

HSAS Naviance College Planning Family Connection for 9th & 10th grade students

Naviance is a college planning tool that HSAS subscribes to on an annual basis. While this program has a multitude of uses for counselors, students, parents and faculty here, is how HSAS utilizes this service:

- **Email**-Students are provided with a unique access code in the **spring** of **sophomore** year. When they initially sign on they are asked to provide an email address. We rely on the students to keep their email addresses current, since this is our only method for communication with students via email. Parents may also register an email address on their child's account and receive a copy of any email sent to a student.
- **Track student usage**-Counselors can view students' accounts to see how often they visit their Naviance account. We can get a clear idea of colleges that students are interested in.
- **Track data**- We keep track of data from each graduating class that can be anonymously viewed by parents and students.
- **Research colleges**- Naviance has a data base of over **3705** colleges. Students can search for colleges by selecting a variety of options that will narrow down a college list.
- **Upload test scores and GPA**- Each semester we upload students' high school averages and current SAT and PSAT scores. The students can then compare their academic profiles anonymously with those of other students at HSAS. By viewing the *scattergrams* students can gain an understanding of which students are being accepted to particular colleges.
- **Post college visits**- Each fall many colleges come to visit HSAS and meet our students. A schedule of all visits is continuously posted on Naviance. Students can also receive automatic email reminders of college visits.
- **Submission of college documents** – college documents including transcript, high school profile and counselor recommendation are submitted to colleges via naviance.

My child is a 9th or 10th grade student. How can we utilize Naviance and Family Connection?

- Log onto: **www.hsas-lehman.org**, the HSAS website.
- Click on: **College/Guidance**
- Scroll down and click on **Guidance Home**
- **Scroll down to the Naviance College planning area and click on the link**
<http://connection.naviance.com/hsamstudies>.
- **Click on I am a guest.** Enter the password **guest1**
- **Click on the college tab**

A variety of college research options will be available. The following is a description of a few of those options:

Click "**college search.**"

Click on the criteria you want to use to narrow the database of colleges down to a usable list.

Click "**next**" at the bottom of each page until you have finished with all sections.

From your list of matches, click one college to view its profile. From this page you can view "**School Stats**" "**overlaps**" "**graphs.**" This will provide you with information that is exclusive to HSAS. From this area you can also view General admissions information about the college. A word of advice: always consider the acceptance rate at a particular college. **For example: Wesleyan's percent accepted: 27.61%**

Click "**scattergrams**" this feature will display how many applications HSAS has submitted to a particular college since its first graduating class. You will be able to ascertain the mean SAT score and mean GPA for students accepted from HSAS.

*****Please note that data is continuously updated throughout the admissions cycle.**