

# Surviving the Application Process

What Every Senior Should Know!!  
SPHS College Planning Guide On-line  
SPHS Website—College Counseling

# Upcoming Important Dates

- Sat, Sep 14 Revolution Prep test prep class begins
- Sat, Sep 21 ACT testing at SPHS
- Fri, Sep 27 All school testing - Senior college visit opp
- Mon, Oct 7 SPHS College Fair
- Sat, Oct 26 ACT testing at SPHS
- Tue, Oct 29 Financial Aid Night

# College Planning Tips

--Apply early and apply on-line!

--Know different type of admissions

Rolling Admissions—most common

Early Action & Early Decision – see CC

--Admissions Deadlines vs. Scholarship Deadlines

Received By vs. Postmarked By

Universal Reply Date—May 1

# Where to Apply? Choose Wisely!

Safety

Target

Reach

- Find YOUR Fit
- Average 3-6
- Location
- Size of School
- Major
- Cost – Visit colleges' websites for a net price calculator.
- Campus Visits

# Naviance

- Family Connection
  - username and password: emcgovernsphs14
- College Search
- Faculty Letter of Recommendation Form
  - Does your school want one?
  - “About Me” tab
  - complete form and print
  - Make teacher request (2-3 week notice)

# Transcript Requests

- Completed and submit app
- Pick up Transcript Request Form
- Fill out form
- Bring to your College Counselor
  - 1<sup>st</sup> request is FREE
  - each additional request = \$2.00
- Contact college if you don't receive an email confirmation
- Check Naviance for transcript status

# ACT Scores

- Your ACT scores are on your transcript.
- Most schools accept. Some require from ACT.
- Send scores through ACT.  
[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- Try again. More schools now Superscoring.

# Common App

- **Step 1 - Create a Common App account on Common App Online**  
Must use your email address for your username  
Make sure you write your CA username and password down.
- **Step 2 - Sign the CA FERPA Waiver & Authorization on Common App Online.**  
We recommend that you waive your right to see recommendations.
- **Step 3: Enter your Common App Email Address into the Naviance system:**  
Go to: colleges I'm applying to
- **Tips to successfully match accounts:**  
Make sure you enter the same email address  
Make sure your last name matches  
Make sure your first name or date of birth matches  
See your CC for help



# Resources

- Naviance  
scholarships / colleges / graphs / college visitors
- SPHS College Counseling webpage  
general info: scholarships / fin aid / ACT optional
- NCAA Eligibility Center
- FAFSA
- Your Counselors