
Senior Student & Parent Night

— Post-Secondary Planning —

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Does your student
know what he or she
needs to graduate?

*If you aren't sure or if
your student is behind on
credits, they should make
an appointment with their
counselor.*



Is your student considering a schedule change?

Colleges make admission decisions based on the courses that are submitted to them, so:

Schedule changes will not be granted unless a student is missing a class to graduate or needs a specific class for admissions purposes....

It is **your student's** responsibility to contact any colleges they have applied to if they are thinking about changing their schedule.



Here we go!

Completing an Application

Timeline:

Early Decision, Early
Action and Priority
Deadlines

National Notification
Deadline

FAFSA available for
completion

Most application
deadlines

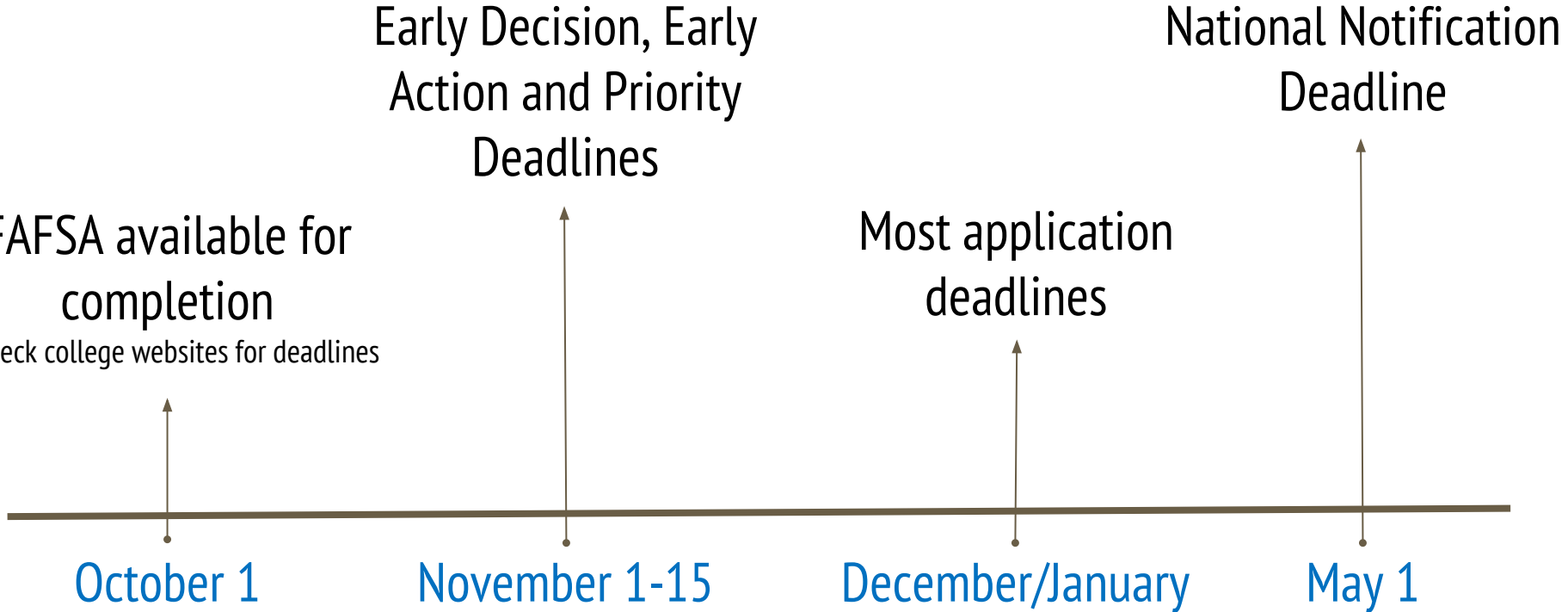
* Check college websites for deadlines

October 1

November 1-15

December/January

May 1



Early Action VS. Early Decision

Decision Plan	Submit application early	Receive admissions decision early	Binding (expected to enroll if admitted)	Can apply to other schools under this decision plan	Vanderbilt Accepts	Deadline to accept or decline offers of admission
Early Action						May 1
Early Decision						N/A (offer is automatically accepted)
Regular Decision	Optional					May 1

Step One - The Application

Complete the application online

- Applications can be found on the Admissions page of college websites
- Look for an application checklist that will include what needs to be submitted to complete the application (*i.e. test scores, letters of recommendation, essay*)

When asked how many years of a subject your student has completed:

two semesters of a subject = one year

For example:

Physical Science	2 semesters
Biology	2 semesters
Chemistry	2 semesters
Physics	2 semesters
Astronomy	1 semester

= 4.5 years of science

What is the Common App?

[NYU](#) explains it here

The Common Application www.commonapp.org

Accepted at more than 700 colleges

Has a number of different sections

Your student will need to link their application to Naviance by electronically signing the FERPA agreement in their Common App. account -- handout in the CCC on this process



Make sure any teachers writing you letters of recommendation know that you are using the Common Application as there is an additional form they need to complete in Naviance

Step Two - The Admission Essay

If your application requires an essay, follow the directions and make sure you answer the question(s).

Proof your writing.

Be authentic! Don't write about what you think they want to hear.

“Students always ask me, ‘What would you like to see in an essay?’ And my answer is that it’s not what I want to see. It’s what you want to tell us.”

- Amy Abrams, Dean of Admission, Sarah Lawrence College

Advice from a Yale Admissions Dean

Step Three - Letters of Recommendation

Not every college requires letters of recommendation!

If your student needs a letter of recommendation, here are the steps they need to follow:

- 1) Request the letter IN-PERSON
- 2) Give teachers/counselors/coaches/bosses 2 weeks notice
- 3) Put the request into NAVIANCE

Schools are most interested in seeing letters from teachers of core subjects:

English; Math; Science; Social Studies; World Language

FERPA Release

Colleges consider letter of recommendations that are confidential to have more validity and carry more weight in the admissions process

The FERPA waiver must be signed on the Common App before recommendations can be sent for college or scholarship purposes.

Step Four - Submitting an Application

Review carefully to make sure all sections of the application have been completed and check for errors -submit online.

Request your transcript through NAVIANCE-this is the ONLY way!

Before your transcript request(s) can be accepted, letters of recommendation must be in Naviance!

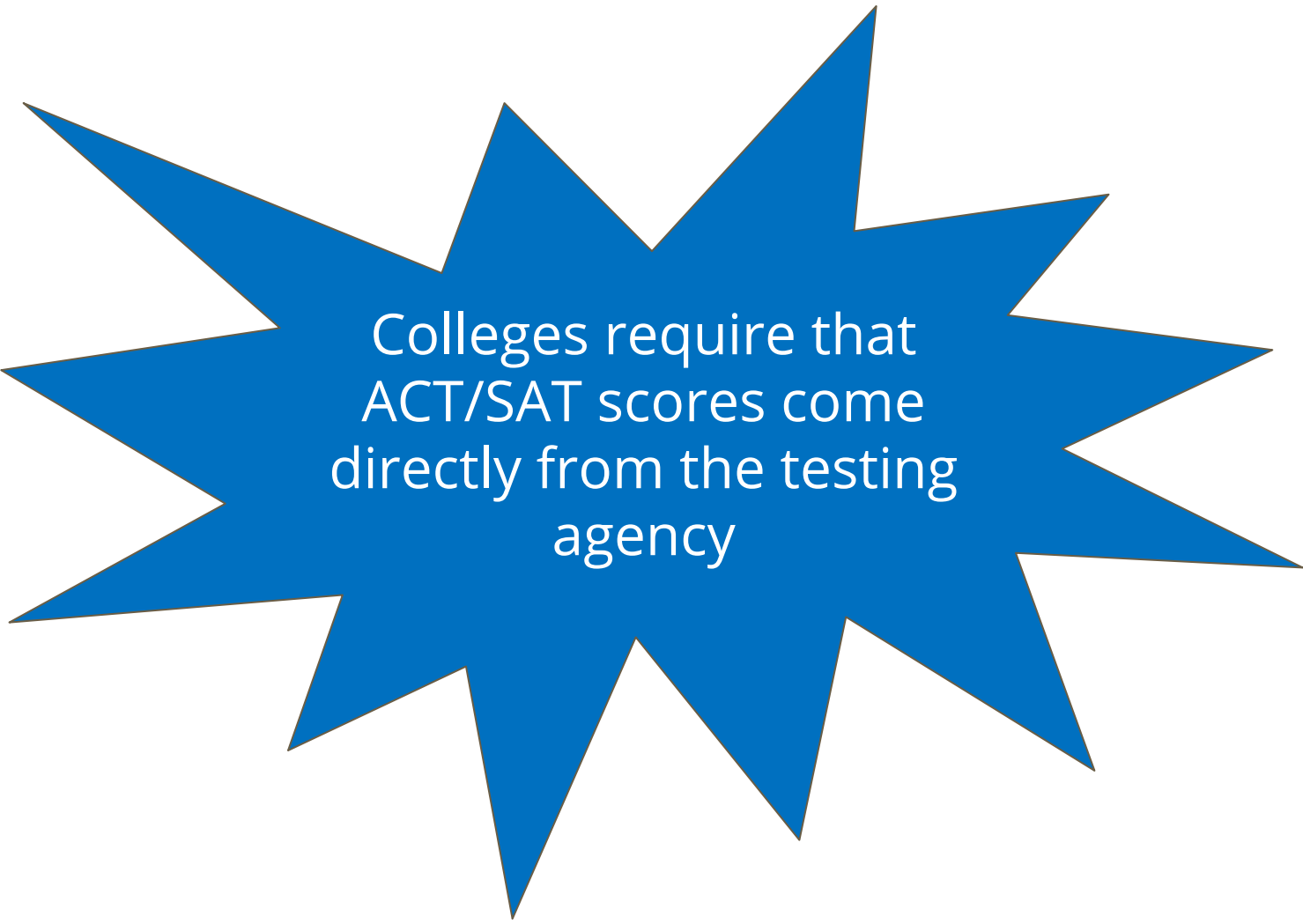
**Pay close attention to
deadlines!**

Advanced Placement-Sending Your Scores

- It's easiest and most cost-effective to send your scores to a college at the time you take your AP Exam.
- If you decide to wait, you can send your scores online for a \$15 fee. In general, you should send your scores no later than July of your senior year of high school, and some universities have a July 15 deadline.
- Most college applications do not require or request AP exam scores. You can apply to many elite universities and never reveal your AP exam scores. Unlike the SAT, there is no official AP score report that gets sent directly from the College Board to the universities you apply to.
- Central High School does not send scores. Students must send them directly from their college board accounts.

A Snapshot of AP Credit Given at Purdue University

Subject Area	AP Score	Equivalent Purdue Course
Biology	3	BIOL 1xxxx
	4	BIOL 11000
	5	BIOL 11000 and 11100
Calculus AB	3	MA 1xxxx
	4 or 5	MA 16500
Calculus BC	3	MA 1xxxx
	4 or 5	MA 16500 and MA 16600
Chemistry	3	CHM 11100
	4 or 5	CHM 11500 and 11600

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Colleges require that
ACT/SAT scores come
directly from the testing
agency

Application

Test Scores



Transcript/letters of rec.

**There is no perfect
formula...**



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Naviance is your resource!

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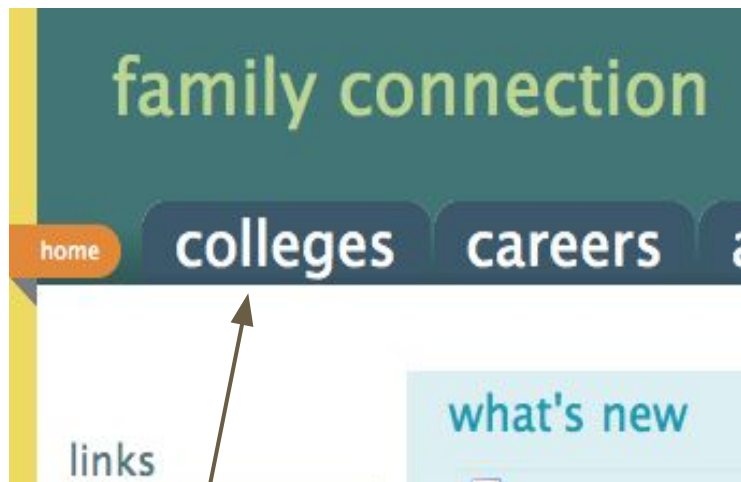
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Want help applying for
college financial aid?



**Central High School presents
Financial Aid Night tonight, directly
following this presentation**

Scholarships

Scholarship information is listed in Naviance, on the Guidance and Counseling website, and is also available in the CCC.

Many local scholarship applications are available mid-December and due in early February.

The most important source for financial aid for most students is the *FINANCIAL AID OFFICE* at the school they will attend.

Counselor Support

Counselors will be stationed in the Commons on the dates listed below to assist Seniors with post high school planning. Please encourage your student to stop by and speak to us!!

- **10/3**
- **10/10**
- **10/17**
- **10/24**
- **10/30**

Thank you for coming!