

COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOP



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USEFUL INFORMATION CONTINUED...

School Address:

401 Monroe Avenue

Kenilworth, NJ 07033

School Phone Number: 908.931.9696

School Fax Number: 908.931.1618

School Code (CEEB Code): 310663

4 KEY COMPONENTS IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Student
2. Parent
3. Counselor
4. Teacher



FACTORS TO CONSIDER IN A COLLEGE SEARCH:

- Curriculum/Program
- Support Services
- Class Size
- Academic Facilities
- Location/Setting
- Campus Environment
- Activities
- Cost \$\$\$



COMPONENTS OF THE COLLEGE APPLICATION

- Application
- Essay
- SAT/ACT scores
- High School transcript
- Letters of Recommendation

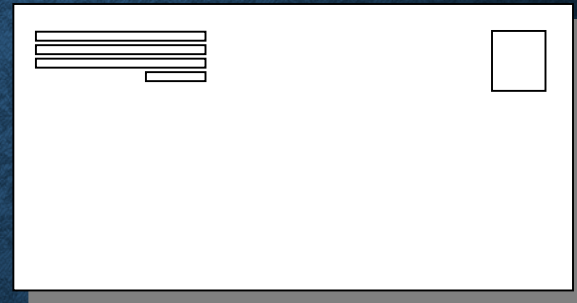


What does my counselor send to each College or University along with the application?

Official High
School Transcript
with GPA

Teacher & Counselor
Recommendation
Letters

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT					
STUDENT INFORMATION			SCHOOL INFORMATION		
FULL NAME: Jane Doe ADDRESS: 123 Diamond St. Orlando, FL 12345 PHONE NUMBER: 555-555-5555 DATE OF BIRTH: 9/10/2000 PARENT/GUARDIAN: John Doe			NAME: Homestead ADDRESS: 123 Diamond St. Orlando, FL 12345 PHONE NUMBER: 555-555-5555 EMAIL ADDRESS: jane.doe@gmail.com		
Academic Record					
SCHOOL YEAR: 2009-2010		GRADE LEVEL: 9th		SCHOOL YEAR: 2010-2011	
COURSE TITLE	Credits Earned	Final Grade	COURSE TITLE	Credits Earned	Final Grade
English I	1.0	A	English II	1.0	A
Algebra I	1.0	A	Algebra II	1.0	A
Biology w/lab	1.0	A	Chemistry w/lab	1.0	A
American History	1.0	A	World History	1.0	A
Drawing	1.0	A	Latin I	1.0	A
Physical Edu I	0.5	A	Visual Arts II	0.5	A
HS Office	0.5	A	Piano	0.5	A
Total Credits: 6	GPA: 4.0	Cumulative GPA: 4.0	Total Credits: 6	GPA: 4.0	Cumulative GPA: 4.0
SCHOOL YEAR: 2011-2012		GRADE LEVEL: 11th		SCHOOL YEAR: 2012-2013	
COURSE TITLE	Credits Earned	Final Grade	COURSE TITLE	Credits Earned	Final Grade
English III	1.0	A	English III	1.0	A
Algebra II	1.0	A	Calculus	1.0	A
Advanced Biology w/lab	1.0	A	Physics w/lab	1.0	A
American Government	0.5	A	Photography	0.5	A
Economics	0.5	A	Yearbook	0.5	A
Latin II	1.0	A	Driver's Education	0.5	A
Web Design	1.0	A	Studio Art	1.0	A
Total Credits: 6	GPA: 4.0	Cumulative GPA: 4.0	Total Credits: 6	GPA: 4.0	Cumulative GPA: 4.0
ACADEMIC SUMMARY		GRADING SCALE			
Cumulative GPA: 4.00 Credits Earned: 34 Credits Earned: yes Graduation Date: 6/1/2013		90 - 100 = A 80 - 89 = B 70 - 79 = C 60 - 69 = D 50 - below = F			
<i>I do hereby self-certify and affirm that this is the official transcript and record of Jane Doe in the academic studies of 2009-2013.</i>					
Signature:		Title: Principal Date:			



What is on a transcript?

Grades:

- All high school courses and final averages.
- Honors, AP courses, and UCC Bridge courses will be designated on the transcript.
- A more rigorous curriculum stands out on a transcript!
- Senior mid-year grades will automatically be sent to every school you apply to. Final transcript will only be sent to the college you choose to attend.
- We do not rank students numerically. We follow a decile rank.

Grade Point Average:

- GPA will be recalculated once all final grades are in for Junior year (this is the GPA that will be sent to all colleges in the Fall).
- GPA is based on a 4.0 scale.

APPLICATION TYPES

- Two most common application types:
 - Traditional university application
 - Common APP (www.commonapp.org)



Deadline Types:

- Regular Decision: Deadline usually occur in the preceding January or February, and students receive a decision by April; Non-binding.
- Early Action: Early deadline, typically in the Fall; receive decision usually before the holiday break; Non-binding.
- Early Decision: This is a binding decision! If a student applies ED and is accepted, they must attend this college! Same timeline as EA.
- Rolling Admission: Non-binding; Accept applications until the programs fill up, often as late as April and through the summer.

COLLEGE ESSAY

- ❖ Most colleges require general essays while others will require more specific essays.
- ❖ This is the part of the application that should demonstrate your personality, talents and creativity!
- ❖ Write a rough draft and have others review it!
- ❖ Make corrections!



DEADLINES

- Be aware of deadlines!!!
- Once you submit your application, please forward your confirmation email to your counselor. Once they receive this, they will send your transcript and letters of recommendation via Naviance/Family Connection. Supporting documentation will be sent to your colleges within 10 school days.
- Be aware of necessary supplements to the common application form or to the college's application.
- Feel free to stop by the counseling department, request an appointment, email through Family Connection should you have any questions or problems throughout the process! We are here to help!

SAT VS. ACT

SAT

- SAT information can be found on www.CollegeBoard.org
- Includes Evidence Based Reading and Math; The Writing section is optional but recommended!
- Each section is worth 800 points; The highest total combined score is 1600.
- Practice tests and sample questions can be found on the website.

ACT

- ACT information can be found on www.act.org.
- Includes English, Math, Reading, and Science. Writing is optional but recommended.
- Total composite score is 36.

For those students who are on free or reduced lunch, please see your counselor for SAT and ACT fee waivers.

WE DO NOT SEND SAT OR ACT SCORES TO COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES! YOU MUST SEND THEM DIRECTLY THROUGH COLLEGEBOARD.COM OR ACT.ORG!



www.collegeboard.org

U.S. Registration Deadlines		
2018-2019 Test Dates	Regular Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
March 9, 2019	February 8, 2019	February 27, 2019
May 4, 2019	April 5, 2019	April 25, 2019
**June 1, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 22, 2019
August 24, 2019	TBD	TBD
**October 5, 2019	TBD	TBD

- **June and October test dates are offered at DBHS**
- The Registration Fee is \$47.50 (Essay is an additional fee). If you register past the deadline, there is a late fee!



www.act.org

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Deadline
February 9, 2019	January 11, 2019	January 12-18, 2019
April 13, 2019	March 8, 2019	March 9-25, 2019
June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 9-25, 2019
July 13, 2019	June 14, 2019	June 15-24, 2019
September 14, 2019	TBD	TBD
October 26, 2019	TBD	TBD

The Registration Fee is \$50.50 (Essay is an additional fee). If you register past the deadline, there is a late fee!

TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Should be from teachers in academic subjects who have witnessed your work ethic.
- Ask teacher in late spring of junior year or early Fall of senior year.
- Courteously ask the teacher in person for a recommendation.
- Fill out Student Brag Sheet on Family Connection
- Follow up with a formal written request through Family Connection
- Remember to THANK the teachers for taking the time to write you such a great recommendation!
- Can also include a supplementary letter from a coach, work or volunteer supervisor, or club advisor.

CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGES: MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN!

- Local College Fairs
- Campus Visits: Some schools will waive the application fee if you visit their school!
- On-Site Decision Days – In December of senior year, representatives from colleges will come to DBHS, meet with students individually, review all paperwork and make an instant decision! You walk out that day with either an acceptance or recommendation intended to strengthen your application!!
- Email/Call Admissions office with any questions or to check the status of your application.



OVERVIEW OF NAVIANCE FAMILY CONNECTION

Family Connection - Windows Internet Explorer

https://connection.naviance.com/fc/signin.php?hsid=dbmhs

Naviance, Inc. [US] Google

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Favorites Self Injury New Jersey School Counsel... Free College Search Schola... Free College Search Schola... ACT act Resources for Education... Suggested Sites Free Hotmail Web Slice Gallery

Family Connection

Welcome to Family Connection

Nice to see you again! Please log in.

E-mail

password

☐ remember me


[Log In](#)

[forgot your password?](#) [need additional help?](#)

are you new here?

[i'm a guest >](#)

[i need to register >](#)



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WHAT CAN FAMILY CONNECTION DO?

- ❖ Research & compare colleges
- ❖ Keeps track of my GPA and SAT/ACT scores
- ❖ Looks at where you stand compared to other Brearley students who have applied to that college or university
- ❖ Sign up for college visits, college fair, on-site decision days
- ❖ Track your applications
- ❖ Lists all scholarships and has the ability to search scholarships that meet your profile criteria
- ❖ Checklist- so you know exactly what you need to do at all times
- ❖ Parents can have their own log-in to see upcoming events, track their child's progress and contact the counselor.
- ❖ Contains other helpful websites that may be helpful throughout the process
- ❖ Outlines application deadlines, application types, etc.

FINANCIAL AID

www.fafsa.ed.gov

- The FAFSA is required for all need-based aid. It is recommended that all parents complete the online application in October 2019. The earlier you apply, the more money available!
- Financial Aid Night will be held in October of your senior year. The representatives will discuss the different kinds of aid and assist families with filling out the application.
- Good resource for parents:
www.njhesaa.org



SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES:

- www.fastweb.com – private scholarships
- www.meritaid.com - \$11 billion in merit scholarships
- www.cappex.com – Scholarship matching
- www.finaid.org – Free student resource for learning about all types of financial aid
- www.connection.naviance.com/dbmhs - all local scholarships and national scholarships are listed and available for review on Family Connection

WHAT CAN I START ON NOW?

1. Research colleges – find schools that match your GPA/standardized test scores/personal preferences.
2. Visit colleges.
3. Sign up for the Spring SAT and/or ACT.
4. Ask 2 Teachers for Letters of Recommendation as well as requesting online through Family Connection.
5. Complete Student Brag Sheet on Family Connection.
6. Earn the best grades possible!
7. Athletes: Register with NCAA eligibility center at www.ncaa.org
8. Meet with your counselor anytime you have a question!

WHERE TO FIND THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION:

- ❖ Family Connection website:
www.connection.naviance.com/dbmhs
- ❖ Kenilworth website: www.kenilworthschools.com
Click on Parents ➡ Counseling
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Mailings
- ❖ Emails
- ❖ Remind 101

Go to rmd.at/ekk4e9

Follow instructions to
sign up for Remind.



If you don't have a smartphone,
get text notifications.

Text the message @ekk4e9 to the number
81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try
texting @ekk4e9 to (956) 391-2131.

* Standard text message rates apply.

