# **Marriotts Ridge High School**



# **OBJECTIVES**

Students will understand the process and timeline for obtaining and submitting application materials for post-high school plans, including:

Transcript Request Form/Process
 Teacher Recommendation Requests/Process

### **STUDENT SERVICES SUPPORT:**

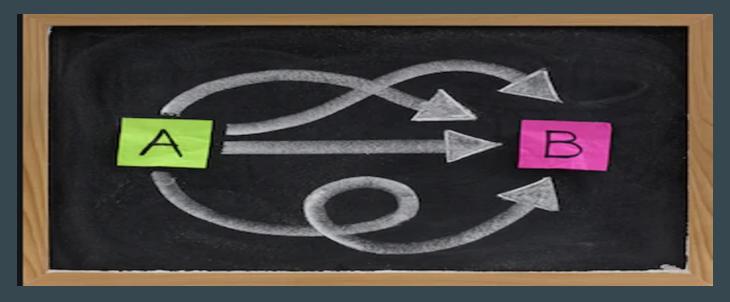
#### **COUNSELORS**

MRS. LITTLE MRS. DUBBS MRS. BAEK MS. NELSON MR. JOHNSON

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MS. DEISON MS. LEAF

# Endless Opportunities with Multiple Pathways



Over 5,000 colleges/universities: 2-year/4-year schools

- Trade/vocational schools, military, work force
- Gap year (with a goal in mind)
- Each student's path should reflect individual goals, interests, and strengths

# **Completed Over the Summer(?):**

- 1. Teacher Information Form #1
- 2. Teacher Information Form #2
- 3. Counselor Information Form
- 4. Parent Information Form (optional)
- Update your Resume and upload to Naviance!



### Where to Find Teacher/Counselor Information Forms?

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Teacher Information Form #2							
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#### NAVIANCE: Click "About Me" > "My Surveys" > "Surveys Not Started" \*\* Careful completion of these forms is ESSENTIAL \*\*

# How to Upload Resumes to Naviance:

Log in to Naviance: Click on "My Planner"
Click on "Tasks"
Scroll to "Tasks You Need To Work On"
Click on "Upload a Resume "
Upload your document > Verify the upload

## Military & Trade School Plans

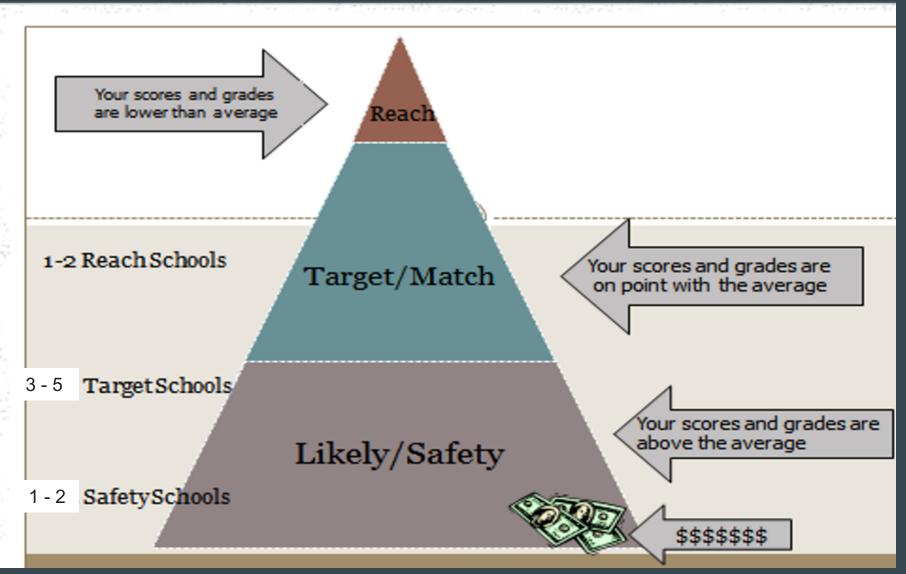
#### **MILITARY:**

- ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery): Contact a recruitment center for future testing dates
- https://www.military.com/ join-armed-forces/asvab

#### **TRADE SCHOOLS:**

- Electrician, dental hygienist, HVAC technician, home inspector, plumber, court reporter, airplane mechanic, pipe fitter, cosmetologist, sonographer, paralegal...
- Research individual schools for deadlines and requirements

# **Create a Diversified College List**



#### https://www.smore.com/yx6me-college-fit-102

# **Admissions Types**

#### **Early Decision**

Early deadline, early response, LEGALLY BINDING

**Early Action** 

Early deadline, early response, **NON**-BINDING

#### **Priority Deadline**

Students apply by an earlier deadline, and receive priority over students who do not meet the deadline. Decisions are also made earlier

#### **Rolling Admission**

Students are accepted/denied as applications are received.

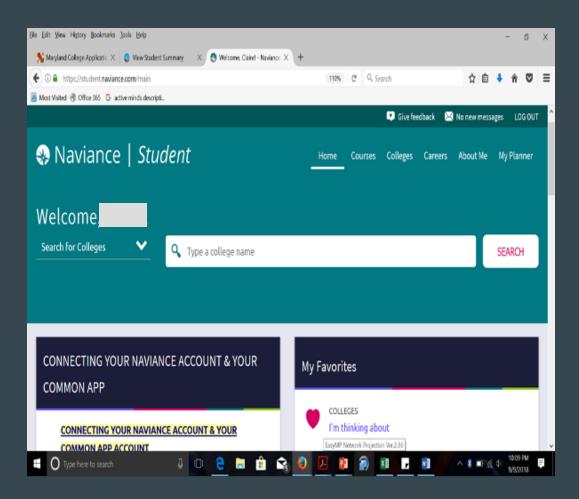
#### **Regular Admission**

Apply by regular deadline (i.e. Jan 15) and receive responses ~April 1

# What Portion of the Process Goes Through MRHS?

## From MRHS:

- Transcripts
- Teacher/Counselor
   Recommendations
- Sending School Reports



#### **USE YOUR APPLICATION CHECKLIST!**

Once your list of prospective colleges is set, refer
 to your HCPSS Application Checklist

The Application Checklist can be found on the MRHS <u>website</u>, as well as on Canvas under
 Student Resources > Student Services > High
 School Forms

#### What's a TRANSCRIPT?

A transcript is an official copy of a student's academic record.

**Contents of the transcript:** 

Course titles from 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade
Final grade earned for each course
Senior courses in progress
Weighted AND Unweighted GPA

Standardized test scores (SAT, PSAT, ACT, or AP scores) are NOT included.

REVIEW YOUR PERSONAL TRANSCRIPT FOR ACCURACY!

## Where can I find the Transcript Request Form?

# MRHS <u>website</u> > Student Services AND

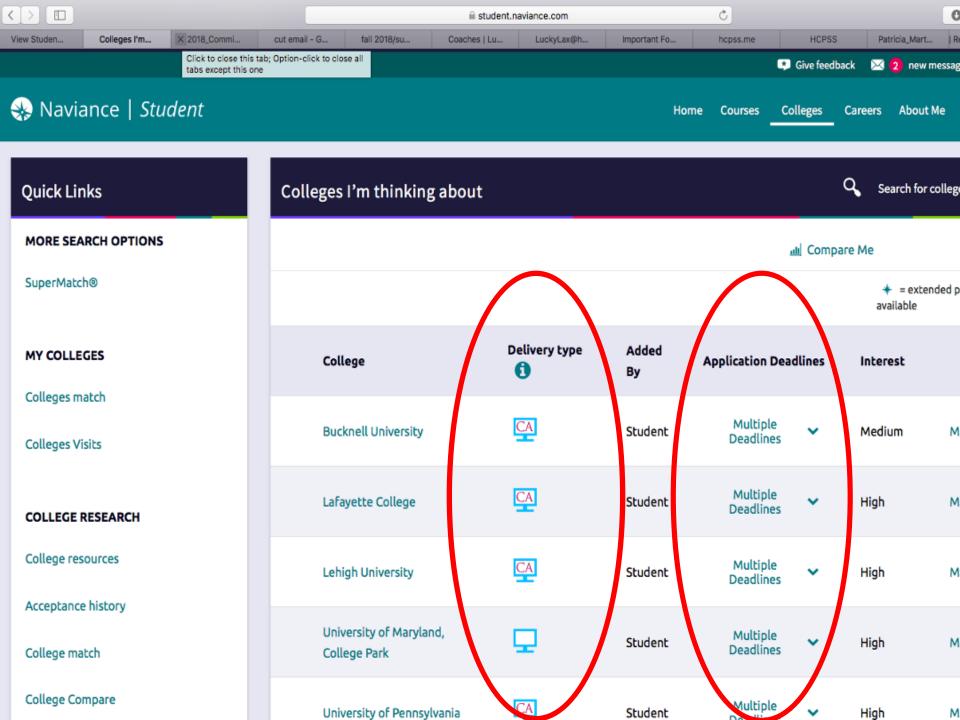
 Canvas: MRHS Student Resources > Student Services Community > High School Forms

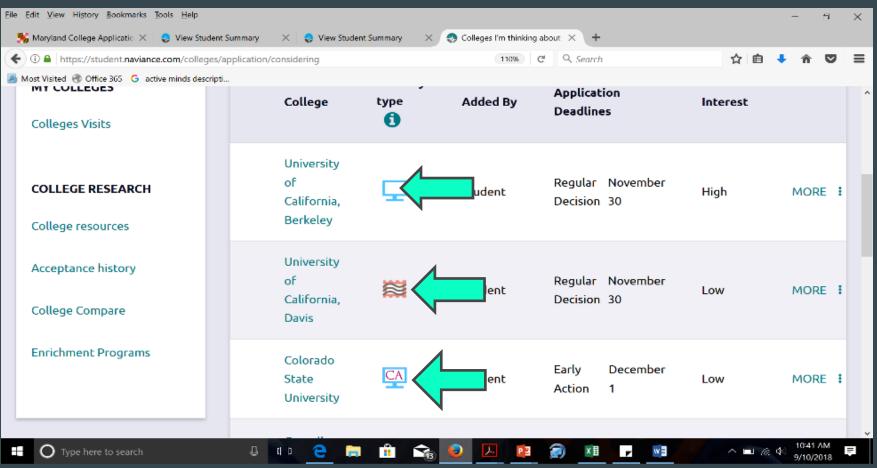


TRANSCRIPT/STUDENT RECORDS REQUEST

Student Name:					Dat	e of Birth:	
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College/University, Armed Forces, Scholarship, Employer, Trade/Technical School, NCAA, Internship Program, Other (List below)	City in which College is Located	Application Deadline Date	Application Deadline Type* (EA, ED, Priority, Regular, Rolling, etc.)	Are you using the Common App? (Y or N	Are you using the Coalition App? (Y or N	Do you need a Counselor Letter of Recommendation (Y or N)	Extronic Use Only Effectionic Somission or Mailed Date
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Please allow 20 school days to process transcript requests.





#### DO MY SCHOOLS ACCEPT ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS?

#### GO TO:

-Colleges I'm Thinking about

#### OR

-College/University Page

-Admissions tab, scroll to the bottom of page to Application info

-Under Important Policies

## **Transcript Form Submission:**

# Email completed transcript form to Ms. Deison (joni\_deison@hcpss.org)

#### •Use the Subject Line: "NEW TRANSCRIPT REQUEST"

• <u>20 SCHOOL DAYS PRIOR</u> to college deadline (refer to **Transcript Request Due Dates** on the next slide)

Official school transcripts will be sent by counselors electronically via Naviance, unless otherwise directed
No transcript fee this year!

## **DEADLINES!!**

#### \*THIS DUE DATE FORM CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON THE MRHS WEBSITE\*

College Deadline	Last date student can turn in requests
October 15, 2020	September 17, 2020
November 1, 2020	October 5, 2020
November 15, 2020	October 19, 2020
December 1, 2020	November 3, 2020
December 15, 2020	November 17, 2020
*January 1, 2021	*November 23, 2020
January 15, 2021	December 10, 2020
February 1, 2021	January 3, 2021
February 15, 2021	January 18, 2021
March 1, 2021	February 1, 2021
April 1, 2021	March 4, 2021
May 1, 2021	March 26, 2021

# HCPSS requires 20 <u>SCHOOL</u> days to meet application deadlines!

#### Waiver of Rights to Access Letters or Recommendation

### 20-21 Waiver Of Right To Access School Counselor/Teacher Letters Of Recommendation

By completing this form, you are verifying that this has been completed with your parent/guardian(s) approval.

Colleges and universities prefer that teacher evaluations and recommendations are confidential. Colleges generally believe that recommendations written with this understanding are more candid and honest. Therefore, those recommendations have more validity and carry more weight in the admission process than recommendations that parents and students can access.

Waiver of Rights Form can be found here

# After the Transcript Form and Waiver have been submitted...

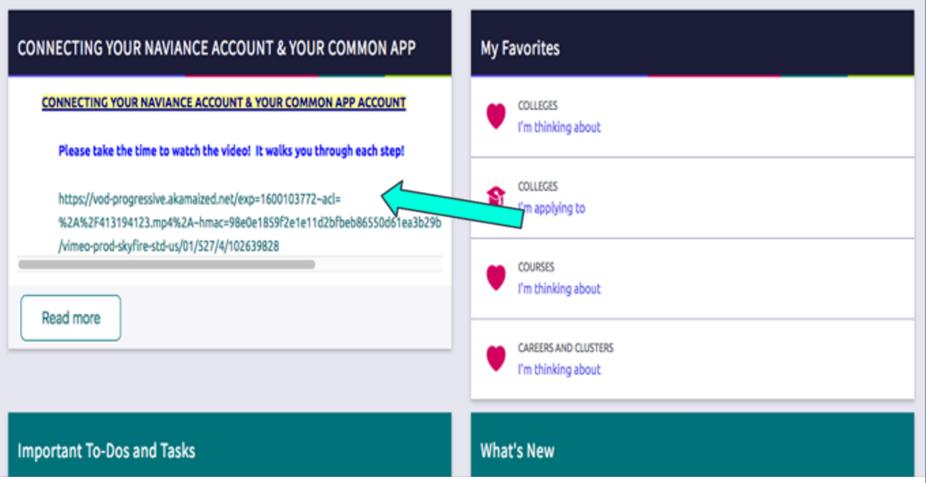
 If you are using Common App for any of your schools, log into the Common Application website

- Add the colleges from the Transcript Request Form
- Complete the FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) waiver of the Common Application, which gives permission for information about the student to be shared between institutions

#### MATCHING NAVIANCE TO COMMON APPLICATION!

- If you have ONE (or more) Common App. Schools, you MUST:
  - Electronically sign the Common App FERPA Waiver
- Link Naviance to Common App: "Colleges" > "Colleges I'm Applying To" > "MATCH ACCOUNTS"
  We cannot send your transcript until this step is completed!
  - If you are NOT using COMMON APP at all, you do not need to do this.

# **Video Tutorial for Naviance Matching**



Video tutorial on how to match accounts: https://vod-

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### Common App.



 Some colleges participate with <u>Common App</u>, rather than Coalition

 NO NEED to invite teachers/counselors through the Common App website for recommendations

# **Coalition Applications**



Some colleges participate with <u>Coalition</u>, rather than Common App

 NO NEED to invite teachers/counselors through the Coalition website

 Coalition does NOT need to be matched with Naviance

#### TEACHER LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

- Multi-step process
  - 1. Verbal request
  - 2. Email Teacher Rec. Request Form to teacher(s)
  - 3. Invite teacher through Naviance (WAIT 2-3 SCHOOL DAYS <u>AFTER SUBMITTING</u> YOUR TRANSCRIPT FORM TO MS. DEISON)
- Know how many letters a college/university will accept
- Teachers require notice <u>20 school days</u> prior to application deadline

#### **TEACHER REC. REQUEST FORM**



#### 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

Teachers: Don't forget to complete Teacher Common Application Form prior to letter being submitted.

**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 Wavier of Right to Access Teacher Letters of Recommendation Form and have waived my rights is 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. 5.20 HCPSS Office of School Counseling and Related Services.NH

#### Form housed in Canvas > Student Resources > Student Services > High School Form & <u>MRHS website</u>

### **INVITE TEACHERS ON NAVIANCE**

#### WHEN?

#### AFTER YOU SUBMIT YOUR TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM TO MS. DEISON & SEE COLLEGE LISTED UNDER "COLLEGES I'M APPLYING TO" PROCESS IN NAVIANCE:

- Colleges Tab, Letters of Recommendation
- Add Request button, select teacher, select schools, write a personal note and submit.
- TEACHERS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR SURVEY, RESUME, OR PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE UNTIL YOU DO THIS!
- \*\*\* Be sure to thank your teachers for the time and effort invested! \*\*\*

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# **Questions about Recommenders:**

- It is common for schools to request 2 letters of recommendation from teachers.
   We advise one teacher be someone who taught you in a "Core" subject, such as English, Math, Science, or Social Studies. Your second letter can be from any other subject.
- A **teacher** letter of recommendation should be from someone who knew you in an academic classroom setting and had you as a student.
- If your school requires a school counselor letter of recommendation, you will indicate this on your Transcript Request Form. We will write one for each student who indicates they need one on the Transcript Request Form--which is also due 20 school days prior to the application deadline.
- Read your applications carefully. If they only want a certain number of letters of recommendation, abide by these directions.
- Some schools will accept supplemental letters of recommendations and materials (ex. From coaches, employers, etc.). In these cases you can submit additional letters if you would like, but it is not required.

# **ADDITIONAL FORMS:**

 Some colleges may have additional Teacher or Counselor Evaluation Forms...

•We do not need this form

 Teachers and counselors will send this form (and the recommendation)
 ELECTRONICALLY, or by mail, when specifically directed. What if my recommender does **NOT work at MRHS?**  ARL teachers – Have Naviance access to upload your recommendation letters Coaches/Mentors/Employers – Without Naviance access, students will need to contact each institution to determine where these recommenders should send their letters

#### **• EMAIL REC. REQUEST FORMS TO TEACHERS**

# **Remember to...**

- 1. Update your personal email address in Naviance
- 2. Review unofficial transcript for accuracy of course titles and grades
- 3. Submit the Transcript Request Form & Waiver Form
- 4. Complete each step of the Letter of Rec. process
- 5. Request SAT/ACT scores be sent *directly from* College Board or the ACT to your list of colleges
- 6. Continue to work on your applications/essays



# **SENIOR GRADES COUNT!**

• COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES WILL RECEIVE MID-YEAR GRADE REPORT

 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER, 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER, AND FINAL EXAM GRADES WILL BE ON YOUR MID-YEAR REPORT.

#### • FEBRUARY:

We will automatically send mid-year reports to <u>ALL</u> colleges/universities that you've listed on past Transcript Request Forms.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- We will submit your transcripts and letters by the college deadline date, if you've provided prior notice of 20 school days
- Your colleges/universities will upload and review your materials according to THEIR schedule.
- It may take a few **WEEKS** for colleges/universities to match your materials with your application.
- CALL your admissions office and confirm receipt if you have concerns

### VIRTUAL COLLEGE INFO. SESSIONS

**COLLEGE INFORMATION SESSIONS** – This year, HCPSS will be coordinating college representative visits virtually.

- If the institution you are interested in is not listed, please add the college name under "Other."
- Make sure to check the email you provide regularly for updates!

# Use this link to sign up for virtual meetings with college representatives!

# What Portion of the Process is Completed From Home?

- Finalize College List
- Complete College Applications Online
- Write/Polish Essays
- Send Test Scores to Colleges
- NCAA Ms. Deison (Eligibility for D1/D2 Sports)
- FAFSA/CSS/Financial Aid Research Naviance

### MRHS: College Essay Support

What: Mini-writing conferences with Mr. Miller or Mrs. Cutler for support in writing the college essay

When: Tuesday or Thursdays

- 3:30-4:30 (15 min.
   conferences)
- Starting on September 22 through October 29

How: Via Google Meet with Mr. Miller or Mrs. Cutler Sign up using the <u>link</u> for a conference time. To ensure that ALL students have an opportunity for extra support, please sign up for only one time slot for now.

Please come to your conference prepared with the following:

- Essay prompt
- A draft (if possible) or ideas
- Any questions or specific areas that you need help with

Conference sign up sheet link: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1etae\_3e\_I0vlw71QHYSmCofjz5\_rJ4r wqEED9CBaZ7o/edit?usp=sharing

# FINAL NOTES...

#### Unofficial transcript

- Found in Synergy > More Options > Report Cards > Unofficial Transcript 2020-21
- Review with a parent/guardian for accuracy
- See your counselor if anything is missing or incorrect

#### Weighted/Unweighted GPA

- Calculated based on 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade courses
- HCPSS NO longer RANKS students!
- Don't forget... <u>STUDENTS</u> must send ACT/SAT scores directly to the colleges from College Board or the ACT

# FAFSA Application Opens: Oct. 1st

#### Free Application for Federal Student Aid -<u>https://fafsa.ed.gov/</u>

- HCC's Financial Aid Office offers support with FAFSA completion, EVEN if student is not applying to HCC (https://www.howardcc.edu/admissions-aid/pay-forcollege/financial-aid/)
- 2. All families are encouraged to file, even if you do not think you will qualify, as some scholarships require an application on file for consideration
- CSS Profile <a href="http://css.collegeboard.org/">http://css.collegeboard.org/</a>

# SAT/ACT 2020 FAQs SAT ACT

### Q: What does "Test Optional Mean" ?

A: For this upcoming year, many colleges and universities are "Test Optional" meaning that they do not require applicants to submit their test scores as part of their admissions process. Schools understand that students did not have the same opportunities to test due to the Covid-shut down.

Look on a school's website and application to confirm if they are Test Optional, or not. Q: I took the SAT or ACT, should I send my scores?

A: If you scored within the average range for a school's acceptance, we encourage you to send your scores.

You can also reach out to admissions representatives at specific schools for specific suggestions and assistance! **Q: I did not get to test** yet; should I still try to register?

A: If your PSAT scores indicate that you'd likely test within the average range of your target school, trying to register for an upcoming test is reasonable.

At the same time, colleges understand that tests have been canceled and registering for tests has been a challenge.

If you apply without test scores, remember that the other aspects of your application may become even more important, such as your essays and letters of recommendation.

#### **CLASS OF 2021!**

#### YOUR COUNSELORS ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU!

**Questions?** 



#### \*\*\* PLEASE CHECK YOUR TRANSCRIPT IN SYNERGY FOR ACCURACY\*\*\*