

Central High School

Counseling Department

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Delivery of Services

- ◆ Individual Meetings
- ◆ Assemblies by Class
- ◆ Advisory Visits
- ◆ College Bootcamps/Workshops
- ◆ College Rep Visits
- ◆ Financial Literacy Night
- ◆ Class Sponsors

College Planning Tool

Naviance

- ◆ NAVIANCE is the tool where college and career activities are completed with different assigned tasks at each grade level.
- ◆ Part of ESSA standards for PA's Future Ready Career Readiness Indicator:
- ◆ FRESHMEN/SOPHOMORE YEARS: Strengths Explorer and Career interest inventory
- ◆ JUNIOR YEAR: SuperMatch College Search, Create a Resume, and Build a Budget
- ◆ SENIOR YEAR: Requesting transcripts and teacher recommendations and FAFSA award letter comparison activity

Counseling Department Planning by Grade

- ◆ 9th/10th – Advisory sessions/Naviance lessons, College Possible Presentations, course selection assemblies, Google Classroom platform
- ◆ 11th – Kick Off to College Assembly, college rep visits, Naviance College Super Match and Career Exploration tasks, College Planning Night in Spring, Google Classroom platform
- ◆ 12th – College rep visits, district college fair, advisory visits, application workshops, college boot camps, Financial Literacy night, Google Classroom platform

College Fit Research

Definition: “Fit” research is thorough investigation which uncovers the **academic, social, and financial** attributes of a college.

- ◆ Completing “fit” research will provide students with the information needed to make an appropriate college selection.
- ◆ Completing “fit” research will provide students with a real depth of knowledge about a school and can help them to express why it is a strong match in application essays and admissions interviews.

How To Get Started...

- College Fit—Academic, Financial, and Social
- Admission Options—Early Action (EA), Early Decision (ED), and Regular Decision (RD)
- Application Types—Common Application, Coalition Application, and college-specific applications
- Naviance

Making a List

Students should have a balanced list of 4-7 schools

1-2 Reach Schools- schools at which you will be comfortable but which may have an admissions profile that is stronger than yours.

2-3 Strong Matches-schools that are almost perfect matches for your profile — your academic credentials fall well within the school's average.

1-2 Likely Admits-schools at which your profile clearly meets or exceeds the school's criteria for admission.

A balanced list of “right fit” schools increases chances for admissions, opportunities for financial aid and success in college. It is recommended that all students apply to a Pennsylvania state university.

Admission Plans

Early Decision

Early Decision is for students who know with absolute certainty that a school is the only and top choice.

- ♦ If a family wants to compare aid packages, Early Decision is not a good option.
- ♦ Early Decision is usually binding.

Early Action

- Apply early, receive a decision early.
- Non-binding.

Regular Decision

- The best option for students with several schools on their list.
- Ideal for families to compare aid packages.

Rolling Admission

- Ongoing decisions are sent out within 4-8 weeks of receipt.

Application Types

- ◆ Common Application-www.commonapp.org
- ◆ Coalition Application-
www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org
- ◆ College/university-specific applications-check out college/university websites for requirements and deadlines

Naviance: College Application Management Tool

Getting Started in Naviance:

- ◆ Log in through Infinite Campus (IC), change “student” to “portal”
- ◆ Click on the Naviance Icon

Naviance View in IC














17-18 Central HS
Student Number: [REDACTED]
Grade: 12

Infinite Campus

- Calendar >
- Schedule >
- Responsive Schedule >
- Attendance >
- Grades >
- Health >
- Academic Progress >
- Transportation >
- Fees >
- To Do List >
- Reports >
- Family
- Messages
 - Discussions >
 - Fees >
- User Account
 - Contact Preferences >
 - Access Log >
 - Notification Settings >

District Announcements - 1 message

[08/31/2017]
Welcome to the Student Launchpad – Click on any icon to open an application

 My Account	 StudentNet	 Achieve3000	 Edgenuity	 First In Math	 My HRW	 Imagine Language	 Imagine Math
 iReady	 McGraw-Hill	 Naviance	 ST Math	 ThinkCentral			

School Announcements - 0 messages

Inbox - 0 messages

NAVIANCE TIPS

- ◆ Matching Naviance and Common Application (CA) Account
- ◆ Requesting Transcripts
- ◆ Requesting Teacher Recommendations
- ◆ Requesting Counselor Recommendation

Letters of Recommendations

- ◆ Ask your teacher or counselor in person FIRST
- ◆ Once you have received verbal approval, make your request on Naviance
- ◆ Counselors will send transcript and complete the necessary CA forms to be sent.
- ◆ Students should talk with their counselor about the counselor recommendation.

Standardized Tests – SAT/ACT

- Students are responsible for sending scores through the individual testing agency – Collegeboard.org and ACTstudent.org - SCORES ARE NOT ON YOUR TRANSCRIPT
- \$12 to send score reports to each school (after all fee waivers have been used)

Standardized Tests – SAT/ACT

- All seniors must have taken an SAT or ACT by November in order to meet EA/ED deadlines
- November SAT scores will come in time for EA/ED deadlines
- Fee waivers for both tests are available in the Counseling Office – must meet eligibility guidelines
- Access to SAT/ACT has been limited due to COVID 19 restrictions. Students are encouraged to check the colleges' website to learn about their test-optional policies and procedures

Application Fee Waivers

Common Application~

- Common Application Tab—Profile—Common Application Fee Waiver—Answer “Yes” and provide your signature

College Board (CB)~

- Four paper fee waivers that you can print and mail from your College Board account if you registered using a CB fee waiver. Use these for non-CA schools.

Here to help...

- ◆ Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's counselor.
- ◆ We are five counselors managing the needs of ~2,400 students.
- ◆ The needs of our students (and staff) are massive and include, and are not limited to, academic, emotional, family, and financial.
- ◆ We are trying hard to accommodate all needs.
- ◆ On behalf of the Counseling Department, we thank you for your support and hope that you and your families are healthy and well.
- ◆ Should you need to email me, feel free to do so at csoda@philasd.org