College Prep 101
Course Requirements for Graduation

- English 4 credits
- Social Studies 4 credits
- Math 3 credits
- Science 3 credits
- Fine/Tech Arts 1 credit
- Health/PE 2.5 credits
- Foreign Lang 2 credits
- Electives 2.5 credits

Total 22 credits
Exams Required for a Regents Diploma

- Mathematics (Algebra or Geometry or Algebra II)
- Science (Liv Env or Ea Sci or Chem or Phys)
- Global History & Geography
- United States History
- English
Exams Required for an Advanced Regents Diploma

- **Three in Mathematics** (Algebra and Geometry and Algebra II)
- **Two in Science** (Living Environment and one other in Earth Sci, Chem or Phys)
- **Global History & Geography**
- **United States History**
- **English**
- **Foreign Language Checkpoint B Exam** (or a 5 credit sequence in Business, Family & Cons Sci, Fine Arts or Technology)

*Honors Designation requires a 90+ average in required exams except Checkpoint B*
Choosing a College -

- Choose a college that is the “right fit” for you.
  1. Do a self evaluation, ability, skills, interests
  2. Take responsibility for your future
  3. Ask questions about topics that are important to YOU

- Choose a school that offers majors that interest you. Undecided is O.K.

- Do you want to stay close to home or try something totally different?

- Do you want a large or small pond?
You should already have a NAVIANCE account.
The College Application Process

When to Apply -

- **Early Decision** – Nov. 1\(^{st}\) – Nov. 15\(^{th}\)
  You are absolutely sure this is the school for you!
  You apply by deadline, and if you are accepted, you MUST go!

- **Early Action**
  You apply by early deadline but if you are accepted you usually have until May 1\(^{st}\) to decide

- **Rolling Admission**
  College reviews applications as they arrive and notify as they make decisions

- **Regular Admission**
  Applicants should complete all required applications and testing by the date the college requires. Usually around January 1\(^{st}\).
The College Application Process

**How to apply -**

- The Common Application on-line has now become the most widely used method for submitting applications.
  
  1. Carefully read instructions, it is basic information but you need to follow correct format
  2. Even using the Common Application some colleges will want supplements and other additional information

- Regardless of which method you use to apply make sure you notify your counselor so they can send all necessary materials to colleges which include:
  
  - official transcripts
  - letters of recommendation

- A word of warning: It is best, at least initially, to do on-line applications from your counselor’s office. Your counselor can help you navigate the often confusing college sites. They are as individual as the colleges and a wrong click can have unintended results.
Account Creation

Welcome to the Common Application! Please tell us how you will use the system so we can prepare your account. If you are unsure, we encourage you to explore each option before you continue.

I am an: *

- First Year Student
- Transfer Student
- Education Professional
- Parent or Other Adult

Clear

Continue

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The College Application Process

If you are a classified student you do NOT have to disclose to colleges that you receive Special Education Services.

**However**, if you are applying to a program that provides special services or are requesting accommodations from the college, the college will request that you submit documentation to grant that request.

This documentation typically includes:

- an IEP
- recent report of testing
Colleges evaluate candidates on an individual basis using:

- SAT and ACT scores
  - College will take your highest score, so take the test numerous times if need be
  - **Scores must be sent to colleges directly from College Board or ACT**

- Transcript & Rigor of classes
  - Senior year courses matter!

- Activities

- Essay

- Special Talents
Letters of Recommendation

- Start early (now) and give your recommenders a personal profile and a list of colleges in which you are interested. Invite them on NAVIANCE!

Activities Resume

- Shows how your interests and accomplishments fit together.
- Include community service, sports, music, art, clubs and activities, awards and honors, summer experiences, jobs, science research and other interests or accomplishments.
Admissions Criteria (con’t)

• The College Essay
  • Why – It breathes life into your transcript
  • Purpose – The college gets to know you better and can evaluate your writing skills
  • If you haven’t started...START NOW!!!
  • Who can help...your English teacher and your counselor
  • What to write about...Be creative and different, set yourself apart from the rest of the crowd but according to Harvard don’t be overly DRAMATIC. Be clear and concise
So you want to play College Sports!

- File an NCAA Initial Eligibility Form: [NCAA Clearinghouse website](#)
- The NCAA is the organization that clears you to play or not at the college level
- Sit with your counselor and complete the Clearing House worksheet
- Go online and e-mail the coaches at the colleges that interest you
- Make every effort to have the college coach see you play live
- Make sure your transcript has been shown to the admissions office and you are determined admissible
Your transcript is a record of your final grade in each of your completed courses. It also includes your regents exam scores. If you have taken an exam more than once, only the highest grade will be sent to colleges.

- **Un-Weighted GPA**: ALL Numerical Final Grades counted, NO weight added
- **Weighted GPA**: ALL Numerical Final Grades counted, Weight added for Honors & AP courses
- **Decile**: 1 through 10.
  
  1= Top 10%
  
  2= Top 20%
  
  3= Top 30%
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**Weighted GPA:** 86.30  
**Unweighted GPA:** 84.69  
**Decile:** 4
What Next?

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