



THE ROAD TO COLLEGE

**Presented by
NMHS Counseling Department**





TONIGHT WE WILL

- Talk about the college process and your student.
- Introduce Naviance.
- Listen to a presentation from college admissions counselors
- Q&A to follow.





FACTORS COLLEGES CONSIDER FOR ADMISSION DECISIONS

- Transcript
 - GPA, Rigor of Courses, & Grades
- SAT I, SAT II or ACT Scores
- Essay
- Extracurricular Activities
- Letters of Recommendation





Things Juniors Should Be thinking About..

- Sign up to take the SAT/ACT test
- Complete resume in Naviance
- Keep grades up! GPA/Class rank will be finalized end of Junior year
- Visit, Visit, Visit the colleges you plan to apply to!
- IF playing Div I or II sports in college, begin with coach. Student should register with NCAA at eligibilitycenter.org and complete college team's athlete questionnaire on their website.



NMHS COLLEGE FAIR

- **Join us for the 2018 College Fair on April 25th from 6:30 to 8:00.**
- **Over 100 Colleges!**



What is Naviance?

A web based program available to parents and students that can be accessed through our website or directly at connection.naviance.com/nmhsct.

Features include:

- College and Career Searches
- College Compare
- Activities Resume
- Allows communication among students, parents and counselors
- Information & Applications on **Scholarships** & College Visits posted!



Naviance is also used for:

- Age of paperless submission
 - ✓ Transcripts and letters of recommendation sent electronically to many schools.
 - ✓ Students must request letters of recommendation in Naviance (***please see teacher in person as well***). Students unable to view or print letters of recommendation in Naviance.
- Students encouraged to use common application at commonapp.org.
- Benefits are;
 - ✓ Works with Naviance.
 - ✓ Expedites process.
 - ✓ Applications and supplemental forms easily tracked.



Other Resources

- College Websites
- Senior Planning Night early October
- Financial Aid Night in September/October at NMHS (TBA)
- The Grapevine (available on our website newmilfordps.org)
- Visit Career Center
- College Visits to Career Center posted on Naviance
- Senior Calendar in NMHS Student Planner
- Talk with Counselors, Teachers, Family & Literacy Volunteers (great resource for college essays) in Career Center
- Danbury Mall College Fair each fall. Dates to be announced!



CLOSING THOUGHTS

- Keep the process in perspective
- Work together as a family
- Students must take ownership
- Discuss finances openly
- Start early and meet all deadlines
- Communicate with son/daughter, colleges (admissions office and financial aid), teachers, counselors.



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