

# **Class of 2021**

## **4 Year College Application Meeting**



# **Your OPHS Counselors**

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# Class of 2021 Webpage



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The DOC application for 2020-2021 is now closed. Click here for more information about the lottery procedures and the program.

activities calendar and deadlines

to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please be patient and your refund will be processed as soon as possible.

☒ See it.  
☒ Hear it.  
☒ Report it.

**OPHS**  
**Report It**

## OPHS Report-It

OPHS Report-It is an anonymous way for students and parents to let school officials know about important student mistreatment and safety concerns.

View All

*Class of*  
**2021**

## Class of 2021: The College Application Process

The college application process and other information specifically for the class of 2021



## SUMMER SCHOOL

Click here to go to the Oak Park Education Foundation Summer School registration page



# College & Career Center

**Julie Prince**

*College & Career Specialist*

Monday-Friday

7.30am-4:00pm

**Paula Friedman**

*College & Career Specialist*

Monday-Thursday

8:30am-1:00pm



# College & Career Center

## **Services Offered at the College & Career Center**

College Search Assistance

College Knowledge Night

Job Shadowing & Internship Opportunities

Resume Help

College Application Workshops

Career Search Assistance

Naviance Help, Reset Passwords

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College Essay Feedback and more....

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## OAK PARK HIGH SCHOOL (C&CC) COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

Room C-6, next door to the OPHS Student Store

899 N. Kanan Road Oak Park, California 91377

For more information Contact:

# College & Career Center

## College Admission Representative Visits

College Visits:

**Nutrition  
Lunch  
7th Period  
After School  
(Occasionally 8am)**

**Take advantage of this  
time to personally  
connect**





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# Overview: Applying to a 4 Year College

## SUMMER

- Complete your Naviance Task List
- Take SAT/ACT and optional SAT Subject Tests
- Research colleges
- Start Common App essay



## AUGUST - DECEMBER

- Attend mandatory meeting for seniors applying to a 4-year (August)
- Sign up for individual college meeting with counselor (Sept-Nov)
- Request letter(s) of recommendation from teachers (August-Sept)
- Complete/Submit college applications (TBD based on college deadlines)
- Request transcripts (Sept-Nov)
- Submit SAT/ACT test scores from testing web sites (August-Nov)
- Apply for Financial Aid – FAFSA/CSS Profile/Scholarships (Aug-Dec)

# Parents' Role

- Complete the Naviance Parent Questionnaire
- Manage expectations:
  - *What is your child ready for?*
  - *What is the best fit?*
  - *Review together the completed Naviance “Find Your Fit”*
  - *Discuss costs of college and realistic family contribution*
- Monitor tasks and deadlines; let your child lead the process
- Demonstrated financial need for SAT/ACT/application fee waiver, see counselor
- Validate all information instead of listening to word of mouth
- Support and encourage

# Summer Considerations

- Land an internship or job
- Enroll in an enrichment program
- Take a summer college course
- Volunteer - Community Service
- Tour prospective colleges
- Create or do something unique
- Travel
- Get organized
  - make a list of colleges
  - due dates
  - requirements





# Senior Year Considerations

- Math - Continue taking a 4th year
- 3 years of LAB science required by some colleges (Bio, Chem, Physics etc.)
- College applications take A LOT of time!
  - Consider all your commitments.
  - Stay organized and start early!
- Many colleges will ask for mid-year grades
  - Don't lose your academic focus (senioritis!).
  - Remember - acceptances are provisional!

# College Bound Athletes NCAA Eligibility

**CREATE AN ACCOUNT**

[NCAA Eligibility Center](https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/)

<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

**SUBMIT TRANSCRIPT AND TEST SCORES**



Eligibility Center

Student Email

Password

Login

? Help

High School Administrator

[Forgot your password?](#)

## WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?

Creating an account is the first step to becoming an NCAA student-athlete



REGISTER

# Naviance Tasks

## Complete by August 10th

- Counselor and Teacher Questionnaires
- Resume
- Enter SAT/ACT Test Scores
- Complete SuperMatch College Search
- Add to Colleges I'm Thinking About List
  - Do not add colleges to “*Colleges I'm Applying To*” until after Senior Meeting in August
- Register for Common Application (available August 1st)
- Start UC application



***\*Make sure email in Naviance is the email that you will using for college applications/communications.***

***Change to from opusd.org email to a personal email***



# College Research - Creating Your List

- Attend college rep visits in the College & Career Center.
- Try to visit college campuses.
- Identify college characteristics that are a good match for you.
- Use Naviance College *SuperMatch* to research.
- Choose 6-12 (+/-) colleges in the following ranges:
  - **LIKELY** (2-4 schools): your GPA/Scores are well above the average
  - **TARGET/POSSIBLE** (2-5 schools): your GPA/Scores are within the middle 50% average
  - **REACH** (2-3 schools): your GPA/scores are equal or lower than the average
- Know your college deadlines and what is required.
- Are there additional applications or materials needed when applying to honors, college specific or arts programs?

# What Colleges Look For

- A **rigorous high school curriculum** that challenges the student appropriate to his/her capabilities.
- **Grades** that represent a strong effort, with an upward or consistent trend.
- **Solid scores** on standardized tests (SAT, ACT). These should be consistent with high school performance.
- **Passionate involvement** in a few school or outside activities, demonstrating leadership and initiative. Commitment and depth are valued over minimal involvement in large number of activities.

# What Colleges Look For

- A **well-written essay** that provides insight into the student's unique personality, experiences, values and goals. The application essay should be thoughtful and highly personal; not an overview of what's already in application. More conversational in YOUR VOICE.
- **Letters of Recommendations (LOR)** from teachers and school counselor that give evidence of an interest in learning, special skills, and positive character traits.
- Many colleges seek to develop a freshmen class that is diverse: geographically, culturally, ethnically, economically, and politically. **Colleges like INTERESTING people** - follow your own path or you risk looking like every other applicant.



# Standardized Tests - SAT/ACT

## Register Online:

SAT [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

ACT [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

## Optional SAT Subject Area Tests

Recommended for Math, Science, Engineering Majors or anyone applying to highly selective schools. *At the time of registration, plan to utilize free score reports.*

## List of Colleges Going Test Optional

[The National Center for Fair and Open Testing](http://www.collegeboard.com/sat/subjectarea)

# Types of Applications

- University of California (opens Aug 1)
- California State University (opens Oct 1)
- Common Application (register or rollover Aug 1)
- Coalition Application
- Other (e.g. Universal Application, Embark etc. . . , some universities have their own application. If they also use the Common Application, use that instead.

THE COMMON  
APPLICATION



# California State University

- Student sets up a CSU portal and checks status
- Request Mid Year Transcript ( if CSU requests it)
- Send official ACT and SAT from testing website
- Submit between Oct 1 - Nov 30
- [www.calstate.edu/apply](http://www.calstate.edu/apply)



# University of California

- Choose to answer 4 of 8 questions
- Send official SAT/ACT test scores from testing website to one UC campus. Scores are shared between campuses.
- Available August 1, 2019
- Submission window: Nov 1-Nov 30
- [University of California Admissions](#)





# The Common Application

[Apply to college with Common App | Your future starts here](https://www.commonapp.org/)

<https://www.commonapp.org/>

- Account Register/Rollover - August 1, 2020 for Fall 2021
- Review Supplemental Questions - Additional prompts
- Official Test scores must be sent to the college through the SAT and ACT websites **by the student**
- Transcripts – Initial, Midyear, and Final
- Note recommendations required: Counselor, # teachers, Other recommenders (i.e. Coaches, music teacher, employer)
- **DO NOT ASSIGN OPHS teachers/counselor as recommenders – Naviance does this automatically**

# The Coalition Application

## Coalition for College

<http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>

- Account Register/Sign In
- Review Essay Prompts
- The **Coalition App** gives the **option** to have documents such as transcripts and recommendations outside of the Coalition Application locker
- **OPHS uses Naviance for document submission**

# Other College Applications

- **Variety of deadlines** - if rolling, shoot for Dec/Jan
- Sometimes a paper SSR (**Secondary School Report**) request form needs to be given to the counselor.
- **Monitor your college portals** for documents received or needed.
- Don't apply just because you receive a free, fast application offer. Have a genuine interest. *It's no guarantee of admission.*

# Types of Admission

## STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

### Non-Restrictive Application Plans

#### Regular Decision

##### DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

##### COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

#### Rolling Admission

##### DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

##### COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

#### Early Action (EA)

##### DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

##### COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

### Restrictive Application Plans

#### Early Decision (ED)

##### DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

##### COMMITMENT:

BINDING

#### Restrictive Early Action (REA)

##### DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

##### COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.



# Early Decision Policy

**ED Applicants - You must be absolutely certain you will attend this college if accepted.**

- Apply early (usually in November) to first-choice college
- Receive college admission decision well in advance (usually by December)
- **Agree to attend the college if accepted**
- May only apply to one college for early decision
- May apply to other colleges under regular admission
- **Must withdraw all other applications when accepted by ED**
- Usually must give a nonrefundable deposit upon acceptance

\*Student, parent & counselor will sign an ED Policy Agreement\*

OPHS strictly adheres to the ED Policy

# Letters of Recommendation

- Not all colleges require Letters of Recommendation (LOR)- check each college website.
- No LORs needed for CSU/UC
- **November 20th** - Last day to request a LOR
- Ask your teacher/counselor ***in person***. Invite them to send letters in Naviance to only those colleges that require them.
- **Follow up with a Thank You note.**
- Waiving your rights is necessary for a school letter (FERPA)

***WARNING DO NOT assign recommenders on the Common App for OPHS teachers/staff.***

# Using Independent College Advisors

- Can assist in identifying colleges, help organize the process and help students meet deadlines.
- Ask about training (UCLA College Counseling Certificate, HECA Membership)
- Independent Advisors must follow OPHS protocol.
- **Only your school counselor is authorized** to write letters, exchange info with college admissions staff, and submit documents.
- Paying by the hour is highly recommended vs. contract.
- Beware of anyone saying they can get you into a particular college or get you financial aid.
- Student **MUST** follow all the OPHS protocols and deadlines

# More Resources to Help You

- August 2020 – 4-year College Application Meeting
- August 2020 – Parent Mtg for College Bound Seniors
- Sept-Nov 2020- 1:1 Meeting with your counselor
- Sept- Dec 2020 Learn at Lunch Meetings - CCC
- Fall 2020 – UC and CSU application workshops
- October 2020 – College Knowledge Night
- October 2020 – Financial Aid Workshop at OPHS



# Naviance Webinar Part 1 & 2

## Webinars will review:

- Counselor Required Tasks
- Changing your email in Naviance
- My Planner - Tasks
- Inputting SAT/ACT scores
- College SuperMatch
- Scattergrams/Compare Me
- Colleges I Am Applying
- Teacher/Counselor Questionnaires
- Resume Building

**\*Must watch webinars to know what is required by counselors and to be able to apply to colleges.**

# Naviance Webinar Links

## Naviance Webinar for Juniors - Part 1

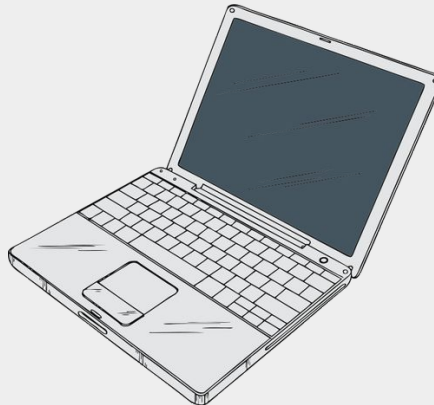
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## PowerPoint Slides for Naviance Webinar

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yAv8MwTFEDy2dXj2z0u4FuPIJzKxYMQQL/view>

## Naviance Webinar for Juniors - Part 2

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sK27dNgGemjAHJl6IPBrIeOm5\\_bRGmH6/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sK27dNgGemjAHJl6IPBrIeOm5_bRGmH6/view?usp=sharing)



# Questions?

General Presentation Questions Contact:

Mr. McLelland

[rmclelland@opusd.org](mailto:rmclelland@opusd.org)

or

Student Specific Questions Contact:

Your Assigned Counselor

