



Class of 2023 College Planning

NORTH PROVIDENCE
HIGH SCHOOL



Application Process - Pre-Application Research

- Finalize College list
 - Good fit for student
 - Safety, Target, Reach
- Determine deadlines - check school websites
 - Deadline Types (link):*
 - Early Decision
 - Early Action
 - Regular Decision
 - Rolling Admissions

Application Process - Standard Requirements

- **Complete all college applications**
 - Main types - Common App ([guide](#)), Coalition App, individual school applications
 - Supplements
- **Write College Essay**
 - Student's voice, avoid cliches
 - Admissions wants to know: their motivation, how they work with others, response when things get tough
 - Supplemental essays
 - COVID essay
- **Pay application fees**
 - \$50-100
 - Fee waivers

Application Process - Additional Components

- Request Letters of Recommendation
 - 1 counselor letter. 2 teachers max
 - Check school websites
 - Outside letters
- Send official High School Transcript
 - *Request through counselor*
 - Discussion with counselor
- Send SAT scores
 - Student's send through collegeboard.org or act.org
- Send Q1 and Midyear grades

Test-Optional Means Test-Optional

“I understand that there is a lot of confusion around how colleges will manage the test optional process, and this has made it extraordinarily difficult for students to make decisions around testing. I want to emphasize that under no circumstances should students put their health and safety at risk in order to apply to BU. I can say with complete confidence that **a student who applies to BU test optionally will not be at a disadvantage in our admissions process.**”

- Kelly A. Walter, Associate Vice President for Enrollment & Dean of Admissions, Boston University

Villanova University will be ***test-optional*** for our next admission cycle. While SAT/ACT results have been a part of our application process, we have always taken a holistic approach to our decision making. Grades, strength of curriculum, essays, extra-curricular activities and recommendations all remain important components of our admission review.

- Villanova University Admissions

“If you do not submit test scores, you will not be disadvantaged during the application review process this year. We will equally consider students who submit standardized testing, those who are unable to sit for standardized testing this year, and those who submit their scores past our normal deadlines. Our holistic review process - meaning that each candidate is evaluated on multiple factors beyond simply grades, test scores, and other quantifiable metrics - is made for this very type of situation, and is dedicated to ensuring that students who are unable to take traditional standardized tests are not disadvantaged, compared to students who submit scores.”

-Jonathan B. Williams, Assistant Vice President for Undergraduate Admissions, New York University

Who's Responsible for What?

STUDENT

- Knowing/meeting application deadlines
- “Meeting Request Form” online in Google Classroom
- Register for Virtual College Rep Visits
- Submitting Applications



Google Classroom



Student Responsibilities



Meeting with counselor to request transcripts and supporting materials
at least **10 school days** prior to application deadline

App Deadline (example)

Counselor Communication Deadline (example)

November 1

October 18

November 15

November 1

December 1

November 17

January 1

December 10

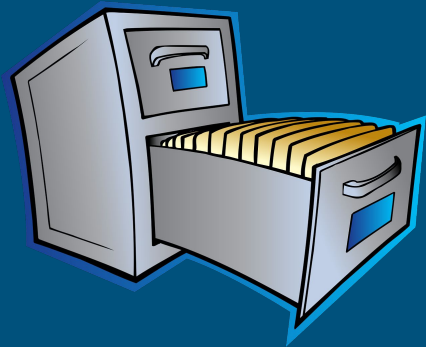
January 15

January 3

Who's Responsible for What?

COUNSELOR

- Resource for direction, support, advice, and information
- Individual sessions with students
- Sending transcripts, letter of recommendation, and supporting documents



Financial Aid 101

Types of Financial Aid

- Scholarships
- Grants
- Loans
- Work Study

Forms

- FAFSA



Additional Scholarships

- NPHS Internal Scholarships (April)

Helpful Financial Aid Web Resources

- www.fafsa.ed.gov Register for pin; fill out FAFSA
- profileonline.collegeboard.com CSS Fin. Aid application used by certain colleges
- www.finaid.org Information about financial aid including grants, loans, aid calculators and a free scholarship web engine
- www.fastweb.com Free scholarship search engine
- www.mefa.org State agency providing financial aid and loan information

Web Resources

Admissions

- Common Application www.commonapp.org
- Coalition Application www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org

Testing

- SAT www.collegeboard.org
- ACT www.actstudent.org