

BOONTON HIGH SCHOOL



College Application Process

AGENDA



- Senior Year Checklist and Timeline
- Application Deadlines
- Application Process
- Virtual Financial Aid Night
- FAFSA Deadline
- Scholarships
- Instant Decision Days (IDD)

SENIOR CHECKLIST & TIMELINE



- **FALL**
 - FINALIZE COLLEGE SEARCH
 - REGISTER AND TAKE SAT/ACT/ASVAB FOR THE LAST TIME
 - MAINTAIN GRADES & ACTIVITIES
 - COMPLETE COLLEGE APPLICATIONS
 - COMPLETE FAFSA (OPENS OCT. 1)
- **WINTER**
 - INSTANT DECISION DAYS
 - COMPLETE LAST OF COLLEGE APPLICATIONS
 - TRACK APPLICATION STATUS
- **SPRING**
 - TRACK DECISIONS
 - COMPARE FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES
 - SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
 - DECISION DAY: **MAY 1ST**
 - TAKE ANY AP EXAMS
 - GRADUATE WITH A PLAN 😊

College Visits and Searches



REGISTER IN NAVIANCE:

Scheduled College Visits			Mana
College	Representative	Date	Time
Caldwell University	Jada Cox	Tue September 29, 2020	11:00 AM
Drew University	Marybeth Tamburro	Fri October 2, 2020	11:00 AM
Dominican College	Emma Fortunato	Tue October 6, 2020	11:00 AM
Moravian College	Giulianna Young	Wed October 7, 2020	11:00 AM
Hofstra University	Joseph Marrone	Thu October 8, 2020	11:00 AM
Muhlenberg College	Jonnathan De La Fuente	Fri October 9, 2020	11:00 AM
Rutgers University-Newark	Jeykid Acosta	Tue October 13, 2020	11:00 AM
County College of Morris	Shannon Seritella	Wed October 14, 2020	11:00 AM
Rider University	Kaleen Butterfield	Thu October 15, 2020	11:00 AM
Barry University	Justin Hoyte	Fri October 16, 2020	11:00 AM
University of New Haven	Brittany Bauch	Mon October 19, 2020	11:00 AM
Pennsylvania State University	Elena Boyle	Tue October 20, 2020	11:00 AM
St. John's University	Jonathan Weiss	Wed October 21, 2020	11:00 AM
Fairleigh Dickinson University-Florham Campus	Dennis Green	Thu October 22, 2020	11:00 AM
Iona College	Julia Frampton	Wed October 28, 2020	11:00 AM
West Chester University of Pennsylvania	Hannah Laboski	Tue November 3, 2020	11:00 AM

● **Emailing College Admissions officers:**

Due to COVID-19 in-person communications (at campus visits, college fairs, high school visits, etc.) have been rendered impossible. At this time, emailing college admission officers has never been of greater importance to **demonstrating interest**.

New Jersey Virtual College Exploration Program-

September 29-October 9

<https://www.njacac.org/virtualfair/>

- The multi-week program consists of hundreds of opportunities for students to learn about the college search process and about many different colleges through panel presentations and information sessions.
- Students should participate live so they can ask questions and interact with the college admission counselors. If students are unable to attend live, we still encourage them to register for the sessions they are interested in and recordings will be available on the NJACAC website later.
- Students will gain a wealth of college knowledge, get exposure to a variety of colleges, and have the opportunity to ask questions of admission counselors, all in a safe, flexible, online environment.

Student Registration



- **Students should register for *each session* that they want to attend.** Once they register, they will receive a confirmation email with their unique link to join the Zoom webinar.
- (Students will also receive a barcode, but the barcode is not necessary for this virtual event.) When students register, they are sharing their registration information ***only with*** colleges presenting on that particular panel. StriveScan *does not* sell or share personally identifiable student information with any other third parties.

COLLEGE PLANNING IN NAVIANCE

Colleges

🔍 Type a college name

MORE COLLEGE SEARCH OPTIONS



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I'm Thinking About

College Compare

College Resources

Acceptance History

Enrichment Programs

College Maps

College Visits

DEVELOP LIST OF COLLEGES



- Compare GPA and test scores with college admission requirements
- Separate schools into “Safety,” “Target,” and “Reach.”

Safety	Target	Reach
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can get accepted into these schools easily,• Exceed the GPA and SAT/ACT scores for an average incoming freshman with similar major	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• These schools are realistic.• GPA and SAT/ACT scores are comparable to those of an average incoming freshman with similar major	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• These schools are potentially out of your reach.• GPA and SAT/ACT scores may not meet those of an average incoming freshman with similar major
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose about 2 safety schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose about 3 target schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose about 2 reach schools

COVID Considerations & Testing



- COVID-19 has changed the standardized testing landscape for the 2020-21 school year.
 - Much uncertainty remains.
 - It is important to stay on top of pandemic-related shifts in both SAT/ACT test dates and test-optional policies at colleges.

- Seniors who are entering the college application process should try to sit for the SAT or ACT exam, but should also be aware of **constantly-evolving test-optional policies at their prospective colleges.**

- The College Board did add an additional SAT test date in September and the ACT added several additional test dates in September and October.
 - Seniors who wish to sit for the test for the first time (due to previous cancellations), or improve on an earlier score can register for that date.
 - Whether the test gets administered is, of course, entirely dependent on the state of the virus at that time.

SAT – WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG

College Starts Here

Sign in to personalize your visit.

Username

Password

Sign In

Don't have an account? [Sign up](#)

[Forgot username or password?](#)



Register for the SAT



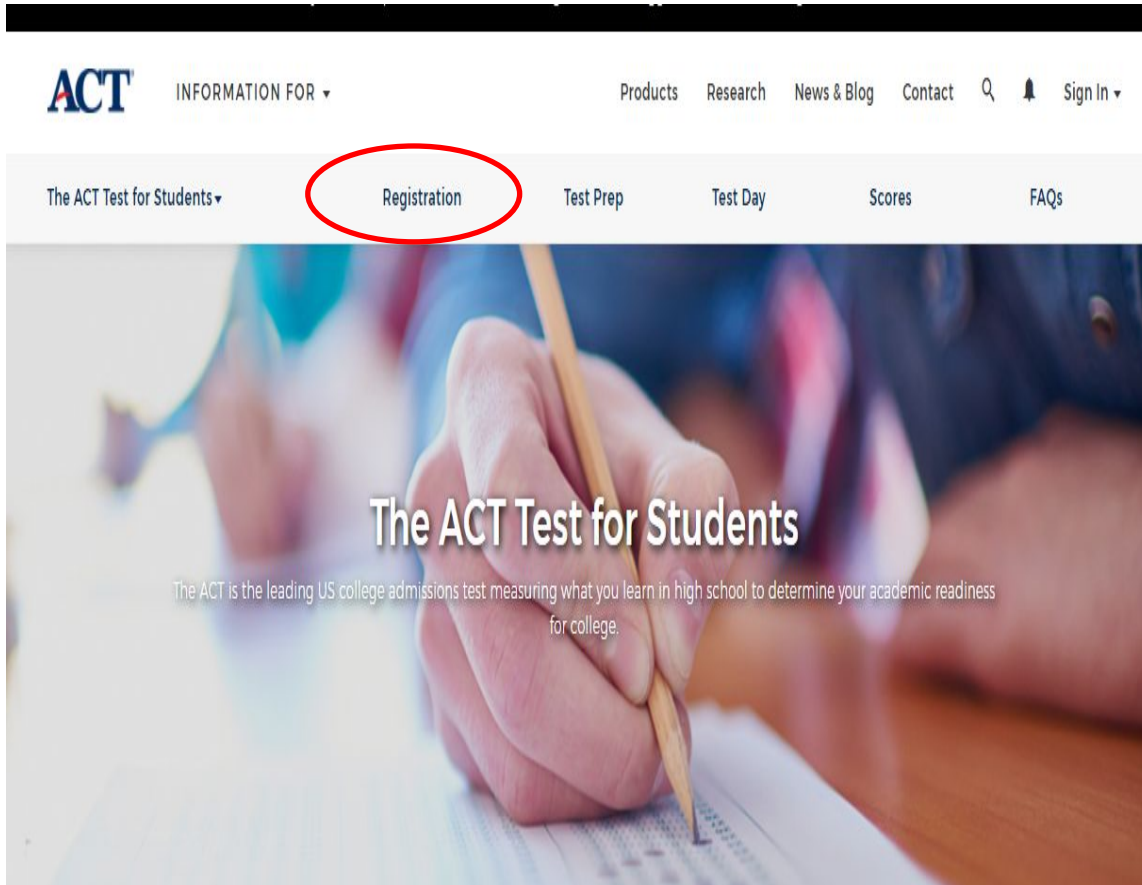
Get Free SAT Prep on Khan Academy®



Complete CSS Profile

***Fee Waivers:** Please see your counselor to find out if you qualify

ACT – WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG



HOW ACT ACADEMY WORKS FOR STUDENTS

ACT Academy is a free online learning tool that includes test practice resources designed to **help students master the skills they need to improve their ACT scores** and succeed in college and career.

Here's how it works:

1. Create an account @ act.org/academy
2. Explore resources for K-12 subjects or for ACT prep
3. Take quizzes on targeted subjects to test your knowledge. An official ACT practice test is also included.
4. Track your scores and practice on the areas you need help in
4. Check in daily and follow the recommended steps for improvement

***Fee Waivers-** Please see your counselor to find out if you qualify

SAT/ACT/TEST OPTIONAL



- Some colleges do not require applicants to report their SAT or ACT scores for admission.
 - Click here for a complete list of: [Test-Optional Colleges](#)
- These schools reference the student's academic performance and accomplishments in high school.
- This includes a student's GPA, rigor of courses taken, courses taken above the state requirements, and extracurricular activity sheet/resume.
- However, those colleges may require tests scores in order for the student to be considered for scholarships or honors programs .

APPLICATION DEADLINES



- Early Decision:
 - Applications due by November 1
 - If accepted, student **MUST** attend
 - Can only apply to 1 school Early Decision
- Early Action:
 - Applications due by November 1 or November 15
 - Find out earlier whether accepted or not
- Regular Decision
 - Receive admissions decision by April 1
 - Application deadline is different for each college but usually from December - February
- Rolling Admissions
 - Longer timeline to submit application and faster turnaround

COMMON APP & COALITION



- Students create one application
- The single application is accepted at various colleges
- Some colleges require a supplemental application in addition to the Common App or Coalition

THE COMMON
APPLICATION

VS.



COALITION

FREE College Essay Review Opportunity



- 1. Anyone in the process of applying to colleges can participate in this program, pending parent/guardian approval.**
- 2. Students can send in their Common Application essay as well as resumes only. At this time, we will not be reviewing supplementary essays.**
- 3. Documents can be submitted through a provided google form**
- 4. Essays should be submitted in Microsoft Word document so that comments can be made and sent back to the respective student.**
- 5. Because no changes will be made to the document directly, all comments should be applied at the discretion of the student. Our organization cannot be held responsible for the final published product.**
- 6. Our estimated turnaround time is 2 weeks, but this cannot be guaranteed depending on the volume of submissions. Please be patient as we are working on a first-come, first-serve basis.**
- 7. Our goal is to have a positive impact on the community. If the school has specific rules or regulations that need to be abided by, we are more than happy to adjust and accommodate in any way possible.**

INSTANT DECISION DAYS (IDD)



- Local Colleges and Universities
 - Same Application process
 - Colleges usually waive the application fee
- Onsite Interview
 - Dress appropriately
 - Instant decision (accepted or not) on the spot
 - If accepted, do not need to commit
- Scholarship Decision
 - Offered on the spot
 - If scholarship is given, school will provide a range
 - Range of money offered based on MERIT



NAVIGATING NAVIANCE: **College Applications**

How is it accessed?

- Naviance can be accessed from the BHS Website or directly at:

- <https://student.naviance.com/boonton>
- Parent accounts & Student accounts



Welcome to Naviance Student

Email

Password

Remember me

[Forgot your password?](#)

Login

Are you new here?

[I need to register](#)

Boonton High

306 Lathrop Avenue

Boonton, NJ 07005-2220

p: (973) 335-9700

www.boontonschools.org

[Privacy Policy](#)

COLLEGES I AM THINKING ABOUT

TRANSFER TO COLLEGES I AM APPLYING TO & KEEP UPDATED

Quick Links

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS

SuperMatch®

Advanced college search

College lookup

MY COLLEGES

Upcoming college events

Colleges I'm thinking about

Search for colleges

+ Add Colleges to List






Compare Me

UPDATE INTE...

MOVE TO APPLICATION ...




REMOVE

* = extended profile available

College	Delivery type 	Added By	Expected Difficulty*	Application Deadlines	Interest
<input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus		Student	N/A	Multiple Deadlines 	N/A  MORE 

REQUESTING LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

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I'm applying to
- Find Your Fit >
- Research Colleges >
- Apply to College** >
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< Back **Apply to College**

- Letters of Recommendation**
- Manage Transcripts
- Test Scores

My Favorites

-  COLLEGES
I'm thinking about
-  COLLEGES
I'm applying to
-  CAREERS AND CLUSTERS
I'm thinking about

REQUESTING A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION CON'T....

Letters of recommendation

Your Requests

You can request new letters of recommendation and track the most recent status of your requests here.

Recommendation For	Deadline	Recommender(s)	Status	Cancel Request
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Your recommendation requests will show up here.

Add Request

Add Request

In addition:

- ❖ FILL OUT LOR Brag Sheet
- ❖ ATTACH RESUME
- ❖ HAND TO TEACHER

Letters of recommendation

Add new request

Here you can ask a teacher to write you a letter of recommendation. If you don't have any colleges in your list yet, you may still make a request. Make sure you give your teacher plenty of time to write your recommendations!

Cancel

Submit Request

1. Who would you like to write this recommendation?*

Select A Teacher

2. Select which colleges this request is for:*

- All current and future colleges I add to my *Colleges I'm Applying To* list ¹
*Select only if you have no preference for which teachers will meet the recommendation requirements for each college

Choose **specific** colleges from your *Colleges I'm Applying To* list:

Looks like you don't have colleges in your *Colleges I'm Applying To* list yet. Click [here](#) to add.

3. Include a personal note to remind your recommender about your great qualities and any specifics about your request:

3000 characters



Show Me How

Matching Your Common App Account



The screenshot displays the Common App user interface. At the top left is the logo for 'THE COMMON APPLICATION'. The top right shows a user profile for 'Gerhard' with a 'Sign Out' button. A navigation bar includes 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', and 'College Search'. The main content area is titled 'Criteria' and contains a search form with the following fields:

- School or City Name:** A text input field containing 'Virginia common'.
- Country:** A dropdown menu set to 'United States'.
- US State:** A dropdown menu set to 'Virginia'.
- Distance from ZIP:** Three dropdown menus for 'State', 'County', and 'Mileage'.
- Term:** Radio buttons for 'Fall 2019', 'Spring 2019', and 'Other 2019'.
- Applicant Type:** Radio buttons for 'First Year' and 'Transfer'.
- Deadline on or after:** A date input field.

A 'Search' button is located at the bottom right of the form. To the right of the search form is a 'Tasks' sidebar with two numbered items:

1. Complete the starting or most recent school segment of the education section.
2. Add at least one college to your My Colleges list.

Below the tasks sidebar, there is a 'Search' button and the text 'Searching for a college name'.

WHAT ARE TRANSCRIPTS

TRANSCRIPTS INCLUDE:

- DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
- ALL COURSES TAKEN, BY GRADE LEVEL
- INCLUDES FINAL AVERAGES IN COURSES
- CUMULATIVE GPA/RANK

BOONTON HIGH SCHOOL Secondary School Transcript Record

Accredited by Middle States
Assoc. of Colleges & Secondary
School & N.J. Dept. of Education

306 Lathrop Avenue
Boonton, NJ 07005
Phone: 973-335-9700

Student ID:

Class of: 2021
Graduation Date:

DOB:
Gender:
State ID:

Issue Date: 09/21/20

Course	Level	Grade	Credits	Course	Level	Grade	Credits
Boonton High School Grade: 09 2018				Boonton High School Grade: 10 2019			
Academic Study Hall			0.00	Amer Lit H	H	85	5.00
Algebra I H	H	83	5.00	Chemistry H/Lab	H	86	5.00
Biology H/Lab Study/LAB	H	90	5.00	Gateway 10**	H	98	2.50
English 1 H	H	92	5.00	Geometry H	H	96	5.00
Gateway 9**	H	98	2.50	Health 2 (de)		96	1.25
Health 1(9)		99	1.25	Intro To Marketing		99	2.50
PE 1		92	2.50	Music Appreciation I		98	2.50
Spanish I		96	5.00	Musical Theater		98	2.50
Success 101		99	1.25	PE 2		97	3.75
Tech Design		96	5.00	Personal Finance		99	2.50
World Hist H	H	96	5.00	Spanish II		90	5.00
			Credits Earned: 37.50	US Hist I Pre-AP	H	88	5.00
							Credits Earned: 42.50

Course	Level	Grade	Credits	Course	Level	Grade	Credits
Boonton High School Grade: 11 2020				Boonton High School Grade: 12 2021			
Alg II/Trig H	H	85	5.00	Academic Study Hall			0.00
AP Lang & Comp	AP	86	5.00	Accounting I H/DC	H		0.00
AP Psychology	AP	90	5.00	AP English (Literature and Composition)	AP		0.00
AP US Hist II	AP	85	5.00	Health 4 (12)			0.00
Business Finance H/DC	H	97	5.00	Human Anatomy H/DC	H		0.00
Gateway 11**	H	93	2.50	PE 4			0.00
Health 3 (11)		90	1.25	Pre-Calculus Honors	H		0.00
PE 3		93	3.75	Spanish Honors/DC	H		0.00
Physics Honors with Lab	H	86	5.00	The Gateway Academy 12-Senior Honors Thesis	H		0.00
Spanish III		90	5.00				
			Credits Earned: 42.50				Credits Earned: 0.00

Activities, Awards and Honors

Cumulative Data	Earned Credits	GPA
Weighted	122.500	4.058

WHEN TO REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS

- 1. COLLEGE APPLICATION IS COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED**
- 2. COMMON APP IS MATCHED TO NAVIANCE**
- 3. ALL TEACHER LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION ARE UPLOADED TO NAVIANCE**
- 4. FILL OUT TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM FOR EACH COLLEGE APPLICATION**
- 5. GET PARENT SIGNATURE ON EACH FORM**
- 6. SUBMIT TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM TO MS. DIBENEDETTO AT LEAST 10 SCHOOL DAYS PRIOR TO APPLICATION DEADLINE**
- 7. DONT FORGET TO SEND SAT/ACT SCORES**

BOONTON HIGH SCHOOL
TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

IMPORTANT:

- **YOU** must contact College Board &/or the ACT to request official test scores be sent to each of the colleges/universities you are applying to.
- **YOU** must be sure this form is signed by your parent/legal guardian.

DATE (rec'd in Guidance): _____
 Student's Name: _____
 ON-LINE via Naviance or TO MAIL: _____
 Application DEADLINE: _____

Counselor: _____
 2nd Period Room #: _____

COLLEGE/SCHOLARSHIP NAME & ADDRESS

Include with Package (check all that apply)
 Transcript Resume
 Application Other
 Letters (below list teachers/counselors letters)

Common App School YES _____ NO _____

● **STATEMENT OF THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA):**
 Pursuant to and in accordance with 20 U.S.C.1232g; 34 CFR Part 99, The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. Schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record.

● **TRANSCRIPT RELEASE AUTHORIZATION:**
 I/we have read and acknowledge the statement of The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and give Boonton High School permission to release information from my/our child's education record to post-secondary institutions and/or scholarship programs as requested.

***** One Transcript Release Form is required for EACH school you apply to. *****

- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**
- 1) Read all the directions given to you by the school to which you are applying. It is your responsibility to submit transcript requests to the Guidance Office at least ten (10) school days prior to the deadline date established by the school.
 - 2) If the school requires supplemental form(s) to present to the Guidance Office, fill in all the personal information required. The Guidance Office will then complete the remainder of the form and mail it along with your transcript.
 - 3) Present this form along with any other necessary documents (i.e., teacher recommendation letters) to the Guidance Department. Please allow 10 school days for processing.

Student's Signature: _____ Parent's Signature: _____

***** FOR GUIDANCE USE ONLY *****

If submitted BY MAIL....

Student Signature: _____
SIGN ONLY IF YOU ARE PICKING UP YOUR SEALED TRANSCRIPTS
 Date: _____

If submitted ON-LINE....

ENTERED In NAVIANCE Released (if on-line)

Principal Signature: _____
 Date: _____

UPCOMING EVENTS



1. **HESAA Financial Aid/FAFSA Presentation**
October 1
2. **College Funding Coach “Little Known Secrets of Paying for College”** **October 15th**
3. **College Planning Night** **October 29th**
4. **Individual meetings with your Counselor throughout the month of October-** be on the lookout for google meet invites!



BOONTON HIGH SCHOOL

Financial Aid Night

October 1st at 6:00pm:
meet.google.com/yiz-tzfd-sfx



What You Need to Know

Target population: 12th graders and their parents/guardians. While this presentation is meant for Seniors (Class of 2021), all parent/guardians are welcome!

Hosted by: The Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA)

Presenter: James Anderson

HESAA is a New Jersey authority that provides students and families with the financial and informational resources for students to pursue their education beyond high school.

HESAA will provide a one-hour overview of the financial aid process and answer questions about grants, scholarships, and loans offered by the State of New Jersey.

Feedback has shown that HESAA's information sessions to students and their families make everyone feel more comfortable with the financial aid process and they leave with an understanding on how to apply for federal and state financial aid.

Join us for a Parent Workshop

Boonton High School
10/15/2020
6 – 7:30 pm
Webinar



THE COLLEGE FUNDING COACH® Little-Known Secrets of Paying for College

For many families, the high cost of higher education is a daunting proposition. Parents lie awake at night trying to figure out how to afford sending their children to college and still have enough of their hard earned money to be able to retire one day. Some families have children attending college next year and others have 12 years to plan; but the fears of tackling these monumental and rising costs are the same. **The College Funding Coach®** is here to help families figure out HOW to pay for it!

Through our nationally renowned educational workshop learn how to send your kids to college without going broke!

- Strategies to attend private universities for the same out of pocket cost as in-state schools
- Effective ways to simultaneously save AND pay for college
- Unique strategies to pay for multiple children attending college at the same time
- An insider's view of the college admissions process
- How to recapture out of pocket college costs
- Avoid jeopardizing your retirement nest egg
- And much, much more!

Eventbrite

To RSVP, please [Click here](#) or visit our website at thecollegefundingcoach.org.

Parent Reviews:

"Excellent Class!" – John & Monica M.

"Highly informative!" – Bill & Renee M.

"The presentation was excellent; I was impressed as a counselor and a parent."-Patrick C.

"First seminar I attended that addressed all the issues of college funding & what to expect as parents." – Maria C.

"By my calculations, over the course of four years the evening we spent will save this family \$126,180."- John S.

Meet the Founder: Brock T. Jolly, CFP®, ChFC®, CLU®, CLTC, CASL®, CFBS®, is a Financial Advisor and regular educator in community and professional groups on college financing, tax reduction strategies, and retirement planning. His practice is dedicated to helping families implement creative long-term financial strategies to fund college and retirement with minimal out-of-pocket cost. Brock is a graduate of the University of Virginia. For additional questions, please feel free to call Brock at 703-424-2401.

FAFSA DEADLINE



- Complete the FAFSA online: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>
- Need prior year taxes
- Opens: October 1 2020; State Deadline: April 15, 2021
- College Deadline: Check with each college
- Some colleges require CSS Profile on College Board
- BHS Financial Aid Night in the Fall: OCTOBER 1st

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Who Gets Aid

FAFSA®: Apply for Aid

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Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or grad school.

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now.

START HERE >

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Correct info • Add a school
View your *Student Aid Report* (SAR)

LOG IN >



PLEASE JOIN US

BHS COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT

[MEET.GOOGLE.COM/NPD-JXUO-HZO](https://meet.google.com/NPD-JXUO-HZO)

OCTOBER 29, 2020

6:00-7:30PM

LIVE VIRTUAL PRESENTATION WITH SETON HALL ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS