Class of 2020
The Senior Year

PLANNING FOR POST HIGH SCHOOL

POWER POINT WILL BE POSTED ON THE NHS COUNSELING DEPARTMENT WEBSITE
NHS Counselors

Laura Klein, A-Cl
kleinl@bsd405.org

Heather Erickson, Co-Hs
ericksonh@bsd405.org

Christine Nutters, Hu-Li
nuttersc@bsd405.org

Tania Maxfield, Lia-Pa
maxfieldt@bsd405.org

Karen Schulz, Pe-Te
schulzk@bsd405.org

Emilie Bosone, Th-Z
bosonee@bsd405.org
College & Career Counselor

- Meet Ms. Lopez-Kopp!
- College & Career Center is located in the Library
- Office Hours:
  - Monday – Friday
  - 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- College Visit Days in the library are in full swing! College admissions representatives from a variety of schools will meet with students to discuss the admissions process and answer student questions. A list of all College Visit Days is available through Naviance.

- The Newport High School College and Career Center provides students and parents with access to current information and resources on college and career planning. Offering a variety of services from registration for WaNIC courses and resume workshops to college visits and scholarship information.
Today we will talk about:

- Transcript Check
- Post High School Options
- Important Dates/SENIOR BLITZ!
- Application Process - Naviance
- Requesting a Letter of Recommendation
- Questions??
Transcript Check

Look For:

- **Teacher Grade Change?**
  - Make sure it is listed
  - Find original class and see if it has ZERO credit

- **Retaken a class?**
  - Make sure it is listed
  - Find original class and see if it has ZERO credit

- **Original Credit class Online?**
  - It should be listed with credit but no grade

- **Previous School?** – check for accuracy

NOTE: High School and Beyond Plan will be “met” in spring
Make a note of any **errors** on your transcript and **return** it to your counselor.
Post High School Options:

- 4 year public and private college/university
- 2 year community/technical college
- Work, Military, Gap year, etc.
Some Local Community, Vocational and Technical Colleges

- Bellevue College**, Bellevue (housing!)
- Cascadia College**, Bothell (housing!)
- Seattle Central**, North Seattle** and South Seattle** Colleges, Seattle
- Edmonds Community College**, Edmonds (housing!)
- Shoreline Community College, Shoreline
- Green River College, Auburn (housing!)
- Lake Washington Institute of Technology**, Kirkland
- Renton Technical College, Renton
- Highline College**, Des Moines (housing!)
- Bates Technical College, Tacoma

**Many offer 4-year degrees**
Steps for Community/Tech Colleges

1. Go to www.sbctc.edu to research and find the right match. There are 33 C/T options in WA.

2. After January 1, 2020 fill out specific C/T fall application. Check the school website for priority deadlines. Bellevue College’s priority deadline is in mid May.

3. Register to take a placement test, if needed (English and math)

4. Meet with an academic advisor at the college to discuss class and career path.
Senior Year Timeline for College

- Sept-Nov: Retake SAT/ACT if needed. December is also an option depending on college deadlines
- October 1: FAFSA available on-line
- Mid-October: Some art portfolios due
- Nov 1 and Nov 15: Early Decision / Early Action applications due
  - November 15 is UW Seattle Deadline
- Nov-Jan (some later): Regular applications due
- April 1: Colleges notify students of decisions
- May 1: Decision day--tuition and housing deposits due
- July: Final transcripts sent to college
1. **Finalize list** of colleges you are applying to in Naviance.
   - Check deadlines (early action, early decision, regular) and admission requirements.

2. **Start Application** - tip = do the easy part first - do not procrastinate.

3. **Order your transcripts** through Naviance.

4. Work on **essay** and have it read by at least one other person.

5. Send **ACT/SAT** scores directly from organization.

Applying to **Private College**?
- Complete Counselor **Letter of Recommendation Packet** (DUE 3 weeks prior to first deadline)
- **Ask & Invite teachers** to write a letter of rec
Requesting Official Transcripts

- **Request** Official Transcript in Naviance (“Colleges I’m Applying To”) This will be submitted online.

- If your college requires *paper transcripts* – you need to order from Ms. Aldridge in the Counseling Center. You are responsible for sending paper transcripts.

- UW and UC schools do not require transcripts when applying! Transcripts will be sent after admission and/or in July.
Sending ACT/SAT scores

- Colleges require that students send ACT/SAT scores directly from the testing agencies.

- Order official score reports on the ACT and SAT websites. There is a cost to send scores. ($13+ per report)

- Can select 4 colleges to send FREE reports to if you sign up at the test. Reports are free if you used a Fee Waiver for the test.

- You can choose which scores to send for both ACT and SAT. Some colleges do not participate in score choice.

- Plan ahead! Scores are not sent instantly.
# 4 Year University Application Process

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>(most) PUBLIC</th>
<th>PRIVATE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>- Check app deadlines</td>
<td>- Check app deadlines (ED/EA, Reg)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Apply on-line – College website (can access through Naviance)</td>
<td>- Apply on-line (Common App) and list schools in Naviance</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Order transcripts - Naviance</td>
<td>- Order transcripts - Naviance</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Send SAT/ACT scores</td>
<td>- Send SAT/ACT scores</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Check requirements if applying to honors colleges</td>
<td>- Invite teachers through Naviance</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Your counselor will automatically be assigned in Naviance</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Letter of rec. packet is due 3 weeks prior to deadline or no later than December 1st.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Apply Early Decision or Early Action?

**Early Decision**
- Apply to **one** ED school.
- If accepted, you **must** enroll – legal contract.
- Difficult to compare financial aid packages and scholarships.
- Increases chances of admission for strong students and legacy students.

**Early Action**
- Can apply to more than one school.
- Acceptance is non-binding.
- Easier to compare different financial aid and scholarship packages.
- May increase chances & admission decisions are made earlier.
Teacher Letters of Recommendation

Teacher Letter
- Check with teachers now!
- Each teacher has a different process
- Invite teachers through Naviance
  - Do NOT invite teachers via Common App
- Be sure to thank the teacher for writing a letter for you!
- Do not invite more than 2 teachers to write a letter for you

*some Public school programs may require a LOR*
Private School*

Counselor Letter of Rec Packet
(on Naviance & Counseling website)

- College Application and Deadline List
- Sign FERPA Waiver
- Counselor Questionnaire – Answer in Word Document
- Resume
- Teacher Feedback Form
- Family Brag Sheet (OPTIONAL, but recommended)

*some Public school programs may require a LOR
## Letter of Rec Packet Deadlines

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>College Application Deadline</th>
<th>Letter of Rec Packet Due</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>October 15&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>September 20&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>November 1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>October 4&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>November 15&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>October 18&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>November 30&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; / December 1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>November 1&lt;sup&gt;nd&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 15&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>November 15&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>January 1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; or later</td>
<td>November 22&lt;sup&gt;nd&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Late packets may result in LORs submitted after the college application due date or transcript-only sent without a letter.*
Common App & Coalition App

- Apply to multiple colleges via 1 website
- Application fee waivers available for free and reduced lunch
- Choose how you are applying:
  - **Common Application** or “Direct to Institution” (for Coalition)

**COMMON APP**
- Common App is primarily Private Schools
- We will send all materials, including Transcripts and Letters of Recommendation through **Naviance**. You must match Common App account with Naviance.

**Coalition (does NOT link to Naviance)**
- Complete your application in Coalition and submit
- In Naviance:
  - Add the school to “Colleges I’m Applying To”
  - Request transcripts
What makes a great application?

- Use your **legal name** that matches your transcript (and SAT)
- Professional and error free application
- Be authentic, genuine and confident
- Colleges are looking for well-rounded, likeable students who will make their campuses diverse
- 90% of applicants are great students (grades, test scores). What makes you different, unique and amazing?
- Have someone review the essay
- Answer the prompt(s)
- Choose your recommenders well...
Online application is available Now.

No transcripts or letters of recommendation (unless requested by UW).

Applying in October will NOT give you an advantage. Don’t rush your application - remember to do your best! Focus on essays & activities.

Deadline is Nov 15, 2019 - Test scores in by Dec 31st. The University of Washington requests that students submit scores from all SAT exams. In the freshman review, additional scores can only benefit the applicant.

Admission notifications between March 1st – 15th
A few upcoming key dates

- **Senior Blitz!** Starting September 19th – early October
- **FAFSA/WASFA night for parents** - NHS Theater – Late October TBD
- **College App Help** – “College Corp” - Start Date TBA
- **College App Workshop** – Wednesday, Oct. 16th “Super Wednesday”
  - Library 8:00 – 11:00
  - Essay help with English Teachers
  - Application help from Counselors and volunteers
College Fairs

- **Performing and Visual Arts Fair** - Tuesday, Sept 17 at the Seattle Center ([www.nacacnet.org](http://www.nacacnet.org))
- **National Portfolio Day** – Nov 9 at Cornish College
- **National College Fair** - Friday, Nov 1st and Saturday, Nov 2nd at Seattle Convention Center ([www.nacacnet.org](http://www.nacacnet.org))
- **UNCF Black College Fair** - Nov 3rd at Garfield High School
Tips

- **Fee Waivers** - If you are a F/R lunch student, see your counselor for Fee Waivers for applications.

- **Email** - Make sure your email address is appropriate and professional. Consider having an email just for college admissions.

- **Social Media** - Be aware that your Twitter, Instagram or other social networking pages may be accessed by college admissions counselors and potential employers.

- **Review before submitting** - Make sure your applications are complete and keep copies of everything.

Questions? Come see your counselor during tutorial 3:00 – 3:30 in the Counseling Center during the month of October.
Required College Application Steps in Naviance
Step 1

- Go to Naviance site: [http://connection.naviance.com/Newport](http://connection.naviance.com/Newport)
- Resources on home page: tasks, links and document library