

Application Tools

[Naviance](#)

This site will be utilized heavily throughout the college application process. This is where students can add schools they are interested in, schools they are applying to, request letters of recommendation and fill out the brag sheets, which help students' counselors and teachers write their letters of recommendation. This is also where the counselors send the letters of recommendation, student transcripts, and school profile. It is **very important** that students link their Common App account to their Naviance, without linking them, the counselor is unable to send the required documents to complete the student's application.

[Common Application](#)

The Common App is an application that over 900 schools accept, allowing students to usually fill out one application to send to most if not all of the schools they are applying to. It consists of a personal section, a section about your family, a section on your current classes, a section on extracurricular activities and the personal essay. You can find the list of essay topics [here](#). It is **very important** that students link their Common App account to their Naviance, without linking them, the counselor is unable to send the required documents to complete the student's application. DO NOT REQUEST TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS ON COMMON APP.

[College Board](#)

The College Board is where students can register for the SAT, a standardized test in which thousands of universities/colleges use as a part of their admissions process. It is heavily recommended that students take a standardized test at least twice. The SAT consists of math, English and has an optional essay. In addition to the SAT, the College Board is home to the CSS profile, which is another application for financial aid. This is an addition to the FAFSA and mainly private institutions use that. Make sure to check the schools' websites to know which financial aid applications they require, it may be both the FAFSA and CSS profile.

[ACT](#)

The ACT is another standardized test students can take as a part of their college application. It consists of reading, math, English and science. Students can take this in place of the SAT if the schools they are applying to accept both.

[TOFEL](#)

Test of English for English Learners. This is an English proficiency test for non-native English speakers to measure their English language ability. This is accepted at over 11,000 universities/colleges across the United States. It is often a requirement for international students and non-native English speakers.

[Duolingo](#)

This is another English proficiency test that non-native English speakers can take. It is a shorter test than the TOEFL and slowly more schools are accepting this in place of the TOEFL. Check your individual schools to see which test they accept.

[FAFSA](#)

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is a form for students to apply for financial aid. This is important for students to fill out in order to receive any sort of financial aid from universities/colleges, even merit-based aid. The student fills out their financial aid application and their caregiver(s) must also fill out an application. Each school has their own deadline for when the FAFSA is due, so make sure to check the due dates and complete them in time in order to be considered for financial aid.

[Net Price Calculator](#)

The net price calculator allows students to input their information to get an estimate of how much it would cost to attend that specific school after their expected financial aid package. This link allows students to look up any school and bring them right to that school's net price calculator.