

SAUNDERS HS: COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST

JUNIOR YEAR

- Complete the PSAT exam (October).
- Student athletes who are interested in playing sports in college should consult with a coach to discuss college athletic options.
- Apply for College Board test accommodations if not already submitted (for students with IEP/504).
- Attend college fairs in the area.
- PSAT scores are available online through the College Board and distributed to students by their guidance counselors.
- Start making plans to visit colleges in Spring.
- Start your college essay.
- Complete Junior College Profile in Naviance.
- Add colleges to "Colleges I'm Thinking About" in Naviance.
- Personally ask a teacher for a letter of recommendation letter and add request to Naviance (under "Colleges I'm Applying to" tab)



SENIOR YEAR

- Create a Common App account at www.commonapp.org (opens August 1st)
- Match Common App with Naviance.
- Request a teacher letter of Recommendation (if not completed).
- Finalize list of colleges and move to/or enter in "Colleges I'm Applying To". Be sure to enter: (a) application method (b) deadline type.
- Be mindful of deadlines (early action, early decision, priority, regular, rolling, etc.)
- Personally ask a teacher for a letter of recommendation letter and add request to Naviance (under "Colleges I'm Applying to" tab) NO later than October 1.
- Research scholarship opportunities and check Naviance Scholarship List.
- List colleges that you are applying to in Naviance
- Complete FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov). Come to Financial Aid Night.
- File your TAP application at the end of the FAFSA.
- Take SAT exam.
- Send SAT/ACT scores to colleges from your College Board account.
- Make a final check and review of your school records.
- Visit colleges; schedule an overnight visit (if applicable).
- Look for college financial aid packages from colleges to which you are accepted.
- Decide what college you will attend, sign college letter of intent, accept or refuse the financial aid offered, and send in the required housing and tuition deposits by May Don't forget to celebrate your college decision.
- Notify the colleges which you decided not to attend. If you have received aid packages from these colleges, notify the financial aid offices so the awards can be offered to other students.
- Notify your high school counselor office and college financial aid office of any scholarships received.
- Follow up with your college about financial aid and orientation.
- Have your final transcript sent to your college.

RESOURCES:

Follow the COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS RESOURCES link on the Saunders HS website at: <https://www.yonkerspublicschools.org/Page/21586>