

College Information Night

Southern Lehigh High School
February 25, 2021

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 (Quality vs. Quantity)
- 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 17 (register by March 12)
- Offered June 12 (register by May 7)
- Offered July 17, Sept., Oct., Dec.
- www.actstudent.org

● SAT

- Offered May 8 (register by April 8)
- Offered June 5 (register by May 6)
- Offered Aug. 28, Oct. 2 & Nov. 6
- 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 \$55 or \$70 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

Scale 1600 (800 Math & 800 ERW)

Cost is \$52

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

The SAT logo is a blue square with the letters "SAT" in white, bold, sans-serif font. A small registered trademark symbol (®) is located to the upper right of the "T".

SAT[®]

Test Optional

- www.fairtest.org
- COVID-19: Many colleges/universities switched to test optional due to students not having the opportunity to take the SAT or ACT
 - Schools have begun to continue Test Optional for current juniors (2021-22 application season)

Common Application

- www.commonapp.org
- Approximately 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 - waive your right vs. not waiving your right of access to recommendation letters
- [Common Application Requirements Grid](#)

Coalition Application

- 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 & receive early decision (*non-binding*)
- Early Decision – apply early & receive early decision, if accepted, **MUST** attend and withdraw all other applications (*binding*)
- Rolling – as applications roll in, decisions roll out; **APPLY EARLY!**
- Regular Decision – apply by the deadline, find out a few months later

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)
- (FERPA) 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 Brag Sheet**
- Allow a minimum of 3 weeks for counselor letters
- **Ask your counselor personally**
- NOTE: 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
- Take ASVAB exam in March
- Explore college search engines (Naviance, Collegeboard, Niche, etc.)
- Develop list of prospective colleges
- Tour college campuses & talk with college reps, professors, and students
- Take the SAT and/or ACT
- 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

- Look at Southern Lehigh's list of NCAA-approved courses on the [Eligibility Center's Website](#)
- 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) www.eligibilitycenter.org
- More information can be found on the [SLSD Guidance Website](#)

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

Welcome, Will!

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

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

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I'm Thinking About

College Compare

College Resources

Enrichment Programs

College Maps

College Visits



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Register Now

View Details

Cancel

View Details

Junior Meetings

- 30 minute meeting with student, parent/guardian(s), counselor March 22 - April 30th
 - Review graduation credits, courses for next school year, & postsecondary plans
 - Info re: how to schedule appt. - emailed
 - [SLHS Website - Guidance Page](#)

Upcoming Events

- March 4: ASVAB at SLHS
- September: College Admissions Panel @SLHS
- October: Financial Aid Night @ SLHS