



Senior College and Career Night

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Helpful Links

[SHS School Counseling Website](#)

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Thinking about the Path Less Traveled?

Want help with career research?

Visit the SHS College and Career Center

[SHS College and Career Counseling Website](#)

<https://tinyurl.com/yvatx56z>

Post-Graduation Planning



Choose Your Path

There are *many* opportunities to consider!

- **Four Year College**
- **Two Year College**
- **Certificate Program**
- **Enter the Military**
- **Join The Workforce**
- **Gap Year**

School Counselors can provide support for any after-graduation plan.

What Are The Options?

Gap Year

- Year Up - Work Skills and Training
- City Year, Americorps - Community Service
- Dynamy - Internships

Career and Technical Training

- Southeastern Technical Institute - stitech.edu
 - Cosmetology, Culinary, Electrical, Plumbing and more
 - Affordable tuition
- Bay State School of Technology - baystatetech.org
 - HVAC, Basic Electricity, Appliances, etc.
- The Peterson School - petersonschool.com
 - Construction Supervisor, Fire Alarm Systems, Electrical, Gas Heat, Locksmith, etc.

Two Year College

What do two year colleges offer?

- Each Massachusetts community college offers the ability to earn a Certificate (1 year), Associate's Degree (2 years), or begin coursework leading to a Bachelor's Degree (4 years).
 - Application to community college is **FREE**
 - No test scores or essays needed
- [Mass Transfer Program](http://mass.edu/masstransfer) - mass.edu/masstransfer
 - Any community college => UMASS or State University after completing Associate's degree
 - [Commonwealth Commitment](#) - freeze tuition, 10% rebate

College Application process: WHO DOES WHAT?????



College Application Process

What Students Should Be Doing Now!

- Emailing Counselor for an appointment
- Following up with teachers writing letters of recommendation (including thank you note)
- Remaining mindful of deadlines:
 - Early Action – (October-December and non-binding)
 - Early Decision – (October-December and binding)
 - Rolling Admission – (Start dates begin as early as October and decisions are made upon receipt of all required materials)
 - Regular Decision – (January – March)
- Finalizing:
 - Lists of schools in Naviance, their essay and resume



Application Responsibilities

Students have Four Major Tasks:

1. Submit completed application online (essay and application fee as well)
 - a. Common Application: Commonapp.org
 - b. College Application: School website
 - c. Other possible applications (Coalition, Universal, etc.)
2. Link the Common Application with Naviance
 - a. Sign Common App FERPA
 - b. Match Common App to Naviance
3. Release SAT and/or ACT Scores Electronically
(This is the student's responsibility!)
4. For colleges that accept electronic transcripts via Naviance: **Submit three counselor forms and transcript request to Counseling office - atleast 10 school days before the deadline.**

Supporting Your Senior

- Monitor application deadlines and requirements
- Accompany your senior on college tours and visits
- Provide Financial information/Complete the FAFSA and CSS Profile for colleges that require it
- FAFSA can be completed starting October 1st, 2019



What to do if a college does not accept electronic transcripts via Naviance

Provide School Counseling Office with:

- A 9 x 12 addressed and stamped envelope
- Completed Transcript Release Form
- Sealed Letters of Recommendation from Teachers
- Resume
- Essay
- Supplementary Forms



Important Resources

- ❖ Your School Counselor
- ❖ Naviance Succeed
 - <http://connection.naviance.com/stoughton>
- ❖ Check your Gmail and Naviance!
 - Your Counselor will send important information to you via email!!!
- ❖ Twitter
 - Follow Stoughton Guidance - @Stoughton_Guid

Financial Aid

- File proper forms:
 - CSS Profile available October 1st. List of CSS profile on College Board website.
 - FAFSA available October 1st at FAFSA.gov
- Sources for Financial Aid Info:
 - Colleges
 - Look at deadlines and what each school requires
 - Helpful Websites:
 - Finaid.org
 - Scholarships.com
 - Fastweb.com
 - Local Scholarships – Collection day March 3, 2020

Financial Aid

Other Financial Aid Resources:

- [Net Price Calculator](#)-MEFA
- American Student Assistance offers individual support with completing the FAFSA, and offers translators. Make appointments online at <http://www.asa.org/college-planning-centers/>



Mark your Calendars

FAFSA Day

- **November 3, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. as well as on a number of alternative dates** at over 30 locations around Massachusetts.
- Look for locations:
 - <https://www.masfaa.org/fafsa-day/>
 - Free one on one support
 - Pick your location/date

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THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?????????


