

Commack High School Junior College Planning Night





Introduction to Junior College Planning

Part I

What's Important to You?

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!

Connect! And Explore!

Research Resources

Naviance Family Connection

CollegeData

Naviance

- 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

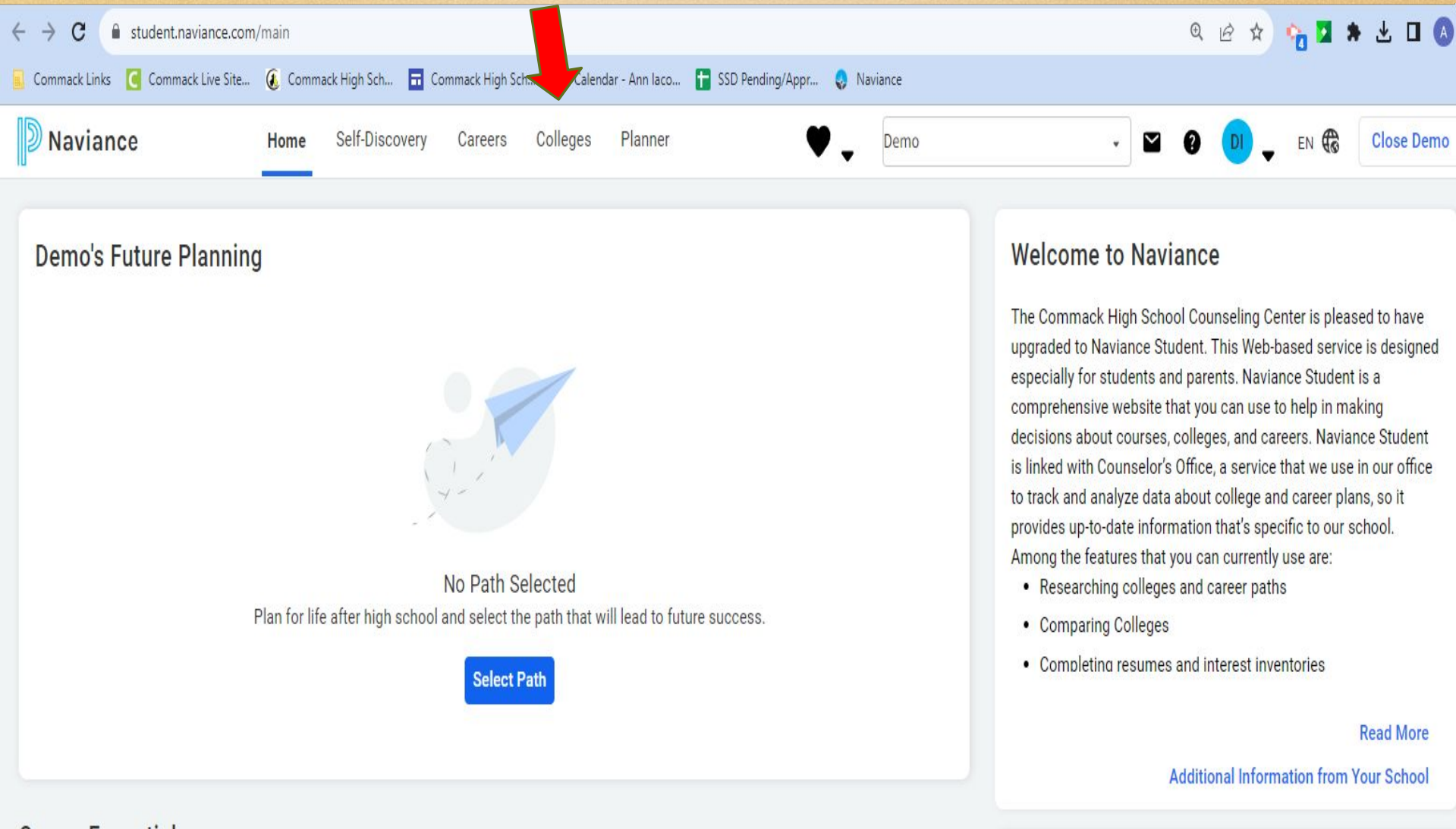
www.collegedata.com

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

Students Login through CLEVER.

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

Naviance




student.naviance.com/main

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Naviance Home Self-Discovery Careers Colleges Planner Demo Close Demo

Demo's Future Planning



No Path Selected

Plan for life after high school and select the path that will lead to future success.

Select Path

Welcome to Naviance

The Commack High School Counseling Center is pleased to have upgraded to Naviance Student. This Web-based service is designed especially for students and parents. Naviance Student is a comprehensive website that you can use to help in making decisions about courses, colleges, and careers. Naviance Student is linked with Counselor's Office, a service that we use in our office to track and analyze data about college and career plans, so it provides up-to-date information that's specific to our school. Among the features that you can currently use are:

- Researching colleges and career paths
- Comparing Colleges
- Completing resumes and interest inventories

[Read More](#)

[Additional Information from Your School](#)

College Search Tools and Data

The screenshot shows the Naviance website interface. The browser address bar displays 'student.naviance.com/main'. The navigation menu includes 'Home', 'Self-Discovery', 'Careers', 'Colleges', and 'Planner'. A red arrow points to the 'Colleges' menu item, which has opened a dropdown menu. A second red arrow points to the 'Find Your fit' option in the dropdown. The dropdown menu is organized into four columns:

- Find Your fit**
 - College Home
 - SuperMatch College Search
 - College Match
 - College Events
 - Scattergrams
 - 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**
 - College-Specific Scholarships
 - National Scholarship Search
 - Scholarship Search
 - Favorite Scholarships

At the bottom of the page, there is a blue button labeled 'Select Path' and a 'Read More' link.

College Profiles



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



- Virtual Tour
- Communicate
- Apply Online
- Learn More

- Overview**
- Studies
- Student Life
- Admissions
- Costs




Search by College Name

- 42 INTERESTED IN YOU
- 3 THINKING ABOUT
- 0 APPLYING TO
- MORE :

Scattergrams

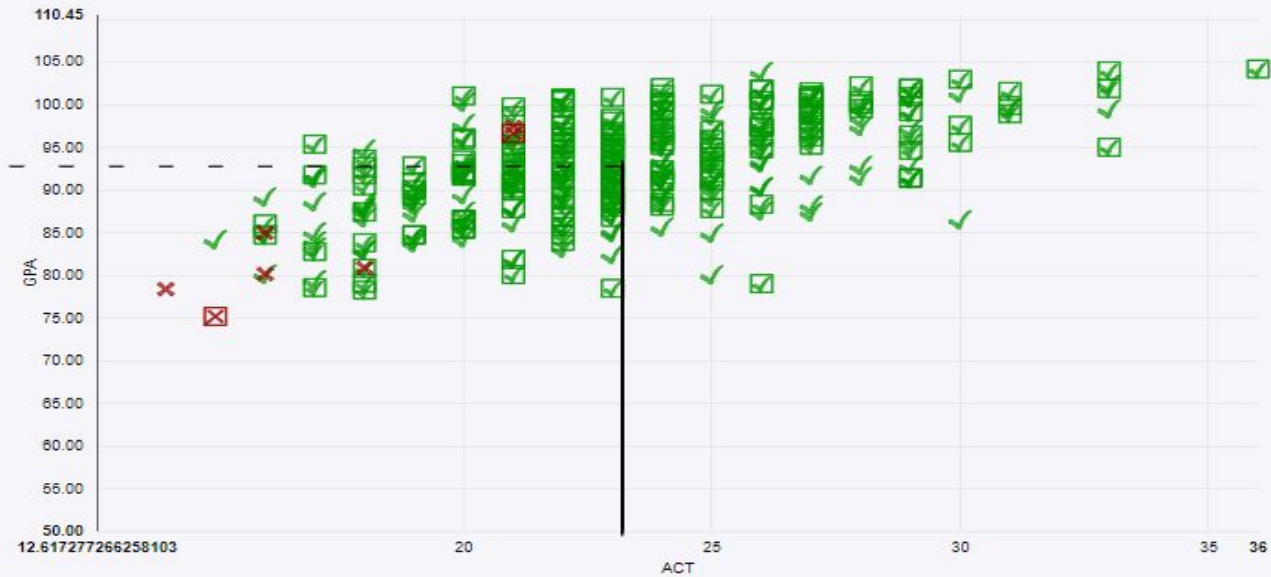
Scattergrams | Applications for Commack High School

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 webpage for SUNY New Paltz Admissions Virtual Events. The header includes the New Paltz logo, 'OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION', and navigation links for Admission Info, Financial Aid, Tuition & Fees, Majors & Minors, Visit, and Contact Us. The main banner features a collage of photos of students and a large orange graphic that says 'SUNY NEW PALTZ ADMISSIONS VIRTUAL EVENTS BEGIN HERE!'. Below the banner, a blue section titled 'EXPERIENCE OUR CAMPUS COMMUNITY VIRTUALLY' contains 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 counselor at a laptop), 'TRANSFER STUDENT EVENTS' (photo of a group of students in blue 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' shirts), and 'CHAT WITH CURRENT STUDENTS' (photo of a smiling student in a blue shirt and black beanie).

Junior-Year Focus

- 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



A sample high school transcript for Jane Smith, a female student born in January. The transcript is divided into sections for Freshman, Junior, and Senior years. The Academic Achievements section lists various courses with their respective grades and credits.

High School Transcript			
Name: Jane Smith		Gender: F	Birthdate: Jan
Academic Achievements			
Freshman Year:	Grade	Credits	Junior Year:
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 12th grade with final junior grades and updated GPA
- Understanding and interpreting a transcript:
https://www.comackschools.org/Downloads/zoom_0%20JP_C%20transcript%20vid.mp4

SAT/ACT

Don't Be Scared - Be Prepared!

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

SAT, ACT, or Both? Presentation

Great video resource for students and families!

- Register for SAT
 - www.collegeboard.org
- Register for ACT
 - www.actstudent.org

Test Optional vs. Test Blind

- **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 23-24 admissions cycle. Check the college website for the most up-to-date information!

<http://fairtest.org/>

Letters of Recommendation

- 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 11th grade.

Documents for LOR

- 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

- 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

NCAA Eligibility Center – register before
the end of 11th grade

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

NCAA Night: November 29th 2023

2023 Presentation

Come Visit Us!

CHS COUNSELING CENTER

- Communicate with your Counselor
- College Information Sessions- in person and virtual
- Junior Planning Conferences-in person or virtual
- College Days-October 17th and March 12th in person
 - College Fair –March 20th- in person
- College Essay presentation and writing workshops-May 2024
 - Senior Class Meetings-September Senior Year
- Senior College Planning Night-September Senior Year

Spring of Junior Year

THE COMMON APPLICATION

www.Commonapp.org

- Standard application for 900+ colleges

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

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

It's all about balance...

- 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

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. Many schools have adopted 10/15 deadlines as well.

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. Many schools have adopted 10/15 deadlines as well.

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

- 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
- 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

- 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!**