

College Planning Night



March 9, 2023
Southern Lehigh High School

Overview

- Factors Affecting Admission
- College Search ([Naviance](#), [Niche](#), [College Board Big Future](#))
- Utilizing the college websites
- PART 1- The Application
 - How do I apply?
 - Common App / Coalition App / Individual College website
 - Essay Prompts
- PART 2- Standardized Tests/ Test Optional
- PART 3- Other necessary school documents
 - [Transcript Release Form](#)
 - Letters of Recommendation
 - Transcript OR Self-Reported Academic Record
 - School Report
- PART 4- Naviance

Factors Affecting College Admission

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

College Search

- Start searching for colleges/universities you need to explore further or wish to visit to learn more
- Consider important “filters”
 - Size, location, activities, cost, major, admissions requirements/selectivity, special programs
- Many options:
 - [Naviance](#)
 - The [“naviance overview video”](#) details how to use naviance to conduct a search (at the 4:00 mark)
 - [Niche](#)
 - [Big Future](#)
- Goal → Choose Colleges to further research & visit
- Narrow down until you have a list to apply to in the fall
 - Include Reach, Core & Safety Schools
 - Pro Tip: 10+ schools is A LOT (it’s your time, energy, & money!)

Utilize College Websites

- University of Pittsburgh [Visit Options](#)
- Look at [Common Data Sets](#)
- Johns Hopkins [Essays that Worked](#)
- University of South Carolina [Required HS Courses](#)
- Penn State University [Self-Reported Academic Record](#)
- Penn State University [AP Credit Transfer](#)
- Dual Enrollment transfer policy (ex [Kutztown Transfer Credit Evaluation](#))

Admissions Rep visits to SLHS

- Occur during Spartan period
- Primarily in Sept, Oct & Nov
- Students sign up to attend in Naviance
- These are often the admissions representatives who read your application!

PART 1

The Application

The Application - how do I apply?

1. Individual College's Website
2. [Coalition Application](#)
3. [Common Application](#)

NOTE: Most applications become available August 1st!

The Application- COMMON APP

- commonapp.org
- 900 members
- *Could* save you time → submit to multiple colleges
- Individual colleges may have additional writing supplements
- [Common Application Requirements Grid](#)

Common App Essay Prompts

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

The Application- COALITION APP

- www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org
- 150 members
- Allows for the individualization of application by uploading music, videos, artistic works, etc.



The Application - PRO TIPS

- Write down all usernames and passwords!
- Write down deadlines for admission & financial aid
 - Rolling Admission
 - Early Action
 - Early Decision *BINDING*
 - Regular Decision
- Use a professional email (NOT spartan docs)
 - To communicate with admissions representatives
 - To create account for application
 - To register for standardized tests

PART 2

Standardized Test Scores or Test
Optional

Standardized Tests / Test Optional

- [SAT](https://collegeboard.org) (collegeboard.org)
- [ACT](https://act.org) (act.org)
- Test Optional (fairtest.org)

- Many colleges and universities have test optional policies for admission...CHECK WEBSITES!
 - May have additional requirements

- Some colleges accept self-reported test scores....CHECK WEBSITES!

- If a college requires official test scores, the student is responsible for sending those via the testing website (CollegeBoard or ACT)

Test Optional - FAQ

- Should I take the SAT/ACT?
 - Kaplan Short Quiz to help determine which test
- Should I send my scores?
- Will it hurt my chances of getting in if I do not send my scores?

Upcoming Test Dates at SLHS

SAT - March 11, 2023

SAT - October 7, 2023

SAT - March 9, 2024

Digital

SAT

Reading & Writing

- 65 minute Reading section
- 35 minute Language & Writing

Math

- 55 minutes WITH calculator
- 25 minutes WITHOUT calculator

How the SAT is structured

Scale 1600 (800 Math & 800 ERW)

Cost is \$60

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

The SAT logo, consisting of the letters "SAT" in white, bold, sans-serif font, with a registered trademark symbol (®) to the upper right, all contained within a solid blue rectangular background.

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 \$66 or \$91 WITH WRITING

4 free score reports; \$16 charge for each additional school

NCAA Eligibility

- No longer requires SAT or ACT score
- Based solely on core GPA
- Look at Southern Lehigh's list of NCAA-approved courses on the Eligibility Center's Website
- Division I or II athletics
- Register now on www.eligibilitycenter.org
- More information can be found on the SLSD Counseling Website
- SLHS School Code: 390830

PART 3

Other Necessary School Documents

(Letters of Rec, Transcript, School Report, School Profile)

SLHS transcript release form

- Must be completed prior to having any transcripts submitted
- Only needs to be completed ONCE
- Electronically: The [Transcript Release Form](#) can be found on the Counseling website under College & Career Planning

Other necessary school documents - **LETTERS of REC**

- Do you need a letter of recommendation?
 - Check individual college website for requirements
- If yes, think about *how many* and *who* makes sense to ask?
 - Consider how well they know you, what major you are pursuing, what year you had them, etc.
- Ask in person
- Complete teacher rec questionnaire in Naviance (About Me >> Surveys)
- NOTE: Please allow minimum 3 weeks for all letters

Counselor Letter of Recommendation

- NOTE: Not all schools require counselor letters
- Ask counselor personally
- Student completes the Counselor Recommendation Questionnaire
 - About me >> Surveys
- Complete the [Parent Brag Sheet](#) and EMAIL to counselor
 - Parents Tab >> Parent Forms
- Allow minimum 3 weeks

Other necessary school documents - Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR)

- Some colleges do not require an official transcript
- students submit the SRAR
- Student inputs entire academic record (transcript) into the college's application
- Your application is not complete until you do this!
- Example: [Penn State](#)
- NOTE: there is no need to submit a transcript request in this case until AFTER a student decides to attend

Other necessary school documents

- When you request a transcript in Naviance, the school counselor will send
 - School Profile
 - School Report
 - Letters of Rec (if applicable)
 - Transcript
- NOTE: Everything goes through NAVIANCE

Game Plan Recap

- Research & decide where you want to apply
 - Naviance Personality Profile & Career Interest Profiler to explore careers
- Visit!
- Be organized! List requirements & deadlines for each school
- Ask for letters of recommendation if applicable
- Take standardized tests if applicable
- Plan challenging & appropriate senior year schedule
- Begin applications officially August 1st
- NOTE: Refer to [College Application Process](#) handout (School Counseling website >> College & Career >> College)

Naviance

Welcome, Solehi!

Search for Colleges



Type a college name

Search

SEARCH

Hello and Welcome!

English



Go

The Southern Lehigh High School Counseling Department would like to welcome you to Naviance, your all inclusive college planning and career information program. Naviance provides information about thousands of colleges and universities as well as hundreds of career options. It will also serve as a communication tool between the school counselors and families to keep you informed about the college and career planning process.

[Read more](#)

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.

My Favorites



COLLEGES

[I'm thinking about](#)



COLLEGES

[I'm applying to](#)



CAREERS AND CLUSTERS

[I'm thinking about](#)



SCHOLARSHIPS & MONEY

[Favorite Scholarships](#)

What's New



Commonwealth University – Bloomsburg, Lock Haven and Mansfield will be visiting your school on Thursday, March 16th, 2023 at 10:30 am [more info](#)

Self-Discovery



Let's get started.

It looks like you haven't done any assessments yet. By taking Naviance assessments you'll get to know yourself better.

Here are assessments that are available for you to take now.

AchieveWorks Intelligences®

Formerly MI Advantage



Intelligence comes in many forms. **AchieveWorks Intelligences®** helps you uncover your different intelligences and how to leverage them.

START ASSESSMENT

TO TAKE

AchieveWorks Learning and Productivity®

Formerly Learning Styles Inventory



Discover your sensory, environmental and mindset preferences to help develop and adjust your study practices.

START ASSESSMENT

TO TAKE

AchieveWorks Personality®

Formerly Do What You Are



AchieveWorks Personality® helps you identify your personality type by asking you to choose scenarios that best represent how you behave in real life.

START ASSESSMENT

TO TAKE

AchieveWorks Skills®



AchieveWorks Skills® helps you identify and develop your skills and connects your skills to careers that might interest you.

START ASSESSMENT

TO TAKE

Career Cluster Finder



TO TAKE

Career Interest Profiler



TO TAKE

Strengths Explorer®



TO TAKE

Explore Careers

CAREERS

CLUSTERS AND PATHWAYS



Find Careers that Interest You.



You're ready to discover interesting careers and Naviance is here to help. Here you can filter careers by education, national salary, career cluster, and more. Each filter you add narrows your search. Experiment and see what you discover!

🔍 Type a career title

GO

Sort By

Title

FILTER



Accountants and Auditors

Examine, analyze, and interpret accounting records to prepare financial statements, give advice, or audit and evaluate statements pr...



Education
4 Year College



Median Salary
\$71,550

♡ FAVORITE



Actors

Play parts in stage, television, radio, video, or film productions, or other settings for entertainment, information, or instruction...



Education
High School Diploma



Median Salary
\$42,494

♡ FAVORITE



Actuaries

Analyze statistical data, such as mortality, accident, sickness, disability, and retirement rates and construct probability tables to fo...



Education
4 Year College



Median Salary
\$108,350

♡ FAVORITE



Acupuncturists

Diagnose, treat, and prevent disorders by stimulating specific acupuncture points within the body using acupuncture needles...



Education
Graduate/Professional



Median Salary
\$75,640




♡ FAVORITE

Colleges




 Type a college


MORE COLLEGE SEARCH

SEARCH

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Find Your Fit

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Quick Links

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS

- SuperMatch®
- Advanced college search
- College lookup

MY COLLEGES

- Upcoming college events
- Colleges match
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- Letters of recommendation

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Scholarships & Money

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

Search for colleges

Register Now

View Details

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10:30AM

MARCH Thu 23 10:30AM

Stony Brook University Guidance Office

APRIL Tue 11 10:30AM

Delaware Valley University Guidance Office

APRIL Thu 13 10:30AM

Alvernia University Guidance Office





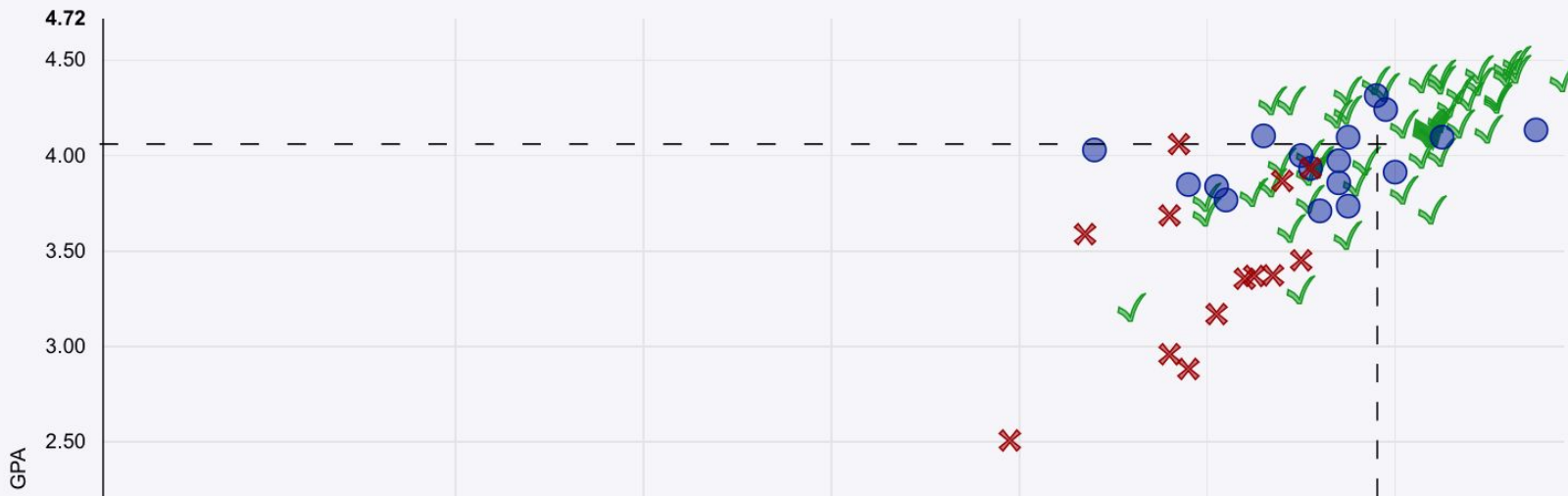
Scattergrams | Applications for Southern Lehigh Senior High School ?

Comparing

Weighted GPA ▾

with

SAT (1600) ▾





My Surveys

Filter by

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COUNSELOR Recommendation Questionnaire

NOT STARTED

TEACHER Recommendation Questionnaire

NOT STARTED

[About Me Home](#)

Account

[My Account](#)

You are logged in as **Solehi Spartan** at
Southern Lehigh Senior High School

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Surveys

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Junior Meetings

- 30 minute meeting with student, parent/guardian(s) & school counselor
March 20th - April 21st
 - We will meet with ALL juniors (even if parent/guardian is unable to attend)
 - Review graduation credits, courses for next school year, & postsecondary plans
- Info about how to schedule appt was mailed and sent via blackboard
- Or, click [HERE](#)

Upcoming Events

- March 28: ASVAB at SLHS
- August 16: College Application Jump Start
- September 28 (tentative): College Admissions Panel @SLHS
- October 5 (tentative): Financial Aid Night @ SLHS