

TWHS Senior Information Night!



Your guide to applying to college



Welcome!

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Handouts:

At the front door, you should have picked up:

- 1) Transcript Release Form (green).
- 2) Packet including:
 - a) Senior Checklist.
 - b) Naviance Instructions for adding colleges, requesting transcripts and teacher letter of recommendations.
 - c) Senior Parent Brag Sheet.
 - d) Request for Teacher Recommendation.
 - e) Secondary School Report- For non Common App schools
 - f) Q & A from 2017 presentation.

College Rep Visits

New this year is how students sign up to attend college rep visits here at TWHS.

Students will now sign up through their Naviance account. Under the “Colleges” tab, you’ll see Upcoming college visits. Click on, “College Visits” for a full list and to sign up!

We currently have over 100 schools visiting, starting Monday, 9/10! Some schools track interest!

SEPTEMBER Mon 10 08:40AM	Ohio Northern University 📍 Counseling Office-conference room 0/15 seats are taken.	Register Now View Details
SEPTEMBER Tue 11 10:20AM	Bowling Green State University 📍 Counseling Office-conference room 0/15 seats are taken.	Register Now View Details
SEPTEMBER Wed 12 09:30AM	Barnard College 📍 Counseling Office-conference room 1/15 seats are taken.	Register Now View Details
SEPTEMBER Thu 13 08:40AM	Ohio University 📍 Counseling Office-conference room 0/15 seats are taken.	Register Now View Details

Deadlines for applying



Growing trend is to apply “early”. Applying early can mean one of two options:

- 1) Early Decision- Binding agreement. If you are accepted by the school, you will be attending that school regardless of financial award package.
- 2) Early Action- Non binding. You are still eligible for priority merit based scholarships, though you are not “locked” into attending the college. *75% of students who applied to OSU applied early!*

Many early application deadlines are as early as 10/15 or 11/1 (i.e., ONU, OSU & Miami). Plan ahead to ensure you meet the deadline to be eligible for scholarship opportunities! Check the college’s website, Common App, or speak to your son or daughter’s counselor about specific college due dates (ED, EA, Regular, Rolling).

ACT or SAT

- Generally, most schools accept either the ACT or the SAT scores. In addition, highly competitive schools may require SAT subject tests. *Please check the college's website for admission requirements.*
- The October ACT score report will NOT make November 1 priority deadlines, however the 10/7 SAT score will (as long as you send during registration)! If you send scores AFTER you test, please request scores to be sent at least three weeks prior to deadline.
- Colleges may require an ACT writing score (*none in Ohio*). Please make sure you have taken the ACT + writing to meet admittance requirements.
- ACT and SAT scores are on the TWHS transcript. However, many colleges only accept scores sent directly from ACT or College Board, which costs \$13.90/school to send after you test (i.e, UC, Miami, OSU, Case, CCAD).

When considering colleges...

Consider three categories: Make sure you have a safety school!

“Reach Schools” - Schools that are highly competitive, and select a low number of applicants (less than 10-15%). Your personal scores (GPA & ACT/SAT) are within reach, though it may be a reach for you to get in. Or, schools with competitive program for direct admit (OSU Engineering & UC DAAP Program).

“Comfort Schools”- Schools that you feel your ACT/SAT scores, and GPA are in the average. Schools that are competitive, though may admit a higher percentage of students. 50% admission rate.

“Safety Schools”- Schools that you feel confident that you will be accepted to. Your average scores and GPA are above the average and you are confident at your chances of getting in, or know you will get in.

Reach, Comfort, Backup

For example, Rachel has a 3.65 GPA, and scored a 26 on her ACT. She has completed 1 AP class and is on basketball team. She wants to pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering.

Reach- OSU, Miami, UC

Comfort- OU, Kent State, BGSU, Akron

Backup- Toledo, Wright State, YSU, Cleveland State

Does TWHS rank students?

Like Dublin, Olentangy, UA, & Bexley, Worthington City Schools does not rank students. However, we will rank all students with a 4.000+ GPA as # 1. **65** students share this rank!

Here is why we don't rank: *You may be awarded more \$!* Many colleges award scholarships based on your class rank. For example, The Ohio State University:

Maximus Scholarship - \$5,700 per year (\$22,800 over 4 year) if you are top 3% of your graduating class. However, the 65th ranked student (with a 4.0) is ranked top 15% of the class (out 437). This would drop them to the Trustees scholarship which is \$1,900 per year, \$7,600 of the four years.

Common Application

THE COMMON
APPLICATION

Applying to college is done by applying via the Common App, or direct to the institutions website. Over 700 colleges are now members of the “Common Application”. This allows the student to fill out one single application for multiple schools! Remember, when creating your Common App account, please use a personal email, not your school email address!

The screenshot shows the Common Application dashboard for a user named David. The top navigation bar includes links for Dashboard, My Colleges, Common App, College Search, and Financial Aid Resources. A table titled "My Colleges Requirements" lists three colleges: Case Western Reserve University, Centre College, and Hanover College. Each row in the table includes columns for Writing Requirements, Deadline, Application status, Writing Supplement status, and a Remove button.

My Colleges (3)	Writing Requirements	Deadline	Application	Writing Supplement	Remove
▶ Case Western Reserve University	🔴 +	—	🟡	🔴	🗑️
▶ Centre College	🔴 🟡	—	🟡	🔴	🗑️
▶ Hanover College	🟡	—	🟡	🔴	🗑️

Common Application Schools in Ohio

Baldwin Wallace

Capital University

Case Western Reserve

College of Wooster

Denison University

Hiram College

John Carroll University

Kenyon College

Kent State University

Bowling Green State University

Wright State University

Tiffin University

Miami University

Oberlin College

Ohio Northern University

Ohio Wesleyan University

Otterbein University

The Ohio State University

The University of Findlay

University of Cincinnati

University of Dayton

University of Toledo

Wittenberg University

Xavier University

Ohio University

Kent State University

University of Akron

Common Application

Helpful hints:

- 1) Be careful! Each college has questions that you have to answer before you submit.
- 2) Some colleges (like UC) may have an additional writing supplement. You will see these questions under, “My colleges”.
- 3) You must sign the FERPA agreement so your counselor can send your docs! We encourage you to “waive your right” to view the documents sent on your behalf.
- 4) Please do not use nicknames! Enter your name exactly as it is written in Infinite Campus.
- 5) Use the same e-mail address on all documents!



Naviance

Our tool to communicate with you and the institutions you are applying to! On Naviance, you can:

- 1) Request and track transcripts & required documents.
- 2) Complete college searches.
- 3) Request teacher letter of recommendations.
- 4) Review Scholarship opportunities.
- 5) Conduct career interest inventories.



Naviance

TWHS is a Naviance school. In other words, the School Counselors will submit all required documents to the colleges you are applying to via Naviance eDocs. The easiest way to access Naviance is Google, “Naviance”, or find the link on the TWHS website.



Matching the Common App to Naviance

If you are applying to a Common App school, you must match your Common App profile to Naviance. This is done through the [“Common App: Match Accounts”](#) section on Naviance. Once matched, your counselors will be able to send all documents to your colleges.

Please turn to page 2 in your packet, titled, “Naviance Instructions for Adding Colleges, Requesting Transcripts...”

Letters of Recommendation (LOR)

- Do not send more than what the college is asking for! **Check Naviance for the number of recs required and allowed.**
- Recommendations can come from TWHS staff, a coach, or community member.
 - Ask yourself, “*Who knows me best?*” Also, consider the program that you are interested in studying in college. For example, Engineering? Ask a former STEM teacher.
- When asking a teacher, use the “Request for Teacher Recommendation” form provided tonight.

Letters of Recommendation (LOR)

- Invite teachers online through Naviance. [Letters of Recommendation](#)
 - *Steps 8, 9, 10, & 11 on your directions.*
- Invite “Other recommenders” (non-Worthington City Schools teachers) through Common App.
- Counselors will conduct a senior interview with you. Parents should complete the brag sheet prior to the senior interview and return it with the student. A Counselor letter of rec does not fulfill a required teacher letter of rec.
- Plan ahead! Allow up to 10 school days for your letter of recommendation to be written. For example, if it is due on 11/1, then ask by October 19th.

Letters of Recommendation (LOR)

Please be aware! Once a teacher submits a letter of recommendation through Naviance, they can not go back and “unsubmit”! Further, you need to prioritize which teacher letter of recommendation you want sent if the college only allows one! We recommend you chose specific colleges for each recommendation.

Recommendation For ^	Deadline ^	Recommender(s)	Status ⓘ	Cancel Request
Case Western Reserve University 2 required/ 4 allowed/ 2 requested	Jan 15 2019	Mary Wahba Paul Pflieger	Requested Requested	✗ ✗
Cornell University 2 required/ 3 allowed/ 2 requested	Jan 02 2019	Mary Wahba Paul Pflieger	Requested Requested	✗ ✗
Duke University 2 required/ 3 allowed/ 2 requested	Jan 02 2019	Mary Wahba Paul Pflieger	Requested Requested	✗ ✗
Miami University-Oxford -- required/ 2 allowed/ 2 requested	Feb 01 2019	Mary Wahba Paul Pflieger	Requested Requested	✗ ✗
Ohio State University-Main Campus -- required/ 1 allowed/ 1 requested	Feb 01 2019	Mary Wahba	Requested	✗

Required Documents

Your counselors will submit:

- 1) Transcript, which include ACT/SAT scores (*most colleges will not accept ACT or SAT from our transcript. Therefore, you must send your scores directly from actstudent.org, or collegeboard.com)
- 2) Common App School Report
- 3) Common App Written Evaluation (*If requested from student)
- 4) TWHS School Profile
- 5) Current Course Schedule

Please know, there is an extended window of time from when your counselor submits your documents, to when the college “pulls” the data from Naviance or Common App into their system. Your docs are timed stamped from when they were submitted.

Scholarships & Grants

There are three “levels” of scholarships:

- 1) Local- Due out in the spring. Monetary gift awarded one time. Applications required.
- 2) Institutional- Merit based, or college specific.
- 3) National- Generally from private businesses, organizations, etc. Create an account on fastweb.com for a list of hundreds of national scholarships. Also, check the scholarships listed on Naviance!

Grants- Gift money often based off of previous year's tax information reported on the FAFSA. Grants are often need based from EFC. We recommend every family to complete the FAFSA.

Important dates:

- Suburban College Fair- Sunday, October 7th from 1:00 to 3:30 at Otterbein College.
- FAFSA Presentation- Monday, September 24th, 2017. 6:30 to 7:30 PM at TWHS.
- Next ACT is October 27- Registration closes on 9/28.
- Next SAT is October 6- Registration closes on 9/7!
- Military Information Night- Wed., January 16th at 6:30 PM
- ASVAB- Sat., January 26th at TWHS - 9 AM

Conclusion



Questions and Answers!

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