

Senior College Application Information Night—Class of 2020

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NAVIANCE - Neuqua Valley's primary website for NVHS college & career info!

- Senior Year: NVHS college admissions data, NVHS college visits, scholarships, career assessments, links to financial aid web sites, and NVHS Guidance information/communication.
- Access Naviance from the NVHS website or <http://connection.naviance.com/neuquavhs>
Username: Student's Full School E-mail Address Password: Student Computer Password

LOCAL COLLEGE FAIRS

- National College Fair October 5, 11am-3pm, McCormick Place, Chicago www.nacacnet.org
- Local College Fair -October 15, 6:00-8:00 p.m. College of DuPage www.iacac.org/college/fair

HOW MANY APPLICATIONS ARE ENOUGH?

- Varies by student. - Ideally 2-6 applications.
- Safety School --
 - Academic Safety --Credentials definitely exceed the published admission standards for the school.
 - Financial Safety--Academic safety school that also meets your financial situation.
- Target School--Credentials are in the range of the published admissions standards.
- Reach School--Credentials may meet or are below the published admissions standards for the school. "Highly selective" schools are a reach for all students.

THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications can be completed & submitted online, through a variety of formats. Examples include: *Institutional apps, CommonApp, Coalition App, SendEdu App, etc.*
- Applications may require some or all of the following: official transcript, test scores, essay, counselor form, signature pages, and recommendations.
- Request standardized test scores directly from ACT or College Board. These are not provided by NVHS.
- If a letter of recommendation is needed, please provide the Letter of Recommendation Form <http://nvhsguidance.com/seniors.html> to your teacher, sponsor, coach, counselor, etc. Allow the writer at least 2-3 weeks for completion. These letters will be submitted directly to the institution.
- Read application requirements thoroughly; identify deadline dates; follow directions carefully; proofread.

SUBMITTING TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS - <https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/10815/account>

1. The student application to the institution should be completed prior to requesting a transcript.
2. All transcripts will be sent out using Parchment Services. Seniors set up their Parchment account last April in Guidance Essentials.
3. If students forget their log in or password, they must contact Parchment to reset.
4. Students will select the destination they want their transcript to go (Common App or College Directly).
5. If applying via Common App, request transcript be sent to Common App. Do not send transcript to individual school—one transcript to Common App takes care of it.
6. All **electronic** transcripts are free of charge to current NVHS Students. Schools that require **paper** transcripts will incur a fee from Parchment.

THE COMMON APPLICATION www.commonapp.org (over 800 member colleges)

- Requirements can vary by college, so check for requirements & supplemental information.
- Most colleges require at least 1 letter of recommendation and essay(s), some may require more.
- All Common App schools require a counselor recommendation. Provide the Letter of Recommendation Form to your counselor in a timeframe that will allow 2-3 weeks to complete.

THE COALITION FOR COLLEGES APPLICATION www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org (140 member colleges)

- This application has multiple requirements and requires the student to invite trusted adults into the application process. Became available in last few years, however not used as widely as the other application portals.

SELF REPORTING COLLEGES

- Students must accurately report their academic information on the application. Official transcripts are not part of the initial application. They are sent at the end of senior year. If students do not report accurately, offers of admission could be rescinded.

TRANSCRIPT - APPLICATION FOLLOW-UP

- Application should be completed before transcript is requested.
- Check your application status online on the college's website, they post when documents are received.

NOTIFICATION OF ADMISSION

- Rolling Admission – colleges will notify applicants as they receive applications.
- Notification Dates – colleges will notify students by particular dates.
- Multiple Notification Dates – colleges notify some students by a certain date and other students at a later date. (May be due to “priority” filing of applications, may vary by college within the university, or some applications may require additional review).

EARLY DECISION - EARLY ACTION—options at highly selective

- Early Decision Notification (ED) is designed for students who have evaluated their college choices at an early date, have determined their first choice and are ready to sign the Binding Agreement with the college. Use it only if you are 100% certain of the college that you want to attend. Can only apply to one ED.
- Early Action Notification (EA) programs have varying rules. These are NOT Binding Agreements to attend the college but may have different guidelines. Read carefully.
- NOTE- Many colleges have priority filing dates. Please check individual college deadlines.

MID-YEAR REPORTS

- Some colleges will request a mid-year report (an official transcript that includes your 7th semester). If your application requires it, refer to the Submitting Transcript Requests section of this handout. Our 7th semester transcripts have a projected release date of January 19th.

FINANCIAL AID - SCHOLARSHIPS

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available on-line beginning 10/1/2019 www.fafsa.gov.
- Financial Aid Information Night – September 23rd at 7:00 pm NVHS Auditorium.
- Scholarship Bulletins will be posted on Naviance and Scholarship Valley updates through e-news.

ATHLETICS

- Students who are interested in participating as a collegiate athlete should review the guidelines on the appropriate agency website (NCAA, NAIA, etc.) An application, transcript, standardized test scores, may be required. <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

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