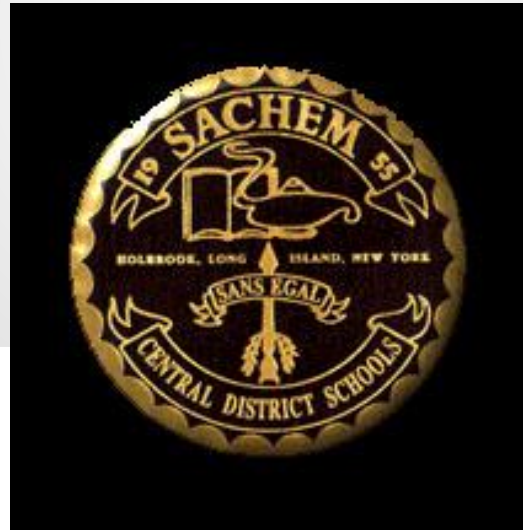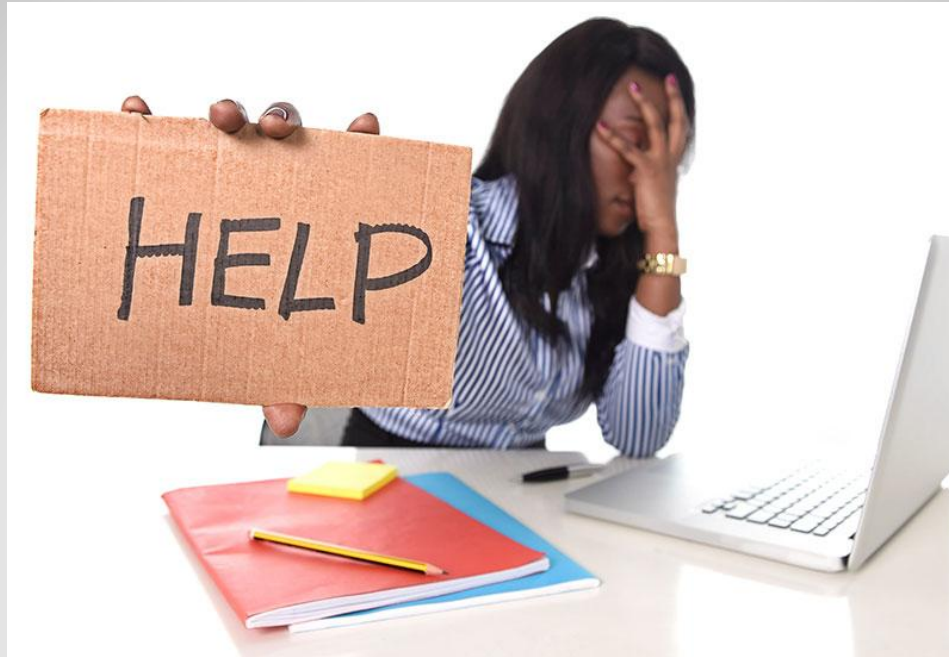# The College Admissions Process Sachem High School

Grade 12 Parent Meeting
September 27, 2023

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Don't know where to begin? Wondering how your family is ever going to make it through the application process?

Don't worry... We're here to help.

Agenda

- What students should be doing…
- Components of the application
- Types of admission
- Timeline for the application process
- Sachem High School procedures
- Naviance – Family Connection
- Financial Aid Process

What Students Should Be Doing...

- List of Colleges (Reach/Target/Safety)- Naviance is a great place to start your research if you're lost!
- Submit Recommendation Questionnaires to Counselor/Teachers
- Visit Colleges/Interviews
- Completing Applications
- Completing Testing Requirements
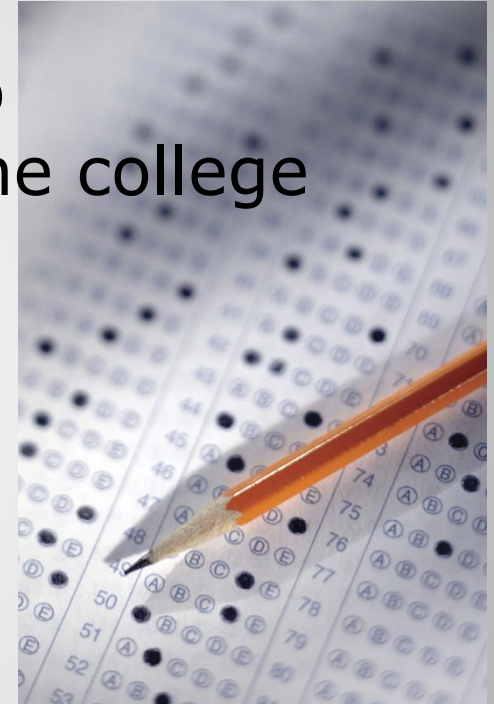- NCAA Eligibility (if an athlete)
- Making Decisions

Components of the Application

- Main Application
  - Common Application (www.commonapp.org)
  - SUNY Application (www.suny.edu/student)
- Transcript
- Testing (Test Optional vs. SAT / ACT)
- Essay/Personal Statement
- Activities/Resume
- Counselor Letter of Recommendation
- Teacher Letters of Recommendation

Completing Testing Requirements

- Many of colleges have shifted to being Test Optional- check on the college website or application
- SAT Reasoning Test
  - October, November, December
  - www.collegeboard.org
- ACT
  - October and December
  - www.actstudent.org
- SAT Subject Tests
  - College Board is no longer offering

Types of Admission

- Early Decision (Binding)
  - May only apply ED to one school
  - If accepted, commitment to attend
- Early Action (Non-Binding)
  - Apply by early deadline, notified earlier
- Regular Decision
  - <u>Deadline Admission</u> – Formal deadline after which applications are no longer accepted. Can submit applications prior to deadline but not after.
  - <u>Rolling Admission</u> – Applications accepted on ongoing basis until class has been filled.

By April 1st – Colleges notify student of admission decision
By May 1st – Student notifies college of intention to attend/places deposit

Naviance: Family Connection

- Sachem High School submits transcripts and letters of recommendation electronically through Naviance.

- How will this affect students:
  - Students using the Common Application must:
    1. Create their account at www.commonapp.org
    2. Complete the "Education" section of the Common Application
    3. Complete the FERPA waiver (under "My Colleges" tab)
    4. Log into their Naviance account and enter their email address to link their Common Application to their Naviance account
  - Students can add requests for teacher letters of recommendation.
  - Students can check the status of their document submission via their Naviance account.

Sachem High School Procedures

Student Submits Directly to College:

- Completed application
- Application fee
- Essay
- Activities/Resume (included on application)

Student Requests:

From High School:

- Transcript
- Letters of Recommendation

From Testing Agency:
(only if student is choosing to report test scores to the college)

- SAT (www.collegeboard.org)
- ACT (www.actstudent.org)

For students applying to
Suffolk County Community College

- Applications are processed on a first-come/first-served basis. The sooner the application is completed, the sooner the student will be scheduled for placement testing/register for classes.

<u>Application Requirements</u>:

Application & fee
Transcript
Immunizations
No essay!
No letters of recommendation*

* A handful of programs at Suffolk CCC may require letters of recommendation. Please check specific program requirements (ie., Honors Program).

Majority of programs – Rolling Admission
More competitive programs – May have a deadline to apply (ie., Nursing, Veterinary Science Technology, etc.)

<u>Placement</u>:

- *Academic Advising Appointments* to review placement / make determination if remedial math/reading is required.
- *SAT/ACT* not required / only used to determine placement
- *Accuplacer – **on hold due until further notice***

Financial Aid Forms

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- ◦ Required by all institutions for financial aid
- ◦ Available after October 1, 2023
- ◦ References tax info from prior tax year (2022)

CSS Profile
- ◦ Required by some institutions
- ◦ Requests additional information to determine need.
- ◦ Submit Fall 2023
- ◦ $25 for initial registration and submission to one college. $16 per additional college or university

Types of Financial Aid

- **Scholarships (Gifts)**
  ◦ Academic
  ◦ Athletic
  ◦ Talent
  ◦ Merit-based
  ◦ Private, College, etc.

- **Grants (Gifts)**
  ◦ Federal (PELL)
  ◦ State (TAP, Excelsior, STEM)
  ◦ College

- **Loans (Borrow)**
  ◦ Student
  ◦ Parent

- **Work Study**
  ◦ On-campus job

Where to Get More Information

- Contact your child's school counselor
- Refer to college web sites for application instructions/deadlines
- Visit campuses
- Research on the Internet and Naviance
- Speak with college admissions officers

Helpful Websites

www.collegeboard.com (SAT and Profile)

www.actstudent.org (ACT)

www.commonapp.org

www.student.naviance.com

www.suny.edu

www.finaid.org

www.fastweb.com

www.eligibilitycenter.net (NCAA)

www.fafsa.ed.gov (FAFSA)

www.hesc.ny.gov (TAP, Excelsior, STEM)

We hope you found our presentation helpful and informative. For further information, please contact your child's School Counselor.

Good luck!