



COLLEGE PLANNING FOR JUNIORS

Hosted by GHS Student Services

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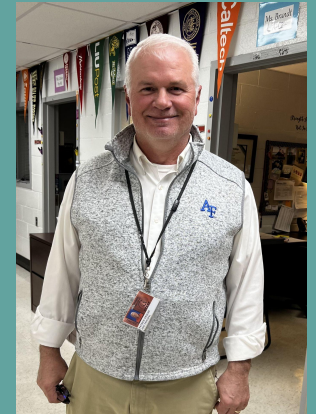
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AGENDA

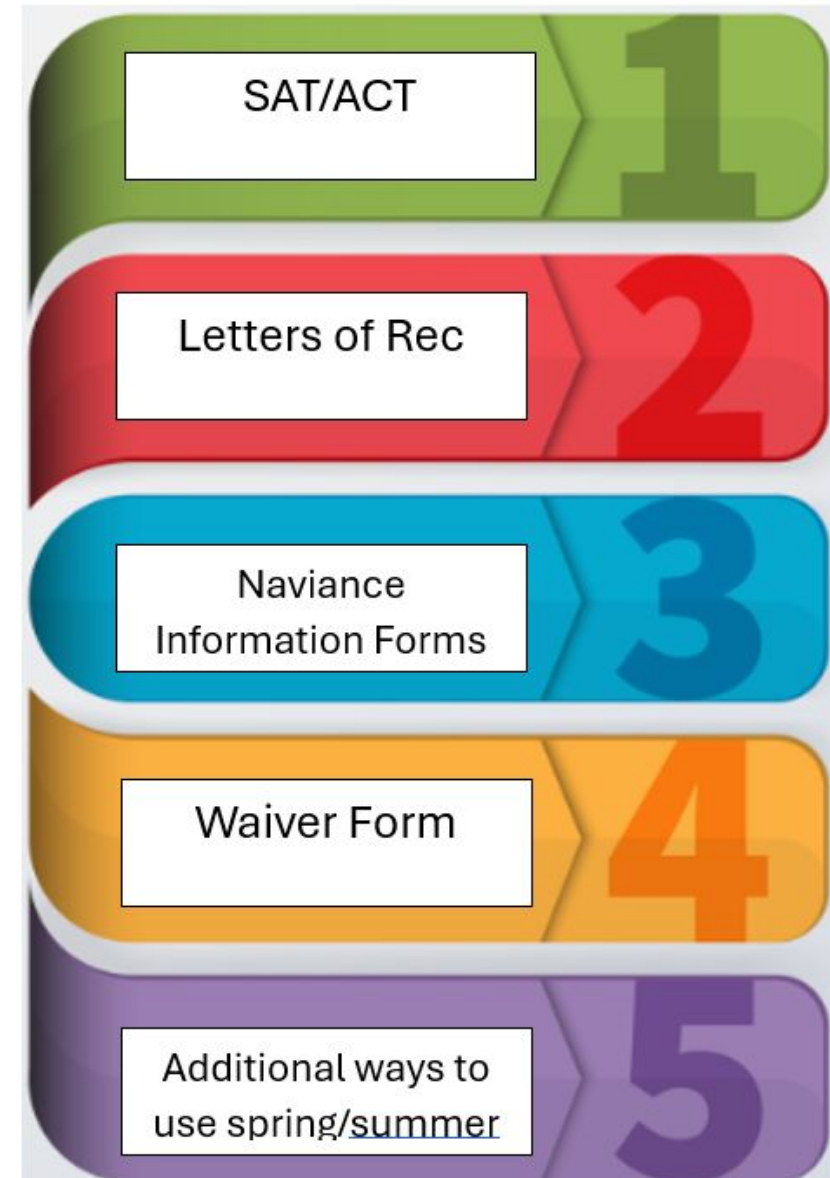
- ☐ Introductions
- ☐ Overview
- ☐ Top 5
- ☐ Application Checklist and Other Resources
- ☐ Q & A



OVERVIEW

This presentation is designed to provide clarity and focus around the steps in the college application process that all juniors interested in applying to college should be taking this **spring and into the summer**.

- ❑ Not designed to be a comprehensive overview application process.
- ❑ Encourage your student to manage these tasks independent of you. Sooner than you think they will be managing far more.
- ❑ Schedule an appointment to meet with your child's counselor over the summer for individualized discussions.



WITH MORE AND
MORE COLLEGES
GOING
TEST-FLEXIBLE WHY
SHOULD MY
STUDENT TAKE A
COLLEGE
ENTRANCE EXAM?



- Keep your options open with regards to applying to test flexible vs. test required schools
- May be used in scholarship reward decisions
- Scores could help eliminate placement tests later
- Give yourself the opportunity to present a strong academic profile/application

SAT

ACCESS THE COLLEGE BOARD WEBSITE [HERE](#)
Spring



Exam Date	Registration Date	Late Reg Date
May 4, 2024	April 19, 2024	April 23, 2024
June 1, 2024	May 16, 2024	May 21, 2024
*August 24, 2024		
*October 5, 2024		

***Anticipated** CB dates (site does not yet list registration deadlines)

Exam Date	Registration Date	Late Reg Date
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 24, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 19, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024

ACT
ACCESS THE ACT WEBSITE [HERE](#)
Spring



WAIVER OF RIGHTS/RELEASE OF RECORDS FORM

DUE June 1st

FERPA protects the privacy of student educational records. In order to release *transcripts* or other educational information on behalf of a student, schools must obtain written consent.

By waiving one's rights to review or access letters of recommendation, the end user (ie. colleges & universities, employers, etc.) can confident that the letter writer is free to speak candidly about the applicant.

*Submit no later than June 1st



Department of Program Innovation and Student Well-Being
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2023-2024 High School Waiver of Rights and Records Release Form

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: ___/___/___

Student Phone: _____ Student Email Address: _____

Counselor: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Release of Student Records:

I understand that a student's education records are confidential and may only be disclosed as allowed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, or with the written permission of the student's parent/guardian. The law requires that schools receive written permission signed by the parent/guardian before transcripts, mid-year reports, letters by school-based staff, and other student records can be released to a third party. By signing and dating below, I give approval to have transcripts, mid-year reports, including current courses and letters of recommendation sent to all schools that I add to Naviance or the Common Application. Further, I understand that upon submission of any college application, all schools I add to Common App or Naviance will automatically receive a copy of the academic records outlined in this waiver form.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Signature of Student: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Waiver of Right to Access School Counselor/Teacher Letters of Recommendation: Colleges prefer letters of recommendation be confidential as they are more candid and honest. Therefore, we ask that you waive your rights to review your letters of recommendation. If you choose not to waive your right to access recommendations, colleges will be informed that you did not waive your rights and thereby had access to read the letters of recommendations by teachers and counselors.

By checking this box I waive my rights to examine *all* letters of recommendations.

By checking this box I do *NOT* waive my rights to examine any letters of recommendations.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Signature of Student: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Deadlines: I understand that all transcript requests must be entered into the Naviance "Colleges I'm Applying to" section AND requests for letters of recommendation must be made in Naviance at least 20 school days prior to the college's deadline.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Student Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

This form must be signed and submitted to your school registrar 20 days prior to your first college deadline.

TEACHER LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

ASK BY JUNE 1

Considerations:

- ❑ Students should ask 2 teachers
- ❑ Make request **IN PERSON**
- ❑ Don't always go for the obvious (ie. the class you earned an "A" in)
- ❑ Consider intended college major (where applicable)
- ❑ Be detailed and thoughtful when completing Naviance Info forms



Let's Not Put The Cart Before the Horse!



Parents have access to their student's unofficial transcript through their Parent Connect account. 2023-2024 transcripts will update after August 1, 2024.

- Sign into Connect
- Click Synergy
- Click on More Options (left side)
- Click on Report Cards
- Click on Transcript

NAVIANCE INFORMATION FORMS

DUE by June 1st

Teacher Forms

Provides context for your student as a learner

Students should provide DETAILED responses to the prompts

Students should ask their teacher if they require anything in addition to this form

Counselor Form

Offers perspective not otherwise evident when looking at a student's transcript

Students should provide DETAILED responses to the prompts

Form must be completed by June 1st to ensure information is included in the counselor letter

*Parent Form

If you have not already registered your Naviance parent account, contact your student's counselor to obtain your registration code

Your insight is **INVALUABLE**

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Accessing Your Parent Naviance Acct

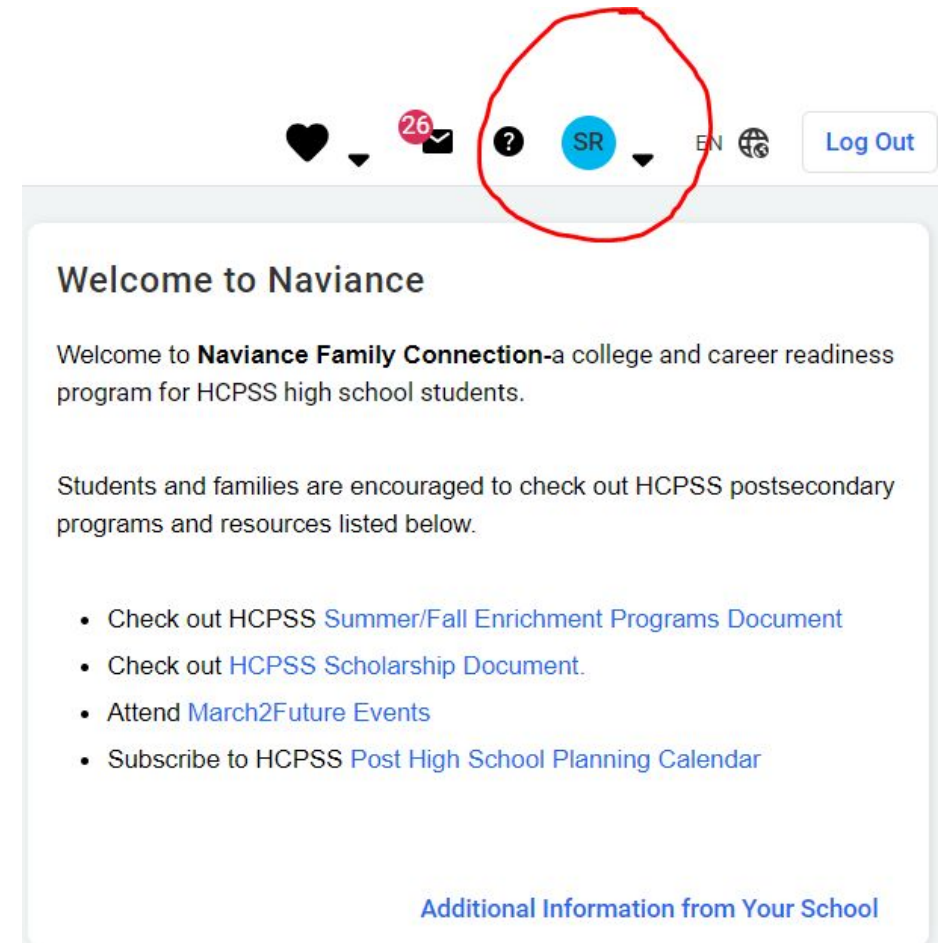
- ❏ Email your student's counselor and request to be registered
- ❏ This will trigger receipt of an email containing your user id and a temporary password
- ❏ Create your own unique password

The screenshot shows a website menu with three main categories: Essential Applications, HCPSS Resources, and Get Involved. Under Essential Applications, the 'Naviance' link is circled in red. The text for 'Naviance' is 'Check scholarships and prepare for college'. Other links include HCPSS Connect, Food Menus, HCPSS Resources (Food Services, HCPSS Forms, Career Academies, Support for Military Families), and Get Involved (PTSA, Boosters, Parent Volunteer Information, Academic Advisory Committees).

Essential Applications	HCPSS Resources	Get Involved
HCPSS Connect Access your student's information and classroom instructional tools	Food Services View meal prices and make online payments	PTSA Be part of the community
Food Menus Browse breakfast and lunch menus with nutritional and allergen information	HCPSS Forms Access health, medication, athletic and additional forms	Boosters Support our sports and clubs
Naviance Check scholarships and prepare for college	Career Academies Take part in a Career Academy	Parent Volunteer Information Complete a brief training before volunteering with us
	Support for Military Families Learn more about HCPSS' support for military families and view	Academic Advisory Committees Discuss district-wide curriculum initiatives

Accessing Your Parent Information Form

- ❑ Go to ghs.hcpss.org
- ❑ Click the Naviance link under Essential Applications
- ❑ Click login as Parent
- ❑ From your Naviance home screen click on the circle icon of your student's initials
- ❑ Click Surveys From Your School
- ❑ Open the Class of 2024 Parent Information Form





TAKE TIME TO
VISIT A FEW
COLLEGE
CAMPUSES.
EXPLORE THE
DIFFERENCES.

Spring/Summer
College Organizer!

Begin Brainstorming Essay Ideas

Student Services will host essay workshops in the fall. Brainstorming and developing concepts over the summer will benefit this process greatly.



Check out more from The College Essay Guy [HERE](#)

[Common App Essays](#) Remaining the Same for 2024-2025 Application Season



Eligibility
Center

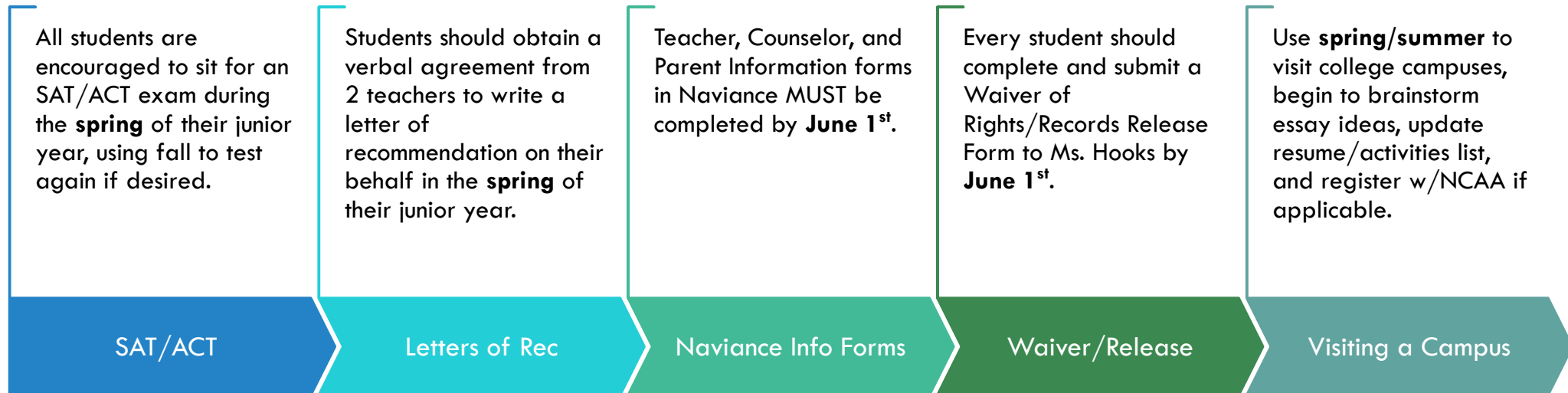


NCAA Athletics

Students Planning to Play Sports in College Should:

- Register with [NCAA Eligibility Center](#) by end of junior year (or sooner)
- Review NCAA [course requirements](#) and make any necessary adjustments to their senior year schedule (seldom an issue)

TIMELINE REVIEW



SUMMARY AND RESOURCES

[Common App Application](#)

[Common Black College Application](#)

[Coalition Application](#)

[Questbridge Application](#)

Your Student Services Staff - schedule summer appt.



SUMMARY AND RESOURCES CONTINUED...

Post High School Application [Checklist](#)

GHS Student Services [Website](#)

March2TheFuture [Workshop Series](#) (check out recordings)

GHS Student Resources Community (student access only)

Parent Connect (for unofficial transcripts/report cards)





WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE?

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