

# Southern Lehigh High School Guidance Department

College Planning Night for Juniors

February 20, 2020

# Factors Affecting College Admission

- TRANSCRIPT
- Grade Point Average
- Rigor of Coursework (Honors & AP Courses)
- College Entrance Tests – SAT/ACT; Subject Tests (if required)
- Essay or Writing Sample
- Counselor/Teacher Recommendation Letters
- Extracurricular Involvement
- Student's Demonstrated Interest
- Interview (if available)

# School Profile

- Provides colleges with pertinent information about SLHS
    - Size
    - % Going on to college
    - Average SAT scores
    - Information about courses & programs available to students
- \* Located on the SLHS website under Guidance



# Deciding Where to Go

- Activities
- Admission Requirements/Selectivity
- Cost
- Location
- Major
- Religious Affiliation
- Size
- Special Programs

# Research & Visit Colleges

- Schedule in the spring of junior year, summer, fall of senior year
- Complete an educational trip form in advance & upon return to school bring a note from your parent
- Be well-informed about the school BEFORE your visit
- During the visit, talk with students & faculty
- Items you may want to take with you:
  - Transcript
  - Standardized Test Scores
  - Resume

# College Admissions Rep. Visits

- Rep visits to SLHS occur primarily in Sept., Oct., & Nov.
- Students sign up to attend in Naviance
- Visits are scheduled during Spartan Period



# Email Communication

Students should use a professional email address to:

1. Communicate with college representatives
2. Register for standardized tests
3. Apply to colleges

**DO NOT USE SPARTAN DOCS EMAIL ADDRESS!!!**

# College Entrance Tests

## ● ACT

- Offered April 4<sup>th</sup> (register by Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>)
- Offered June 13<sup>th</sup> (register by May 8<sup>th</sup>)
- Offered July 18, Sept. 12, & Oct. 24
- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

## ● SAT

- Offered May 2<sup>nd</sup> (register by April 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Offered June 6<sup>th</sup> (register by May 8<sup>th</sup>)
- Offered **AUGUST 29**, Oct. 3 & Nov. 7
- [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)



# ACT

- English (45 min): standard written English & rhetorical skills
- Math (60 min)
- Reading (35 min): comprehension
- Science (35 min): interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning, & problem-solving skills
- Optional Writing (40 min)

**Scale 1-36 (Each section; includes Composite)**

Cost is \$52 or \$68 WITH WRITING

4 free score reports; \$13 charge for each additional school

# SAT

- Evidence-Based Reading & Writing
  - 65 minute Reading section
  - 35 minute Language & Writing
- Math
  - 55 minutes WITH calculator
  - 25 minutes WITHOUT calculator
- Optional Essay
  - 50 minutes

**Scale 1600 (800 Math & 800 ERW; separate writing score)**

Cost is \$49.50 or \$64.50 WITH ESSAY

4 free score reports; \$12 charge for each additional school

# SAT Subject Tests

- Required by the most selective colleges & universities for admission
- English Literature, U.S. History, World History, Mathematics Levels I and II, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, & World Languages (French, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese)
- Each exam is one hour in length; can take up to three exams on one SAT test date
- See which tests may be required for certain majors

Total Cost for 2 Subject Tests = \$70



# Common Application

- [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- Almost 900 member colleges & universities
- Application can be submitted to any number of colleges you indicate
- Individual colleges may have additional requirements (i.e. writing supplements)
- Must complete FERPA agreement as well as enter your Common App username and password in Naviance in order for your transcript to be sent

# Coalition Application

- [www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org](http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org)
- Allows for the individualization of application by uploading music, videos, artistic works, etc.
- Over 150 member colleges

# Admissions Decisions

- Early Action – apply EARLY and receive an EARLY decision (non-binding)
- Early Decision – apply EARLY, receive EARLY decision, if accepted MUST attend and withdraw all other applications (BINDING)
- Rolling Admissions – as applications roll in, decisions roll out; APPLY EARLY!



# Letters of Recommendation

- Complete the **Teacher Recommendation Questionnaire**
- Allow a minimum of 3 weeks for teacher letters
- **Ask your teachers personally** first before requesting in Naviance
- Select 1 or 2 teachers that know you well
- Not all schools require letters of recommendation (ex. PA state universities)
- **Waiving your right of access:** It is best to waive your right of access because colleges and universities will feel as though they are getting a true evaluation of you. However, do what you are most comfortable with.

# Counselor Letter of Recommendation

- Complete the **Counselor Recommendation Questionnaire**
- Complete the **Parent Input Form**
- Allow a minimum of 3 weeks for counselor letters
- **Ask your counselor personally**
- Not all schools require counselor letters



# JUNIOR YEAR – Spring

- Think about what you want to do – utilize Personality Profile and Career Interest Profiler to explore careers
- Explore college search engines
- Develop list of prospective colleges
- Tour college campuses & talk with college reps, professors, and students
- Take the SAT and/or ACT – make sure to list 4 colleges to receive score reports FREE when you register
- Take AP exams in May if enrolled in course(s)
- Plan a CHALLENGING & APPROPRIATE senior year schedule
- Look for summer jobs, internships, volunteer activities
- Request letters of recommendation (if required)



# SENIOR YEAR – Fall

- Take SAT/ACT again (if necessary)
- Secure letters of recommendation in Naviance
- Narrow down list of colleges to 5 – 10
- Organize your application materials noting requirements and admissions/financial aid deadlines
- Utilize national scholarship searches as well as Naviance to research local and national scholarship opportunities
- Attend SLHS Financial Aid Program in October
- **APPLY EARLY!!!!!!**

# NCAA Initial Eligibility Center

- [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- Division I or II athletics
- Sliding scale used to match test scores and core GPA
- Send SAT or ACT official score report to the eligibility center using code “9999”
- Register now (junior year)

# Naviance

- about me
  - recommendation questionnaire (for students)
  - parent input sheet (within the parent account)
- careers
  - career information, job outlook, assessments – personality type and career interest profiler
- colleges
  - SuperMatch
  - college maps
  - scattergrams
  - colleges I am interested in/applying to



Search for Colleges



🔍 Type a college name

SEARCH

## Hello and Welcome!

The Southern Lehigh High School Guidance Department would like to welcome you to Naviance, your all inclusive college planning and career information program. We are excited about the program as it provides you with specific information regarding thousands of colleges and universities as well as hundreds of career options. Naviance will also serve as a communication tool between the guidance counselors and families to keep you informed about the college and career planning process.

[Read more](#)

## My Favorites



COLLEGES

I'm thinking about



COLLEGES

I'm applying to



CAREERS AND CLUSTERS

I'm thinking about

## Important To-Dos and Tasks

Relax, you have no overdue or upcoming to-dos and tasks. However, you can get ahead by going to My Planner to see what's next or create a goal or to-do.

## What's New



Savannah College of Art and Design will be visiting your school on Monday, March 4th, 2019 at 10:30 am [more info](#)



Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania will be visiting your school



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### College Visits

MARCH  
Mon **04**  
10:30AM

**Savannah College of Art and Design**  
📍 Guidance Office  
0/15 seats are taken.

REGISTER

MARCH  
Mon **11**  
10:30AM

**Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania**  
📍 Guidance Office

REGISTER

MARCH  
Tue **12**

**DeSales University**  
📍 Guidance Office

REGISTER BY Monday, Mar 11 2019, 02:30AM

**Register Now**



# Spartan Period

- Day 2 for the entire semester
- Spring Semester: College Prep for Juniors
- Fall Semester: College App Prep for Seniors



# Upcoming Events

- March 24: ASVAB at SLHS
- April 30: College Fair at Emmaus High School
- September: College Admissions Panel @SLHS
- October: Financial Aid Night @ SLHS