




**CLASS OF 2026**



## **SUMMER “TO DO” LIST IN PREPARATION FOR COLLEGE**

### **TIMELINE - JULY and AUGUST**

- ☐ 1. Update your **NAVIANCE** account:
  - Log into your account in **NAVIANCE STUDENT**  
<https://www.easthamptonschools.org/guidance>
  - Under **“About Me”** > **“Surveys from your schools”** complete the **“Class of 2026 Game Plan”**
  - Under **“Colleges”** > **“College Home”** conduct college searches, utilize graphs and charts to familiarize yourself with college data.
  - Begin to create your list of colleges of interest by clicking the heart icon  (these colleges will be listed under “Colleges I’m thinking about”)
- ☐ 2. Demonstrate interest: Register on college websites, communicate with Admissions.
- ☐ 3. Schedule campus virtual visits/interviews. Visit the individual college websites for programs and tours. If schools allow, visit in person.
- ☐ 4. Research financial considerations: Tuition, Room and Board, Scholarships, Financial Aid and the required forms (FAFSA/TAP/CSS Profile). Visit <https://studentaid.gov/>
- ☐ 5. Create/Update test accounts and register for test administration  
**(be aware that some colleges are “test optional”)**  
**SAT:** [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)  
**ACT:** [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)  
(Fee waivers are available for students who have been approved by the district office for Free or Reduced Lunch: contact your counselor for information)
- ☐ 6. **Beginning August 1, 2025-** Create accounts for college applications:  
***\*Remember to save your login and password information. Use your personal email, not school email when registering these accounts.***
  - **COMMON APPLICATION:** [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)  
***\*utilized by most colleges\****
  - **SUNY APPLICATION:** [www.suny.edu/student](http://www.suny.edu/student)
  - **CUNY APPLICATION:** [www.cuny.edu/undergraduate](http://www.cuny.edu/undergraduate)
  - **COLLEGE SPECIFIC APPLICATION(S)**

- ☐ 7. Create a timeline for testing and application deadlines. Pay attention to the differences between Early Action, Early Decision and Regular Decision deadlines. *EHHS requires a processing period of 10 school days before a college deadline for transcript and recommendation requests.*

☒ **Suggestion:** Using a calendar (digital or printed), write down all important dates and work backwards to make sure you meet all requirements on time.

- ☐ 8. Begin working on your college essay. Essay prompts are on the Common Application. <https://www.commonapp.org/apply/essay-prompts>
- ☐ 9. Art/Architecture students - Be aware of portfolio requirements and deadlines.
- ☐ 10. Music students - Be aware of music audition requirements and deadlines.
- ☐ 11. Div 1 & Div 2 Athletes - You must create an NCAA account and be aware of the requirements, registration deadlines ([www.ncaaclearinghouse.org](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.org))
- ☐ 12. Continue to update your resume: Highlight community service activities, awards, athletics, music, drama, leadership achievements, etc. Examples are listed on the counseling website.\*\* **Email updated resume to your counselor.**

***Breathe! You're going to be fine.***

***Important information and videos relevant to college are located on the EHHS Guidance website.***

**A school counselor will be in the EHHS Guidance Office  
Tuesdays throughout the summer**

### **TIMELINE- SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER**

In September, all Counselors will push into senior classes to go over the application process and then each of you will have a pre-scheduled individual appointment with your counselor.

Beginning in October, counselors will be available in the guidance conference room to assist students with their applications.