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Procedures Handbook
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Dear Class of 2020,

Welcome to the beginning of your college application process! This is an incredibly stressful but exhilarating year - between college applications, senior year excitement and senior coursework. Applying to college can be a confusing process and we hope to help you and your family navigate it as easily as possible. We are excited to work with you as you prepare for life after HSAS.

Of all the information to know, probably the most critical is the deadlines, as all applications have strict deadlines. This handbook has been developed to make the process clearer and less daunting. Please become familiar with it – read it through once, then use, as needed. A copy of this handbook can be found on the HSAS website www.hsas-lehman.org.

Fondly,

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Thursday, August 1	SUNY on-line application available, begin preliminary SUNY application. <i>Most students use the Common Application for SUNY schools.</i>
Prior to the start of school (Thursday September 5)	Create your Common Application Account-choose username and password carefully. http://www.commonapp.org/
Tuesday, Sept. 10	Questbridge applicants MUST confirm their application with counselor and Recommending teachers (Questbridge deadline September 26, 2019) https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/national-college-match/dates-deadlines
Friday, Sept. 27	Blue Teacher recommendation request forms due to teachers (who use) for Early Decision/Action/Priority Deadlines (November 1 through December 31, <u>or any unusual early/priority deadlines</u>)-
Monday, Sept. 30	Self-recommendation updates due to Ms. Harris & Ms. Teslik. (One brief paragraph submitted through email)-No late submissions will be considered.
Tuesday, Oct. 1	FAFSA (Prior, Prior-) CSS Profile can be filed.
Friday, Oct. 4	Purple Transcript Request forms due for EA/ED/Priority/Rolling before 12/31 SUNY (November 1-December 31 deadlines, <u>or any unusual early deadlines 10/15</u>)
Monday, Nov. 4	Blue teacher recommendation requests due to teachers for REGULAR DECISION. Two recommending HSAS teachers should be confirmed by this date.
Friday, Nov. 15	CUNY Macaulay Honors (Application deadline December 1, 2019) Students should send recommender link to teacher/counselor by Friday November 15, 2019.
Monday, December 2	Pink Transcript Request Forms due for January 1-15, 2020 deadlines, and beyond (Including SUNY Rolling) Note: the bulk of these colleges are on the Common Application.
Monday, January 6	LAST DATE to turn in pink Transcript Request forms
Friday, January 17	Mid-year transcript request form due. Note: Mid-year grades are not available until AFTER February 1, 2020
Mid-April	Most decisions by colleges have been received. Student responds by May 1.
May-June	Students request Lehman College transcript. Possible wait-list activity.
June	Counselors send official final transcripts to ONE college student will be attending.
July	Senior AP scores are available.

=====APPLICATION DEADLINE TYPES=====

Early Decision (ED): Student applies to their *first choice college* by a stated deadline - usually between **November 1 and December 1**. This is a **binding** agreement (contract) with the college. If accepted, the student is *obligated to withdraw all other active college applications in writing*, saying that he/she has been accepted to another school via an **ED** program (a sample template is on the HSAS website) and is withdrawing their application to those colleges. **Counselors must verify and sign all ED agreements in the student's Naviance account.** **(Binding)**

Early Decision II (ED II): Offered at many colleges with the *same restrictions as Early Decision*. However, deadlines are usually around **January 1**, giving students more time to prepare applications. Students usually have many active applications at other institutions when applying through an **EDII** program, and if accepted the student must withdraw *all* active applications and follow the procedures above. **(Binding)**

Restrictive Early Action (REA): Students apply to one college and receive a decision earlier in the application process. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other colleges (usually other private schools, but not public colleges). Deadlines vary. If offered enrollment, student has until May 1 to decide and accept. **(Non-Binding)**

Early Action (EA): Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the school's regular response date. Deadlines vary. **(Non-Binding)**

*****Priority:** Most often encouraged at **large public universities** with large application pools. Deadlines vary. **(Non-Binding)** Some colleges may offer increased chance of admission, better housing options, and/or better course offerings. *Example:* University of Michigan Ross Business School - November 1- **priority review**. Recently colleges are offering deadlines as early as **October 15** (usually non-binding). Please inform your counselor if you have an October 15 application deadline.

Rolling: Colleges review applications as they are submitted and render admissions decisions throughout the admissions cycle. For these colleges, it is strongly encouraged to apply earlier in the fall, as application pools strengthen as the admissions cycle progresses. **(Non-Binding)**

Regular Decision: Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time. **(Non-Binding)**

Advantages of applying early: The major advantage is you will find out in December and be spared the anxiety and extra work of filing additional applications. At some institutions there is an admissions advantage applying early; it varies at each school.

Disadvantages of applying early: Getting a deferral or rejection before the holidays can be disappointing, if you are not accepted, you should be prepared to send in "regular-decision" applications. Also, occasionally, early acceptances result in early onset of "senioritis." Please be aware that some colleges rescind their offers to student who do not maintain their grades in the spring.

What is a deferral? Students who apply early may not be accepted EA or ED but whose profiles are impressive to the admissions office are considered and reviewed a second time along with the regular pool of applicants in the spring.

How does this affect Financial Aid? EA is non-binding, so students can compare financial aid packages from several schools before deciding which to attend. However, with ED, students are obligated to attend the one school once accepted, leaving Colleges with less incentive to offer more financial aid.

For those students who apply to college early your 1st quarter grades are sent to colleges. <u>Students do not need to make a special request for this.</u> The counselors will review your grades before sending to a college and will confer with the student if needed. 1 st quarter grades are available at the end of November.
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COLLEGE VISITS at HSAS

Throughout September and October, many colleges and universities visit HSAS and meet our students.

Seniors are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in as many of the college visits as possible.

Students who attend college meetings learn a lot of information about colleges that can enhance college applications and *make that student stand out*. This is also a good way to get to know admissions deans and/or representatives who will be evaluating applications. Importantly, college representatives are friendly with each other, know about other colleges, and have worked at or attended, schools other than the one they are representing. Questions are always appreciated. So what's the point? By going to as many meetings as possible during this short period of time, students will better understand the universe of colleges beyond what can be read on a website or seen from a virtual or physical tour! A schedule of the visits is posted on Naviance and on the bulletin board in the HSAS front lobby.

STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Seniors will serve as ambassadors to college representatives, and are fully in charge of the college visit. We appreciate your cooperating, and putting your best effort into helping your application and the school's standing in NYC. **Please note the policy for ambassadors below:**

- One of the Counselors is responsible for ambassadors and asks students to host and lead college representatives when they visit HSAS. *A student can be an ambassador only one time.*
- If you are interested in being the HSAS ambassador for a particular college, please make sure that college is posted on the "Colleges I am thinking about area" of your Naviance accounts. *Typically, many students come forward for the same school, your Naviance accounts will be checked, and a student ambassador will be fairly chosen.*
- Students **cannot** volunteer before a college schedules a visit at HSAS. Not all colleges visit every school year.
- If there are no volunteers a student is **assigned** to be an ambassador. **Students may not exchange or trade assignments.**
- Before you volunteer make sure there are no conflicts in your academic schedule (college course or lunch time lab)

Ambassador "TO DO" list:

1. Meet the school counselor in the guidance office at the pre-arranged time.
2. Provide the representative with a short tour of the school.
3. Assist in answering questions about HSAS. Include any **new** information about HSAS.
4. Ask what's new at the college. For example, any new majors/programs.
5. Request a business card from the representative - give to the counselor.
6. Accompany the representative to the college visit location (usually Art Room during lunch or Room 117/119 after school).
7. Actively recruit fellow students (senior, juniors) to attend the visit, stay and participate in the meeting.
8. For lunch visits, all students should bring and eat lunch during the meeting - representatives understand it's your lunch time! Please respect the art room, clean up after yourself and return your chair to its original location.
9. The Ambassador remains with the college representative for the duration of the visit.
10. Write a thank-you note to the representative. HSAS will mail that for you.
11. It is critical that college recruiters leave with a good feeling about HSAS and our students. Even if you are not interested in applying to a particular college, understand that *college representatives can answer questions that pertain to ALL colleges as they often have worked at, or attended, other colleges.*

IMPORTANT! If you are sick on the day you are to be an ambassador, please text/email/call the counselors as quickly as possible so we can assign another student.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Components of a College Application

Student Information, High School and Recommender Documents, Testing Results

Student Information: Biographical and family data is required on all college applications, so it is best to begin applications as early as possible. That way, you can focus on your essay and short-answer questions (supplements) where you will spend the most time and which require the most thought.

High School Documents (Secondary School Report (SSR)/Mid-Year Report / Teacher Evaluation

Forms/School Profile): Counselors and teachers are required to fill out online-forms and provide the student transcript, School Profile as well as counselor and teacher recommendations. If you are using the Common Application, the forms are filled out electronically on Naviance accordingly.

Teacher Recommendations

1. Ask at least 4-5 weeks in advance for college recommendations (verify first that the teacher is willing to write a recommendation on your behalf). Consult the deadlines page in this booklet.
2. You may request recommendation letters from a MAXIMUM of two teachers for the duration of the college process. That includes all applications and scholarships.
3. Give the teacher the letter of recommendation request form (**blue**) if requested. Some teachers will request the form before the summer.
4. Be prepared to include copies of tests, papers, and projects which may have significant comments to help refresh your teachers' memory when writing the letter on your behalf.
5. Write thank you letters to teachers.
6. Teachers upload their SSRs and letters of recommendation onto Naviance. Counselors submit teacher's letters with the HSAS documents (counselor rec, school profile-accompanies all applications, school form & transcript).
7. Many teachers will request to see the self-recommendations submitted to counselors in February. Some will use their own form and questionnaire.

EXTERNAL, SUPPLEMENTAL LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Many students inquire about sending external recommendations to colleges on their behalf, usually from a coach, college professor or program leader. HSAS and Naviance will only manage a **maximum** of **three** letters of recommendation, (one counselor letter and 2 teacher letters). Students should carefully research the maximum number of recommendation letters accepted by a college. For instance, SUNY Binghamton will only accept one counselor and one teacher letter.

If your colleges accept multiple letters of recommendation, you must make an arrangement with the outside recommender to send the letter directly to the college admissions' office via snail mail, or electronically through email. The recommender should have a professional email account associated with an organization or college. Individuals from outside of HSAS may be invited as a Common Application Recommender, or can email their letter directly to the admissions office. **DO NOT INVITE ANY HSAS TEACHERS AS RECOMMENDERS ON YOUR COMMON APP.** This can compromise the functionality of your application since we are a NAVIANCE school. Please have your outside recommender put your name, DOB and common application ID number at the top of the letter. Any additional recommendation letters should NOT be requested from a third HSAS teacher, you may only use two HSAS teachers for your recommendations.

Naviance/Common Application/Coalition Application/Other College Application Submissions

College documents are most often submitted electronically through Naviance, which is partnered with The Common Application. It is critical that the names of colleges you are applying to are entered onto **both** your Naviance and Common Application accounts once your college application list is finalized. SUNY and CUNY information is similar and will be explained later in the handbook. Please note: ***** **Colleges receive documents from three sources: (a)student, (b)school, (c)test center. The documents arrive at different times, but become part of one file.** *****

----- THE COMMON APPLICATION -----

Common Application: The Common Application is created each year for use by applicants to over 900 member colleges, in the United States and abroad. Students are able to complete a single application and electronically submit copies to participating colleges and universities. Students may make modifications to their Common Application before each individual submission. Many of the institutions will, however, require that supplemental items be submitted before the Common Application is considered to be complete. More information about the Common Application is available at www.commonapp.org.

Common Application Resources

The Common Application has been updated for the class of 2020. New resources are being added to their website this fall. Please note: Some of the video tutorials are still being updated.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JilvfXiiCHO> (7:11min) overview of the entire new Common Application

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?reload=9&list=PL8KEAorkN10CzbZnlkklg4N-JZ9IVVGC> This set of videos (updated each year) provides step-by-step guidance through each section of the Common App, including:

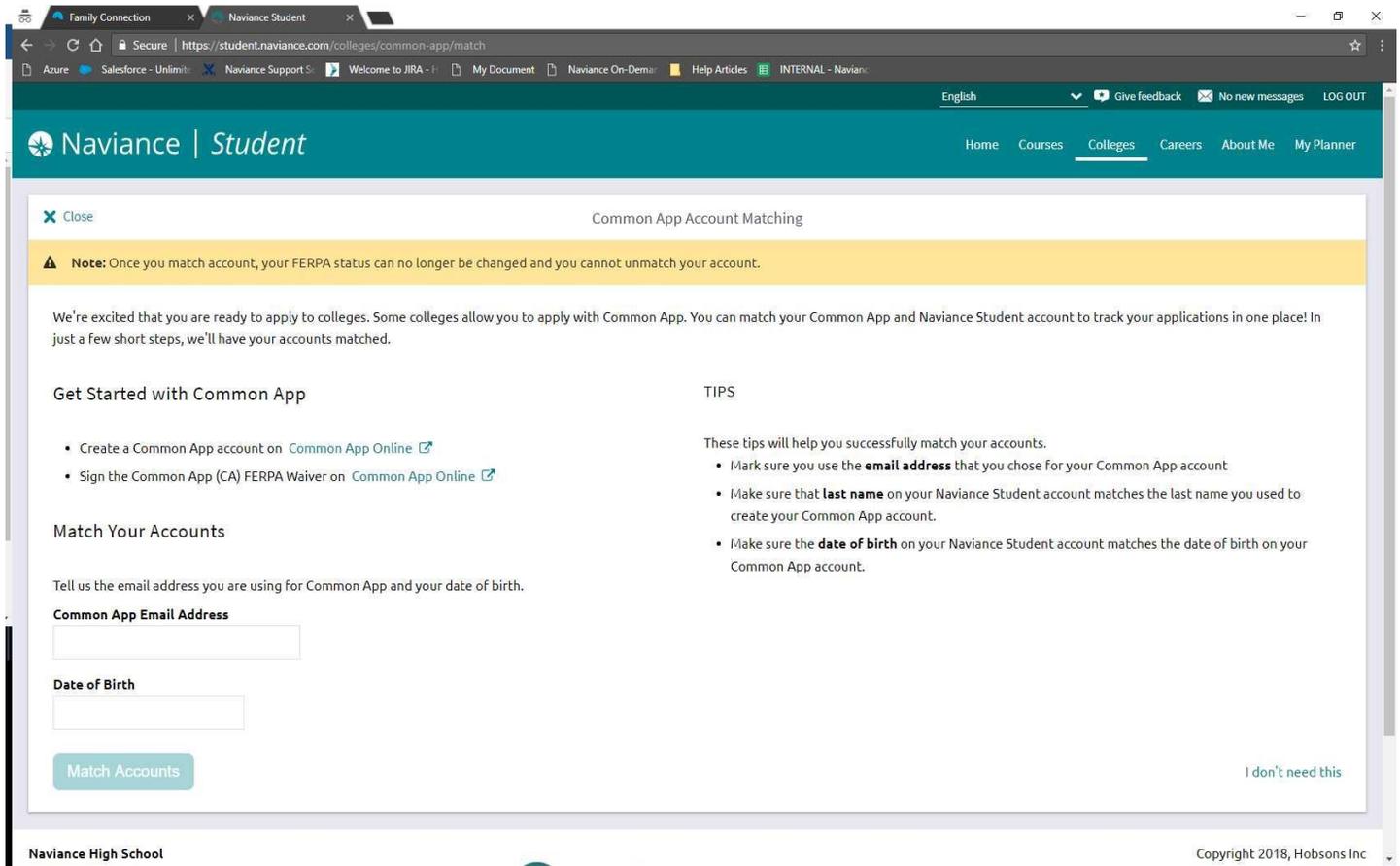
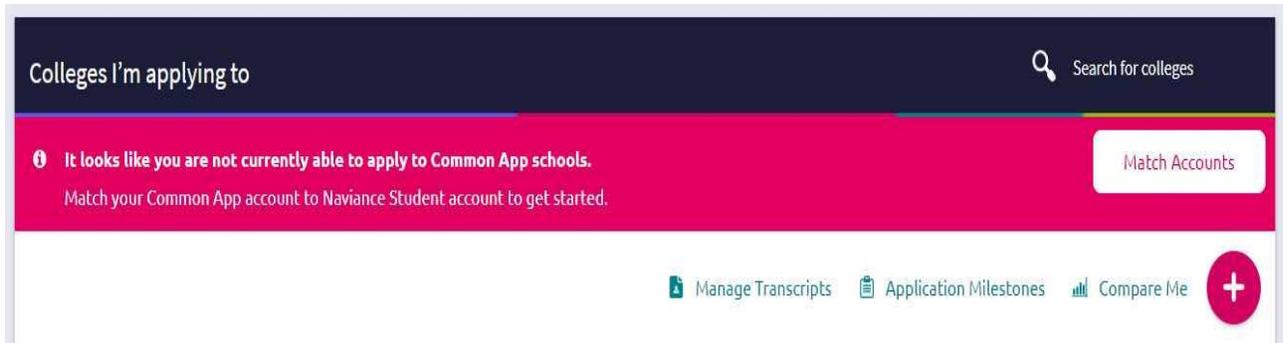
- Searching and adding colleges to the My Colleges list
- Completing the FERPA (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act) Release Authorization
- Understanding the Financial Aid Resources tab

Linking The Common Application and Naviance - the Mechanics and “How To’s”:

1. Select High School of American Studies 330603 in the Education Section of your Common Application and Common App will recognize that HSAS is a Naviance school.
2. List the colleges you’re applying to on the Common Application. Complete the FERPA form on your Common Application account. **You must add at least one college to the “my colleges” list to sign the form.**
3. You sign the form **once** and it applies to all colleges.
4. Please remember that colleges *must* be listed on both Naviance and the Common Application.
5. Next: Sign onto Naviance and click onto colleges I’m applying to.
6. Use the same email address and date of birth you used to create your common application account to match your Naviance and Common Application accounts. Please watch this video for guidance:

(3:28min)

<https://www.screencast.com/t/gxEQkElyo1>



===== THE COALITION APPLICATION =====

Coalition Application: The Coalition Application was created in 2015 as an alternative to the Common Application. As of the 2019-20 admission cycle, the Coalition for College Access, Affordability and Success has 150 member institutions, all of which agree to meet certain criteria in terms of graduation rates and financial aid. The Coalition Application also offers a set of college preparation tools and allows students to create an application “locker,” where they can store their application materials throughout high school. For the 2019-20 application year, the Coalition Application requires students to respond to one of five essay prompts. They recommend 500-550 words.

Coalition Members <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/members-live.html>

HELPFUL HINTS FOR YOUR APPLICATION

1. When filling out your application on-line, always **save your work** as you go! Common App saves your information every 90 seconds.
2. **Follow directions** carefully and complete all steps. On each page, and in every pop up, *scroll to the bottom* to avoid missing any information.
3. **Compose your personal statement/essay in advance**, save it as a text/word file/google doc, then copy and paste it into the appropriate boxes in the online application (Remember: never use any abbreviated or text messaging language).
4. Before sending out your application, **at least** one other person should **check it for mistakes**, especially with personal information such as your name, address, and family information. Most importantly, he/she will be able to help catch any typos. Print out your completed application to check for errors, again, if possible.
5. Completing your application online and paying the application fee does not complete the application process. **No application is complete until your counselor has sent the official HSAS transcript and supporting HSAS documentation.** (Remember to *submit transcript request forms to the counselors as early as possible!* ☺)
6. **Exceptions** Some colleges require students to fully report their transcript and test scores (example: University of California Colleges). If accepted, official transcript and test scores are requested at a later date.
7. **Send your standardized test scores** (SAT, SAT Subject, ACT scores) electronically via the test organization websites. Confirm with the testing center(s) that scores were sent. Please note: Many colleges are allowing students to **self-report** test scores which will be verified later. Please check this as soon as you are certain you are applying.
8. Most colleges will let you know if you are missing any information, not all received documents post immediately.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (SUNY) APPLICATIONS

All students should file a SUNY application, as **applying to a public, in-state institution is a cost effective choice – especially if you are considering a graduate degree.** SUNY is comprised of 64 individual campuses which include: University centers, four year liberal arts colleges, and technical colleges (offering both two and four year programs), and community colleges offering two-year degrees.

General Information for SUNY Applications:

Many SUNY applications are accepted on a rolling admissions basis. This means that applications are read as they are received, and admissions decisions are rendered and mailed to students on a *rolling decision basis*. Therefore, it is important to research the SUNY campuses early and *file the online application as soon as possible*.

The SUNY application at: <http://www.suny.edu/> takes only 10-15 minutes to fill out, and is the entry point to the process. Many SUNY campuses have application supplements. Once the initial application is filed, the student will be contacted regarding which supplements need to be submitted. (Supplements can also be downloaded from the SUNY website and the individual campus websites.)

The SUNY Application or The Common Application? How to decide which to use?

Many SUNY campuses use The Common Application, giving applicants the option of either the SUNY or the Common Application. Points to consider:

- Some students find it easier and faster to use the SUNY application, and then download the supplements.
- Some students prefer the Common Application because most other colleges use it.
- Whichever you choose, you **MUST** indicate which application was used on Transcript Request Forms and on Naviance. If you change your mind after you handed in your form, please tell your counselor ASAP.

-----CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (CUNY) APPLICATIONS-----

YOU MIGHT NOTICE SOME CUNY SCHOOLS ON THE COMMON APPLICATION. PLEASE USE **ONLY THE CUNY APPLICATION** FOR MACAULAY AND GENERAL PROGRAMS AT CUNY. *This is particularly important if you will be requesting a fee waiver for CUNY.*

All students should file a CUNY application, as applying to a **public, in-state institution is a cost effective choice** – especially if you are considering a graduate degree. Except for **Macaulay Honors College and some other specialized programs at CUNY** (see below), CUNY accepts applications on a **rolling admissions** basis. Applications received **after February 1** will be **considered on a space-available basis**. This means that applications are read as they are received, and admissions decisions are rendered and mailed to students on a *rolling decision basis*. The admission review typically takes approximately **8-10 weeks** from the time the application is complete. CUNY applicants are responsible for tracking their application status online.

Macaulay Honors College (CUNY):

- Applications are filed exclusively online. Students may apply to up to six partner colleges on the Macaulay application, and colleges **must be listed in rank order** by applicants. Counselors mail/email supporting documentation to CUNY. Admission to Macaulay Honors College is highly competitive. SAT/ACT, high school grades, essays, and recommendations **are required** to be considered for admission.
- Students may apply to both Macaulay Honors College and to Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education, but may only enroll in one program.
- All application documentation for Macaulay Honors must be postmarked by **December 1**. (*Counselor and Teachers should receive recommender link by Friday November 15, 2019*)
- Macaulay Honors College has a **two-step notification process**. Students will be notified of their admission as a general freshman first around **February 1**. On approximately **March 15**, students will be notified of the admission decision into Macaulay Honors College but for only one of the colleges listed on their application.
- Macaulay is only available for admission in the **Fall semester to Freshman students**.
- Please note that Macaulay applicants are required to complete **two essays** and provide **two recommendations** for their application.

General Information for CUNY Applications:

- Students apply here: <http://www2.cuny.edu/admissions/undergraduate/apply/cuny-application/>
- Most HSAS students will have a CUNY First account. Select General Freshman Admission *or* Macaulay Honors College.
- NYC students must provide their OSIS# (*The 9 digit # next to your name on all transcripts and report cards*).
- Students can select up to 6 campuses in **preferred rank order**. Students will receive a response from all 6 colleges.
- For students who select Macaulay Honors College, only those campuses will appear in the drop-down menu. You may select up to **six** campus choices for the Macaulay Honors program. Make sure you **rank order** your choices in order of preference.
- Students may submit payment for the application (\$65) at the time their application is complete, or they may pay later. There is an option to mail a check, money order or fee waiver to the application processing center (please see below). **The CUNY application is not complete until some form of payment has been indicated.**
- **Selective Programs:** Programs such as the BA-MD at Brooklyn College, the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education, the Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture Program, and the Grove School of Engineering program at The City College of New York require a supplemental application www.cuny.edu/deadlines

HSAS CUNY Application Procedures:

- Students apply to CUNY independently *and* **NO SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM** is required.
- Please note: Students can apply to CUNY-general Admissions without assistance from the school. However, if you would like a recommendation from a teacher or counselor, you must provide a recommender link from the CUNY application

PERSONAL STATEMENTS, LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION, & SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS @ CUNY To allow for a more comprehensive review, some CUNY colleges and programs strongly recommend or require the submission of supplemental application as part of the admission process. Here is a list of colleges and/or programs that require supplemental applications: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Fy6mhjZYt8mFQq7QYVmFi08VWe8Itj1e/view>

FEE WAIVERS

College Applications including **The Common Application:**

For economically disadvantaged students, fee waivers are available. Generally, the requirement to qualify for a fee waiver is based on the **completion and submission of the annual lunch form** found on the HSAS or DOE web site. Students whose families are on public assistance automatically qualify for all fee waivers. If you qualify for a fee waiver it can be indicated on The Common Application. Counselors then electronically sign the fee waiver within the student's Naviance account.

CUNY Fee Waivers:

CUNY accepts only *their own* fee waiver, CUNY has made provisions to supply a generous number of fee waivers. Students must meet CUNY income criteria to be eligible. Students who receive free or reduced price lunch should strongly consider submitting a CUNY application. Students must complete the online CUNY application and indicate they will be using a CUNY fee waiver. Your guidance counselor will supply a unique code and expiration date that you input into your application.

SUNY Fee Waivers:

SUNY has their own fee waivers, which are obtained from the guidance counselors, or online. Qualified students can apply to a **maximum of seven** SUNY campuses with a SUNY fee waiver. Income guidelines are printed on the fee waiver and are similar to those for the school lunch form. If you are using the Common Application for your SUNY colleges your fee waiver will be requested thru your Common App and then signed by the counselor on Naviance.

College Board Fee Waivers:

Students who use a fee waiver for SAT exam(s) (not the free school-based SAT) are eligible for College Board fee waivers. The colleges must participate in this program. A list of those colleges can be found online and by clicking on this link. There is no need for your counselor to verify eligibility. The College Board has that information.

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/applying-101/college-application-fee-waivers/participating-colleges>

NACAC (National Association for College Admissions Counselors) Fee Waivers:

NACAC offers qualified, economically disadvantaged students fee waivers which can be found and completed electronically on the Common Application website. Please check all income guidelines to ensure you qualify. If using a paper copy, these and all fee waivers must be signed by a guidance counselor. If you request an on-line fee waiver, the counselors verify your eligibility on Naviance. Not all colleges accept the NACAC fee waivers (but Common Application colleges do). It is the student's responsibility to check if a prospective college participates. If paper forms are used, students are responsible for sending them, once signed, directly to the college admissions office.

Counselor Verification Letter for a Fee Waiver: In some cases, a college will accept a letter from a guidance counselor that verifies that a student is unable to pay the application fees. These requests are handled on a case-by-case basis. Similarly, some students will request a non-custodial waiver when applying for financial aid. This situation occurs when applying to schools that require the CSS profile (typically required by private colleges):

<https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/pdf/css-profile-waiver-request-non-custodial-parent.pdf>

Financial Aid Advice/Guidance

- Apply for Financial Aid by the stated deadlines - usually February 1, but determined by the college. Early applications may have a different deadline.
- Be aware if the college requires the CSS Profile in addition to the FAFSA. (link to list of CSS colleges):
<https://profileonline.collegeboard.org/prf/PXRemotePartInstitutionServlet/PXRemotePartInstitutionServlet.srv>
- IMMEDIATELY respond to colleges for any requested financial aid information. Delays can compromise your financial aid package significantly.
- On *all college websites*, visit each "Net Price Calculator" available in the financial aid section to determine your estimated cost of attendance. ***Each college's cost of attendance will be different.***
- Attend HSAS **Financial Aid night** in October/November

Understand how scholarships, grants, awards can impact your financial aid package

-----MID-YEAR REPORTS-----

- Many colleges will require mid-year grades be sent directly from the high school. It is the student's responsibility to know which colleges require submission of mid-year grades. The Common Application also supplies this information.
- Mid-year request forms are due to counselors Friday January 17, 2020, *before you know your grades*. Counselors must organize and be ready to send the transcripts when available after February 1st.
- Any questionable mid-year grades will be reviewed with the student before they are sent to colleges.
- Mid-year grades will not be available for electronic submission until the start of the spring semester (approximately February 1).
- Students accepted to a college ED are also required to submit mid-year grades.
- While mid-year grades may make a case for a student whose GPA needs a boost, mid-year grades may negatively impact admissions decisions if grades decline during the student's fall semester.
- All mid-year reports will be submitted electronically.

-----STAYING ORGANIZED-----

- Create an organizational system using folders or binders for all your college information.
- Create an easily accessible check list or spreadsheet of deadlines and things to do.
- Have a weekly or monthly family meeting to check in and discuss your status.
- Make a copy of all your financial aid and college application documents.
- Keep extra computer printer ink and printer paper to print and keep copies of each document sent to colleges.
- Keep a supply of #10 postage envelopes and stamps: on a rare occasion we may ask students for a stamped envelope. This will be on a case-by-case basis. 98% of all documents will be submitted online. Below is a sample of a correctly addressed envelope.

Student's Name	Place
High School of American Studies at Lehman College	Stamp
2925 Goulden Ave.	Here
Bronx, New York 10468	
College Name, Office of Undergraduate Admissions	
Street Address	
City, State Zip	

-----IMPORTANT TO KNOW-----

College Bulletins

Beginning in August/September, students will receive, via email, a monthly college bulletin that serves as an addendum/supplement to this handbook, as updates occur. The bulletins often include links and PDFs with relevant and newly updated information. Bulletins are also posted on the HSAS college/guidance web site and in the school lobby.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Hand in HSAS forms and documents to your counselor *on or before deadlines!*
- Be familiar with the *website for each college* to which you are applying. It is the student's responsibility to adhere to all application deadlines because *deadlines vary*. All completed applications must be submitted by the student to the college/university on time.
- **Regularly update your Naviance account with outcomes.**
- Match and update Naviance and the Common Application. List colleges on both sites.
- Ask for teacher recommendations as explained previously.
- Request **test scores from the testing service** be **sent directly to the college/university**, *as required by the college*: SAT, SAT Subject test, (www.CollegeBoard.com) and/or ACT (www.ACT.org). **Students must arrange to send test scores to colleges once tests are completed and the college list is finalized. Don't delay sending test scores!** Both College Board and ACT offer score choice as an option. Upon written request, *via email to their counselor*, SAT and/or ACT test scores will be sent attached to transcripts for *students who receive free or reduced price lunch*. In these cases, all test scores will be sent. **We cannot offer score choice.**
- Provide your counselor with the appropriate-color **Transcript Request Forms**: COMMON APP, SUNY (rolling and regular) and all other colleges (**pink**), Early Action/Early Decision Nov. – Dec 31 (or any unusual early deadlines) (**purple**) obtained from counselors and on-line. **Correct college deadlines must be indicated on the forms.**
- **Complete the FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) form** on their Common Application account and on Naviance (sample on page 8). Until FERPA is completed, and accounts are matched, no HSAS documents can be sent to colleges. Your account is locked!!!
- Be aware of each college's policy for mid-year grades and be ready to have them sent from HSAS.
- **HSAS FORMS:** **Purple**=use for all early applications – ED 1 (11/1-15), EA (11/1-15), Questbridge, Posse, priority and Rolling thru 12/31
Pink = Regular decision, ED2, Rolling admissions. Use PINK form for schools with January 1 (and Beyond) deadlines.

COUNSELOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist in refining college application choices.
- Help with essays and personal statements if time allows.
- Review student transcripts and assist with updates as necessary.
- Collect accurately completed Transcript Request Forms (**purple, pink**) for each college application. Students: please don't give counselors any paper copies of the Common Application SSR forms.
- Electronically verify Early Decision Agreements and fee waivers where applicable in Naviance.
- Compose and send counselor recommendation letters and SSR Forms to colleges. Provide official copy of transcript, updated school profile, and teacher letters of recommendation. Send all information in a timely manner.
- Send 1st quarter report cards to colleges for ED/EA candidates, as requested (no request (form) needed).
- Send Mid-year grades, where required.
- Maintain, manage, and update Naviance data.
- Provide students with receipts for submitted documents.
- Send a final transcript to ONE college at the conclusion of the school year.

HANDLING A COLLEGE DEFERRAL/WAITLIST

Students applying ED or EA will be admitted, denied, or deferred. Being deferred generally means an application will be considered *with the regular application pool*. It means the college was sufficiently impressed with your credentials to give your application a second chance. And, the ED/EA contract is no longer binding, so you are free to apply to other colleges. Remain positive and follow these helpful tips:

Contact the admissions office to seek advice: Keep up your grades, since the school may give your fall semester grades serious consideration. Submit your mid-year grades. Be prepared to provide additional information to further support your application.

Submit a well-written letter of intent to the school: Submit your reaffirmation of serious intent stating you will attend if accepted (if possible). Add any additional information that might advance your candidacy like new awards or activities or leadership roles you have assumed.

Touch base with your interviewer: Let your interviewer know you were deferred/waitlisted and ask for suggestions. They may even be willing to send an email or note to the college in your favor. If you haven't interviewed previously, set up an interview to further demonstrate your interest if possible.

Consider additional letters of recommendation: Consider submitting an additional recommendation that can provide new and additional information about your strengths or new developments or progress e.g. from a Lehman College professor, or an outside work supervisor.

FINAL TIPS

- **HSAS In-House Forms:** Paper forms are available at various locations throughout HSAS-main office guidance office
 - Early Decision 1/Early Action/Priority Deadlines/QuestBridge/POSSE/Rolling before January 1 Transcript Request Form (**purple**)
 - Common Application College Transcript Request/Receipt Form SUNY, Jan 1 and beyond (**Pink**)
 - Mid-year report form-Will be reviewed with students in January
 - Teacher Letter of Recommendation Request form (**light blue**)
- Applying to more than 14 colleges can be excessive and make your final college decision difficult. So please do your research carefully!
- **Review your social media accounts!** Remember, colleges have access to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat and the like. Make sure everything you post is appropriate!
- **Don't forget to send your SAT/SAT Subject tests/ACT results to your colleges:** Go to www.collegeboard.com for the SAT's and SAT Subject Tests and www.actstudent.org for ACT's.
- Please do not leave ANY college application material for counselors in counselor mailboxes. We must be sure paper is handled properly to avoid potential problems. Transcript requests *will not* be accepted unless they **are handed directly** to your counselor and filled out correctly.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **ACT:** www.actstudent.org or 319-337-1270
- **College Board:** www.collegeboard.com or 866-756-7346. Services for Students with Disabilities 609-771-7137
- **CSS Profile:** <https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>
- **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid):** www.fafsa.ed.gov
- **NCAA Clearinghouse:** www.naaclearinghouse.net or <http://eligibilitycenter.org>.
- **SAT/ACT Test Optional Colleges and Universities:** www.fairtest.org
- **Compass Guide to College Admission Testing** www.compassprep.com



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TRANSCRIPT REQUEST/RECEIPT FOR
EARLY DECISION I/EARLY ACTION/PRIORITY/POSSE/QUESTBRIDGE APPLICATIONS
NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 31 ONLY (ANY UNUSUAL EARLY DEADLINES)
####YOU MAY USE THE PURPLE FORM FOR *ROLLING* ADMISSIONS IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION PRIOR TO 12/31

STUDENTS: Use this Transcript Request/Receipt Form for ANY Early Decision/Early Action Applications Only (including SUNY/POSSE/QuestBridge/ PRIORITY/Rolling if you are submitting before 12/31).

(Student's Name)

(Date Submitted to Counselor)

PLEASE FORWARD MY TRANSCRIPT TO:

(NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY)

Circle one: Early Action Early Decision I Restricted Early Action Special Program/Priority Rolling

Date sent (for counselor)

ADMISSION DEADLINE

DID YOU USE THE COMMON APPLICATION? (PLEASE CHECK ONE)

_____ YES _____ NO

If NO what application did you use _____

Before your transcript can be sent, you need to do the following:

1. Make sure your Naviance account is activated and your email address is accurate and one you check often.
2. The name of the college listed above is listed in: "the colleges I am applying to" on Naviance. Enter the type of application you are submitting ED, EA, RD, Rolling, Priority.
3. Complete the Privacy Notice (FERPA agreement) found on your Common Application Account. Match Common App and Naviance.

RECEIPT FOR TRANSCRIPT MAILED

STUDENT: Please fill in your name and name of school you are applying to in the spaces provided. You will receive this tear-off as notification that your transcript has been processed and mailed/emailed by the guidance office.

LAST NAME: _____

FIRST NAME _____

Name of College/University

Date submitted to counselor

Date sent

Counselor's Signature



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TRANSCRIPT REQUEST/RECEIPT FOR COMMON APPLICATION/SUNY AND PRIVATE/OUT-OF-STATE SCHOOLS DEADLINES JAN 1 & BEYOND, ED II

STUDENTS: Use this Transcript Request/Receipt Form for ALL COLLEGES excluding CUNY and EA/ED

_____ (Student's Name)

_____ (Date Submitted to Counselor)

PLEASE FORWARD MY TRANSCRIPT TO:

_____ (NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY)

_____ DATE SENT BY COUNSELOR (for Counselor)

_____ (ADMISSION DEADLINE)

Please check one: _____ Early Decision/ED II (Jan 1 and after)

_____ Rolling or Priority

_____ Regular Decision

Please check one: _____ College is on the Common Application and I used The Common Application

_____ I DID NOT use The Common Application

_____ College is a SUNY and I used the SUNY application

Before your transcript can be sent, you need to do the following:

1. Make sure your Naviance account is activated and your email address is accurate and one you check often
2. The name of the college listed above is listed in: "the colleges I am applying to" on Naviance. Enter the type of application you are submitting.
3. Complete the Privacy Notice (FERPA agreement) found on your Common Application Account. Match Common App and Naviance.

RECEIPT FOR TRANSCRIPT SENT ELECTRONICALLY

STUDENT: Please fill in your name and name of school you are applying to in the spaces below. You will receive this tear-off as notification that your transcript has been processed and sent by the guidance office.

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME _____

_____ (Name of College/University)

_____ (Date submitted to counselor)

_____ (Date Sent)

_____ (Counselor's Signature)



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Mid-Year Report Form

Student's Name _____ Date _____

Please list the colleges to which your mid-year grades should be sent. **ONLY** list the colleges where you want the mid-year report sent. Most Mid-year reports will be submitted electronically.

This form is due Friday January 17, 2020

<u>COMMON APP USED</u>	<u>COMMON APP Cont.</u>	<u>SUNY or OTHER APP USED</u>
1	13	1
2	14	2
3	15	3
4	16	4
5		5
6		6
7		7
8		8
9		9
10		10
11		11
12		12

PLEASE USE THE BACK OF THIS FORM If NEEDED.

***CUNY colleges do not require Mid-Year reports, including Macaulay Honors.

 Date e-mailed/mailed by counselor

 Date submitted to counselor



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Teacher Letter of Recommendation Request Form

Student: Most recommendations will be sent electronically. If necessary, attach stamped envelopes for colleges. Complete this entire form except for your teacher's signature and date at the bottom. (If applying ED/EA Nov. 1 this form must be submitted to the teacher 4-5 weeks prior to that date.) Please use the back if needed.

(Recommending Teacher's Name)	(Student's Name)
(Student's overall GPA)	(Student's Date of Birth)

College Information (Use the back of this page as needed)

College Names & Deadlines (can be updated later):

College Names & Deadlines (can be updated later):

List courses taken and grade received with teacher from whom you are requesting a recommendation. Please use only one form per teacher.

Courses taken and grade in course: _____

Date request submitted to teacher _____

___ YES, I *do* waive my right to access, and I understand I will never see this recommendation.

___ NO, I *do not* waive my right to access and may someday choose to review this recommendation if the institution at which I'm enrolling saves it after I matriculate.

 Student's Signature Date

(Receipt to be returned to student mailbox upon mailing)

I _____ have requested that my
 (Student's Name)

Teacher, _____ write a letter of recommendation on my behalf.
 (Teacher's Name)

 (Teacher's Signature)

The Recommendation will be sent/mailed by the teacher/counselor directly to the college.