



**Class of 2024**  
**Senior College Night**

***Welcome Parents!***

**September 2023**

**Stuyvesant High School**

# The College Office is here to help

HOMEROOM	COUNSELOR	WORK HOURS	Q & A
TBD via email	MS. KLEIMAN <a href="mailto:akleiman@stuy.edu">akleiman@stuy.edu</a>	8:40am-3:40pm	9th period
AA – JA	DR. WILSON <a href="mailto:jwilson@stuy.edu">jwilson@stuy.edu</a>	8:15am – 3:25pm	5th period
JJ– QQ	MR. MAKRIS <a href="mailto:jmakris@stuy.edu">jmakris@stuy.edu</a>	8:20am – 3:30pm	10th period and often after school
RR – ZZ	MRS. HUGHES <a href="mailto:ehughes@stuy.edu">ehughes@stuy.edu</a>	7:50am – 3:00pm	1st period

# COVID & College Admissions

- admissions officers lived through this, too!
- we'll continue to communicate to colleges how we were impacted through multiple modalities
- adjust your expectations; most of the hyper-selective colleges have seen huge applicant surges since 2020
- seniors can respond to specific COVID question in their apps, if they wish

# COVID Question on Common App

- \* found in Writing section under Additional Information
- \* 250 word free response option
- \* not a mandatory prompt; not every student should use this space

“Community disruptions such as COVID-19 and natural disasters can have deep and long-lasting impacts. If you need it, this space is yours to describe those impacts. Colleges care about the effects on your health and well-being, safety, family circumstances, future plans, and education, including access to reliable technology and quiet study spaces. For more information, check out our [COVID-19 FAQ](#).”

# Applying to College at Stuyvesant

- \* Seniors should try to limit themselves to no more than 12 private/out-of-state public colleges
- \* Use the tools within Naviance (scattergrams, external links, etc.) and the college websites to determine both admissibility and fit
- \* Seniors should meet with their assigned college counselor to discuss their plans
- \* Each student's eventual final list should be balanced academically and financially
  - \* -That means including several target and safe schools
  - \* -The CUNY and SUNY systems provide a financial safety net

# College Application Tips

- Read the admissions sites of your colleges CAREFULLY
- Continue to show “demonstrated interest” this year...virtual programs, campus visits, interviews, Common App supplements, open emails, etc.
- Communicate early plans and discuss with college counselor
- Remember that students must look at the testing policies of each college:
  - use [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) when sending official score reports
  - does the college allow for self-reported scores instead? How do students do that?
  - Test -optional? Test -Blind? We'll talk more about this later tonight!

# Important EA/ED info

- \* If applying Early Decision[ED], Early Action[EA], or Restrictive Early Action [REA], students must inform the College Office by listing it in Naviance by **October 23**.
- \* complete and submit EA/ED app(s) by the college's deadline
- \* Sign CA online “ED Agreement” -student & parent e-signs, college counselor approves online via Naviance
- \* Crucial; it is the child's responsibility to know and adhere to each college's early policies (ED/REA)
- \* ED applicants **MUST** complete net price calculator before making a binding commitment!

# DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION



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## 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

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

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.



How will the College Office  
know where students will  
apply?

Students must match their Common  
App account with their Naviance

THE COMMON  
APPLICATION



NAVIANCE

# Matching is easy!

- Create or log in to account at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- Enter at least one institution in “My Colleges”
- Complete “Education” section and FERPA Waiver
- Go to student Naviance account, click “colleges I’m applying to” and “Match Accounts” where prompted
- Complete instructions are posted in the “College Office” folder in the “Document Resources” section of your Naviance accounts

# Once matched, we can see student application lists, plans, and deadlines!

- ✔ You have matched your Common app account using the name [REDACTED]  
CA match email: [REDACTED] | Common App ID: [REDACTED]
- ✔ FERPA completed

[Application Milestones](#) [Compare Me](#)

✦ = extended profile available

College	App Type 	Deadline	Expected Difficulty*	Transcripts	Office Materials	Submission Type 	Application	
 Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	Regular Decision - Fall 2024	Feb 1	N/A	No request	Pending		Unknown 	Mo
 Binghamton University	Early Action - Fall 2024	Nov 1	N/A	No request	Pending		Unknown 	Mo
 Columbia University in the City of New York	Regular Decision - Fall 2024	Jan 1	N/A	No request	Pending		Unknown 	Mo

# Quick reminders for seniors...

- Use College Counselor's contact info...NOT SCHOOL COUNSELOR!
- Report ONLY URGENT new info in the SSR Survey Update in Naviance
- Stuy does not rank and GPAs are unweighted
- List fall AND spring senior year courses in your apps
- complete/submit both the main Common App application and supplemental sections for each CA college

**STUDENTS MUST EITHER SELF REPORT OR SEND ACT/SAT SCORES TO EACH COLLEGE ONLINE VIA COLLEGE BOARD/ACT WEBSITES. CHECK THE POLICY OF EACH COLLEGE**

## Some popular colleges that DO NOT accept self -reported test scores

- Carnegie Mellon
- Georgetown
- NYU
- Princeton
- Stony Brook
- U Buffalo
- U Maryland
- U Toronto

For these colleges, STUDENTS must send scores via the ACT or College Board websites!

**TO BE SAFE, CHECK W EACH COLLEGE!**

# Test Optional vs. Test Blind Admissions

- \* many colleges are test-optional; some are test blind
- \* ACT/SAT scores are still part of the process for test-optional colleges; but, they play no role for test-blind colleges
- \* strong scores can be helpful at test-optional colleges, but not having scores will not hurt your review
- \* UC colleges, divisions of Cornell, & CalTech (among others) are now Test-Blind

# When Should Students Choose to Submit Scores??

- \* Conventional wisdom has been that if your ACT/SAT scores fall above or within the mid-50% range for admitted students, submit your scores to that college
- \* CHECK THE WEBSITES OF EACH COLLEGE AND REVIEW THE TEST SCORE RANGES POSTED ON THEIR [ADMITTED STUDENT PROFILE](#) FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN!
- \* If scores aren't posted, use College Board or look for recent Common Data Set info for that college
- \* The choice may not always be clear; students must go with what they think is best!
- \* There is no point in submitting scores for test-blind colleges



# What about application fee waivers?

- \*ELIGIBLE STUDENTS (MEAL CODES A, 1 OR 2) can get most app fees waived. COMPLETE THOSE INCOME FORMS! <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>
- \*Fee waivers for Common App schools are requested by student in CA in “Profile” section and then approved by college counselor (SEE NEXT SLIDE)
- \*Students must use a CollegeBoard or [NACAC fee waiver](#) for non-CA schools (Georgetown, etc.)
  - \* NACAC fee waivers can be found [online](#); CB fee waivers are in your account at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- \*CUNY fee waiver codes will be available via the College Office later this fall . . . stay tuned for instructions!



You are eligible for application fee waivers if you meet one or more of the following criteria:

- You are enrolled in or eligible to participate in the federal free or reduced price lunch program.
- You have received or are eligible to receive an SAT or ACT fee waiver.
- Your annual family income falls within the income eligibility guidelines set by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service.
- Your family receives public assistance.
- You are enrolled in a federal, state, or local program that aids students from low-income families (e.g., GEAR UP, TRIO such as Upward Bound or others).
- You live in a federally subsidized public housing, a foster home or are homeless.
- You are a ward of the state or an orphan.
- You have received or are eligible to receive a Pell Grant.
- You can provide a supporting statement from a school official, college access counselor, financial aid officer, or community leader.

Do you meet one or more of the [Common App fee waiver](#) eligibility criteria?\*

Yes

# “Not so common” applications

- \* While Common App is widely used, not all use Common App.
- \* Students must manually add these schools to “colleges I’m applying to” in Naviance
- \* Fee waiver process will differ as noted earlier; eligible students must use CollegeBoard waiver or a NACAC waiver. **CUNY waiver info tbd**
- \* If a college uses both CA and another app, indicate in Naviance which app will be used (applying via CA or “directly to the institution”)
- \* Notable CA exceptions include: CUNY & Macaulay Honors College ([www.cuny.edu](http://www.cuny.edu)), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Georgetown, McGill, U. of California

Deadlines are

A graphic featuring a white rectangular sign with a black and yellow diagonal striped border. The sign contains the text "WARNING: DEADLINES ARE CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR" in bold, sans-serif font. The word "WARNING:" is in red, while the rest of the text is in black.

**WARNING:**  
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# Deadlines for Informing College Office

- Applying Early Action/Decision Students applying to any college(s) ED or EA, or to a BA/MD program, must indicate this school in Naviance by 10/23/23.
- Applying Regular Decision For all other colleges, students must list these schools in Naviance by 1/02/24
- Applying Rolling Admission Students applying to any college(s) that have rolling admissions must list this school in Naviance and then inform their college counselor after they have submitted their application. Otherwise, we will not know to send their materials.

**NOTIFY YOUR COLLEGE COUNSELOR DIRECTLY IF YOU HAVE UNIQUE DEADLINES OR DEADLINES THAT FALL PRIOR TO 11/1!**

# Some Other Important Deadlines

- \* SUNY STONY BROOK & UNC Chapel Hill EA: 10/15
- \* BA/MD programs often have Nov/Dec deadlines.
- \* U. of California - 11/30 (must self report grades)
- \* CUNY Macaulay Honors College - application deadline November 16 (remember to enter OSIS# on CUNY online application)
- \* colleges in the UK/outside of the U.S. often have very early deadlines. (for UK colleges, visit www.ucas.com and search “Non-UK Students”)
- \* Some colleges have early “Priority” Application or Scholarship Deadlines: Emory, Vanderbilt, Boston U, USC, U Buffalo, etc.
- \* Inform the College Office of any unusual deadlines.
- \* Students applying via Questbridge must notify counselors by 9/15

# Teacher Recommendations

- \* Students must add their teacher rec requests to their Naviance accounts; see Document Resources in your Naviance account
- \* Click the “Colleges” tab, then “Apply to College” & “Letters of Recommendation”
- \* Students then add requests for their teachers; students can make a general request or specific requests for each individual college to which they apply
- \* Naviance will cover MOST colleges...Common App and otherwise.
- \* Some colleges (Macaulay Honors College & Georgetown) require recommenders to submit letters directly through website or by email
- \* PLEASE thank your teachers and counselors!

# Some colleges accept only one teacher rec!

IF it matters to the student which teacher submits to these schools, they must assign them accordingly in Naviance

Some popular “one teacher rec maximum” colleges:

Binghamton

Lehigh

Ohio State U

U. Notre Dame

USC

Villanova



# What about supplemental recs?

*Must communicate something different and noteworthy...one  
MAXIMUM*

## How do colleges feel about supplemental recs?

“Supplemental evaluations are also welcome – we simply ask that they provide different or additional context beyond the two we’ve already requested. Some examples of supplemental recommendations include coaches, employers, research advisors, and music teachers. Supplemental letters from a third academic teacher rarely provide additional helpful information.”

“Most applicants, and most admitted students, submit no supplemental recommendations. Some applicants and admitted students submit one supplemental recommendation; a few submit two. Submitting more supplemental recommendations will not disqualify you, but it is rarely necessary.”

**\*\*STUY CANNOT SUBMIT SUPPLEMENTAL RECS\*\*...use Common App**

**“Additional Recommender”, direct upload to app portals, fax or email, as needed**

## College Office Submits:

- \* Starting in October: official transcript, current schedule, required school reports & profile, counselor & teacher letters (but NOT supps)
- \* February: First Term Final Grades ( “Mid-Year Report”)
- \* June: Final High School Transcript

## Students Submit:

- Standardized Test Scores via Collegeboard and/or ACT websites/self-reported
- *Self-Reported* Transcript when applicable (NYU, Rutgers, UC, McGill, etc.)
- Application & Supplements
- All financial aid forms and supporting documents
- *AP scores only need to be sent to the college you'll attend-SELF REPORT SCORES IN YOUR APPS ONLY IF YOU WISH*

# Stuyvesant is an exception with Secondary School Report Forms

- \* The College Office does **not** need to submit any of the college specific Secondary School Report forms or High School Counselor Recommendation forms for most non -CA colleges like...



*GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY*



# Will colleges see the first or second marking period grades?

Maybe...some require early grades for EA/ED applicants:

Babson College  
Barnard College  
Bentley University  
Boston University  
Bowdoin College  
Brown University  
Dartmouth College  
Duke University  
Olin College of  
Engineering

Princeton University  
Rice University  
University of Richmond  
Swarthmore College  
Tufts University  
Vassar College  
Villanova University  
Wellesley College  
Yale University

# Will disciplinary infractions be shared with colleges?

- \* **Disciplinary infractions that result in a superintendent level suspension may be reported to colleges that request this information in their application (under administration's discretion).**
- \* **If your child receives/has received a super suspension, contact your college counselor for advice**

## LASTLY... just a bit about financial aid

- \* Stuy's virtual finaid night is Oct 5!
- \* Get aid estimates through college/university net price calculators
- \* **DO NOT apply ED without assessing potential costs first!**
- \* Financial Aid Forms
  - \* FAFSA (available in December)-[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
  - \* Collegeboard's CSS Profile (often due in Nov. for ED/EA)
  - \* TAP or Excelsior-[www.hesc.ny.gov](http://www.hesc.ny.gov)
- \* Undocumented/international students should speak w their counselor!
- \* Deadlines are ruthless...and you may need to apply for aid by November 1
- \* Don't let sticker prices scare you away
  - \*Tuition discounting & need based scholarships
  - \*Simply include a few financial safe options-don't ignore CUNY!

Q & A  
Time!

