



# Senior Parent Naviance Night

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Patchogue Medford High School

# College... So many choices...How do I decide?

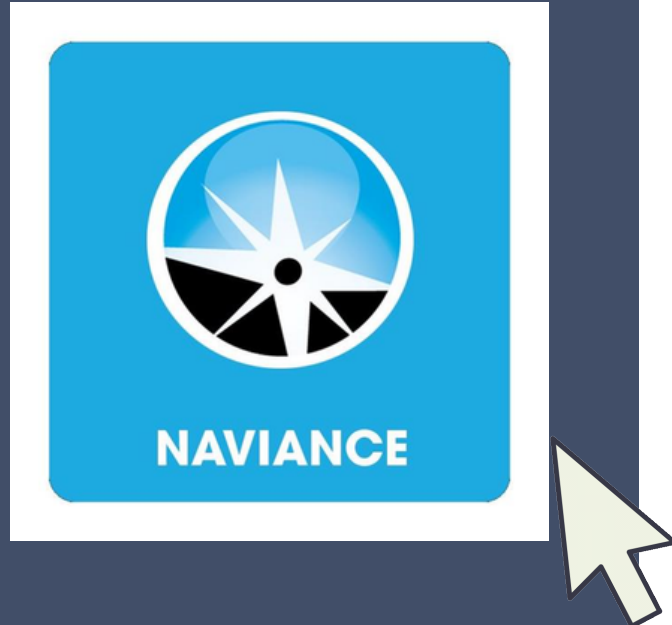
- Major/Academic Program
- Academic Requirements of the College
- Size
- Location
- Distance
- Personal Factors
- Visit the Campus



# Naviance and College Applications

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- Student applies to colleges
  - Common Application, SUNY, Institutional
- Student enters colleges in **Naviance**
  - For Common App Schools: Students will match the account with **Naviance**
  - For Non-Common App Schools: Students must enter each college manually
- Student requests transcripts/teacher recommendations in **Naviance**
- Student monitors progress in **Naviance**
- Student records outcomes & requests final transcript for chosen college in **Naviance**



# Points to Consider...

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Use same name & email in  
Naviance & college apps  
Use only full legal name, no  
nicknames

PMHS Authorization to  
Release Records required

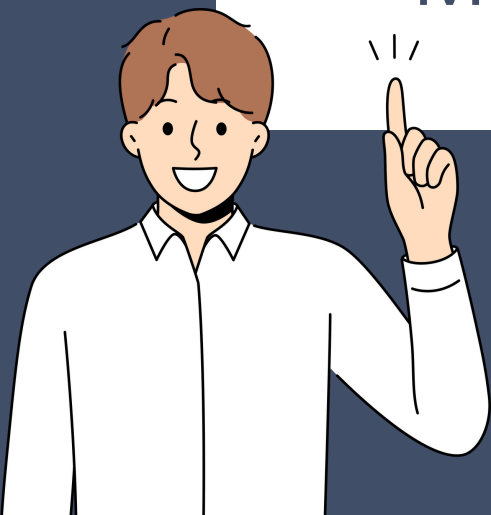


Please visit  
[www.pmschools.org](http://www.pmschools.org) / High  
School / Counseling  
Department / Naviance

It is highly recommended  
that students using  
Common Application  
complete the FERPA  
Waiver

Common Application (CA)  
applications automatically  
sync in Naviance via  
Matching Process

Students are responsible  
for sending SAT/ACT/AP  
scores to colleges through  
appropriate organization



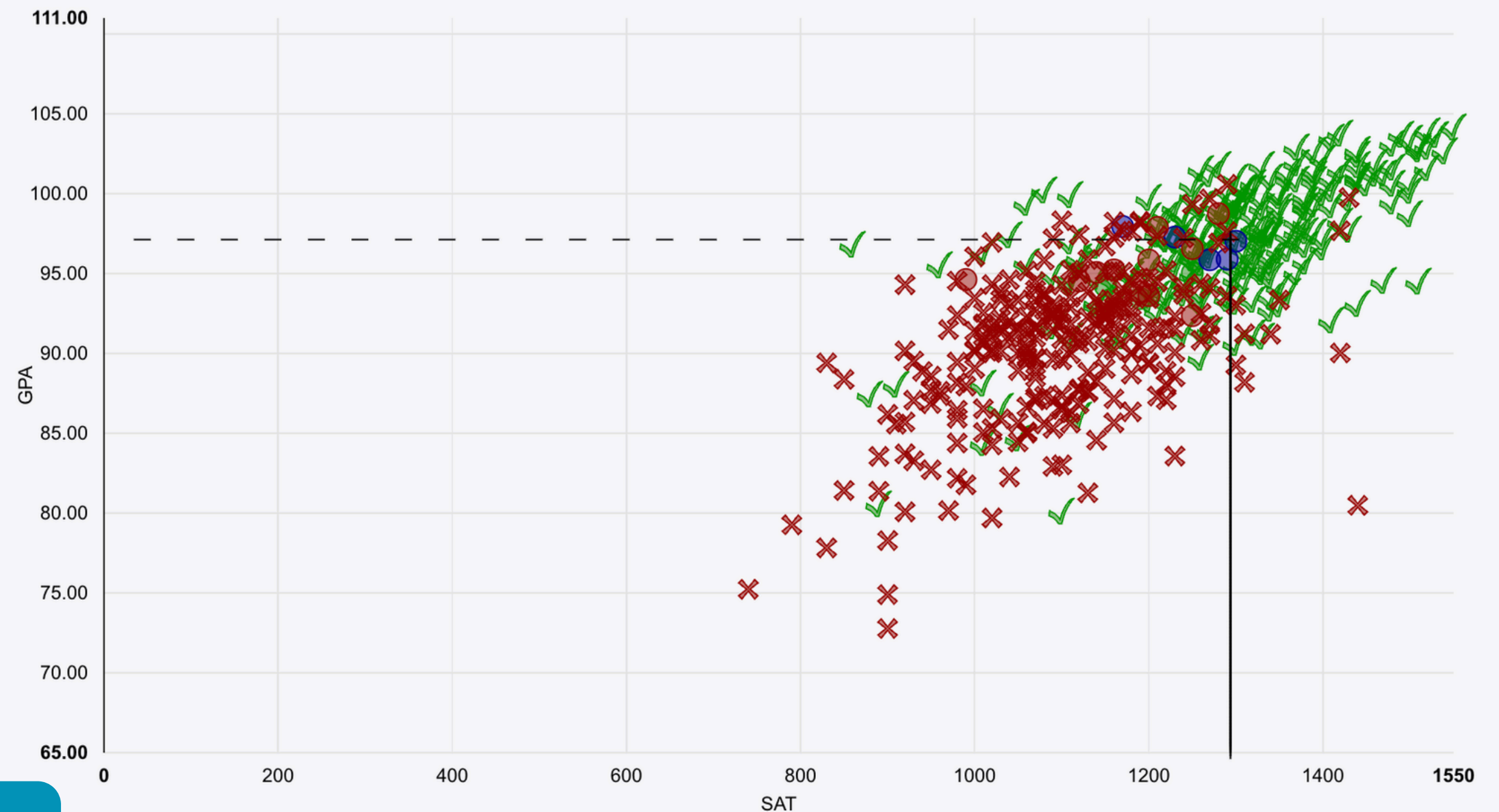
# SuperMatch College Search



- Colleges
- SuperMatch College Search
- Input options
- Explore Results
- Admissions
  - Scattergram
  - Previous students

## Scattergrams | Applications for Patchogue-Medford High School

Comparing Weighted GPA with SAT (1600) ▼



Ex. Stony Brook University



# How to Use Naviance

Under “Colleges” tab, select  
“Colleges I’m Applying To”

Make Common App Account first,  
then “Match Accounts”

The screenshot shows the Naviance website interface. At the top, the Naviance logo is on the left, and navigation links (Home, Self-Discovery, Careers, **Colleges**, Planner, About me) are in the center. On the right, there are icons for a heart, a mail envelope, a question mark, a 'DS' badge, 'EN', a globe, and a 'Log Out' button. Below the navigation bar, the page title 'Colleges I'm Applying To' is on the left, and a search bar 'Search for Colleges' with a magnifying glass icon is on the right. A red banner message states: 'It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools. Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started.' A red 'Match Accounts' button is on the right side of this banner. Below the banner, a green bar contains an information icon and the text: 'Your parent/guardian must give you consent for you to request transcripts. Contact your counseling office if you think this is a mistake'. To the right of this bar are links for 'Manage Transcripts' and 'Compare Me', followed by a blue circular button with a white plus sign. At the bottom left, there is a legend: '✦ = extended profile available'. At the bottom right, there is a 'Remove' button with a trash icon.

Naviance

Home Self-Discovery Careers **Colleges** Planner About me

Colleges I'm Applying To

Search for Colleges

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Match Accounts

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Manage Transcripts Compare Me

✦ = extended profile available

Remove

Transcript Authorization form is required to request  
transcripts and teacher recommendations

# Transcript Release Form

\*Parent/Guardian must complete

- Naviance
- Transcripts
- SCCC Beacon Transcripts
- Working Papers
- Application for Homebound Instruction



Patchogue-Medford High School partners with Method Test Prep to provide free test preparation for all students. Log into your NAVIANCE account for more information. January update - Check your NAVIANCE account for info about our Test Prep Course to be offered at PMHS beginning in February.

Excelsior Scholarships are now available to NYS students attending college. Check your child's **Naviance** page for information on this new opportunity at SUNY campus.

## PMHS Senior Parent Naviance Night

### Authorization to Release


Authorization to Release Records







Please visit the [www.pmschools.org](http://www.pmschools.org) / High School / Counseling Department / Naviance

# Adding Colleges to Naviance

If using Common App, match accounts.


 Naviance


[Home](#) [Self-Discovery](#) [Careers](#) [Colleges](#) [Planner](#) [About me](#)

   EN 


[Log Out](#)


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[Manage Transcripts](#) [Compare Me](#) 

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If using SUNY App or Colleges website, use “+” to manually add



# Manually Adding Non-Common App Schools

Which college are you applying to?

Suffolk County Community College, Selden, NY



Colleges already in your application list would be unavailable for selection.

App Type


Rolling - **Deadline Apr 1**



I'll submit my application

Direct to the institution



Are you planning to submit your SAT or ACT scores to be considered during the admission review process? 

Choose an option



☐ I've submitted my application

Add Application

- Search for College
- Indicate application deadline/type
- Method of application
  - “Direct to the institution”
- Planning to submit SAT/ACT scores?
- Submitted?
- Add Application



# Letters of Recommendation

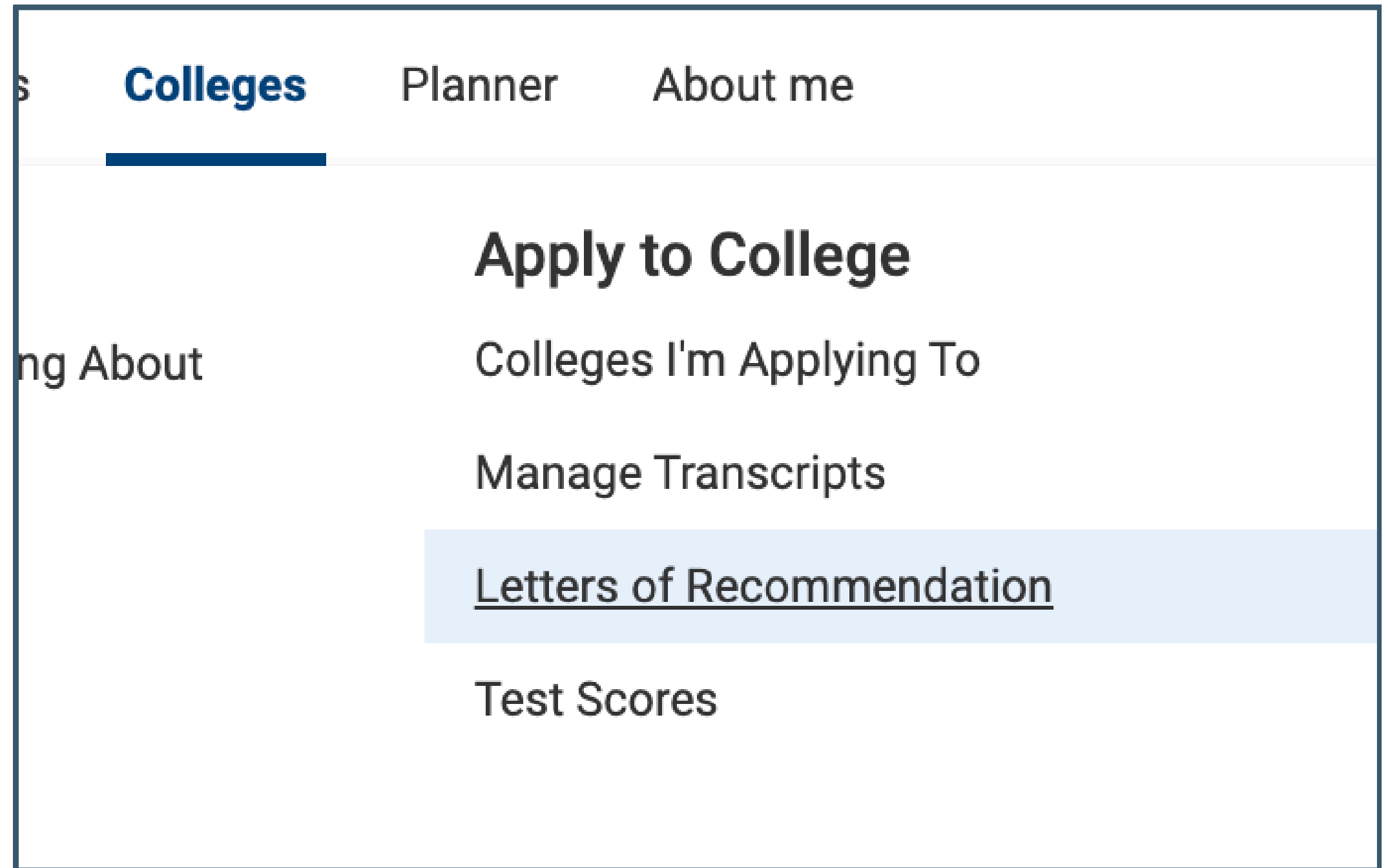
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- Process Overview – how to request PMHS Teacher Recommendations
- Non-PMHS Recommendations
- How many? Why?
- Can I see the recommendations?
- When should I ask for them?
- What happens if I delay my request?
- Be careful when making your request...

# Letters of Recommendation

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Under “Colleges” tab, select  
“Letters of  
Recommendation”



# Letters of Recommendation

Click “add request”

Select the teacher whose letter you are requesting,  
select schools, then submit request.

Letters of recommendation

## Add new request

Here you can ask a teacher to write you a letter of recommendation. Make sure you give your teachers plenty of time to write your recommendations!

Cancel

Submit Request

### 1. Who would you like to write this recommendation?\*

Select A Teacher

### 2. Select the recommendation request type:\*

☐

Select All

Colleges ^

Due ^

☐

Stony Brook University  
0 required / 3 allowed / 0 requested

Nov 01 2024

☐

Suffolk County Community College  
-- required / -- allowed / 0 requested

Apr 01 2025

Pay attention to the  
number of letters a  
college allows!



# I've Applied...now what?

Manage Transcripts

Compare Me

+

✦ = extended profile available

+ Request Transcripts

Remove

College	App Type <div>i</div>	Deadline	Expected Difficulty*	Transcripts	Office Materials	Submission Type <div>i</div>	Application
<input type="checkbox"/> ✦ Stony Brook University	Early Action - Fall 2025	Nov 1	N/A	No Request	Pending	<div>CA</div>	Submitted <div>▼</div> <div>✎</div> EDIT <div>More</div> <div>:</div>
<input type="checkbox"/> ✦ Suffolk County Community College	Rolling	Apr 1	N/A	No Request	Pending	<div></div>	Submitted <div>▼</div> <div>✎</div> EDIT <div>More</div> <div>:</div>



When submitting your application via Common App, Naviance will automatically update to let your counselor know. For other application types, you must “edit” the information.



# I've Applied...now what?

Update your Naviance by clicking “I’ve submitted my application” and save

Suffolk County Community College

Have you submitted your application?

☒

I've submitted my application

I'll submit my application

☐

Direct to the institution

Are you planning to submit your SAT or ACT scores to be considered during the admission review process?

☐

Choose an option

College Deadline

04/01/2025

Counselor Override

Not Applicable

Save College Application

Next, request your **Initial** transcript. **ALL** students must do this, even those using Common App.

Manage Transcripts

Compare Me

+

+ Request Transcripts

Remove

Submission Type

Application

CA

What type of transcript are you requesting?

☒

Initial

☐ Final

Where are you sending the transcript/s?

☒ Stony Brook University

☒ Suffolk County Community College

Request and Finish

# Next, inputting your results

All students must put a result in Naviance for **EVERY** school they applied to.

Manage Transcripts

Compare Me

+



+ Request Transcripts

Remove

Submission *i*

Application

Type

	Submitted <i>v</i> <i>p</i> EDIT	More <i>:</i>
	Submitted <i>v</i> <i>p</i> EDIT	More <i>:</i>

App Type *i*

Early Action - Fall 2025 term - **Deadline Nov 1**

Result

Accepted *v*

☐ Waitlisted

☐ Deferred

Select the appropriate result from the drop down menu: Accepted, Denied, Withdrawn



# Updating your Final Choice

Under your list of colleges, select the college you are attending and click “update”

Request your FINAL transcript to be sent to that school only

## College that I'm Attending:

✓ N/A  
Stony Brook University  
Suffolk County Community College

Update

 Manage Transcripts

 Compare Me



 Request Transcripts

 Remove

Submission  Application  
Type



Submitted  EDIT

More 

## What type of transcript are you requesting?

☐ Initial

☒ Final

## Where are you sending the transcript/s?

 Suffolk County Community College

Request and Finish

# How to Prepare for the 2025-2026 FAFSA Form

Will be open on or  
before December 1st,  
2024

You can create a  
StudentAid.gov account  
ahead of time

Prepare the following  
documents:

- Parent SSN's (if they have and you are a dependent student)
- Tax Returns
- Records of child support recieved
- Current balances of cash, checkings, and savings accounts
- Net worth of investments/businesses

Visit [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)  
website to review  
information



# Helpful Links to Prepare for the 2025-2026 FAFSA



Please utilize the following links:

- Students and families can now begin creating StudentAid.gov accounts,
- Learn about documents needed for FAFSA completion
- Determine dependency status
- Identifying required contributors with the Who Counts as a Parent on the FAFSA Form? Tool



# FAFSA Assistance

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The Patchogue Medford Library offers one-on-one Financial Aid Counseling. Book an appointment on their [website](#)! (Services-College Prep)

SUNY offers FAFSA completion workshops ([https://engage.suny.edu/portal/fafsa\\_workshops](https://engage.suny.edu/portal/fafsa_workshops))

Suffolk Community College offers financial aid workshops (<https://apply.sunysuffolk.edu/portal/FA>)



# Save the Date!

\*For students only\*

- Students with the last names A-F: 4th period
- Students with the last names G-M: 5th period
- Students with the last names N-Z: 6th period



**Save the date for our Spring Evening College Fair- April 10th!**

# Fall Fair Attending Colleges and Post-Secondary Institutions



Colleges, Universities, Technical  
Schools, Military Branches

- ACCES-VR
- Adelphi University
- Air Force ROTC
- Binghamton University
- Caldwell University
- CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- Dominican University New York
- Drew University
- Drexel University
- Emmanuel College
- Five Towns College
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Florida Southern College
- Hartwick College
- Hofstra University
- Hunter Business School
- Iona University
- Island Drafting & Technical Institute
- Johnson & Wales University
- King's College
- Lafayette College
- Le Moyne College
- Lehigh University
- LIM College
- Long Island University
- Maine Maritime Academy
- Manhattan University
- Marymount Manhattan College
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Mercy University
- Montclair State University
- Moravian University
- Mount Saint Mary College
- Nassau Community College
- New Jersey Institute of Technology
- New York Air National Guard
- New York Army National Guard
- New York Institute of Technology
- Nova Southeastern University
- Pace University
- Quinnipiac University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rider University
- Roger Williams University
- Sacred Heart University
- Seton Hall University
- Southern Connecticut State U.
- St. Bonaventure University
- St. John's University
- St. Joseph's University
- St. Thomas Aquinas College
- Stony Brook University
- Suffolk County Community College
- Suffolk County Sheriff's Office
- SUNY Brockport
- SUNY Buffalo State University
- SUNY Canton
- SUNY Farmingdale State College
- SUNY Geneseo
- SUNY Maritime College
- SUNY New Paltz
- SUNY Old Westbury
- SUNY Oneonta
- SUNY Oswego
- SUNY Potsdam
- SUNY Purchase College
- SUNY University at Buffalo
- The City University of New York (CUNY)
- The Electrical & HVAC/R Training Center
- The University of Rhode Island
- The University of Scranton
- U.S. NAVY
- UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
- Universal Technical Institute
- University at Albany, SUNY
- University of Connecticut
- University of Hartford
- University of Massachusetts at Amherst
- University of New Haven
- University of Scranton
- US Merchant Marine Academy
- Utica University
- Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology
- Wagner College
- Wentworth Institute of Technology
- Western Connecticut State University
- York College of Pennsylvania

# APPLY TO SUNY FOR **FREE**

**Oct. 21 – Nov. 3**

Apply to up to **5 SUNY**  
**colleges or universities** with  
no application fee.



[suny.edu/apply](https://suny.edu/apply)



## SUNY Free Application Week

October 21st -  
November 3rd

Apply to up to 5 SUNY  
schools for free!





**CUNY** THE CITY  
UNIVERSITY  
OF  
NEW YORK

# CUNY Free Application Week

November 4th -  
November 15th

Apply to any CUNY school  
during this time frame for  
free!



# Timeline of Senior Year: September



- Review your transcript
- Parent/Guardian fills out transcript release form
- Work on completing college applications and essays
- Ask one or two teachers for letters of recommendation through Naviance (after speaking with them)
- Early Decision and Early Action candidates - make sure your counselor is aware of your deadlines
- Register for your final SAT/ACT if needed, and send your scores
- Attend financial aid workshops
- Check the Guidance Newsletter monthly for scholarship information
- Register with NCAA if you plan to play a Division 1 or 2 sport in college
- Keep your grades up! Most colleges will want to see your Senior year mid-year grades

# Timeline of Senior Year: October/November



- Complete your college essay and speak with your English teacher to help you review it
- Discuss your college plan with your counselor and finalize your college list
- Early Decision candidates should complete their applications
- Pay attention to application deadlines!
  - Please allow enough lead time for both teachers and counselors to process information
- Early Decision and Early Action candidates - make sure your counselor is aware of your deadlines
- Continue working on college applications
- Early Decision deadlines are as early as November 1st or November 15th!

# Timeline of Senior Year: December/January



- FAFSA will be available on or before December 1st 2024- complete as early as possible
- Complete all college applications by December 15th if possible
- Pay attention to December and January 1st deadlines. Notify your counselor of your deadlines
- Notify your counselor of colleges that are requesting mid-year grades (for Non-Common Application schools)
- Get application packet for PM Scholarships & Awards

# Timeline of Senior Year: February/March/April



- Colleges will inform students of admissions decisions
- Keep the counselor informed of your decision of where you plan to attend!
- When you have decided on a school, send your deposit, and inform other schools so your spot can go to someone on the waiting list
- Continue to research scholarship opportunities

# Timeline of Senior Year:

## May/June



- Carefully analyze your financial aid award letters
- Inform the Admissions Office of the school you have decided to attend
- List your acceptances and denials in Naviance for ALL colleges you have applied to
- Request your FINAL transcript through Naviance





**Questions?  
We are here  
to help!**