



Senior Year Wrap Up List

Are we there yet? What is your plan?

What is Your Plan?

- Communicate with your counselor if you are unsure.

College Process Continues

- Use [Naviance Student](#) for adding the colleges you are “interested in” applying to.
- Regular Decision dates vary, but there is still time to apply.
- If haven’t done so already, provide completed the Transcript Request and Consent to Release form to your counselor.
- Attend College Accepted Student events for your top choice colleges (usually held in April)
- May 1st is “National Decision” day. Once you decide upon the college you will attend, be sure to advise the other colleges that you will not attend.
- Refer to your school counselor’s Google Classroom.



NOVA

- January TBD** – NOVA information sessions with [Mr. Thomas Chalk](#), NOVA High School Outreach Coordinator.
- NOVA offers associates degrees and certification programs as well as the option to transfer to a 4-year college.
- If you applied to the **NOVA Pathway program**, be sure to check your personal email mid-January for a decision from Ms. Gomez.
- Be sure to complete the Transcript Request and Consent to Release form to indicate NOVA. This is required for HHS to send your final high school transcript. Questions? Contact your counselor or [Mrs. Frostad](#).

Stay the course

- Don’t be a victim of senioritis; grades matter throughout your senior year.
- Colleges can rescind acceptance offer if grades plummet.

7th Semester Report

- 7th semester grades with recalculated GPA will automatically be sent to the colleges you applied to – ~2nd week of February.
- Be sure to clear any transcript debt remaining – 7th semester report will be held until debt is paid. Contact your counselor or [Mrs. Frostad](#) with any concerns.

Other Post-Secondary Options

- [Military Careers](#)
 - o [ASVAB](#) – career exploration/aptitude test
- Apprenticeship Opportunities
 - o [FCPS Adult & Community Education \(ACE\)](#)
 - [ACE presentation](#)
 - o [Department of Labor](#)
 - o [Virginia Opportunities](#)
- [Job Corps](#) – nationwide residential career training program
- [Year Up](#) – national program whose mission is to close the “opportunity divide” empowering young adults
- [AmeriCorps](#) - national government service program

Scholarship Information

- [Naviance Student](#) Scholarship List (in College tab)
- College/University websites – check scholarships links under financial aid and academic departments
- Read Mrs. Peirce’s weekly Scholarship Newsletter sent to your fcpschools email address.
- Refer to Herndon High School’s [College & Career Center Google Classroom](#) (code 2h3xwex), Scholarship Materials

Scholarship Essays

- Stick to the topic addressed in application
- Visit the [College Essay Guy](#) – free guide to writing a personal statement
 - o [College Essay Guy Blog on scholarship essay](#)

Scholarship Recommendations

- Be sure to give your teacher/coach/counselor at least 2 weeks' notice.

Financial Aid Information

- Federal Student Aid, Department of Education <https://studentaid.gov/>
- FAFSA – www.fafsa.ed.gov Free Application for Student Aid.
- Apply to FAFSA by the preferred/priority deadline posted on the college/university website.
- College Access Fairfax – www.collegeaccessfairfax.org Financial aid workshops, scholarships and resources for FCPS students. Past recordings of sessions are posted.
- FAFSA 1x1 assistance; Mrs. Mahieu of College Access Fairfax, kmahieu@fcps.edu for an appointment

FCPS Virtual College Week (video recordings from October 2020 event)

- Paying for College, <https://bit.ly/3INPEC4>
- Exploring Naviance Student, <https://bit.ly/36PE9nk>
- Are Common App Ready, <https://bit.ly/2UDVZnF>
- The Role of Standardized Testing in College Admissions, <https://bit.ly/35EVoZb>
- Attend College in Europe - What you Need to Know, <https://bit.ly/2HeckMR>
- Dual Enrollment, <https://bit.ly/3IPdtcU>
- Scholarship 101, <https://bit.ly/3lLoYln>
- Applying to a Military Academy, <https://bit.ly/3lItAbT>
- Considerations for Students with Disabilities in the College Search & Beyond, <https://bit.ly/3kClQXK>

Helpful Links

- [Class of 2021 Next Steps](#) – FCPS created site to explore variety of options for life after high school
- Herndon High School's [College & Career Center Google Classroom](#) – class code 2h3xwex
- [College Planning Guide: Opportunities](#) – 48-page booklet filled with college planning and financial aid tips
- [College Scorecard](#) by the U.S. Department of Education
- [College Access Fairfax](#) - FCPS Partner supporting seniors in financial aid matters
- [NOVA](#) – consider associate or certificate programs
- X2VOL – Accessed in [Naviance Student](#) to input and track your volunteer/service hours
- [Gap Year Programs](#)
- [Virginia Education Wizard](#) – career & college information
- [Virginia CAN](#) – college access network
- [FCPS Parent Resource Center](#) – Wide variety of workshops offered throughout the year (FCPS website ⇨ Search)

Upcoming & Future Events

- [Gap Year Virtual Fair](#), February 9, 2021; 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- FCPS Apprenticeship Virtual Fair** -TBD
- HBCU Virtual College Fair** - Saturday February 20, 2021 (registration not yet open)
- Teen Job Fairs** sponsored by Fairfax County Government (Spring; possibly)
- Senior Survey** – administered late April/early May; this is how you tell us which college you will attend. HHS will forward your final high school transcript in June to your attending college.
- Senior Scholarship Awards**– TBD; honors seniors awarded “HHS only” and local/specialty scholarships.
- Graduation!** Congratulations Class of 2021!

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Jan 2021, HHS College & Career Center

Senior 2021 Calendar

- **JANUARY**
 - January 11, 2021 - Deadline to request transcript and recommendation for February college deadlines
 - Submit FAFSA
 - Apply to NOVA if not attending 4-year college
 - Research scholarships

- **FEBRUARY**
 - Submit FAFSA if haven't already done so
 - Research and complete scholarships
 - Attend NOVA sessions available to HHS seniors
 - Option to attend HBCU Virtual College Fair – 2/20/21
 - Start thinking about a summer job

- **MARCH**
 - Complete local scholarship applications
 - Colleges begin to notify you of their decision
 - Colleges will provide you a Financial Aid Award Letter

- **APRIL**
 - Attend the “accepted students” events (virtual and/or in person) at your top schools of interest
 - Compare your college acceptance offers and corresponding financial aid package
 - Call the college financial aid office if your family’s financial situation has changed – you CAN ask for more money! They may not be able to provide it to you, but you can ask.

- **MAY**
 - Advise the college that you accept their acceptance by May 1st. Advise the others that you will not be attending.
 - Make deposit to attending college – watch deadlines
 - Register for your college’s new student orientations (usually over the summer)
 - Take Advanced Placement (AP) exams
 - Apply for Civics Seal – through your Government class
 - Complete the Senior Survey

- **JUNE**
 - **Graduation! June 2, 2021**

YOU ARE ON THE FINAL STRETCH! WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU WITH THOSE FINAL STEPS!

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