College Application Process

O'DEA COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

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COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS

- List of colleges can be found on Naviance Student-- Colleges Tab

- The list is also in the Family Bulletin weekly

- Students must sign up for college visits in Naviance, 24 hours *before* the visit

- Students must have their teacher complete the permission form

- Students are encouraged to attend.

    - The college representative is often the person who reads their application

NAVIANCE

- Naviance is a college search tool
  - Research colleges, look at admissions data, find scholarships, and build college list
  - Ultimately how we send documents

- Link to Naviance Student -- top of the O'Dea website page

- Student user-name -- O'Dea e-mail & O'Dea password

- Colleges MUST be added to the student's college list in Naviance for supporting documents to be sent to a college

- Parents can access their own Naviance account
  - E-mail your student's counselor if you are interested/need access.

COLLEGE LIST

- Student's must fill out an **Application Plan**

  - The "Colleges I'm Applying To" list on Naviance is created by submitting the Application Plan to your counselor

  - If a student wants their transcripts or other supporting documents sent to any colleges, they must be added to their Naviance list

- Teacher and Counselor letters won't be started until there is a list of colleges

O'Dea Application Plan For: (Print student name) _____

Seniors**: you must bring this completed form** when you meet with your college counselor to move/add your schools to your "Colleges I'm Applying To" list on Naviance. **No Colleges will be added or letters written without this signed application plan on file. If you have a November 1st deadline, you must meet with your counselor by October 1st. If your first deadline is November 15th, you must meet by October 15th. No letters** will be written for EA/ED application deadlines if this plan **is not approved by the stated deadlines. A new form is required to add additional schools.**

Teacher(s) that have agreed to write a recommendation: *By signing this form, I request my transcript be sent to these colleges.

1._____

2._____(2nd letter only required if you are applying to a school that **requires** two teacher letters)

College or University in order of preference	For me a Reach? Maybe? Safe?	Applying Reg, REA, EA or ED	Application deadline	Uses the Common Application	School added to my Common App account	Total number of essays	Number of teacher recs required (0, 1, 2)	Test scores I will be sending/ have sent	Requires CSS profile
1									
2									
3									
4									

NACAC
National Association for College Admission Counseling

DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST *SUITS YOU*?

Regular Decision	Rolling Admission	Early Action (EA)	Early Decision (ED)	Restrictive Early Action (REA)
DEFINITION:	**DEFINITION:**	**DEFINITION:**	**DEFINITION:**	**DEFINITION:**
Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.	Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.	Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.	Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll and withdraw all other applications. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.	Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.
COMMITMENT:	**COMMITMENT:**	**COMMITMENT:**	**COMMITMENT:**	**COMMITMENT:**
NON-BINDING	NON-BINDING	NON-BINDING	BINDING	NON-BINDING

COMMON APPLICATION

- Set up an account on the Common Application website: www.commonapp.org

- FERPA waiver section

  - Privacy Statement: Students must check "I waive my rights to access letters of recommendation" and check "I authorize secondary schools to release requested records".

  - You must waive your rights for us to release transcripts and letters

- Matching Common App with Naviance

  - Once complete CA/FERPA Waiver, students log into Naviance and follow prompts to match their accounts.

- Common Application and Naviance College Lists should match

- If a school is added later, students must let their counselor know so we can send documents

COMMON APP / DIRECT APPS / ETC

- UW: now on the Common App!
  - No more Coalition App- students should not use
- WSU: both on Common App & direct application
- UC Schools: UC Application
- CSU Schools: CSU Apply Application

- Most public institution applications do not require essays or letters of recommendation.
  - Students will still need to list these schools on Naviance so we are able to send O'Dea transcripts as a required part of their applications

SAT/ACT SCORES

- About 75% of colleges have gone Test Optional
  - See full list of Test Optional schools at fairtest.org
- Test-Blind: UW, WSU, U of San Diego, UC-Schools
- Counselors cannot send scores to colleges
- Test scores are not listed on a student's O'Dea transcript

TEACHER & COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- Students should have already asked one Junior year for a letter
  - Only highly selective schools require more than one teacher letter
- Students must complete a Teacher Questionnaire in Naviance for the teacher
- Students must complete the College Questionnaire on Naviance before the counselor recommendation can be written

RESOURCES

Naviance: link at top of the O'Dea website

Wakelet: link on O'Dea website→ Academics → College Counseling

Family Bulletin

Websites: Collegeboard (SAT), FairTest, Niche (college search)

Contact your student's counselor!

KEY DATES

Wednesday, September 28th: College Financial Planning Night (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 12th : SAT

October 15th: some Early Action Deadlines

November 1st: some Early Action Deadlines

November 15th: Deadline to sign up for AP Testing for Spring 2023

November 15th : UW Deadline

November 30th : UC/CSU Deadlines

December 1st: Gonzaga Deadline

January 1st/15th: Various private school deadlines

May 1st: College Decision Day

May 31st: Graduation!

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT YOUR STUDENT'S COUNSELOR

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