

Senior Parent College & Career Processing Meeting

Class of 2020

Windsor Locks High School's Graduation Requirements

4 credits English

3 credits Mathematics (must complete Algebra I)

3 credits
 Science (must complete Biology)

3 credits Social Studies (must complete US History/Civics)

1 credit Fine Arts (visual art and/or music)

1 credit Career/Tech Ed

1 credit Raider Block (.25 credit/year) **

2 credits PE/Health

7 credits
 Elective

• 25 credits Total

Plus 20 hours of community service with a minimum of 15 in order to have senior privileges.

Post Secondary Options

- 4 Year Colleges or Universities Private vs Public and Specialized
- 2 Year Colleges Community Colleges, Branch Colleges (Uconn), Goodwin College, Lincoln College
- Technical Colleges/Trade Schools provides training in specific careers – Lincoln Tech, Porter & Chester
- Military There are the Service Academies, ie. West Point need Congressional Recommendation, also working with recruiters to enlist
- Employment

Early Action vs. Early Decision in the application process

- Early Decision
 - Students who have a clear first choice
 - Binding Contract
 - Agree to withdraw all other applications if accepted
 - Can only apply early decision to ONE college
- Early Action
 - Apply earlier, but do not have a binding contract
 - May apply to multiple schools
- Regular Decision
- Rolling Admissions

Important Note: Watch the deadlines

Applications should be submitted 2 weeks before the deadline!

Where to start? How Do You Find the Right Fit?

- Time for some Self-Reflection
- Parent and Student Brag Sheets on Naviance
 - Academically, vocationally, socially/personally
 - Strengths
 - Interests
 - Skills
 - Areas to improve upon
 - Athletics
 - Special talents

Additional Characteristics to Consider

- Particular Majors
- Resident or Commuter?
- Selectivity? Competitive Level?
- Distance from home/geographical location?
- Do you require special services?
- Size of enrollment? Under 3000 small, over 15,000 extra large?
- Co-ed or single gender?
- Environment? Urban, Rural, Suburban?
- Athletics/Activities
- Financial \$ Aid?



NCAA Freshman-Eligibility Standards

- Division I only -- 16 core courses new requirements for athletes enrolling into college or university on or after Aug. 1, 2016 see handout
- 4 years of English
- 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science (one must be a lab science)
- 1 year of additional English, math or science
- 2 years of social studies
- <u>4</u> years of additional core courses (from any area listed above, or from foreign language, non-doctrinal religion or philosophy)

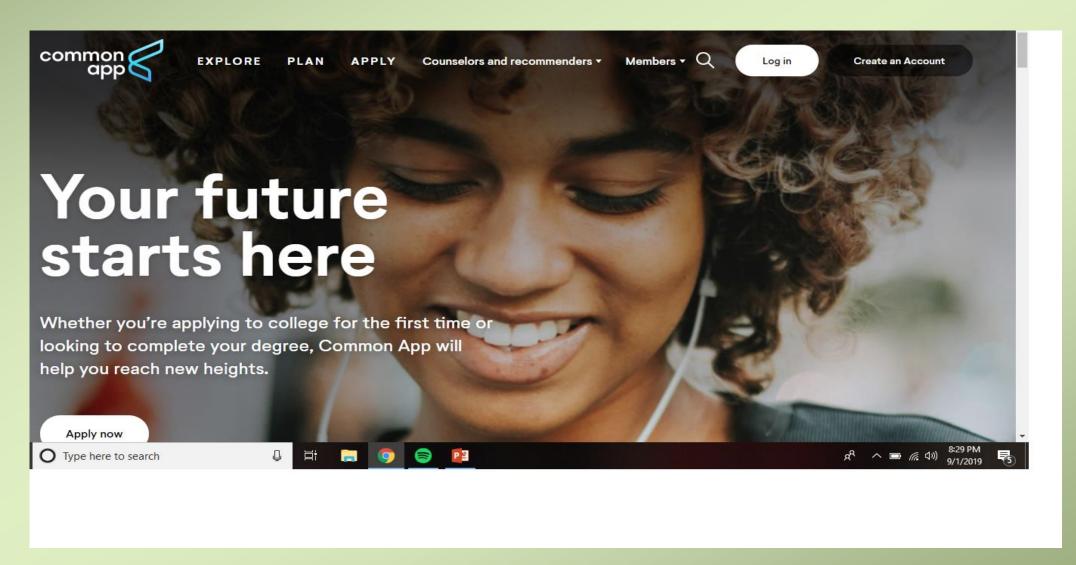
Division II -- 16 core courses (2013 and after) – see handouts

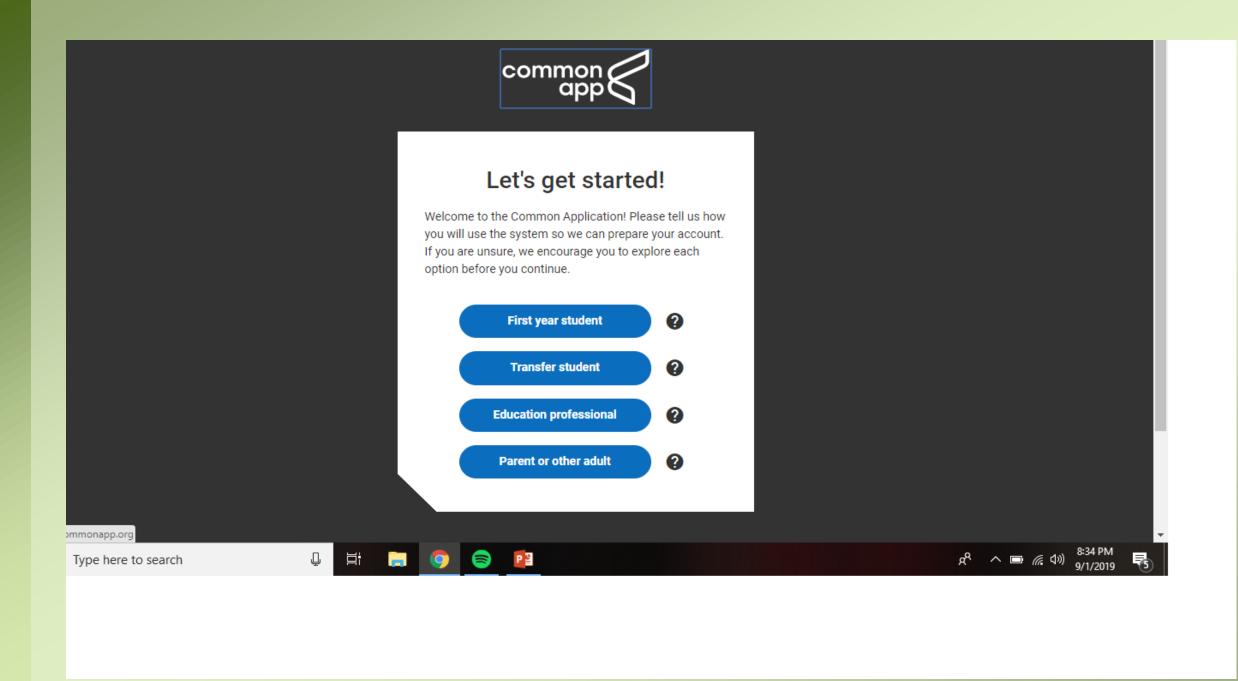
For more information: www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

Common Application

- Most colleges/universities require students to submit their applications through Common App.
- Students will need to set up an account by going to <u>www.commonapp.org</u> – all seniors were instructed on this during Raider Block
- Your student will enter all their application information for the schools that subscribe to Common App on this site.

Common App Home Page







Welcome, Deborrah! Practice Applicant Usage Tips [A] First Year | CAID 16264374



Dashboard My Colleges Common App College Search

Welcome!

Welcome to the Common App! The Common App dashboard is the central location to monitor your applications, including deadlines, requirements, and progress. The menu across the top will navigate you to different parts of the system to complete your application components.

- You can start answering application questions on the Common App tab
- · You can add colleges on the College Search tab
- · You can get help using the Help Center on the right side bar

Once you have added colleges, you will see them displayed here on the Dashboard and be able to review requirements specific to each of them on the My Colleges tab.

Instructions and Help 🕕

Application Term Dictionary

Not familiar with the app lingo? Our application...

[more] 🗪

What are the Writing Requirements?

Click on a college, then click on the Writing Requirements tab to understand what different college ... [+]

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Progress Status

Please check your dashboard icons to give a visual indication of the status of your application. ... [+]























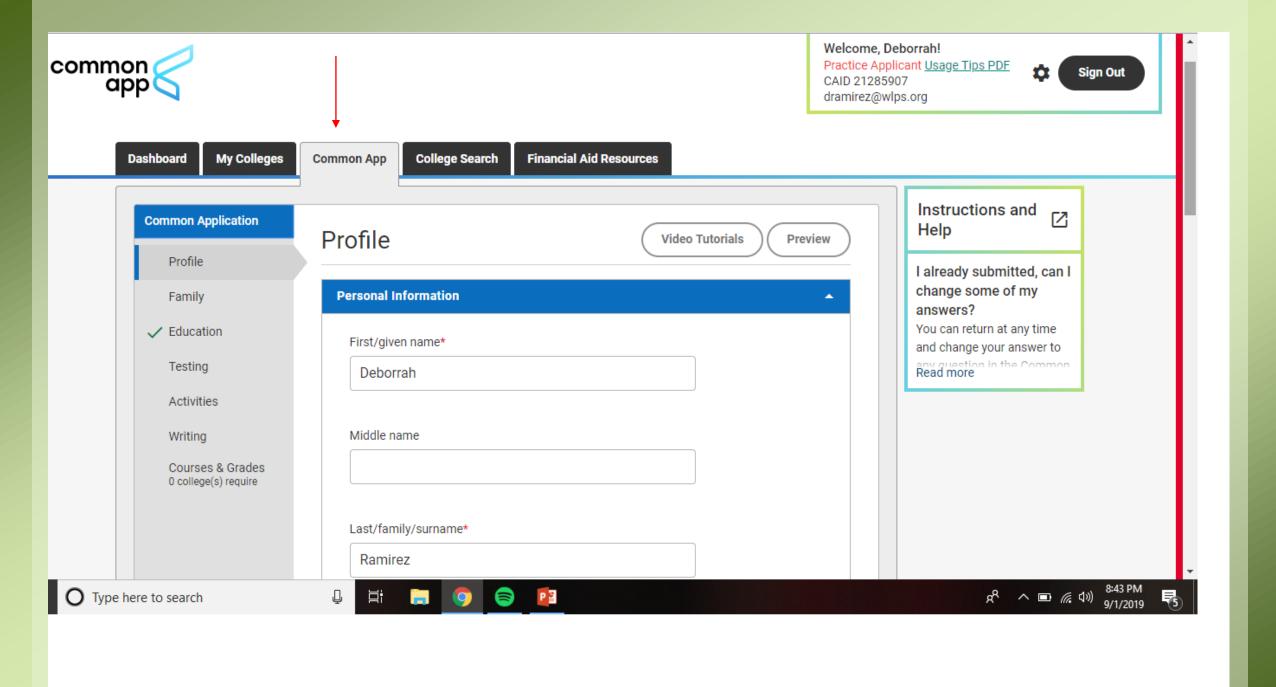


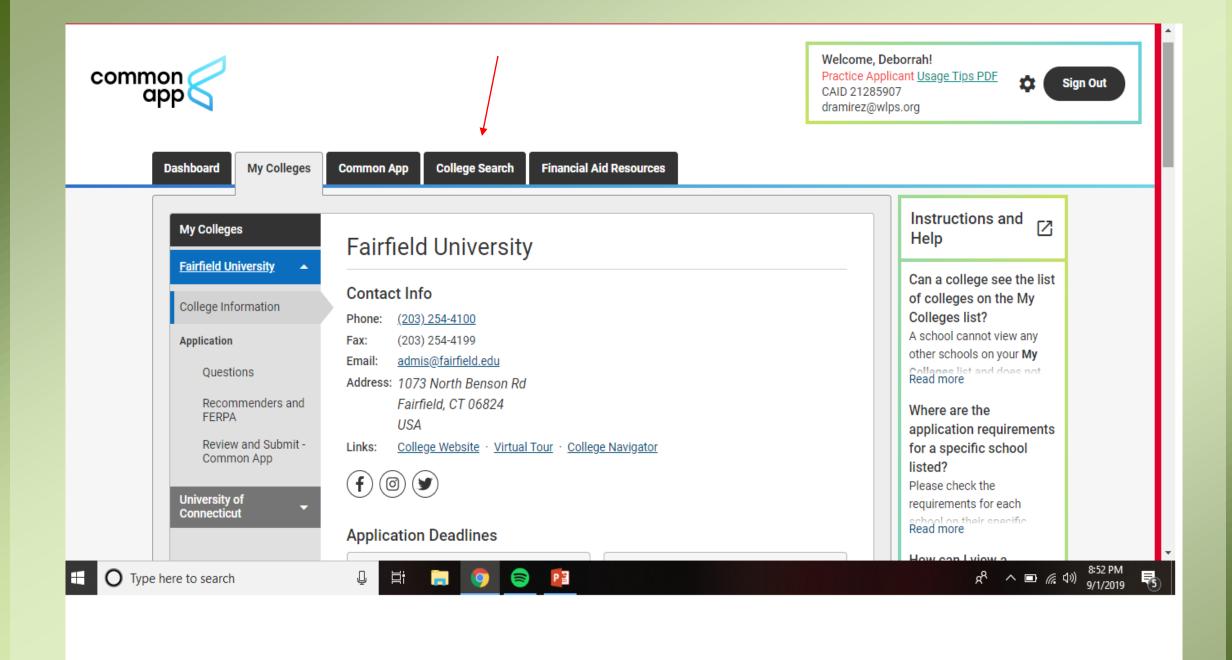


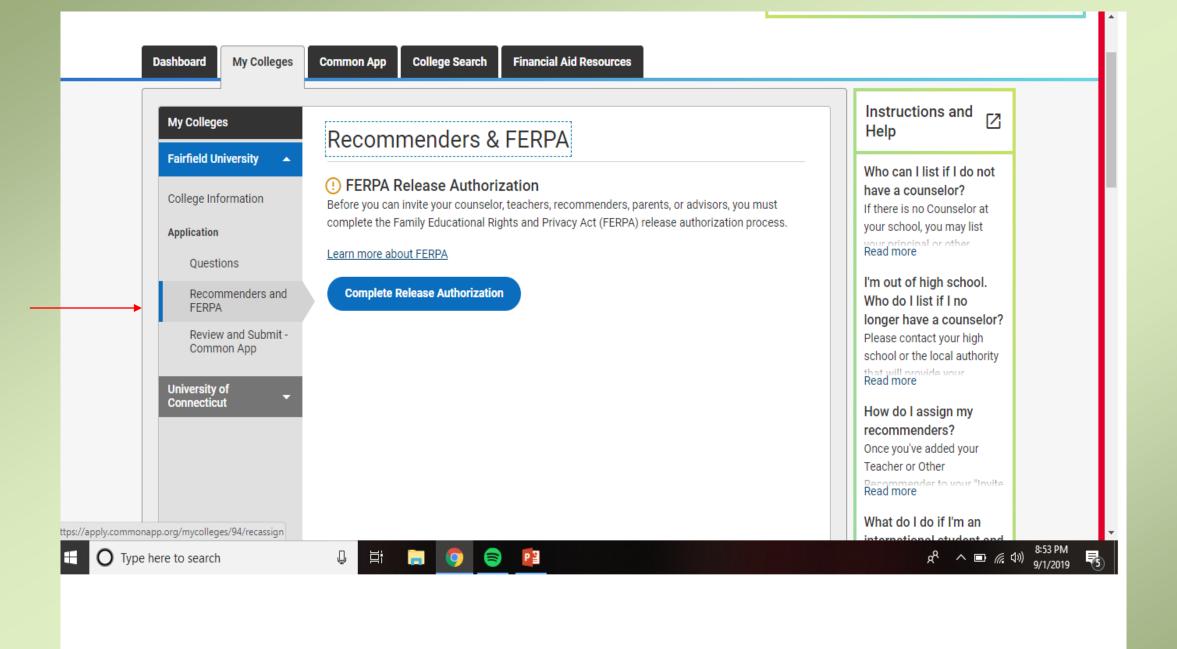




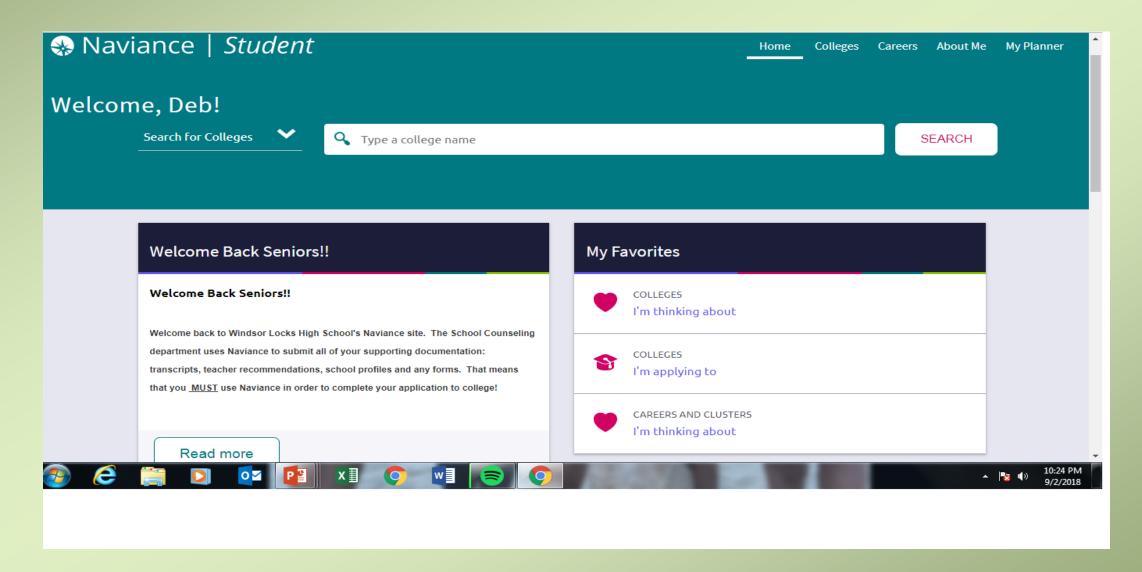








Naviance Student



Naviance Student (cont.)

Welcome Back Seniors!!

Welcome back to Windsor Locks High School's Naviance site. The School Counseling department uses Naviance to submit all of your supporting documentation: transcripts, teacher recommendations, school profiles and any forms. That means that you <u>MUST</u> use Naviance in order to complete your application to college!

Read more

here to search

Important To-Dos and Tasks TASK Attend the Annual College Fair DUE Thursday Oct 31, 2019 Assigned by Deborrah Ramirez TASK Senior Planning Meeting DUE Tuesday Dec 31, 2019

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COLLEGES
I'm thinking about

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I'm applying to

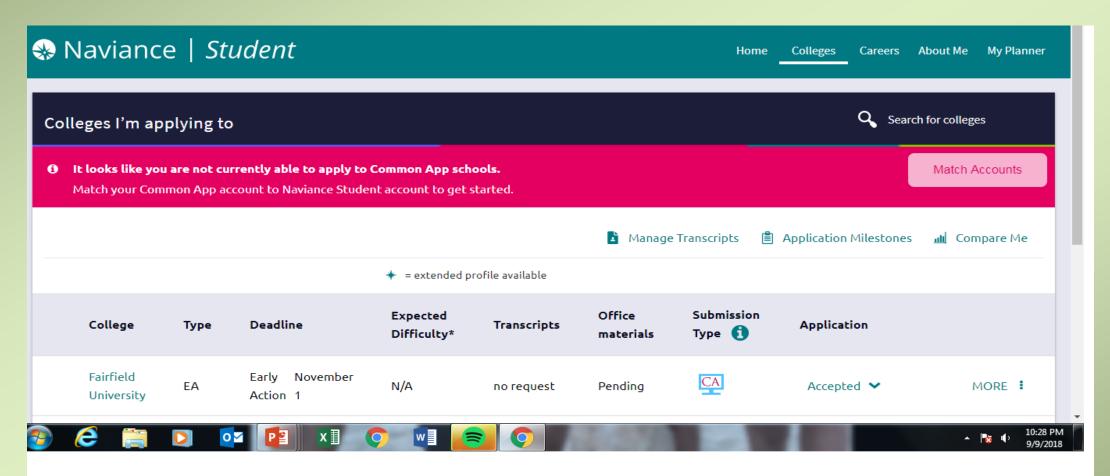
CAREERS AND CLUSTERS
I'm thinking about

What's New

- University of Rochester will be visiting your school on Wednesday, September 18th, 2019 at 9:00 am more info
- Lesley University will be visiting your school on Wednesday, September 25th, 2019 at 9:00 am more info
 - Roger Williams University will be visiting your school on Thursday, September 26th, 2019 at 9:00 am more info

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Matching Accounts

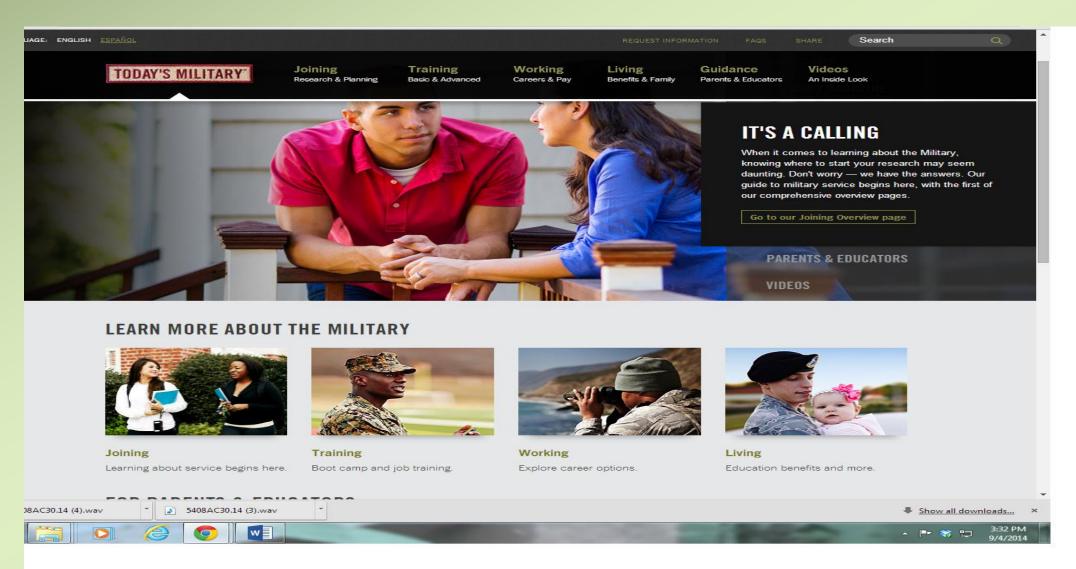


Career Pathways





Military Options



Asvab - Nov. 14th

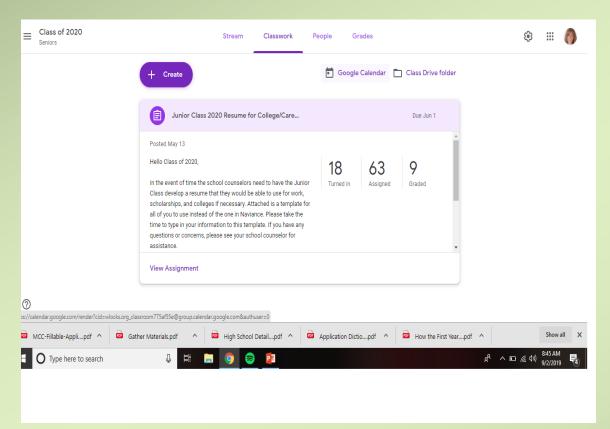


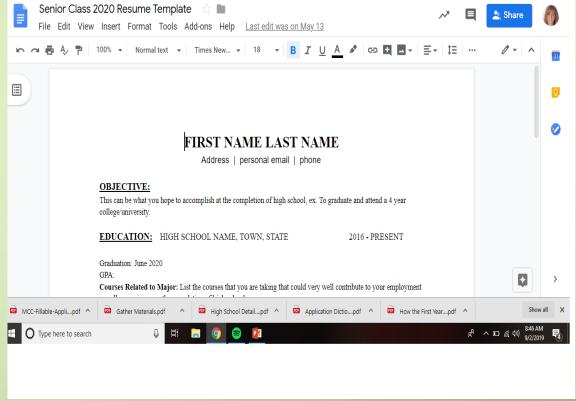
employment





Resumes





Financial Aid Info

- Direct Costs
 - Tuition
 - Fees
 - Room/board
- Indirect Costs
 - Room/board
 - Travel
 - Personal costs
 - Books/supplies

- Gift Assistance
 - Grants
 - Scholarships
 - Local awards
- Self-Help
 - Loans
 - Work study
- Financial Aid Evening September 24th at 6:00 pm in the Media Center

*FAFSA is now due earlier, please attend this important evening for more information

Dollars For Scholars

- Local Scholarship application with a wide variety of scholarships – several donors
- There will be a senior parent/senior student breakfast/information session on these scholarships sometime in October, date and time TBA
- Academics, Character, Leadership, and Community Service are very important criteria for eligibility
- Urge your child to complete the application as it can benefit in defraying collegiate costs

September

- Attend Senior Common App/Naviance meeting through Raider Block per.
 3 on Sept. 4th
- Make an appointment to meet with your school counselor.
- Attend college representative visits, college fairs (WLHS's fair is Oct. 22), technical school open houses, financial aid events and college planning seminars.
- Begin draft of college essay and college resume
- Ask teachers/counselors for recommendations list recommenders through common app and Naviance.
- Register for the October/November SAT I or SAT II
- Get started on Early Decision/Early Action applications
- Make sure to update information on Naviance Student

October

- Take SAT or SAT Subject tests October 5th if they haven't signed up the need late fee now
- Plan on any test retakes for SAT or ACT
- Finalize essay and resume have someone proofread both!
- Fill out College Application Checklist
- Financial Aid Evening, Barnum Financial Group Sept. 24, 2019–
 FAFSA will be filed earlier from now on
- Complete college/career school applications
- Submit Early Decision/Early Action Applications
- Enter College information into Naviance.
- Request that your transcripts be sent to your colleges of choice by completing a transcript request form in School Counseling Suite.
- Attend College Open Houses, take college tours, set up an interview

November

- Take SAT I or SAT II Tests November 2nd registration deadline is Oct. 3rd
- Request that SAT/ACT scores be sent to colleges WLHS will not send
 scores
- Follow up with teachers on recommendations
- Check application deadlines and submit any additional applications through Common App and Naviance.
- Go to Collegeboard.org and file CSS Profile application for Non-federal financial aid

December

- Take SAT I or SAT II Tests
- Complete applications and submit to Naviance, as well as notify your school counselor at least 2 weeks in advance.

- January
 - Complete any supplemental school financial aid forms.
- February
 - Submit Mid-year grade reports to colleges/universities
 - Continue to watch for scholarships and their deadlines
 - Check deadlines for Advanced Placement Tests
- March June
 - Wait for decisions
 - AP Testing
 - Apply for scholarships Dollars for Scholars is a huge financial opportunity for students
 - <u>Don't get Senioritis</u> Colleges/Universities will look at final grades and transcripts

Q&A



KEEP CALM AND ASK QUESTIONS

