Senior Post-Secondary Planning Night

September 26, 2018
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Counselor
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General Information Session
- Student/family responsibilities & counselor responsibilities
- College Application overview
- Naviance Demo
- Testing: SAT/ACT
- Financing college overview
- NCAA overview
- Upcoming events

UMass Amherst Presentation
Student Role

- Take an active role
- Be proactive
- Get organized
- Follow timelines
- Meet deadlines
- Follow-up
- Communicate
- Ask questions
The College Application

• The Common Application
• Institutional Applications
• Typical Application Components
College Applications

- One application students send to multiple colleges
- 800+ colleges across the country use the Common Application

www.commonapp.org
College Applications

Institutional Applications

• Found on college websites, usually the “Undergraduate Admissions” page

• Can be submitted online or downloaded and printed

• Some colleges have “Priority” or “Express” applications which can be short and simple

Download Acrobat Reader to view PDFs
College Applications

Typical Components

• Personal Demographics (SSN, parent/sibling information, etc.)
• Academic Profile (courses taken, previous HS attended, GPA)
• Major/Minor, Career Interests
• Standardized Test Scores (SAT/ACT)
• Extracurricular Activities
• Essay and additional supplements (varies by college)
The Application File

Students Must Submit the following:

- Application
- Application Supplement (if necessary)
- Essay or Personal Statement
- Student Resume or Activity Sheet (if necessary)
- Official Standardized Test Scores (SAT, SAT Subject, ACT, AP, TOEFL) - Colleges will ONLY accept official score reports sent through the testing agency (College Board, ACT, ETS)
- Application Fee
- Special Talent Portfolio
The Application File

Upon Official Request by the Student, Counselors Submit:

- Official HS Transcript
  * Electronically or mail
- School Report Form
  * Academic information including GPA and Decile Rank
- Counselor Letter of Recommendation
- School Profile
  * General information about DHS
College Information Sessions at DHS:
https://sites.google.com/dedham.k12.ma.us/dhs-guidance/home

Thu September 27
- University of Southern Maine
- Boston University

Fri September 28
- Smith College

Mon October 1
- Skidmore College
- Suffolk University

Tue October 2
St. John's College
The University of Tampa

Wed October 3
- Sewanee: The University of the South
- Salve Regina University

Thu October 4
- Merrimack College
- University of Rochester

Tue October 9
- Becker College
- Landmark College

Thu October 11
- Lasell College
- Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology
Teacher Recommendations

Important Tips for Students

• Find out **how many and what types** of recommendations specific colleges will read
• Ask for recommendations from at least **one academic subject teacher**
• Complete the **Teacher Brag Sheet for each teacher** and any other information they request from you (available on Guidance webpage)
• Provide teachers with a completed **Teacher Recommendation Request Form** (includes a list of colleges and deadlines) - available on Guidance webpage
• Provide teachers with as much **time** as possible before your earliest deadline
• Write **“Thank You”** notes to the teachers who write your recommendations
Transcript Request Procedure

Students Must Complete the Following:

• List Colleges on the Common App
• The “Education” Section of the Common App
• The “FERPA Release Authorization” on the Common App
• List Colleges in Naviance, and match to the Common App

Students Must Submit the Following to the Guidance Office:

• The Transcript Request Form (also serves as the official release)
• The Guidance Counselor Brag Sheet (Naviance or Guidance website)
• The Parent Brag Sheet (if available)
• Student Resume (if available)

**All forms are available on the Guidance Website**
# Admissions Options

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See NACAC Admission Options Handout for more information
Standardized Testing

Dedham High School will host the October, November, December and March SAT dates

General SAT & Subject SAT

Nov. 3rd SAT – Register by Oct. 5th
Dec. 1st SAT – Register by Nov. 2nd

*See your counselor if you think you may qualify for a test fee waiver or need special accommodations
Standardized Testing

The ACT

www.actstudent.org

Dedham High School does NOT host the ACT, but other area high schools do

Oct. 27th ACT – Late Registration until Sept 28th
Dec. 8th ACT – Register by Nov. 2nd

*See your counselor if you think you may qualify for a test fee waiver or need special accommodations
Financing College

• **FAFSA**: Federal Aid Application - required by ALL schools (www.fafsa.ed.gov)

• **FAFSA Personal Identification Number** - required for FAFSA, for both students AND parents. Available now at https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm

  **You can complete the FAFSA starting October 1 based on 2017 taxes**

• **CSS Profile**: Additional Aid Application - Administered by The College Board, required by SOME schools (https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/prf/index.jsp)

MEFA College Financing Night
October 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
DHS Cafeteria
Scholarship Opportunities

• **DHS Local Scholarships**: exclusively awarded to DHS Seniors - applications available in April
  - Scholarship assembly in April, application deadline early May
  - 185 scholarships awarded to Class of 2018
  - > $120,000

• **Private Scholarships**:
  - [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
  - Guidance Website
  - Guidance Office

*Students should check email regularly to learn about scholarship opportunities!*
Athletics in College

• Students planning to play Division I or II college athletics must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse: www.eligibilitycenter.org

• The Guidance Office automatically sends transcripts to NCAA for registered students at the end of the school year

• 1\textsuperscript{st} or 2\textsuperscript{nd} term grades can also be sent if students submit the NCAA release form to the Guidance Office in the fall or winter (indicate on your Transcript Request form)

Contact Stephen Traister, DHS Director of Athletics, for additional information on college athletics
DHS Guidance Website

• General information on everything related to post-secondary planning
• Quick links to important websites (College Board, Common App, FAFSA, Naviance, etc.)
• All DHS college application forms
• Career planning resources and employment opportunities
• Upcoming events
• Advice for the college search and application process
• Available Scholarships (Winter-Spring)

https://sites.google.com/dedham.k12.ma.us/dhs-guidance/home
**Important Dates and Events**

- **Sept. 24th** – Postsecondary Planning Workshops begin for Seniors
- **Oct. 2nd** – TEC College Fair at Waltham High School, 6:30-8:30 pm ([http://www.tec-coop.org/student-programs/college-fairs](http://www.tec-coop.org/student-programs/college-fairs))
- **Oct. 9th** – MEFA College Financing Presentation, 6:00p.m. @ DHS
- **Oct. 15th** – Early Decision/Action Deadlines Begin
- **Jan. 1st** – Regular Decision Deadlines Begin
- **Early 2019** – College Goal Sunday FAFSA Workshop ([https://www.masfaa.org/fafsa-day-2/](https://www.masfaa.org/fafsa-day-2/))
- **April 2019** – Local Scholarship Assembly with Seniors
- **May 1, 2019** - Deposit required to the college
- **June 2019** - Graduation
Career Readiness and Support

• Resume and interview preparation
• Career exploration
• Technical education support
  • Technical programs- community colleges & technical colleges
  • Entering the Union
• Part-time and full-time employment
• School to Careers field trips

https://sites.google.com/dedham.k12.ma.us/careercounseling/home
Community Service- 40 hours!

DHS Fall Community Service Fair on Tuesday, October 23

A Few of our Community Partners:
- Dedham Youth Commission
- Dedham Farmers Market
- NewBridge on the Charles
- Dedham Community House
- Dedham Public Library
- Fairbanks House

**Students should check email, opportunities are always shared through email**