, but need financial aid to help fund your education? Check out this [video](#) to learn how the office of Federal Student Aid provides more than \$150 billion in grants, loans and work-study funds.

Types of Federal Student Aid

If you need help paying for college or career school, the office of Federal Student Aid can assist you with getting the money you need. Check out this [video](#) to learn about grants, loans, and work-study jobs and how they can help fund your education.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

How to Fill Out the FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) allows students to apply for more than \$150 billion in grants, loans, and work-study funds. Check out this [video](#) for info about the FAFSA and the resources available to help fill out this important application.

Learn how to create your FSA ID.

This [video](#) will walk you through the steps on how to create your FSA ID.

Troubleshooting Your Account Username and Password (FSA ID)

More information

[The ABC's of Financial Need](#)

[Beware of FAFSA, Scholarship Myths and Scams](#)

[Compare Your College Financial Aid Award Letters](#)

[FAFSA Do's and Don'ts](#)

[Scholarships 411](#)

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 2024).
- 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.

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[DeStaso- Book Me Link](#)