

Surviving the College Application Process



WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM GLENELG STUDENT SERVICES

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- ▶ Ms. Sandy Miles, Secretary



Senior Conferences

- ▶ We are available to help guide students and parents through the process



How many schools should a student apply to?

- ▶ Choose 6 – 8 schools that “fit”
- ▶ Think about:
 - ▶ Does the school have my academic major?
 - ▶ Can my family afford the tuition?
 - ▶ How far will I be from home?
 - ▶ Will I enjoy the campus setting and layout?
 - ▶ Does the school have the extracurricular activities I want?
- ▶ Still not sure???
- ▶ Talk to the school counselor



HCC Programs to Consider

- ▶ Freshman Focus



- ▶ Silas Craft



- ▶ Rouse, Schoenbredt and STEM Scholars

Visit www.howardcc.edu applications



Dates & Deadlines

- ▶ Many schools have early action and priority deadlines as early as Oct. 15, Nov. 1 or Dec. 1
 - ▶ University of MD College Park
 - ▶ November 1st – Priority Consideration Deadline
- ▶ Howard Community College (Application fees waived until January 15, 2018)
 - ▶ Freshman Focus – March 15, 2019
 - ▶ Rouse , Schoenbrodt and STEM Scholars – November 15, 2018 Priority Deadline
 - ▶ Silas Craft – March 15, 2019
- ▶ December 1st – priority scholarship deadline at MANY universities

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Where to find a college application

- College Website
- Common Application
www.commonapp.org
- Coalition Application
- Paper versions rarely used

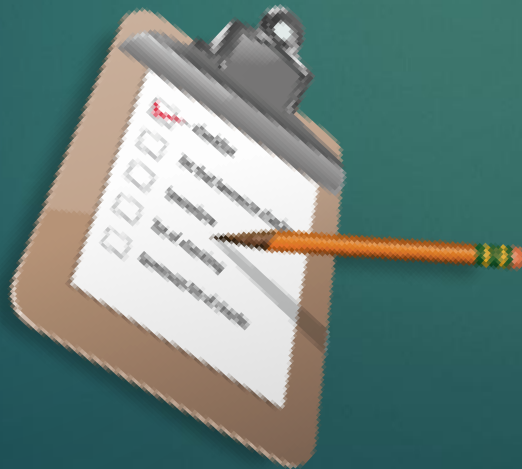


We need a few
volunteers from the
audience for a quick
activity!



Factors in the admissions process

- ▶ Grades/GPA
- ▶ Curriculum Strength
- ▶ Recommendations
- ▶ Class Rank
- ▶ SAT & ACT Scores
- ▶ Essay/Personal Statement
- ▶ Extracurricular
- ▶ Interviews
(if applicable)
- ▶ Portfolio



Application Requirements

- Completed Application - Student
- SAT and ACT Scores - Student
 - MUST be sent electronically by student.
- Transcript – GHS Student Services
- Letters of Recommendation
 - Counselor & Teacher(s)
- Essay
- Interview (optional for some colleges)

Details of Application Process on GHS
Website

Last Minute Admissions Testing

ACT

October 27

December 8

February 9

SAT

October 6

November 3

December 1



Sending SAT & ACT Scores

- ▶ Must be sent electronically from
 - ▶ www.collegeboard.com
 - ▶ www.actstudent.org
- ▶ HCPSS does not send test scores



The College Essay

- Voice
- Most (but not all) Schools will require
- College Essay Workshops

Where: Media Center

When: Wednesday, Sept. 26

When: Wednesday, October 17

Time: 2:10-3:30pm



*Sign up on Naviance Family Connection under
“view all upcoming college visits”

High School Transcript



- ▶ Unofficial transcripts - September
- ▶ Rank – Early October
- ▶ Weighted and Unweighted GPA
- ▶ Final grades from all courses 9 – 11
- ▶ Senior year schedule
- ▶ Mid and End of year reports

Transcript Request Form

- Submit to Mrs. Thorne in Student Services
- Parent Signature Required
- Associated Costs...
 - First three transcripts free
 - \$2 per transcript after (cash or check made out to GHS)
- Allow 20 school days for requests
 - ▶ A deadline cheat sheet provided in senior folders



Transcript/Student Records Request

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Phone: (____) _____ Counselor: _____
E-Mail Address: _____ Graduation Year: _____
Teachers Willing Your Letters of Recommendation: _____

Table with 7 columns: College/University, Application Deadline Date, Application Deadline Type, Are you using the Common App?, Do you need a Counselor Letter of Recommendation?, For OFFICE USE ONLY, Electronic Submission or Mailed Date.

Release of Student Records
The law requires that schools receive written permission signed by the parent/guardian before transcripts, including mid year reports and other student records can be released to a third party.
I give approval to have transcripts and other student records sent by U.S. Mail or transcribed electronically to those listed above when a request to do so is made by my son/daughter.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: ____/____/____
Student Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Transcript Fee: 1-3: no cost; 4+: \$2.00 per transcript to be paid at the time of request.
Please allow 20 school days to process transcript requests.

*Consult your application or Review to confirm type and match to deadline date:
IB Early Action (usually non-binding)
IB Early Decision (usually binding)

Return to Student Services with \$2 per transcript after first three!

Electronic Submission: What Gets Sent?

ALL TRANSCRIPTS, LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNSELORS AND TEACHERS WILL BE SENT THROUGH NAVIANCE

- ▶ A certified copy of your high school transcript which includes your current schedule
- ▶ Glenelg High School Profile
- ▶ Letter of recommendation from counselor (if requested)

Teacher Recommendations

1. Personally ask teachers
2. Complete teacher information form or provide information teacher requests
3. Submit yellow teacher request form (hard copy) to teacher
4. Request teacher on Naviance after transcripts requests are submitted
5. Write a thank you note!

**Complete
& return
to each of
your
teachers
20 days in
advance**



Teacher Recommendation Request Form

Date Received from Student: _____

Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Name of College/University	Application Deadline Date	Do you need the letter mailed? (Write Y if your college has a stamp icon in Naviance)	Are you using the Common Application? (Y or N)	For Teacher Use: Date Letter Sent

Release of Student Records

The law requires that schools receive written permission signed by the parent/guardian before transcripts and other student records can be released to a third party. I have completed the Waiver of Right to Access Teacher Letters of Recommendation Form and have waived my rights not waived my rights to examine a copy of the letter. I give approval to have transcripts and other student records sent by U.S. Mail or transmitted electronically to those listed above when a request to do so is made by my son/daughter.

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

Student Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Note for teachers: If a student requests additional recommendations from colleges not on this list, they must provide you with another Teacher Recommendation Request Form with appropriate signatures.
3-2014-2015 Office of School Counseling and Related Services, KW

Inviting Teachers on Naviance

Colleges tab



Applying To College
Section



Letters of
Recommendation - click in
“add/cancel requests”



Use the drop down menu
to select teacher(s)



Click “Update Requests”
button to finalize requests

The screenshot displays two side-by-side panels from the Naviance website. The left panel is titled 'Apply to Colleges' and contains a list of options: 'COLLEGES I'm applying to' (with a graduation cap icon), 'Letters of Recommendation', 'College Events', 'Manage Transcripts', and 'Test scores'. A red arrow points to the 'Letters of Recommendation' link. The right panel is titled 'Scholarships and Money' and contains: 'SCHOLARSHIPS I'm Applying To' (with a graduation cap icon), 'Scholarship List', 'Scholarship Match', and 'National Scholarship Search'. Both panels have a 'Show less' button at the bottom.

The Common Application

The screenshot displays the Common Application website. At the top left is the logo "THE COMMON APPLICATION". A navigation bar contains links for "About Us", "Member Colleges", "Media Inquiries", and "Application Resources". Below the navigation bar is a "MISSION" section with a text box describing the organization's purpose. To the right of the mission is a login area with tabs for "Applicants", "Members", and "Recommenders". The "Applicants" tab is active, showing fields for "Email Address" and "Password", a "Sign In" button, and a link for "Forgot your Password?". To the right of the login fields are two buttons: "HELP CENTER" and "CREATE AN ACCOUNT", each with a "Go" button. Below the mission section is a "SEARCH FOR COLLEGES" section with a search input field and a "Search" button.

Common Application can be sent to over 500 schools.

Students must create a Common App Account and “Match” it with their Naviance account.

Technology's Impact on College Admissions



Student Services Website



Glenelg High School

Contact Us Search



About ▾ News Calendar ▾ Our Staff Academics ▾ Student Services ▾ Student Life ▾



- Student Services
- College Planning
- College Process Timeline
- College Planning: FAQ
- College Admissions Standardized Tests
- Transcript and Letter Request Guidelines
- Self-Help/Wellness Resources

IMPORTANT NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Student Newspaper 17-18.

Coming soon with the start of the new school year! Ongoing.

Glenelg's Daily Announcements

View a daily announcements slideshow from our school.

Science Opportunities. Ongoing.

Learn more about the latest and ongoing opportunities in Science for students.

Naviance Family Connections



Find Your Fit



SuperMatch®

College Match

Scattergrams

Advanced College Search

College Lookup

Show less

Research Colleges



COLLEGES

I'm Thinking About

College Compare

College Resources

Acceptance History

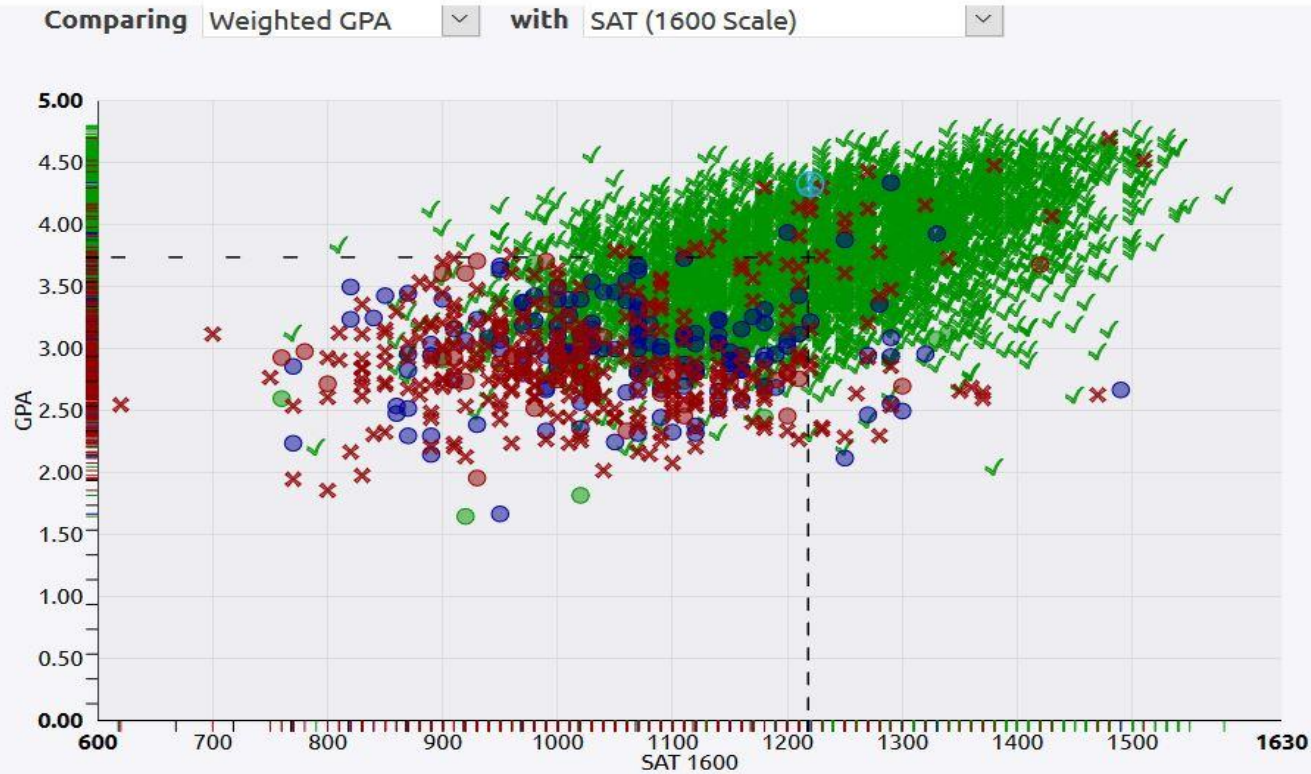
Enrichment Programs

College Maps



Naviance Family Connection: Scattergrams

(Towson University Example)

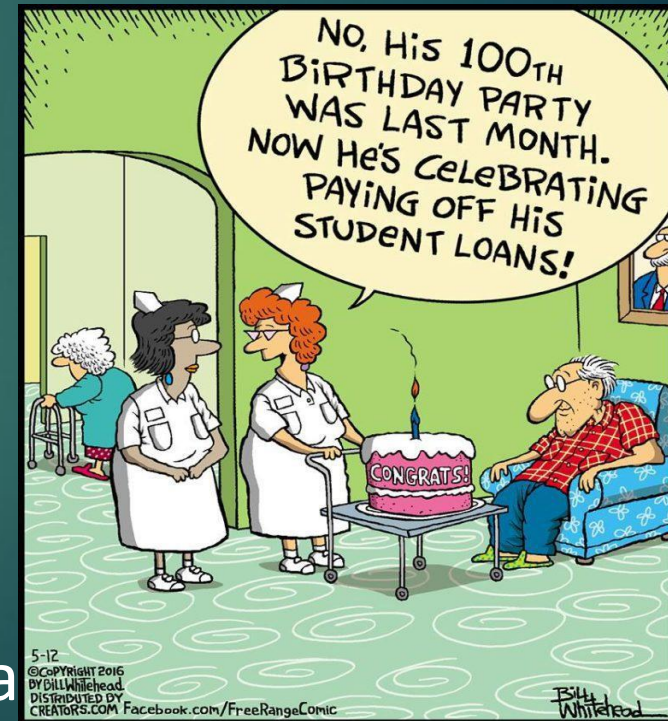


Scholarships

- ▶ Merit scholarships awarded with initial application
- ▶ Scholarship Bulletin in Student Services
- ▶ College specific scholarship binder
- ▶ Check Naviance Family Connection

Other sites to check:

- ▶ www.meritaid.com
- ▶ bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- ▶ Your college applications website
- ▶ www.fastweb.com
- ▶ Parent employer
- ▶ Google special talents or interests a



Financial Aid & Naviance Support

- ▶ Naviance Support for parents available during parent teacher conferences in November.
- ▶ Be aware of impact of deadlines for college applications and FAFSA



Financial Aid

- ▶ FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
 - ▶ Apply now for FASFA pin number
 - ▶ Available for completion October 1
 - ▶ www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - ▶ HCC will support FAFSA completion regardless of school attending
- ▶ Some websites to visit:
 - ▶ www.MDgo4it.org
 - ▶ www.finaid.org
 - ▶ www.mhec.state.md.us
- ▶ Also resources in Student Services



Financial Aid Support at GHS

October 12, 2018 — Contact Ms. Miles at 410-313-5535 to schedule an appointment for HCC to help you complete the FAFSA

Families (Parent and Student) should start by requesting a FSA ID here:

<https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm> that will serve as an electronic signature throughout the process.

Then beginning on October 1, students should begin their FAFSA. <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

College Visits to Glenelg

- ▶ Check schedule of college rep visits to GHS in Naviance and newsletter
- ▶ Students Sign up on Naviance Family Connection account



Meeting College Admissions Officers: Students Sign up on Naviance in College's Tab

College Visits 🔍 Search for colleges

SEPTEMBER Wed 12 10:30AM	University of South Carolina 📍 Student Services	REGISTER BY Tuesday, Sep 11 2018, 10:30AM View Details
SEPTEMBER Thu 13 11:30AM	Loyola University Maryland 📍 Student Services	REGISTER BY Wednesday, Sep 12 2018, 11:30AM View Details
SEPTEMBER Fri 14 10:00AM	University of Maryland, College Park 📍 Student Services	REGISTER BY Thursday, Sep 13 2018, 10:00AM View Details

Baltimore National College Fair

- ▶ October 30, 2018
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- ▶ October 30, 2018
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- ▶ October 31, 2018
9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



Baltimore Convention Center
Baltimore, MD

Questions???

