



WELCOME!

**COLLEGE
APPLICATION 101**

Class of 2021

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COLLEGE RESOURCE CENTER (CRC)

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The CRC has a wealth of information available to students:

- College visits
- AP Test Registration
- ACT/SAT Prep Information
- College Reference Materials
- Scholarship Information
- Summer Enrichment Opportunities

BEFORE THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDS...

Look at what is required by the colleges to which you are applying. If you need a recommendation letter, initiate a communication preferably during a teacher's office hours or at least via email, with one or two academic teachers who would write a positive letter of recommendation for you.



HOW TO REQUEST A LETTER

Students will be required to submit the **“Teacher Request For Recommendation Form”** in the fall in order to officially request that a teacher write a letter on your behalf

*We will review this again during our senior meeting in the fall and the form will then be provided

TEACHER REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATION FORM

Teacher Recommendation Request Form

Student Name:

Date:

Email:

Phone:



Dear _____ :

It would be an honor to have you write a recommendation letter to the following colleges. In addition to the letter, please complete any necessary recommendation forms available on Naviance (if applicable). I understand that I am required to provide you with at least 10 school days notice to prepare your letter. The application due dates are also provided below. Please upload and submit your recommendations through Naviance within 10 school days of my submission of this document to you. My contact information is provided should you have any further questions or concerns. Thank you very much for all your help.

Colleges and Universities:

Name:

Required Recommendation Form: Further Directions:

- School Specific (Attached)
- Common Application (on Naviance)
- None

Due Date:

Name:

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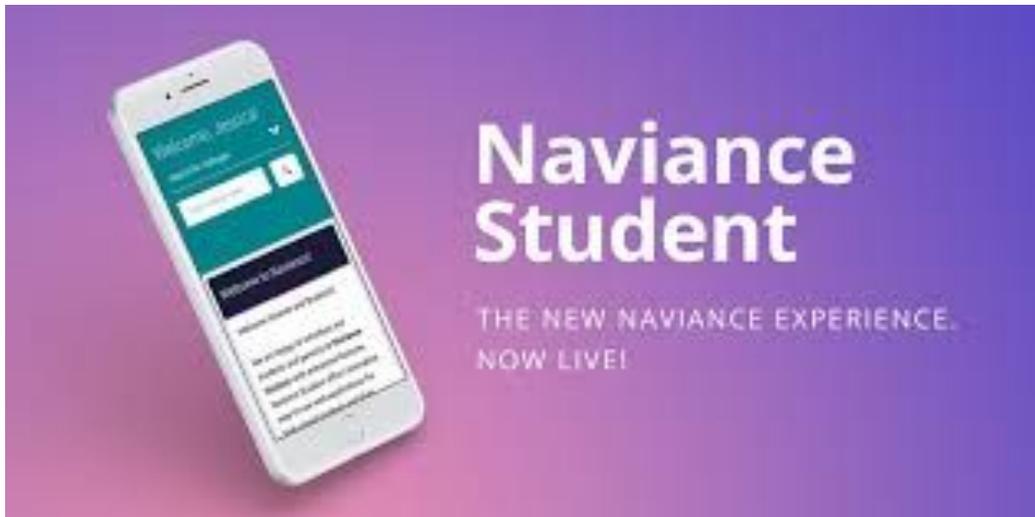
Due Date:

JUNE

- You will receive a letter home regarding your graduation status
 - Check your transcript carefully!
 - Report errors to your teacher when you return in the fall
- You should have completed your college search using Naviance and you should have already added at least 3-5 colleges to your “**Colleges I’m thinking about**” list

NAVIANCE

 Naviance | *Student*



NAVIANCE STUDENT

The following Naviance tasks were assigned during 9th, 10th and 11th grades:

- Annual short-term & long-term goal setting
- Game Plan
- Career Interest Profiler
- Resume Builder (should be complete)
- Do What you Are (Personality Assessment)
- Strengths Explorer
- College Searches/SuperMatch

*These were only the required activities, please explore all of the other benefits of the Naviance program over the summer

NAVIANCE STUDENT: COLLEGES

The screenshot displays the Naviance Student website interface. At the top, a dark teal header contains the text "You are viewing Naviance Student as Iron Man" on the left and "Give feedback", "4 new messages", and "LOG OUT" on the right. Below this is the "Naviance | Student" logo and a "Welcome, Iron!" message. A search bar is present with the placeholder text "Search for Colleges" and "Type a college name". A navigation menu is open, showing options: "Home", "Colleges", "Careers", "About Me", and "My Planner". The "Colleges" option is circled in red, and a red arrow points to it from the left. Below the "Colleges" menu item, three sub-options are listed: "COLLEGES Home", "COLLEGES I'm thinking about", and "COLLEGES I'm applying to". The "I'm thinking about" option is also circled in red, with a red arrow pointing to it from the search bar area. Below the navigation menu, the page content is divided into sections: "Welcome Bloomfield Hills High School Black Hawks!" with a mission statement, "My Favorites" with a list of college entries, and "Search Tools" with a list of options: "Research Colleges", "Apply to College", and "Scholarships and Money". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 11:31 AM on 5/24/2018.



NCAA



- If you are planning to participate in collegiate-level athletics you should have already registered on the NCAA Clearinghouse. If you have not, you must do so **before the school year ends** (transcripts are sent to NCAA in June)
- Website: [NCAA Eligibility Center](#)
- School code: 850251
- Must send ACT/SAT to Clearinghouse; use code 9999
- See the counseling webpage for important links and eligibility requirements

WHAT SHOULD I DO OVER THE SUMMER?

- Take advantage of virtual college visits to “visit” campuses
- Complete student & parent questionnaires (only if a letter is required by the college) available on Naviance and counseling website
- Complete your Service as Action, log activities through the google doc (due in January) – *this will show as an “I” on the transcript if not complete by the end of 1st semester.*
- Finish creating your resume using the resume builder on Naviance
 - Helpful to teachers & counselors for letters



WHAT TO DO OVER THE SUMMER (CONT.)

****Do not send your application to a college until after school starts in the fall****

- Create an appropriate email account if you don't already have one for college applications. Your Bloomfield address will not be available after you graduate.
- Watch for the fall 2021 college applications to be posted to college websites (July/ August)
- Common Application goes live on August 1
 - The essay questions are available for preview **NOW!**
 - Complete as much of the application as you can (have parent/adult review)
- Work on the essay/ personal statement (have parent/ adult review)

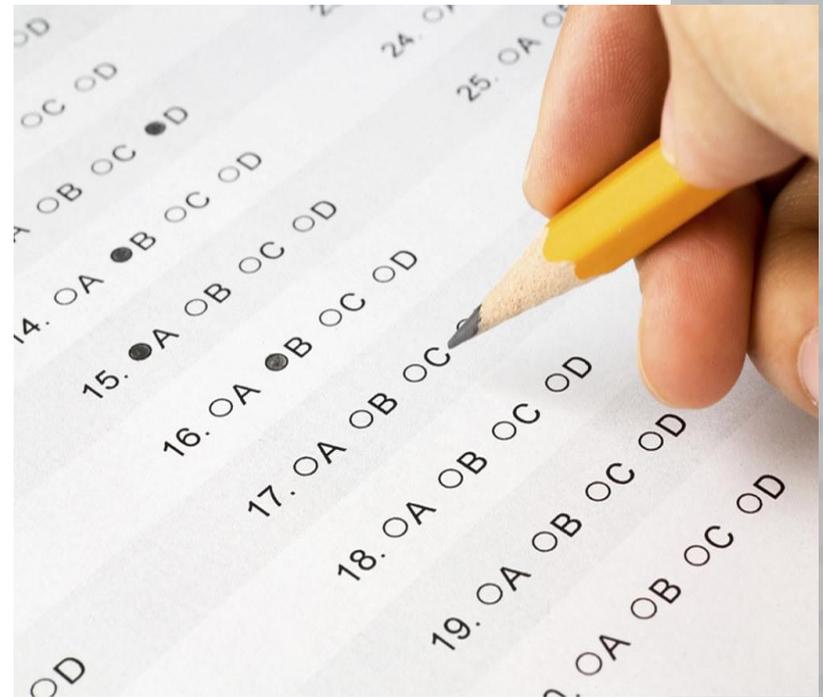
THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

- There will be great variance between colleges as to how COVID-19 will affect admissions requirements and processes
- Colleges recognize the importance of being flexible in their review of students
- Potential changes could include:
 - Test optional
 - Different essays
 - Additional essays
 - GPA recalculations
 - Accepting credit (no grade) as an acceptable outcome of a course from semester two of 19-20 school year

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO APPLY “TEST OPTIONAL”?

- Not all colleges will require students to submit an ACT/SAT test to complete an application
- There could be a variety of reasons as to why students should or should not apply test optional, this is a discussion to have with your counselor if you are unsure
- It is your responsibility to monitor application requirements
- One resource that lists test optional schools is fairtest.org

Fair Test Website



*We highly advise you ALWAYS double check this on the colleges' websites

UPDATES ON SAT & ACT

****What we know as of April 27, 2020**

SAT

- Offered once a month beginning in August for the remainder of 2020 (either at testing centers or online at home)
- Is a graduation requirement to be taken in fall 2020, during the school day (Test date TBD)
- Continue to check College Board website for updates & changes - www.collegeboard.org

ACT

- Plans are not confirmed and ACT will continue to develop
- Possible online testing platform
- Continue to check ACT website for updates & changes



APPLICATION PROCESS

- Follow the directions carefully, be sure you are entering the information for which the application is asking:
 - Letters of Recommendation
 - Essay/ personal statement (always do if optional)
 - Some schools require SAT Subject Tests
- Verify your course requests. Your classes must be listed accurately
 - If you change academic classes after your application is sent, you **MUST** contact the colleges to inform them

APPLICATION PROCESS

Once you have determined which colleges you are applying to, you must shift all of those schools from the “Colleges I’m thinking about” page to the “Colleges I’m applying to” page on Naviance

COLLEGES I'M THINKING ABOUT

The screenshot shows the Naviance Student interface. The main content area is titled "Colleges I'm thinking about" and features a search bar and several action buttons: "Add Colleges to List", "UPDATE INTEREST", "MOVE TO APPLICATION LIST" (circled in red), and "REMOVE". Below these buttons is a table of colleges with columns for College, Delivery type, Added By, Expected Difficulty, Application Deadlines, and Interest. The table lists several colleges, with checkboxes next to Ferris State University, Hope College, and Kalamazoo College, all of which are circled in red. Red arrows point from the "MOVE TO APPLICATION LIST" button to these checkboxes. The sidebar on the left includes "Quick Links" and "MY COLLEGES" sections.

College	Delivery type	Added By	Expected Difficulty*	Application Deadlines	Interest
<input type="checkbox"/> Albion College	CA	Student	N/A	Early Action December 1	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Bowling Green State University	CA	Student	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ferris State University	CA	Student	N/A	Regular Decision August 4	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Harvard University	CA	Counselor	N/A	Regular Decision January 1	N/A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hope College	CA	Counselor	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kalamazoo College	CA	Counselor	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> College of Lake County	CA	Counselor	N/A	N/A	N/A

MOVING COLLEGES TO “APPLYING TO” LIST

Wayne State University

Which application deadline do you prefer?
N/A

How will you submit your application?
I'm not sure yet
Via Common App
Direct to the institution
I'm not sure yet

Add Applications

Tell us how you are applying to that college...School's app or Common App?

Bloomfield Hills High School
4200 Andover Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
p: (248) 341-5630
www.bloomfield.org/bhhs
Contact Counselor



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COLLEGES I'M APPLYING TO

Give feedback No new messages Switch Grade: Demo Close Demo

Naviance | Student Home Courses Colleges Careers About Me My Planner

Colleges I'm applying to Search for colleges

✓ Your Common App account has been matched.
Your FERPA status is not waived. You're ready to apply to colleges using Common App.

Manage Transcripts Application Milestones Compare Me +

+ = extended profile available + REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS REMOVE

College	Type	Deadline	Transcripts	Office materials	Submission Type	Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Grand Valley State University	RD	Regular Decision July 25		Pending		Unknown▼ EDIT MORE
<input type="checkbox"/> Indiana University at Bloomington	RD	Regular Decision February 1		Pending		Unknown▼ EDIT MORE
<input type="checkbox"/> Michigan State University	RD	N/A		Pending		Unknown▼ EDIT MORE
<input type="checkbox"/> University of Michigan	RD	Regular Decision February 1		Pending		Unknown▼ EDIT MORE
<input type="checkbox"/> The Ohio State University	RD	Regular Decision February 1		Pending		Unknown▼ EDIT MORE

College that I'm attending:

APPLICATION PROCESS (CONT.)

Deadlines: Pay close attention to application deadlines

- Regular Decision
 - Rolling Admission
 - Early Action
 - Early Decision (binding)
 - Restrictive Early Action
- **Deadlines may be changing:
see college website



FALL: APPLICATION PROCESS



- Attend mandatory senior meeting in September
- Review your transcript again
- Complete “**Transcript Request Form**” to initiate the process of having BHHS send your transcript to colleges (submit to Mrs. Shoultz, Records)
- Complete “**Teacher Recommendation Form**” if the college requires a recommendation letter (submit directly to teacher)

FALL: APPLICATION PROCESS (CONT.)

- For your first transcript request, you should submit the following:
 - **Transcript Request Form** naming your colleges *Two week turnover time for apps...watch deadlines*
 - Student and parent questionnaire if a recommendation letter is required
 - Essay (if available, this is helpful for recommendations)
 - Resume (either on paper or in Naviance)
- Send ACT, SAT or TOEFL scores to colleges
 - ACT, SAT, TOEFL

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM



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PLEASE NOTE: Please allow up to 10 school days for processing.

Name: _____ Counselor: _____
Last First

I AUTHORIZE BLOOMFIELD HILLS HIGH SCHOOL TO RELEASE MY TRANSCRIPT:

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

STUDENT EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

STUDENT CELL PHONE: _____

	Applying to: (Print name of college/university AND city in which school is located)	Common App Y / N
1		
2		
3		
4		

AFTER APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED

- RELAX AND TAKE A DEEP BREATH!
- Don't catch senioritis – stay healthy and do well
- Check the status of your application on each college's online portal to make sure your application is complete – **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT**
 - When in doubt, call the college directly
 - Be patient...it may take 2-6 weeks for your application status to be updated

***Junior year gets you in,
senior year keeps you in!***

COMMON APP VS. UNIVERSITY APP

- Common Application – application used for over 800 colleges/universities
- University applications are accessed directly through each university's website and it is specific to that university
- Before getting started – review the tips on the Common App site so you have a clear understanding of the process
- Colleges that offer both apps (MSU, Wayne State, Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan)

THE COMMON
APPLICATION

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



- Common Application (U of M has a supplement)
- Counselor/Teacher recommendations
- Early Action Deadline: November 1
 - Non-binding
 - Submit by early to mid-October (sooner the better)
- They still have not made a decision on how their application requirements might change. Information will be publicized as soon as we know (do not listen to rumors, check U of M's website).
 - Deadlines are subject to change



THE NUMBERS...

- Total Applicants 2019: 64,972
- Average ACT/SAT of admitted:
 - National Average: ACT 32-35/SAT 1380-1540
 - BHHS: ACT 32/SAT 1380
- Average GPA of admitted: 3.90
- Number of BH students applied: 170
- Number of BH students admitted: 72
 - 42% acceptance rate for BHHS, 23% national acceptance rate

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



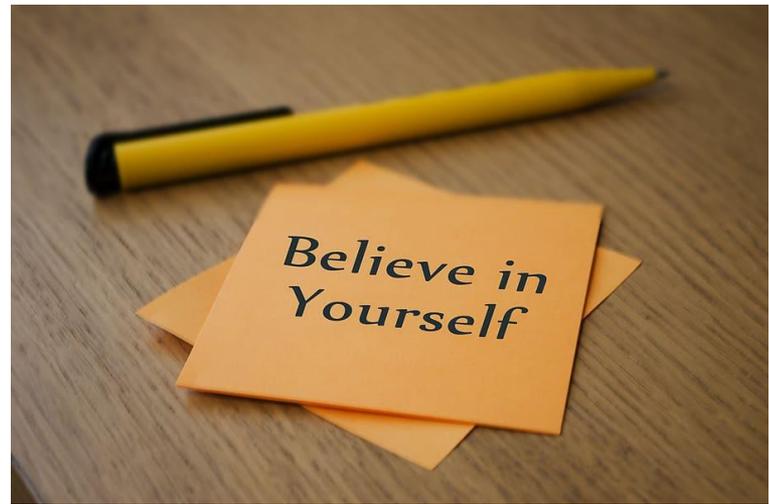
- As of now, Early Action, November 1
- Offers MSU application or Common App
 - Essay required regardless of which app is used
- No teacher/counselor letter of recommendation required
- They still have not made a decision on how their application requirements might change, including deadlines. Information will be publicized as soon as we know (do not listen to rumors, check MSU's website).



THE NUMBERS...

- Total Applicants 2019: 44,321
- National average ACT/SAT & GPA of admitted:
 - ACT 26/SAT 1210
 - GPA: 3.76
- BHHS average ACT/SAT & GPA of admitted:
 - ACT 28/SAT 1230
 - GPA: 3.66
- Number of BHHS students applied: 253
- Number of BHHS students admitted: 196
 - 77% acceptance rate for BHHS, 71% nationally

ACCEPTANCES



- As soon as you have made a decision on which school you will attend, send a deposit right away
- Inform the schools whose offer you are declining. This helps for admission of deferred or waitlisted students
- Enter all decisions into Naviance as well as which college you will be attending

THINGS TO DO!



- College Night at BHHS (October)
- Financial Aid Night at BHHS (Sept 29)
- College Rep Visits – during school day (Sep-Oct)
- Attend In-Person or Virtual College Campus Days & Tours
- Apply for scholarships (watch counseling newsletter and check Naviance)
- Complete your Service as Action requirements! This is due at the end of January (4 Community Service Experiences)

SIGNING UP FOR SCHOOL-DAY COLLEGE REP VISITS

- Log into Naviance Student
- Click on the “Colleges” home tab at top of screen
- Scroll down to “College Visits”; click on “Show More”; Click on “Register”
- In the fall you will see all the colleges visiting BHHS
- Check back often, colleges are added throughout the summer and fall
- Click on “Signup” next to the college you are interested in hearing information about

*We still plan on having college reps visit the building

STAYING INFORMED AND CONNECTED

EMAIL & NAVIANCE!

- Counselors will be doing a great deal of corresponding with students using your Bloomfield email account. You **MUST** check your Bloomfield email regularly and frequently to stay informed and updated on various items
- Checking Naviance regularly will expedite the processing time of your requests of us and our requests of you. Help us keep the counseling office running efficiently and effectively!

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Naviance
- Counseling Newsletter
- BHHS Website – “Counseling” link
- www.fastweb.com



FALL REVIEW FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

Prior to the start of Curriculum Night (9/21/20), the counselors will host a student and parent review of the spring virtual presentation in the auditorium.

We will review the following topics:

- College Application Process & Deadlines
- Essays
- Counselor/Teacher Recommendations
- Transcripts
- Testing Requirements

We just received this information regarding updates on MICHIGAN colleges that are going test optional as of May 12

Adrian College

Aquinas College

Central Michigan University

Cleary University

College for Creative Studies

Ferris State University

Grand Valley State University

Kalamazoo College

*Information from MCAN **Some schools may require test submission for merit scholarship consideration ***Check college websites regularly for updated information

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Lake Superior State University

Michigan State University

Northern Michigan University

Oakland University

Siena Heights University

University of Michigan, Dearborn

University of Michigan, Flint

Western Michigan University

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**THANK YOU FOR
WATCHING!**

**Have a
Wonderful Summer!**

