

Parent College Information Night

Brentwood High School Counseling
Department



When to Apply

What is the difference?

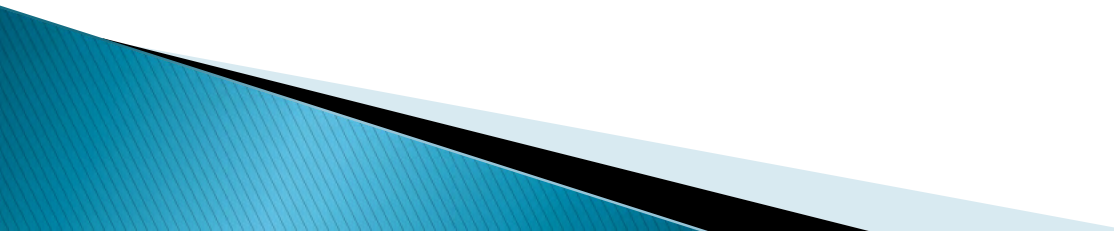
- ▶ Early Action
- ▶ Early Decision
- ▶ Regular Decision

When is a decision made?

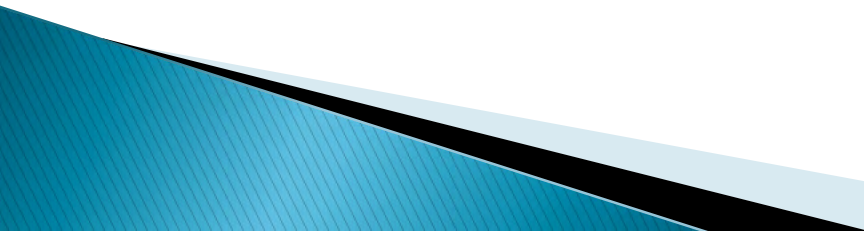
- ▶ College admission letter

College Search

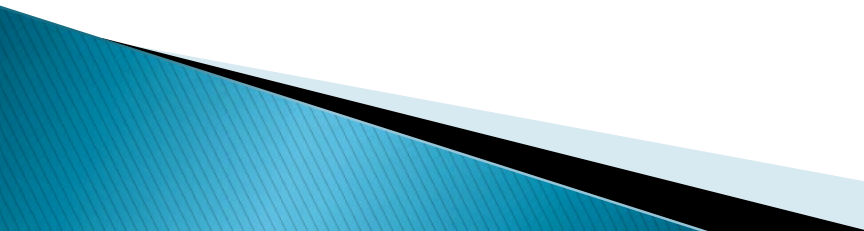
Where do I begin my search for colleges?

- ▶ Naviance
 - ▶ College Board
 - ▶ Google
 - ▶ College visit before applying
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Factors that Influence College Choice

- ▶ Geographic location
 - ▶ Size of school/ demographics
 - ▶ Class size / teacher ratio
 - ▶ Curriculum
 - ▶ Resources
 - ▶ Reputation
 - ▶ College visit
 - ▶ Costs
 - ▶ Admission (Safe, Target & Reach schools)
 - ▶ Is the college a match for you?
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Components of a College Admissions Folder

- ▶ Application
 - ▶ Admissions test/ Standardized Tests
 - ▶ Personal statement/ Essay
 - ▶ Letters of recommendation
 - ▶ Resume/ list of activities
 - ▶ Official Transcript
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College Applications

Where do I get a college application?

- ▶ SUNY
 - ▶ CUNY
 - ▶ Common Application
 - ▶ Coalition for Access
 - ▶ Suffolk County Community College
 - ▶ Naviance
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College Entrance Examinations

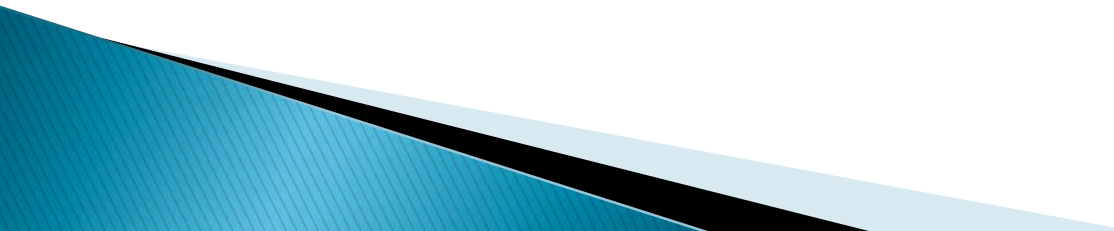
▶ SAT

▶ ACT

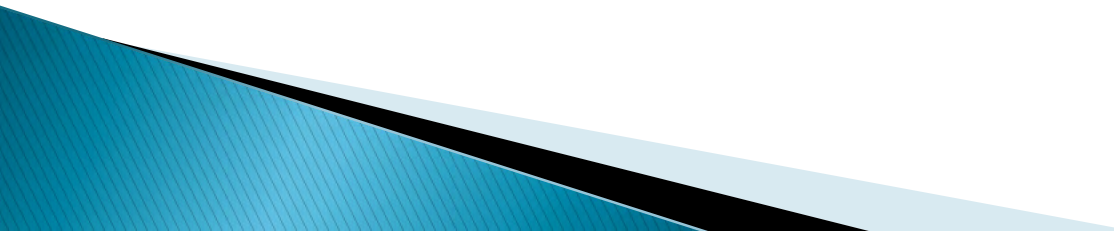
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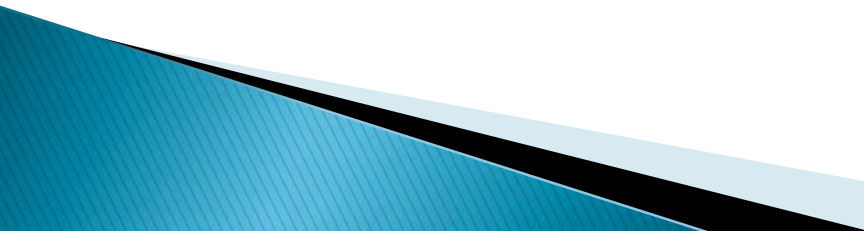
Letters of Recommendation

- ▶ When and whom to ask
 - ▶ Resume should be submitted
 - ▶ Don't forget a thank you note
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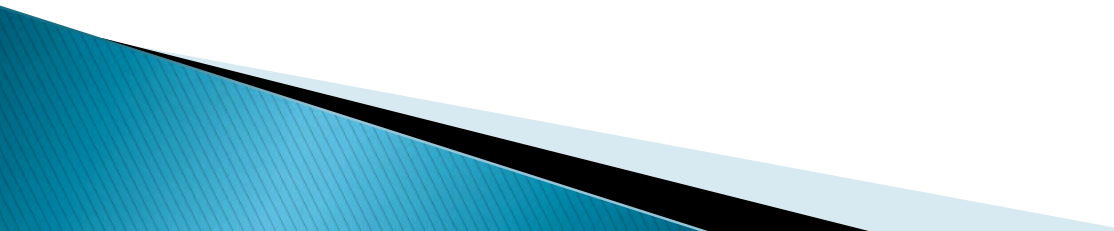
Resume

- ▶ Extracurricular activities 9–12
 - ▶ Work experience
 - ▶ Community Service/ Volunteer work
 - ▶ Special skills
 - ▶ Hobbies
 - ▶ Honors and awards
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College Essay

- ▶ Purpose is to allow the reader to develop a deeper understanding of the person you are
 - ▶ Consider topic carefully
 - ▶ Content, organization, spelling
 - ▶ Essay can be the deciding factor according to admissions reps
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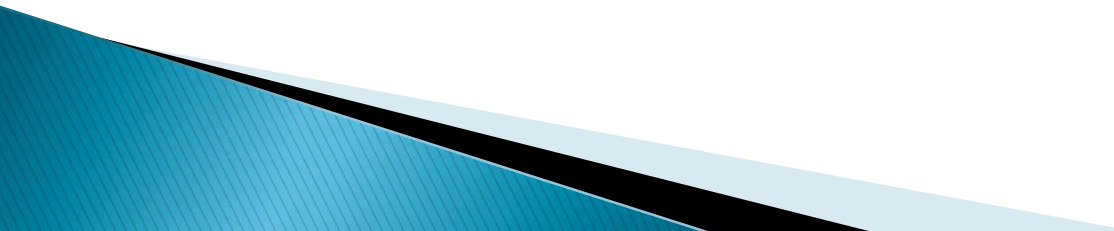
College Interview

- ▶ Know why you want to attend this school
 - ▶ Practice with a guidance counselor or teacher
 - ▶ Review your resume
 - ▶ Dress accordingly
 - ▶ Ask questions
 - ▶ Interviewer is usually alumni so ask them to tell you about their experience
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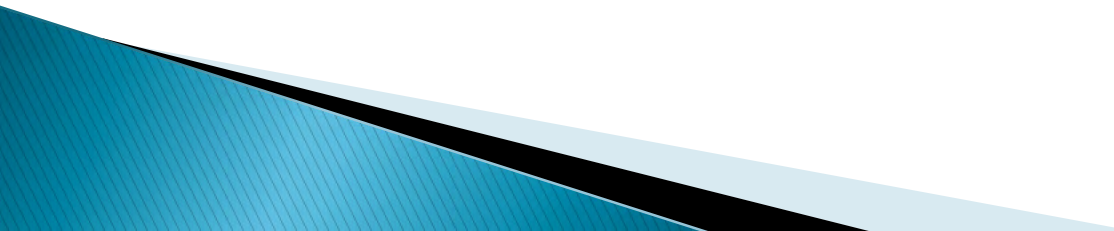
Presentation to Guidance

- ▶ Complete package at least 10 days before deadline

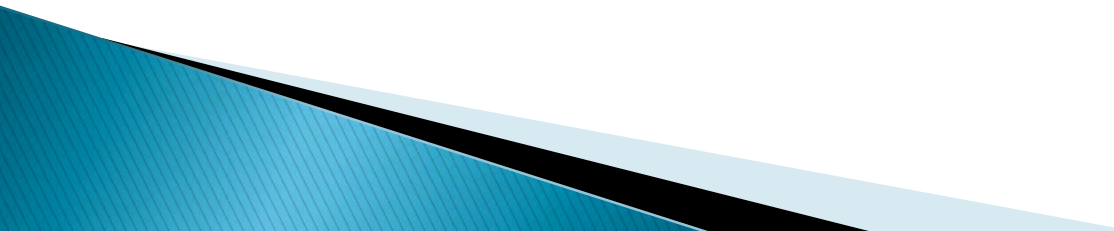
WHY?

- ▶ Counselor review
 - ▶ Revisions
 - ▶ Processing a complete application takes time
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Analyze all opportunities

- ▶ 2 year colleges
 - ▶ 4 year colleges/ universities
 - ▶ Do I know what I want to major in?
 - ▶ Private colleges
 - ▶ Ivy League
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Fee Waivers

- ▶ Available for students that receive free/reduced lunch
 - ▶ Guidance counselor must verify status in eschool
 - ▶ SAT
 - ▶ ACT
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Naviance

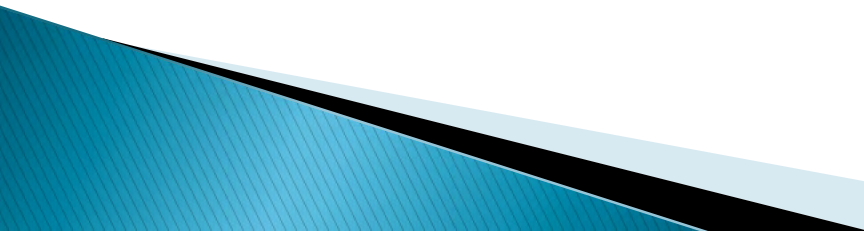


- ▶ College search
- ▶ Edocs
- ▶ Common Application link
- ▶ Teacher recommendations
- ▶ Career interest
- ▶ Personality profiler

- ▶ www.succeed.naviance.com
- ▶ <http://community.naviance.com/t5/Naviance-eDocs/Common-App-Account-Matching-Tutorial/ta-p/10008>

FAFSA – HESC

HOW AM I GOING TO AFFORD THIS?

- ▶ FINANCIAL AID
 - ▶ SCHOLARSHIPS
 - ▶ GRANTS
 - ▶ LOANS
 - ▶ EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION
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Questions and answers?

