



SENIOR PARENT NIGHT

Class of 2025



Sesión Para Hispanohablantes





AGENDA

Introductions

Post-Secondary Options

Important Dates and Events

College Process Overview



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Instruction and Grading





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Herndon High School uses a
Standards-Based approach to
Instruction and Grading.



What is it?

Standards-Based Instruction means teachers will intentionally plan their teaching and assessments based on prescribed curricular standards.

Standards determined by:

- Virginia Department of Education
- FCPS
- College Board for AP
- Participating Colleges for DE

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Eng 9 – St 4 – Reading Info Text (10%)				
Eng 9 – St 5 - Language Usage (5%)			5%	
Eng 9 – St 6 – Communication (15%)			15%	
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Work Habits (0%)	70 C-		0%	

Course Standards

Assignments

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8-29-2024	SU – Unit 3 Test	Eng 9 – St.1 - Vocabulary		84		1/1	
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9-10-2024	SU – Gatsby analytical essay	Eng 9 – St.3 – Writing		93		1/1	<i>Not for Grading</i>
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Feedback on how the learning is going

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Formative assessments

are really, really
STILL
important!



Grading Formative Work

Ground Rules

- ✗ NOT a completion grade
- ✗ Graded it as if it were the summative
- ✗ Summative grades, if better, will replace Formative grades

STUDENT PREPARATION

TA Lessons

- Student Rights & Responsibilities
- Standards-Based Instruction & Grading
- Organization & Time Management
- The Learning Process
- Schoology & the Library
- Portrait of a Graduate
- Growth Mindset & Self-Advocacy

Classroom Lessons

- Expectations & Routines
- What Learning Looks Like in This Class
- Achieving Individual Academic Success
- Building Community
- Setting a Foundation for Success





SBI College Admissions Letter



SBI College Admissions Letter

- ✘ Spring 2024 there was a request from parents for the school to draft a letter to colleges and universities regarding Herndon's move to SBI.
- ✘ The letter was sent to every college and university any senior applied to.
- ✘ A copy of the letter is available using the QR code.



SBI College Admissions Letter

- ✗ The parents expected the letter to say...
- ✗ I wrote the letter to say....
- ✗ If you want the letter included in your college application materials, email your student's school counselor.





Stay Connected

Student Services Schoology Course

- ✘ Seniors
- ✘ College and Career Center
- ✘ Parent Access is via ParentVue Account



Important Dates


Event/Activity	Date(s)	Location
College Acceptances/Decision	October - March	Your Inbox/College Portal
College “Decision” Day	May 1	
AP Exams	May 5- 16	Herndon HS
Senior Survey	April 29 - May 2	Herndon HS
Senior Scholarships/Awards Night	May 21, 6:30 pm	Herndon HS
Class of 2025 Graduation	June 6, 2:00 pm	GMU Eagle Bank Arena

Important Dates

Event/Activity	Date(s)	Location
College Rep Visits	September - October	College/Career Center
Alcanza College Fair	October 16	Field Trip to Eagle Bank Arena, GMU
Financial Aid Night (English)	Sept. 26, 7:00-8:30 pm	Herndon High School; register https://forms.gle/qxM7CsCWJ1JDnFir8
Financial Aid Night (Spanish)	Sept. 26, 7:00-8:30 pm	Herndon High School; register https://forms.gle/qxM7CsCWJ1JDnFir8
FAFSA / VASA Application	Opens December 1	
FSA ID and FAFSA Workshops	November - February	College/Career Center
FCPS College Fair	October 20, 4:00-6:30 pm	GMU Eagle Bank Arena, register at: https://bit.ly/fcpspostsecondary
FCPS Virtual College Week	October 21 & 22; 5pm-8pm	Register at: https://bit.ly/fcpspostsecondary
College Access Fairfax's Paying for College Virtual Sessions	Various options TBD	Zoom



Post-Secondary Options

- x Four-Year College or University
 - x Two-Year Community College or Junior College
 - x Military Service
 - x Apprenticeships
 - x Trade Schools
 - x Employment
 - x Gap Year (for students that are deferring admissions)
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FCPS College and Career Resources



Military Service



- ✘ Connect with Recruiters - monthly cafeteria lunchtime visits with each branch
 - ✘ Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test (ASVAB)
 - ✘ November 19, 8:10 am, HHS Lecture Hall
 - ✘ Free to 10th-12th
 - ✘ Registration Information Available in October
 - ✘ Helpful Links
 - ✘ <http://www.asvabprogram.com>
 - ✘ <http://www.myfuture.com>
 - ✘ <http://www.todaysmilitary.com>
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Apprenticeships and Work Training Programs

- x **Job Corps**

<https://www.jobcorps.gov/>

- x **NOVA Workforce**

<https://www.nvcc.edu/workforce/>

- x **FCPS Adult Community Education**

<https://www.fcps.edu/academics/academic-overview/adult-education>



Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC)

- x Accessible
- x Cost Effective
- x Variety of Programs Available: Associates Degrees, Certifications, and Trade & Career Studies Certificates
- x Guaranteed Admissions Programs
- x NOVA/GMU ADVANCE Program

Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC)

Admissions

- ✗ Accepts all high school graduates regardless of GPA
- ✗ No test scores required (SAT, ACT)
- ✗ No letters of recommendation
- ✗ No application fee

Placement

- ✗ Exemptions from some initial classes based upon overall GPA, highest math class, and SAT scores




Important NOVA Dates & Info



Application Window

- ✗ Opens October 21 for Fall 2025

Information Session

- ✗ October 11; 10:30am
 - ✗ Lecture Hall
 - ✗ Sign-up on Naviance
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Application Workshops

- ✗ Multiple dates TBD
- ✗ College/Career Center


Herndon HS NOVA Rep

- ✗ Mr. Kevin Amaya
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Admissions Types




- x **Early Decision (ED)**
Binding legal agreement; usually a November deadline
 - x **Early Action (EA)**
Non-binding; usually a November or early December deadline
 - x **Rolling Notification**
Deadline usually by December; notification usually within 4-6 weeks from receipt
 - x **Regular Decision**
Deadline usually by February 1; notification usually by April 1
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College Admissions Considerations



First-Tier Factors

- ✗ Grades and GPA (focus on academic courses)
 - ✗ Strength/rigor of academic curriculum (Honors, AP, DE courses)
 - ✗ College Admissions Exams (SAT, ACT)***
 - ✗ Personal Statement/Essays
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Second-Tier Factors

- ✗ Activities
 - ✗ Leadership
 - ✗ Recommendations
 - ✗ Legacy
 - ✗ Specific Talents
 - ✗ Diversity
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Reach, 50/50, and Safety Schools

Reach

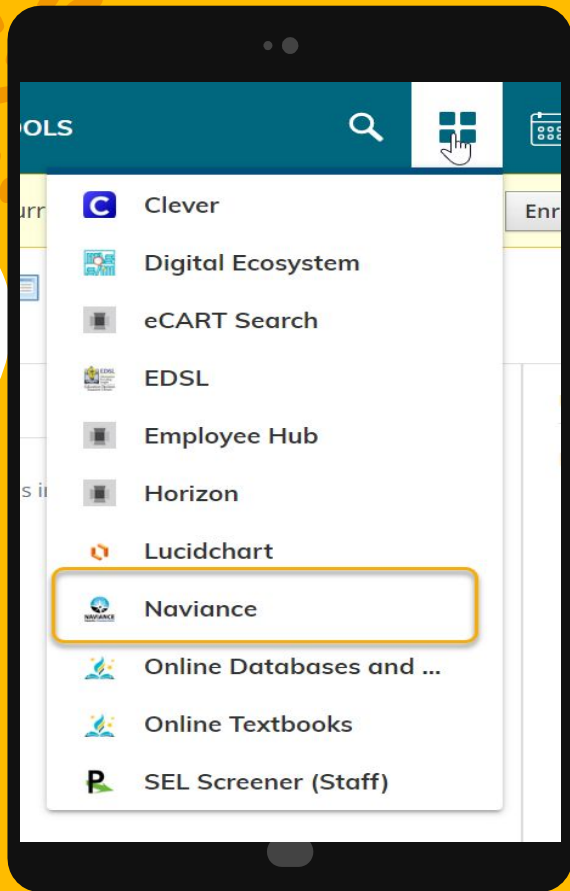
Your academic credentials fall in the lower end or even below the school's average range for the cohort of students accepted the previous year. The Dream School!

50/50

Your academic credentials fall well within the school's average range for the most recently accepted class. There are no guarantees, but it's not unreasonable to expect to be admitted to a 50/50 school.

Safety

Your academic credentials exceed the school's range for the average first-year student. You should be reasonably certain that you will be admitted to your safety school.



Naviance

Accessed via Schoology

- ✗ Accessed via Schoology main page
- ✗ Research schools
- ✗ Determine fit
- ✗ Sign up for admissions rep visits
- ✗ Review and access scholarship applications
- ✗ Log volunteer/service hours (X2VOL)
- ✗ Mark favorite schools (ones you are applying to)

Home Self-Discovery Courses Careers **Colleges** Planner

College Home

Find Your fit

- SuperMatch College Search
- College Match
- College Events
- Scattergrams
- Advanced College Search
- College Lookup

Research Colleges

- Colleges I'm Thinking About
- College Visits
- College Compare
- College Resources
- Acceptance History
- Enrichment Programs
- College Maps

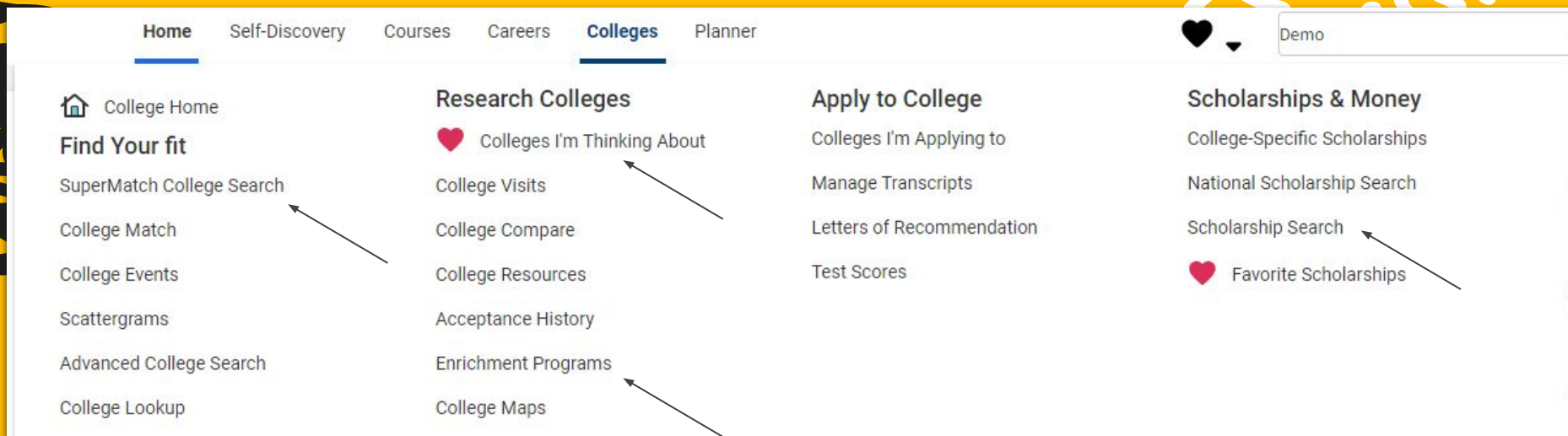
Apply to College

- Colleges I'm Applying to
- Manage Transcripts
- Letters of Recommendation
- Test Scores

Scholarships & Money

- College-Specific Scholarships
- National Scholarship Search
- Scholarship Search
- Favorite Scholarships

Demo

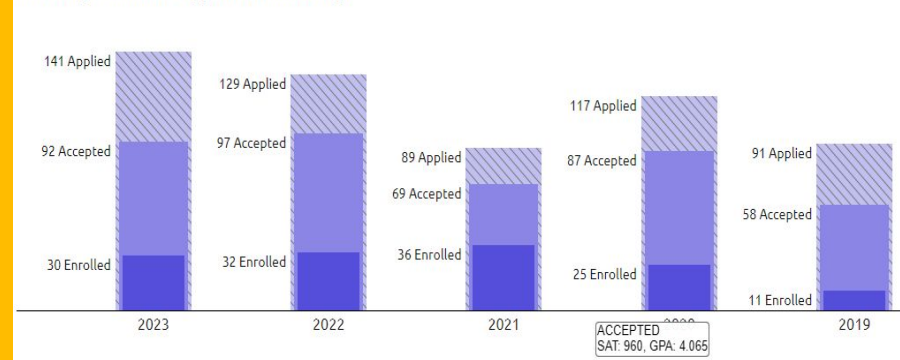
A screenshot of the Naviance Student website interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Self-Discovery', 'Courses', 'Careers', 'Colleges' (highlighted), and 'Planner'. On the right, there is a heart icon and a 'Demo' button. The main content area is divided into four columns: 'College Home', 'Find Your fit', 'Research Colleges', 'Apply to College', and 'Scholarships & Money'. Each column contains a list of links. Arrows point from the 'Research Colleges' section to 'College Visits', 'College Compare', and 'Enrichment Programs'. Another arrow points from 'Scholarship Search' to 'Favorite Scholarships'. A third arrow points from 'College Match' to 'SuperMatch College Search'.

Naviance Student

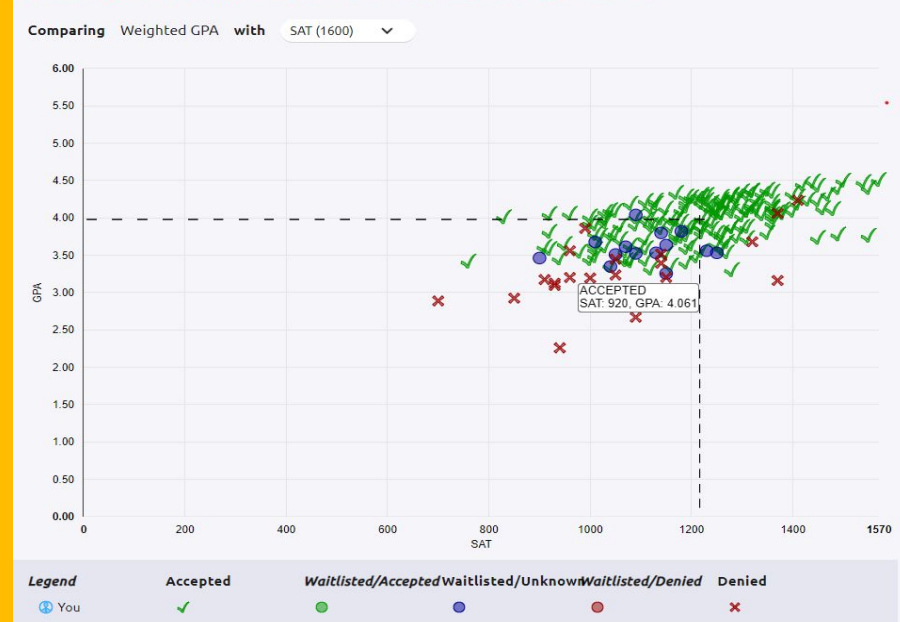
Scattergram (JMU)

- ✗ Graphical representation of GPA and SAT/ACT from recent Herndon High School applicants and their admissions status (accepted, waitlisted, or denied) in the past three years
- ✗ Tool to determine reach, target (50/50), and safety schools.

Your high school's application history



Scattergrams | Applications for Herndon High School



College Visits (September - October)

Randolph College	Mon September 9, 2024	9:10 AM	Virginia Commonwealth University	Tue October 1, 2024	10:30 AM
American University	Mon September 9, 2024	1:30 PM	Plymouth State University	Tue October 1, 2024	1:30 PM
Marymount University	Tue September 10, 2024	9:10 AM	University of Vermont	Thu October 3, 2024	9:10 AM
Radford University	Wed September 11, 2024	11:15 AM	Hofstra University	Tue October 8, 2024	1:30 PM
Washington College	Fri September 13, 2024	8:30 AM	East Carolina University	Thu October 10, 2024	8:30 AM
University of Virginia	Mon September 16, 2024	10:30 AM	William & Mary	Thu October 10, 2024	11:15 AM
South Dakota School of Mines & Tech	Wed September 18, 2024	1:30 PM	Northern Virginia Community College	Fri October 11, 2024	10:30 AM
Greensboro College	Thu September 19, 2024	9:45 AM	George Mason University	Fri October 11, 2024	2:15 PM
University of Mary Washington	Thu September 19, 2024	10:30 AM	The Catholic University of America	Tue October 15, 2024	10:30 AM
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	Fri September 20, 2024	10:30 AM	Christopher Newport University	Fri October 18, 2024	9:10 AM
James Madison University	Mon September 23, 2024	8:30 AM	Old Dominion University	Fri October 18, 2024	10:30 AM
Mary Baldwin University	Mon September 23, 2024	9:45 AM	Virginia Tech	Tue October 22, 2024	2:15 PM
Gettysburg College	Mon September 23, 2024	10:30 AM	College of Charleston	Thu October 24, 2024	8:30 AM
The University of Alabama	Mon September 23, 2024	11:15 AM	Roanoke College	Thu October 24, 2024	9:10 AM
Mount St. Mary's University	Mon September 23, 2024	1:30 PM	Longwood University	Thu October 24, 2024	1:30 PM
University of South Carolina-Columbia	Wed September 25, 2024	10:30 AM	Franklin and Marshall College	Tue October 29, 2024	9:45 AM
University of Wisconsin-Madison	Thu September 26, 2024	9:45 AM	York College of Pennsylvania	Tue October 29, 2024	10:30 AM
West Virginia University	Thu September 26, 2024	11:15 AM	Clarkson University	Wed October 30, 2024	9:10 AM

Colleges are continually registering - go to current listing and to sign-up to attend.

Naviance for most



College/Career Center




- x College Rep Visits
 - x Virginia College Application Week
 - x Hornets4NOVA
 - x Naviance Student
 - x x2VOL
 - x Scholarships
 - x Military/ASVAB
 - x GMU Direct Admit
 - x Financial Aid/FAFSA and VASA
 - x Weekly Newsletter
 - x Student Jobs/Job Fair
 - x Apprenticeships/Trade Opportunities
 - x Career speakers
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George Mason University Direct Admit




- x HHS Seniors with 3.25 GPA and above
 - x Fee waived
 - x No recommendation or essay required
 - x Separate GMU application link will be provided - do not use the Common App
 - x Certain programs will require additional information (honors, nursing, engineering, performing arts)
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Virginia College Application Week



- x October 21 - 25, 2024
 - x Application Fee waived for Virginia (private and public) colleges/universities
 - x All Herndon HS seniors eligible for the fee waiver code.
 - x Must submit the CA application between Oct 21-25 during HHS workshops.
 - x Stay tuned for more details
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12th-Grade SAT Day

In-school offering for Herndon High School twelfth graders to participate in the SAT School Day

- ✗ Free!
- ✗ Wednesday, October 9, 2024
- ✗ Registration required: 2024 SAT School Day Intent to Participate Form (<https://forms.gle/GeoVsTgbQc1FMWuE7>)
- ✗ Registration must be completed by Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 3:00 PM. No exceptions!
- ✗ Questions? Contact Dr. Karl Gussow, Assessment Coach, ksgussow@fcps.edu.

Connect with Colleges

- x **FCPS College Fair**

Sunday, October 20th, 4pm-6:30pm, GMU Eagle Bank Arena; Go to: <https://bit.ly/fcpspostsecondary> for details and fair tips. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2025AfterHS>.

- x **FCPS (virtual) Post-Secondary Planning Event**

October 21 & 22, no registration required. Go to: <https://bit.ly/fcpspostsecondary> for detailed schedule of events.

- x **NACAC Virtual College Fairs**

<https://www.nacacnet.org/nacac-college-fairs/>

- x **Coalition for College Events**

<https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/events>

- x **Peach State Virtual Tour** (Georgia Tech, Augusta, Georgia State, U of Georgia) Register at

<http://www.peachstatetour.org/> Wednesday, September 18, 6:00pm

- x **Harvard, Princeton, UVA, Wellesley & Yale Virtual Admissions Event**

Register at <https://admission.virginia.edu/hpuwy>

Choose from three dates: September 8, September 15, or October 6.

Responsibilities During the College Admissions Process

Student

- ✗ College Application
- ✗ College Application Fee
- ✗ Sending Official SAT/ACT Scores
- ✗ Teacher Recommendations
- ✗ Transcript Request Form
- ✗ Consent for Release of Student Records
- ✗ FAFSA
- ✗ Adding “Colleges I’m Thinking about” to Naviance

Counselor

- ✗ Counselor Recommendation***
- ✗ Submit Official Transcript
- ✗ Submit School Profile
- ✗ Submit Secondary School Report Form

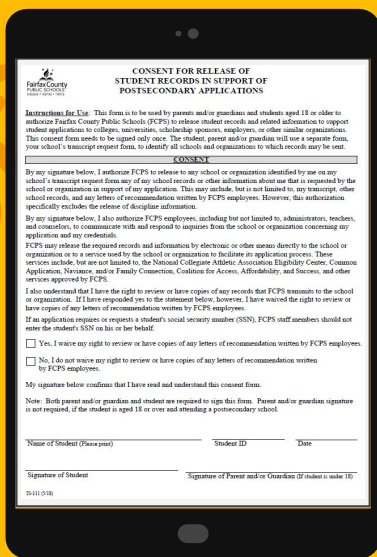
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On Schoology!!

Student Services Course.

Senior Class folder → College Applications

[Schoology Link](#)



CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF STUDENT RECORDS IN SUPPORT OF POSTSECONDARY APPLICATIONS

Instructions for Use: This form is to be used by parents and/or guardians and students aged 18 or older to authorize Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) to release student records and related information to support student applications to colleges, universities, scholarship sponsors, employers, or other similar organizations. This consent form needs to be signed only once. The student, parent and/or guardian will receive a separate form from your school's transcript request team. To identify all schools and organizations to which records may be sent.

CONSENT

By my signature below, I authorize FCPS to release to any school or organization identified by me on my school's transcript request form any of my school records or other information about me that is requested by the school or organization in support of my application. This may include, but is not limited to, my transcript, other school records, and any letters of recommendation written by FCPS employees. However, this authorization specifically excludes the release of discipline information.

By my signature below, I also authorize FCPS employees, including but not limited to, administrators, teachers, and counselors, to communicate with and respond to inquiries from the school or organization concerning my application and my credentials.

FCPS may release the required records and information by electronic or other means directly to the school or organization or to a service used by the school or organization to facilitate its application process. These services include, but are not limited to, the National Collegiate Athletic Association Eligibility Center, Common Application, Naviance, and/or Family Connection, Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success, and other services approved by FCPS.

I also understand that I have the right to review or have copies of any records that FCPS maintains to the school or organization. If I have responded yes to the statement below, however, I have waived the right to review or have copies of any letters of recommendation written by FCPS employees.

If an application requires or requests a student's social security number (SSN), FCPS staff members should not enter the student's SSN on this or any school form.

Yes, I waive my right to review or have copies of any letters of recommendation written by FCPS employees.

No, I do not waive my right to review or have copies of any letters of recommendation written by FCPS employees.

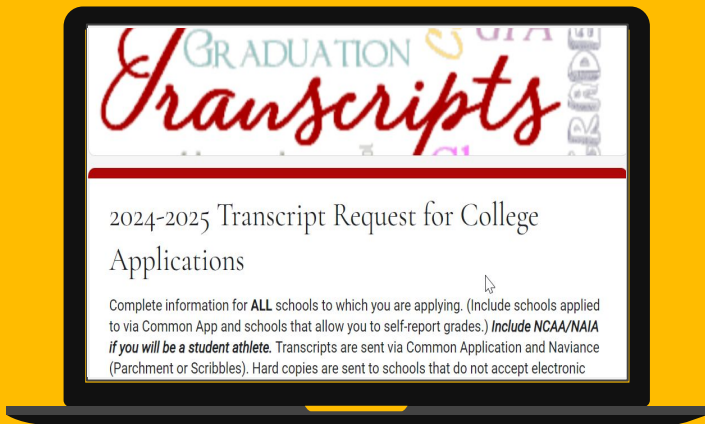
My signature below confirms that I have read and understood this consent form.

Note: Both parent and/or guardian and student are required to sign this form. Parent and/or guardian signature is not required, if the student is aged 18 or over and attending a postsecondary school.

Name of Student (Please print) _____ Student ID _____ Date _____

Signature of Student _____ Signature of Parent and/or Guardian (if student is under 18) _____

12-11-15 (3)



GRADUATION

Transcripts

GRADE

2024-2025 Transcript Request for College Applications

Complete information for **ALL** schools to which you are applying. (Include schools applied to via Common App and schools that allow you to self-report grades.) **Include NCAA/NAIA if you will be a student athlete.** Transcripts are sent via Common Application and Naviance (Parchment or Scribbles). Hard copies are sent to schools that do not accept electronic

- ✗ Consent to Release Student Records
- ✗ Transcript Request Form
- ✗ More information

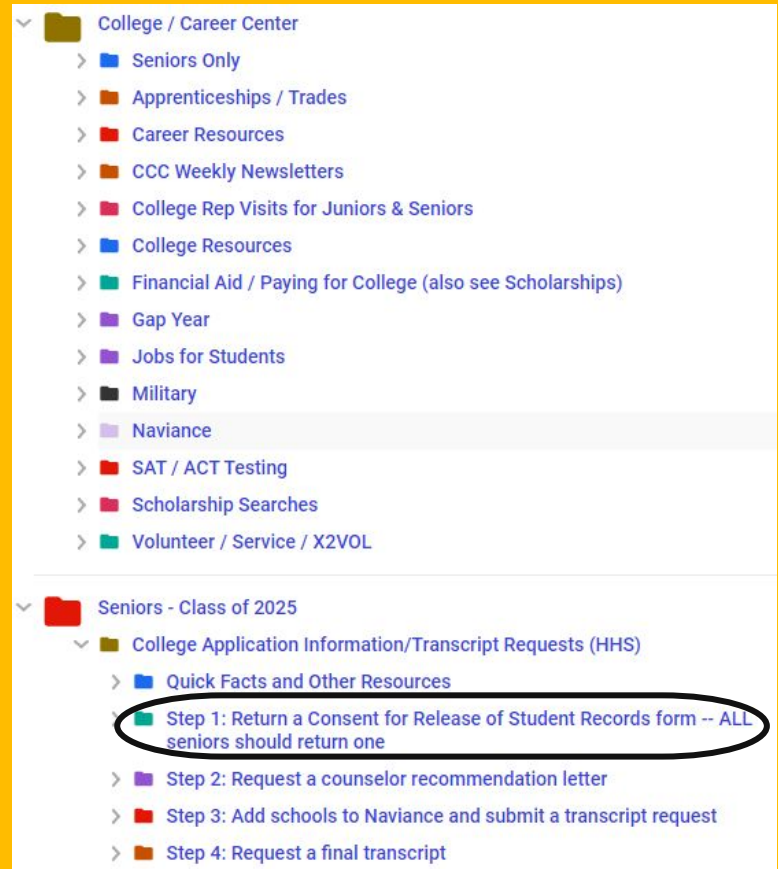
Technology:

Student Services

Resources

Note:

- The Consent to Release Records form must be signed by all students.
- If under 18, parent/guardian must sign as well.
- The consent form grants FCPS/HHS permission to send student transcript to colleges and scholarship sponsors
- Signed form must be returned electronically or (for paper submissions) to your counselor and Ms. Das. She is located in M16g.



Transcript Processing

Common App	Coalition App/ Black Common App (HBCU)	School Application	Self-Report Schools	NCAA/NAIA
Transcripts will be made available through the Common App Portal Status available in the Common App portal	Transcripts will be sent electronically through Naviance Status update via each school portal	Transcripts sent electronically or via mail. Status update via school portal	Initial transcripts are not included with other documents. A final transcript is sent if attending	Transcript will be sent through Naviance. Needed for Division 1 & 2 Athletes ONLY. Include NCAA/NAIA on transcript form

Letters of Recommendation

- x Check with each college to which you are applying regarding their policy
- x Each school will explicitly state how many letters of recommendation they require, who they must be from, and the maximum amount the applicant is allowed to send.
- x Virginia Tech does not accept any recommendations – No Exceptions!
- x JMU will only accept one recommendation


Counselor Deadlines

IF THE COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES IS...	RECOMMENDATION REQUESTS DUE TO COUNSELOR ON OR BEFORE...
OCTOBER 15	SEPTEMBER 27
NOVEMBER 1	SEPTEMBER 27
NOVEMBER 15	OCTOBER 11
DECEMBER 1	NOVEMBER 1
JANUARY 1	NOVEMBER 26*
JANUARY 15	NOVEMBER 26*
FEBRUARY 1	JANUARY 10
ROLLING ADMISSIONS	WITHIN 2 WEEKS OF SUBMITTING APPLICATION

*Deadline to reflect Winter Break



College App Lab

- x Opportunity to have focused time to dedicate to college applications, personal essays, and scholarship research with counselors and our career/college specialist
 - x Dates and signup info coming soon
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College Essay Resources

Herndon HS Writing Center Coming Soon (Mid-October) 1) See Ms. Rigsby or Mr. Headon OR 2) Sign-up in Room A139


[How to Write Your College Essay: The Ultimate Step-by-Step Guide](#)

[College Essay Guy](#)



College Application Tips



- x Only set up one account for Common Application and one account for College Board
 - x Use your personal email for all college and scholarship applications and communications
 - x Check your email often!
 - x Check your college portal to ensure all documents are received
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Common App Tips


- x CEEB Code - 471065
- x Graduation Date - June 6, 2025
- x Class Size- 590
- x GPA Scale - 4.0, Weighted
- x Class Rank - None, FCPS does not rank
- x Course Scheduling System: Semester,
not Block





After You Submit Your Application...



- x Thousands of seniors are applying to college! It takes colleges time to process your documents, even if it is sent electronically. A paper file is still made on each student.
 - x Remember to check your email! Colleges will communicate primarily through email regarding your applications. Make sure your email address is appropriate and mature! Please, use a personal/professional email address.
 - x When in doubt, the applicant, not the parent, should pick up the phone and call the admissions office! You will get a quicker response to your question. The admissions email box fills up quickly!
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Paying for College

- x Three Primary Means
 - x Scholarships and Grants (Free Money!)
 - x College Work Study (Student Works for Tuition)
 - x Student Loans (Must Be Paid Back)
- x Apply for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- x VASA (Virginia Alternative State Aid) - available to students not FAFSA eligible
- x FAFSA and VASA open December 2024 (we hope!)
 - x New simplified format
 - x Don't wait; some schools will review for need based on a first "in" basis.
 - x Check each individual school's website for their FAFSA/VASA deadline - they are all different!
- x CSS Profile: Some schools require additional in-depth financial information; CSS Profile is open now - don't wait for FAFSA.

Paying for College

- x FCPS Resources
 - x Financial Aid Night (September 26) - Learn about FAFSA and VASA (English and Spanish presentations); joint with SLHS at Herndon HS.
 - x FAFSA/VASA Workshops (November – February in the College/Career Center)
 - x College Access Fairfax – Financial Aid Resources & Recordings, Seminars and financial aid champions for FCPS high schools.
<https://collegeaccessfairfax.org/>
 - x Herndon HS Financial Aid Champion – private (virtual) assistance completing FAFSA. Contact Mrs. Kristin Mahieu for a virtual 1x1 meeting; kmahieu@fcps.edu
 - x Mrs. Peirce!!!
- x Net Price Calculator
 - x Useful tool to estimate cost of attendance at different schools
<https://npc.collegeboard.org/> or <https://collegecost.ed.gov/net-price>

Scholarships



- x Use Naviance to search for scholarships
- x Herndon only, local, national, college scholarships available
- x Start now! Do not wait until you've been accepted to college!
- x Deadlines are final on scholarships
- x Marianne Ragins Scholarship (virtual) Workshop - Free; hosted by Reston Community Center, September 26th at 6:30pm - 8:30pm www.scholarshipworkshop.com/restontsw. Register by 9/19.
- x Watch for emails from Mrs. Peirce!

FCPS Free/Reduced Meals Application


- ✘ Not just for lunch! Qualifies you for waivers/reductions for:
 - ✘ College application fees
 - ✘ Senior class dues
 - ✘ Class material fees
- ✘ Apply online: www.MySchoolApps.com
- ✘ Contact info for questions help: Food and Nutrition Services Office, 703.813.4800





Final Reminders



- x Seniors should meet with their school counselor individually to discuss their plan in depth in September or October.
 - x Seniors should maintain regular and frequent contact with their school counselor to be ahead of the college application process and stay organized.
 - x Seniors are responsible and in charge of the college application process!
 - x Students need to maintain passing grades in order to graduate on time and for colleges to consider their application.
 - x Deadlines are critical and matter more than ever!
 - x The college application process is stressful! Ask questions and for help – we are here for you!
 - x First-semester senior grades are automatically sent in February to all schools to whom the student sent their transcripts.
 - x Check your school e-mail often!
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Helpful Websites

- x FCPS College/Career Resources - <https://sites.google.com/fcpsschools.net/college-and-career-resources/home>
- x Virginia State Council of Higher Education for Virginia- <https://www.schev.edu/>
- x Financial Aid (FAFSA) - <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- x Financial Aid (VASA) - <https://www.schev.edu/financial-aid/financial-aid/federal-state-financial-aid/vasa>
- x College Access Fairfax - <https://collegeaccessfairfax.org/>
- x ECMC - <https://www.ecmc.org/students/index.html>
- x 2024-25 Virginia Colleges Opportunities Guide **[pdf version](#)**

Helpful Websites

- x Common Application - <https://www.commonapp.org/>
- x Coalition for College - <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
- x The College Board - <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
- x Virginia Education Wizard - <https://www.vawizard.org/wizard/students>
- x Career One Stop - <https://www.careeronestop.org/>
- x Virginia View - <https://www.vaview.net/>
- x College Scorecard - <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>
- x ONet Online - <https://www.onetonline.org/>

How Did We Do?



<https://tinyurl.com/SeniorParents2025>

Your Feedback is Appreciated



Thank you for coming!

Any questions?

