



**NORTHSHORESCHOOLS**

*Discovering Your Dreams*

# SENIOR COLLEGE NIGHT

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# WELCOME TO SENIOR YEAR!

- Don't Stress Out!
- Utilize your school counselor
  - Counselors meet with all the seniors
- Stay Organized
- Meet deadlines!



# COLLEGE DEADLINES

Early Decision 1 - November 1 - Binding contract

Early Decision 2 - January 1 - Binding Contract

Early Action - November 1 or 15

Restrictive Early Action

Regular Decision - January 1

Rolling Admission - No Deadlines!



# TYPES OF APPLICATIONS



- The Common Application
  - Accepted by over 800 schools
  - Six parts + College specific questions
- The Coalition Application
- CUNY
- Nassau Community College
- College Specific Apps (Georgetown)



# HOW TO APPLY

- Apply online and pay the application fee
- Waive the FERPA agreement
- Link Common Application to Naviance
- Complete the North Shore Processing form listing:
  - College Applied to
  - Deadline
  - Date given to counselor
- Please give the counselor 2 weeks to process applications
- Send SAT (Collegeboard) and/or ACT ([actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)) scores officially online
- Invite Teachers on Naviance

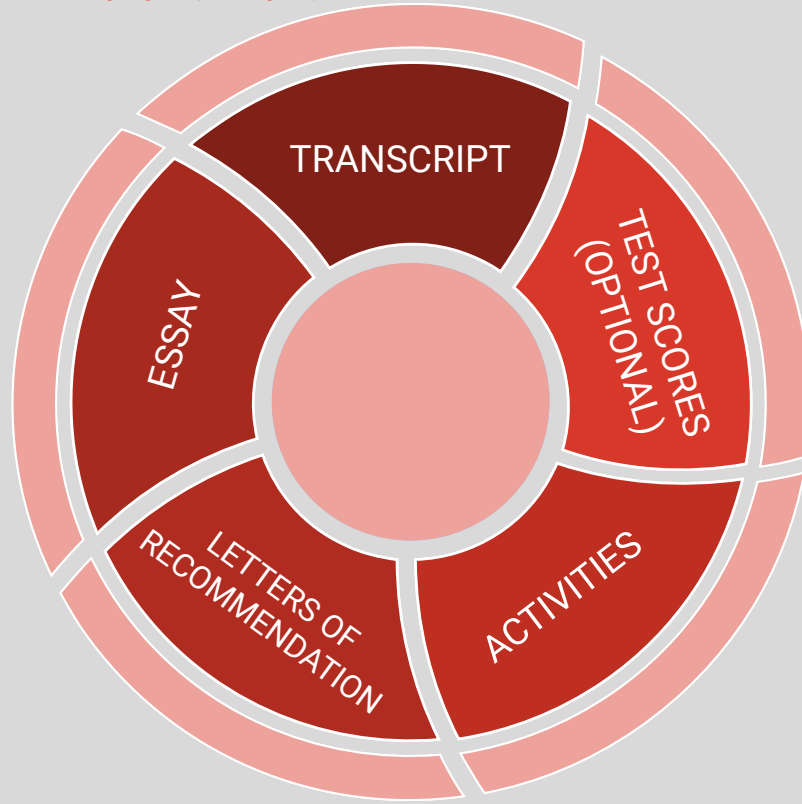


# FACTORS TO CONSIDER

- Location – home/away/city/suburb
- Size of the school – class size
- Cost
- Academic programs/philosophy
- FIT!



# WHAT DO COLLEGES LOOK FOR?





# WEIGHTED GPA

At the end of six semesters both an un-weighted and a weighted average will be calculated. The weighted average will be obtained by including the weighted final grades for the 15 **core academic** courses required for graduation, taken in grades 9-11.

**Core Courses** Include:

English 9, 10, 11

Math 9, 10, 11

Social Studies 9, 10, 11

Science 9, 10, 11

World Languages 9, 10, 11 (provided all courses are in fulfillment of a single language sequence. If a student has 2 or more language sequences, the marks from the longest sequence will be used.)

Should a child “double up” and take two core academic classes within the same discipline simultaneously in grades 9, 10 and 11, the course in which the child obtains the highest weighted grade will be included in the weighted average.

# TEST OPTIONAL - WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN?

<u>Test Optional</u>	<u>Test Flexible</u>	<u>Test Blind</u>
Colleges will consider test scores if the student has them, but they are not required for admission.	Colleges will consider different types of exams.	Colleges will not look at test scores even if submitted.
Test scores can still benefit a student in terms of admissions and scholarship money.	Example - NYU will allow you to submit AP scores in lieu of SAT/ACT scores	Test scores in no way impact admissions or scholarships.

What does this mean for admissions?

- Holistic Review

[Fairtest Test Optional List](#)

# LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Most colleges will require 2 academic teachers and one school counselor
- Unless applying to a specific program (Engineering, Medicine...etc) the letters can be from any discipline
- Consider teachers that know the student well both in and out of the classroom
- Does not have to be a class they had the highest grade in
- Will invite the teacher on Naviance
- Additional letters may or may not be considered

# COVID 19 QUESTION (ADVICE FROM TULANE)



## Are my experiences different from others?

*"I was living at home with my brother and sister and it was challenging to always be around them all the time!"* Probably best not to include.

*"Both my parents are nurses and they spent the entirety of the pandemic working in a hospital so I was the main adult in my household for my two younger siblings"* Yes, this is the info we'd very much appreciate knowing about.

## Are there noticeable changes on my transcript?

## Am I aware of my privilege?

*"I knew people whose grandparents got coronavirus in my community and that was challenging for me to witness."* Probably best not to share that as many folks have had it worse including the loss of a loved one.

*"I live in a very rural community with no broadband internet. When my school went all-virtual, it was challenging to get reliable internet throughout the day and I therefor wasn't always consistent with being able to be online."* That we definitely need to know

## Am I being specific? Am I explaining rather than complaining?

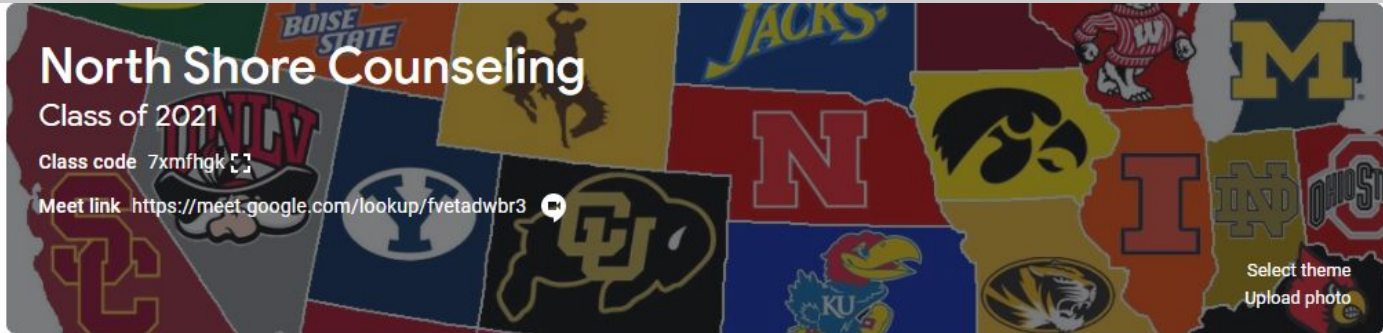
## Is this information being included elsewhere on my application?

# WHAT SHOULD SENIORS DO NOW

- Meet with your counselor (in person or virtually)
- Finalize a college list
- Research Colleges
- Attend the virtual college visits
- Finalize testing
- Do well senior year!
- Finish up applications, main essay, supplemental essays
- Complete FAFSA (Oct. 1)






# CLASS OF 2021 GOOGLE CLASSROOM



**North Shore Counseling**  
Class of 2021  
Class code 7xmfhgk  
Meet link <https://meet.google.com/lookup/fvetadwbr3>  
Select theme  
Upload photo

**Upcoming**  
No work due soon  
View all

 Share something with your class... 

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# UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS

Nassau Counselors Association Virtual College Expo: [https://www.nassaucounselors.org/cal\\_events/fall-college-expo/](https://www.nassaucounselors.org/cal_events/fall-college-expo/)

October 29, 2020 4-8PM

(Student Registration hasn't opened yet but will soon!)

Long Island Virtual College Fair : <https://gotocollegefairs.swoogo.com/longislandvirtualcollegefair>

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 12:00 noon – 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 1, 2020 12:00 noon – 5:00 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:00 – 8:30 PM

(Three different dates but all the same colleges will be attending all three sessions)

SUNY Virtual College Fairs: <https://www.suny.edu/attend/events/virtual-college-fair/>

Tuesday, September 29th 5-8PM

Thursday, October 1st 6-8PM

Friday, October 2nd 4-6PM

Saturday, October 3rd 1-5PM

NACAC National Virtual College Fair: <https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/attend-virtual-college-fairs/students/>

Monday, October 12th 1-9PM EST

Sunday, October 18th 12-8PM EST

Sunday, November 8th 2-10PM EST

# RESOURCES

[Tulane Admissions Blog - COVID question](#)

[Class of 2021 Senior Assembly](#)

[2021 Financial Aid Night](#)

[Emory Fireside Chat](#)

[\*\*Binghamton Fireside Chat\*\*](#)

[Michigan Fireside Chat](#)

[Fairtest Test Optional List](#)