

- **Driver's License**

- **Steps to Get Your Driver's License**

- **College Admission**

- **Foreign Language Requirement**

- Although there are many colleges that *do not* require a foreign language, there are also many schools that *do* require or recommend a foreign language. (Typically, the requirement is 2 consecutive years of the same language.)
- This article [Foreign Language Requirements for College](#) includes a list of schools and their specific foreign language requirements/recommendations.

- **SAT's**

- [How to Register for the SAT](#)
- How to access [Free SAT Prep using Kahn Academy](#) and your College Board account
- The anticipated SAT dates for the Fall of 2023 are Aug 26th, Oct 7th, Nov 4th, & December 2nd
 - Deadlines to register are anticipated to be about a month before the test date
 - Local test centers will fill up requiring students to travel further to alternative test centers so be sure to register at the closest test center as soon as the registration window opens.
 - I will keep my eye on it and send out an email when the August 26th registration opens.

- **Common Application**

- Over 900 colleges use the Common Application. Watch this [What is the Common App?](#) video for a 2 ½ minute overview of the Common App.
- Use this link to create your account and learn more about the Common App: [Common App Application Guide](#)

- **College Essay**

- Review the [Common App Essay Prompts](#)
- [12 Strategies to Writing the Perfect College Essay](#)


- **Teacher Letters of Recommendation**

- Colleges typically require 1-2 teacher letters of recommendation.
 - Teachers put a lot of time into writing letters of recommendation, so it is important that you do not needlessly ask for more letters than you need from the schools to which you are applying.
- Here is a link to the [Common App Teacher Evaluation Form](#) that your teacher will complete and send along with their narrative letter. Reviewing the evaluation form can help you decide which teacher/teachers to ask for a letter of recommendation.
- Give a completed copy of the [Letter of Recommendation Form](#) to anyone writing you a Letter of Recommendation INCLUDING YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR)

• College Research

- [Naviance \(open with Classlink\)](#)-Use your Naviance account to research colleges and careers. Add colleges of interest to your “Colleges I’m thinking about list”. You will add colleges to your “Colleges I am Applying to” list when you are ready to send applications in the fall. (I will walk you through that process when the time comes)
- [Niche.com](#)-A college review site with stats, essential information, chatter, and opinions gathered from current students and/or former students.
- **Campus Tours & Information Sessions**
 - Most college campuses offer daily tours & information sessions throughout the summer.
 - Check the college website to get details about registering for an in-person visit
 - You will likely have the opportunity to ask questions on your tour and/or info session so check out this article [50 Questions to Ask on a College Visit](#) beforehand
- **Virtual College Tours**
 - Virtual Tours are a great option for getting a general feel for a campus. You can access virtual tours right from the college website or use the following tools:
 - [You Visit](#) is a website where you can access hundreds of virtual college tours
 - [Campus Tours](#) has college video tours, photorealistic interactive campus maps, and mobile walking tours
 - [CampusReel](#) is a college review website with campus & dorm video reviews and video walkthroughs from real students.

• Paying for College

- **MEFA:** The organization called [MEFA \(Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority\)](#) has resources such as webinars, loan calculators, and one-on-one support to help explain the financial aid process and details of financing a college education.
- **Scholarships:** Local scholarships are listed in Naviance as they become available, and they are emailed to Seniors as they are posted. Generally, scholarship deadlines are in the Spring of your senior year but there will be some earlier ones.
- You can use your Naviance account to research national and school specific scholarships. Here is the link to instructions  [Student Asset Finding and Tracking Scholarships Reference Guide.docx](#)