

# Senior College Application Cheat Sheet

## What's New & Yearly Events for 2018-2019

- Join **Senior College Application Google Classroom** for reminders and updates (Code: fqntc8)
- There have been some updates to Naviance platform. Check the School Counseling Website for guides on navigating the new platform.
- **Senior Night**- September 17th at 6pm
  - Presentations will include information regarding the college application process (detailing the student and counselor role), standardized tests, financial planning & completing the FAFSA.
  - All parents and students should attend
- **One to one counselor & student/parent meetings** will run from approximately 9/17-11/15. Your dates and times will be distributed at Senior Night.
- **College Fairs**- September 20th at FDU in Teaneck & September 26th at 6pm at FLHS
- **ASVAB Testing**- September 21st. See your counselor if you are interested in joining the military. The military branches will also be at FLHS College Fair.
- **Need help with your Common Application but your counselor isn't available?** We have two new options:
  - **After school help** in Room 114 at 2:36pm Monday- Thursday
  - **Lunch period assistance** in the media center 9/26, 10/11, 10/19, 10/24 & 11/2. Counselors will be in the media center periods 4-7.

## Requesting a Transcript

- A universal transcript request form must be signed off on by parents on the Genesis Parent Portal. This release will allow FLHS to send transcripts to institutes of higher education and scholarship programs.
- Transcripts will only be sent to colleges in Naviance listed under "College I am Applying To". Be sure to list all applications here. Check the guidance website for directions on how to move school from "Colleges I am Thinking about" to "Colleges I am Applying To".
- The guidance office requires 10 SCHOOL DAYS to send out a transcript. Do not count weekends or holiday.

## Recommendation Letters

- All Pre-College Surveys should be completed in Naviance by the start of school in September. Counselors use this to write your letter of recommendation. The more info you can provide the better!
- All teacher recommendation request must be listed in Naviance. Click Colleges > Letter of Recommendation > Add Request. If you have not asked a teacher for a letter do so ASAP!

## College Visits @ FLHS

- To view and sign up for college visits here at FLHS log into your Naviance > Click Colleges > Scroll to the bottom left of the screen and click College Visits > Show more> View Details or Register Now
- You must sign up in order to attend a visit. Attendance will be taken on site and given to the attendance office.
- Don't wait as all visits are capped! We have some great schools visiting this year-- Yale, John Hopkins, University of Connecticut, New York University, Rutgers and many more!

## Early Decision vs Early Action

- If you are applying Early Decision or Early Action you must complete a **ED/EA Contract** which can be found in the School Counseling Office. **All ED/EA Contracts are due October 12th.** **No Contract = No Application Sent**
- **Early Decision** is binding, meaning that if you apply to a school under this admission plan and are accepted, you agree to attend that school and withdraw any other applications you have submitted. Because Early Decision is binding, you can only apply to one school under this admission plan. Most Early Decisions deadlines are Nov 1.
- **Early Action** applications are non binding — students receive an early response to their application but do not have to commit to the college until the normal reply date of May 1. Most Early Action deadlines are Nov 1.
- Remember, before you submit an application to any college, visit the college's undergraduate admissions website and thoroughly read all the application instructions. Also, schools may have ED or other early application programs in addition to EA, so when you submit your application, double-check that you're submitting it within the correct program.