

# Commack High School Junior College Planning Night





# Introduction to Junior College Planning

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## Part I

# What's Important to You?

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## ACADEMICS

- Majors and Programs
- Level of Challenge
- Style of Instruction

## CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

- Location, Setting, and Size
- Facilities and Campus Life
- Who you'll "hang out with"

## SELECTIVITY

- Admitted Student Profile
- Acceptance Rates

## RESULTS

- Retention & Graduation Rates
- Career Advising
- Job &/or Grad School Placement



Have some fun! Research!  

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Connect! And Explore!

# Research Resources

## Naviance Family Connection

<https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login>

- Identify college preferences
- Search for colleges
- Develop prospective college list
- Compare colleges
- Compare your qualifications to recent CHS application results
- View list of colleges visiting CHS

## CollegeData

[www.collegedata.com](http://www.collegedata.com)

- Comprehensive college profiles
- Admissions statistics
- Factors considered in admissions review
- Money matters (Including Net Price Calculators)
- Campus and community life  
Student demographics

*Contact Counseling Center for new account registration or help logging in to existing account.*

# Naviance



Home Self-Discovery Careers **Colleges** Planner

♥ Demo ⌵ ⌵ ⌵ DI About Me ⌵

## Welcome, Demo Iacopelli!



Search for Colleges ⌵

🔍 Type a college name

SEARCH

### Welcome

English ⌵ Go

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- Researching colleges and career paths

[Read more](#)

### My Favorites

♥ COLLEGES  
[I'm thinking about](#)

🎓 COLLEGES  
[I'm applying to](#)

♥ CAREERS AND CLUSTERS  
[I'm thinking about](#)

# College Search Tools and Data

The screenshot displays the Naviance website interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Self-Discovery', 'Careers', 'Colleges', and 'Planner'. A red arrow points to the 'Colleges' menu item. Below the navigation bar, a dropdown menu is open, listing various tools and resources. A second red arrow points to the 'Find Your fit' option in this menu. The main content area features a text block about the Commack High School Counseling Center's upgrade to Naviance Student, with a 'Read more' button. On the right side, there are three interactive cards: 'COLLEGES I'm thinking about', 'COLLEGES I'm applying to', and 'CAREERS AND CLUSTERS I'm thinking about'.

**NAVIANCE**  
BY POWERSCHOOL

Home Self-Discovery Careers **Colleges** Planner

College Home  
Find Your fit  
SuperMatch College Search  
College Match  
College Events  
Advanced College Search  
College Lookup

Research Colleges  
Colleges I'm Thinking About  
College Visits  
College Compare  
College Resources  
Acceptance History  
Enrichment Programs  
College Maps

Apply to College  
Colleges I'm Applying to  
Manage Transcripts  
Letters of Recommendation  
Test Scores

Scholarships & Money  
Scholarships I'm Applying To  
Scholarship List  
National Scholarship Search

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# College Profiles



Adelphi University  
Garden City, NY, United States  
adelphi.edu



- Virtual Tour
- Communicate
- Apply Online
- Learn More

Overview

Studies

Student Life

Admissions

Costs



AVERAGE NET PRICE  
**\$25,516**  
Family Income  
\$0 - \$30k

POTENTIAL MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS  
**\$15,000+**  
per year

GRADUATION RATE  
**60%**  
4 Year 6 Year

ACCEPTANCE RATE  
**74%**


NEXT DEADLINE  
**December 1**



# Scattergrams

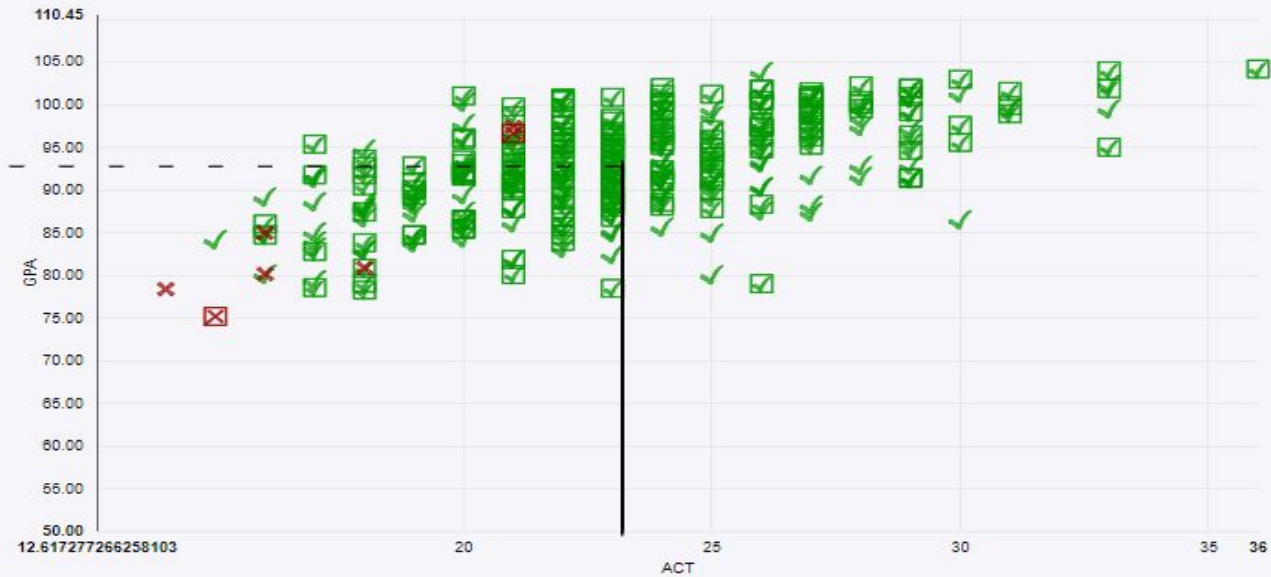
## Scattergrams | Applications for Commack High School

Comparing

















Weighted GPA 

with

ACT 



**Legend**

	Accepted	Waitlisted/Accepted	Waitlisted/Unknown	Waitlisted/Denied	Denied
 You	 Regular Decision	 Regular Decision	 Regular Decision	 Regular Decision	 Regular Decision
Average GPA	 Early Decision	 Early Decision	 Early Decision	 Early Decision	 Early Decision
Average Score	 Early Action	 Early Action	 Early Action	 Early Action	 Early Action

Click on legend icons or headers to hide each type or group in the scattergram. Double-click to reset zoom.

# How to “visit” colleges

Colleges have virtual, live, and interactive admission sessions in addition to in-person tours

- Virtual & in person campus tours
- Virtual Information Sessions
- Virtual Student Panels
- Live Question & Answer sessions with current college students

\* Registration required directly through the colleges’ website



The image shows a screenshot of the SUNY New Paltz Admissions website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the New Paltz logo, 'OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION', and links for 'Admission Info', 'Financial Aid', 'Tuition & Fees', 'Majors & Minors', 'Visit', and 'Contact Us'. The main banner features a collage of photos: a student holding a 'New Paltz' banner, a student with a laptop, a student in a 'SUNY NEW PALTZ' t-shirt, and a modern glass building. The text on the banner reads 'SUNY NEW PALTZ ADMISSIONS VIRTUAL EVENTS BEGIN HERE!'. Below the banner is a section titled 'EXPERIENCE OUR CAMPUS COMMUNITY VIRTUALLY' with six interactive options, each with a photo and a caption:

- TAKE A CAMPUS TOUR**: Photo of a modern glass building.
- CHAT WITH A COUNSELOR**: Photo of a student and a counselor looking at a laptop.
- TRANSFER STUDENT EVENTS**: Photo of a group of students in blue polo shirts.
- SCHEDULE A GENERAL INFORMATION SESSION**: Photo of two students holding a 'Welcome Hawks' sign.
- SCHEDULE A GROUP VISIT**: Photo of a group of students in 'SUNY NEW PALTZ' t-shirts.
- CHAT WITH CURRENT STUDENTS**: Photo of a smiling student wearing a beanie.

# Junior-Year Focus

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- Choose challenging Senior courses
- Continue strengthening transcript throughout junior year
- Familiarize yourself with application procedures
- SAT/ACT
- Visit colleges - campus visits, virtual tours, connect with Admissions Representatives (through the fall of senior year)
- Common App Workshops will be offered to all students
- Begin considering and planning supplemental college materials

# Transcript



**High School Transcript**  
Name: Jane Smith Gender: F Birthdate: Jan

Academic Achievements			Junior Year:	
Freshman Year:	Grade	Credits		
English I	95	1.00	English III	
Geometry	92	1.00	Trigonometry	
Physical Science	98	1.00	Chemistry	
World Geography	92	1.00	American History	
Latin I	100	1.00	Latin III	
New Testament	96	1.00	World Religions	
Art	95	.50	Sailing	
Health/PE	100	.50	Choir	

Senior Year:

- 1 of several components of a complete application
- What do colleges look for?... Rigorous course load throughout high school, well-rounded curriculum, and GROWTH!
- Your transcript can be viewed in Campus Backpack; and you will receive an updated transcript during the summer before 12<sup>th</sup> grade with final junior grades and updated GPA
- The School Profile with addendum details, changes in curriculum and grading procedures due to COVID
- Understanding and interpreting a transcript:  
[https://www.comackschools.org/Downloads/zoom\\_0%20JPC%20transcript%20v1d.mp4](https://www.comackschools.org/Downloads/zoom_0%20JPC%20transcript%20v1d.mp4)

# SAT/ACT

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## Don't Be Scared - Be Prepared!

- Khan Academy – free online
- Princeton Review – online exam prep & courses offered at CHS
- Method Test Prep-free online through CASTLE Learning
- REGISTER EARLY! Keep an eye on deadlines

### Commack HS SAT/ACT All You Need to Know

**Great video resource for students and families!**

- Register for SAT
  - [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- Register for ACT
  - [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

# Test Optional vs. Test Blind

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- **Test optional** – when a college allows applicants to decide whether to submit SAT or ACT scores as part of their application
- **Test blind**-when a college does not look at SAT/ACT scores, even if a student submits them
- Many schools have adopted these policies for the 22-23 admissions cycle. Many schools have already announced that they will keep this policy for the 23-24 cycle. Check the college website for the most up-to-date information!

<http://fairtest.org/>

# Letters of Recommendation

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- Recommendation letters from Counselor (1) and teachers (2)
- Students should request letters of recommendation from their teachers in person, in the spring of Junior year
- Following a personal request, students submit their request electronically through Naviance
- Students provide their recommenders with the completed Teacher Recommendation Request Form
- For Counselor letters of recommendation, please complete Autobiography, Resume, and Parent Feedback before the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

# Documents for LOR

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- Teacher Letter of Recommendation Request Form:  
[Request for teacher letter of recommendation form](#)
- Student Autobiography, Resume and Parent Feedback:  
(under checklist/timeline) [Junior College Planning Page](#)
- The Student Autobiography, Resume, and Parent Feedback are also accessible through Naviance



# Activity Resume & CSIP

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- A student's resume is vitally important in the application process.
- BRAG ABOUT YOURSELF, PLEASE!!
- What to include: extracurricular activities in school (clubs, sports, honor societies etc. ), volunteer work, paid work experience, leadership experiences, internships, summer programs, honors/awards, etc.
- CSIP- please make every effort to complete CSIP hours each year. There are many opportunities for points available! CSIP website: <https://www.commarkschools.org/csip.aspx> Be sure to include all on your resume!

# Student Athletes

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NCAA Eligibility Center – register before  
the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade

<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

NCAA Night: November 30<sup>th</sup> 2022

[2022 Presentation](#)

# Come Visit Us!

## CHS COUNSELING CENTER

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- Communicate with your Counselor
- College Information Sessions- in person and virtual
- Junior Planning Conferences-in person or virtual
- College Days-October 17th and March 13th in person
  - College Fair –March 22nd- in person
  - College Essay presentation-May 2023
- Senior Class Meetings-September Senior Year
- Senior College Planning Night-September Senior Year
- College Application Help Desk for Seniors Sept.-Dec Senior Year

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# Spring of Junior Year

# THE COMMON APPLICATION

www.Commonapp.org

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- Standard application for 900+ colleges

<http://www.commonapp.org/search-colleges>

- Common App Workshop

<https://www.commarkschools.org/Downloads/Common%20App%20Workshop.mp4>

- Counselors will conduct Common App workshops in English classes, and provide video tutorials throughout the late spring

# It's all about balance...

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- Identify schools that you consider:
  - **A Safety School**-your scores and grades surpass all academic and extracurricular requirements at these schools.
  - **A Target School**- your grades and scores are within the middle 50% of accepted students.
  - **A Reach or 'Dream' School**- your grades and scores may be below the middle 50% of students attending these schools.

Your list of schools should include a mix of all three ☺

# Application Types

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**Early Decision: Legally binding** agreement with college stating student must attend, if accepted. Deadlines are earlier, typically November 1 or 15, but this varies by school.

**Early Action:** Non-binding, students apply early, meeting an early deadline, but has until May 1 to commit/decide. Deadlines are typically November 1 or 15, but this varies by school.

**Regular Decision:** Decisions are made after deadline date has lapsed. Most decision letters are mailed in early April.

**Rolling Admissions:** First come, first served. Applications are processed as they 'roll' in and decision is quickly 'rolled' back to student.

**Single Choice Early Action:** A few of the most competitive colleges offer this non-binding admission policy. Students may apply to a single choice college, however, they are not permitted to apply to other schools using the EA/ED option during this period. Details vary by school.

# Junior College Planning

## Part II: Virtual Tutorials

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- Junior College Planning website:  
<https://www.commack.k12.ny.us/Juniors.aspx>
- Understanding and interpreting the transcript:  
[https://www.commackschools.org/Downloads/zoom\\_0%20JPC%20transcript%20vid.mp4](https://www.commackschools.org/Downloads/zoom_0%20JPC%20transcript%20vid.mp4)
- Naviance Introductory College Search:  
<https://www.commackschools.org/Downloads/Naviance%20Introductory%20Video.mp4?v=30335000>
- Naviance – How to use SuperMatch and Advanced College Search  
<https://www.commackschools.org/Downloads/Naviance%20Super%20Match%20and%20Advanced%20College%20Search%20Tools.mp4>



# Junior College Planning Part III: Individual Junior Planning Conference

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- This year these meetings will be in person. Parents are invited to come in but have the option to meet virtually, by request.
- To schedule your individual Junior Planning Conference please call 631-912-2121
- There will be a compilation of materials for your reference regarding the college process via our Counseling Center website. Click the link below!

[Junior College Planning Information and Reference Material](#)

**KEEP CALM,  
TAKE THINGS STEP-BY-STEP,  
& HAVE FUN!**