

**POST SECONDARY
PLANNING
CLASS OF 2021**

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OCEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

COLLECT BEFORE WE GET STARTED:

- 1 red folder
- 1 “salmon” sheet
- 1 yellow
- 1 white packet
- 1 blue sheet
- 2 green sheets

POST SECONDARY OPTIONS:

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- Employment
- Career/technical school
- Military
- College
 - 2 year
 - 4 year

COMMON MYTHS ABOUT COLLEGE

- Test scores are the most important criterion for admissions
- There is only one perfect college for me
- Wait until you get accepted to visit
- I need to decide on a career before I choose a college
- If I haven't heard of the college before, it can't be "good"
- I should attend the most prestigious college that accepts me

ABOUT THE COLLEGE PROCESS

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- Keep it in perspective
- Work together as a family
- **Students must take ownership**
- Discuss finances openly
- Start early and meet all deadlines
- Meet often with your school counselor
 - Classroom sessions were held for ALL 11th grade students 3/13-3-19
 - Individual (parent & student) meetings will begin late March reach out to your school counselor to make that request!

FINDING A COLLEGE: THINGS TO CONSIDER PAGE 12

- 4 year or 2 year
- Cost
- Size
- Location
- Distance form Home
- Majors
- Credentials
- Residence Halls
- Special Programs
- Pockets of Excellence

HIT THE ROAD AND VISIT! PAGE 14-15 & 28

- Go onto to Naviance and determine if the college/university is good “fit” for admissions
 - Consider the requirements for Admission
 - Research deadlines
- Register on the college/university website for a tour
- College visits can be excused with documentation of the visit
- Determine if the College/University is a good financial fit – NET PRICE CALCULATOR
- Schedule a visit when the students are in session (demonstrated interest)
- Talk to current students
- Register for Fall/Spring Visits on Naviance (Page 28)

FINALIZE YOUR LIST OF COLLEGES:

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- Try not apply to more than 8 colleges (if you can avoid it)
- Schedule an interview if it is offered
- Have a range of schools based on academic requirements AND cost:
 - Safety
 - Probable
 - Reach

ADMISSIONS TERMS: PAGE 8-9

- Early decision – binding
- Early action- non-binding
- Priority
- Rolling
- Regular
- Deferred
- Waitlisted
- Day of Intent MAY 1st

HOW ARE APPLICANTS EVALUATED?

PAGE 10: HARD FACTORS

- Rigor of the students schedule
- Grades
- GPA
- SAT/ACT/Subject Tests* PAGE 19

HOW ARE APPLICANTS EVALUATED: SOFT FACTORS

- Letters of Recommendation PAGE 44
- Resume' PAGE 32-36
- College Essay(s)
- Demonstrated Interest

THE APPLICATION: PAGE 41

- Common Application – CREATE an ACCOUNT TODAY!
- University/College Specific Application
- Colleges/Universities do NOT give preference to one application over another

THE FAMILY APPLICATION CHECK LIST:

_____ I have updated the universities/colleges I am applying to in Naviance

_____ I have emailed an updated and professional resume' to my counselor

_____ I have Created a Common Application account (write N/A if you are not applying to a common application school)

_____ I have signed the FERPA agreement on Common Application and linked it to my Naviance account

OR

_____ I have completed the FERPA Statement on Naviance because I do not have/need a common application account (you will find it under the link to *College's I'm Applying To*)

_____ I have sent my SAT Scores and/or ACT Scores directly to all colleges I have applied to or plan to apply to (OCHS DOES NOT SEND SCORES)

_____ I have submitted the required information to my school counselor for a recommendation letter (will vary by counselor)

_____ I have submitted a request in person to two teachers using the Guidance Office's **Teacher Recommendation Request Form** along with an attached resume'.

_____ I have added the teacher recommendation requests to Naviance.

_____ I will submit a completed **OCHS Transcript Request Form for College Applications for EVERY college I apply to directly to my school counselor 10 business days prior to the due date.**

By signing below, I am acknowledging and agreeing to the policies and procedures as set forth by the Ocean City School District Guidance office. I understand that if I do not follow the guidelines my applications will not be processed.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: PAGE 44

- Students should request the letter of recommendation from 2 academic teachers from junior year (Spring of Junior Year)
- Students complete the request form and attach an updated resume'
- Students should make the request in person
- Once the teacher has agreed to write the letter provide them with the request form and a resume'
- Finally, add the teacher request to your Naviance account

PAGE 19 COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING

- Students should take 2-3 SAT exams
- Students should take 2 ACT exams
- **Colleges/Universities are trending to super score ACT sub scores with SAT sub scores**
- IVY League applicants – Military Academy applicants and the “Duke” Applicants **MUST** take Subject Tests (SAT II exams)
 - Students can take up to 3 subject tests on 1 test date (try to avoid taking more than 2 on one date)
 - Try to take them in May or June (of junior year) to line up with AP exams

SAT VS. ACT

SAT	ACT
3 hours + 50-minute essay (optional)	2 hours, 55 minutes + 40-minute essay (optional)
3 tests + optional essay <i>Reading, Writing/Language, & Math</i>	4 tests + optional essay <i>Reading, English, Math, & Science</i>
Composite score: 400-1600 Essay score reported in 3 dimensions (reading, analysis, & writing—on a 2-8 scale)	Composite score: 1-36 & Writing score: 1-36 STEM Score: 1-36 (Math & Science) ELA Score: 1-36 (Reading, English, Writing)
Includes formula sheet for math section Includes no-calculator math section Questions increase in difficulty as you progress (reading, writing, and math)	No formulas provided—formulas should be memorized May use calculator for all math Question ordering is random
Number of questions: 154 Time per question: 1:10	Number of questions: 215 Time per question: 0:49

NOT A “FAN” OF EXAMS?

- Take a moment to visit fairtest.org
- Recent trend – Rowan, Stockton, American U and more!

TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS?

- Students with an IEP or 504 Plan may be eligible
- Students/Parents should work directly with their school counselor to request accommodations.
- Accommodations need to be approved through SAT directly
- ACT accommodations are a separate applications process
- The process can take up to 2 months
- For more information visit www.collegeboard.org and www.actstudent.org

NCAA ELIGIBILITY: PAGE 23-26

- www.eligabilitycenter.org for DIVISION 1 & 2
- Be sure to discuss your interest with your school counselor who can assist you with that process.

HELPFUL TOOLS- NAVIANCE

- NAVIANCE www.connection.Naviance.com
- Update your email address- GET RID OF OCSD email ADD your personal EMAIL address
- One stop shopping for ALL Scholarships, College Searches, Applications and Career Exploration.
- Can't logon? Email your school counselor or see Mrs. Oves during community lunch in the college and career center.

PAYING FOR COLLEGE:

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- File the FAFSA it open October 1st
- SAR/EFC
- CSS Profile
- Net Price Calculator
- Scholarships (Naviance, fastweb, college specific)
- Work Study
- Military (Reserves/ROTC)
- Want to know what the Federal Government thinks you can pay for college a year?
Visits FAFSA4caster.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

Have questions?
toves@ocsdnj.org
609-814-8716

Need a college/career counseling appointment?

<https://forms.gle/wZsuhqQvbyvmhaJYA>

Or Go To: Naviance home page and
click on the appointment link!