

# NORWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

*Class of 2023*



# Agenda...

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- Meet the School Counseling Department
- Mass Transfer Option
- The College Process Components and Senior Seminar
- Naviance
  - Requesting transcripts
- Timeline (college deadlines)
- Standardized Testing
- The College Packet & Individual Roles
  - Student role
  - Counselor role
  - Teacher role
- Additional Info (Financial Aid, Scholarships, Athletics)
- Final Words
- Questions??



# NHS School Counseling Website

## School Counseling

Anti-Bullying Information

Career Planning

College/Post-Secondary Planning

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## Norwood High School: School Counseling Department

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Norwood High School: School Counseling Department is to provide comprehensive services that encourage academic and social-emotional growth in all students. Services are delivered through individual meetings and classroom lessons that help meet the diverse interests and needs of our student population. The School Counseling Department encourages all students' participation in the four A's: Academics, Athletics, Arts and Activities.

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[www.norwood.k12.ma.us/nhs/guidance/index](http://www.norwood.k12.ma.us/nhs/guidance/index)

# The Evolution of the College Search...



I have absolutely no idea.



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I'm going to pretend I do.



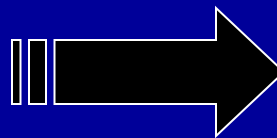
But

I have it all figured out (or at  
least my caregiver does)!



# Mass Transfer/Joint Admissions

- Many students choose to attend a two year community college (such as Massasoit or Mass Bay) and transfer to a 4 year college.
- Students receive an Associates Degree (after two years) and choose to become employed or to complete their Bachelors Degree at a 4 year college.
- This is often COST EFFECTIVE!



# SENIOR SEMINAR

## Seminar Lessons

- ❖ College Application Overview & Timeline
- ❖ Common Application (2-part lesson)
  - ❖ Requesting transcripts online
- ❖ eDocs Explanation & Implementation
- ❖ Employability & Interview Skills
- ❖ Understanding Financial Aid & Scholarship Hunting
- ❖ College Expectations - What to Expect as a College Student



# Decisions, Decisions!

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## Early Decision, Early Decision II

Some schools give early financial aid estimates

## Early Action & Restrictive Early Action

Usually a November 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> deadline

## Rolling Admission

Note: Some schools require early submission of the application (e.g. Quinnipiac University)

## Regular Decision

Usually a January or February deadline

# Early Decision vs. Early Action

**Early Decision and Early Action** can be beneficial to students; however, it's important to talk to your counselor about whether it is the right option for you. Please note that **Early Action** can be more competitive because of the applicant pool.

Early Decision is binding - a student accepted as an ED applicant must attend the college.



Early Action is non-binding - students receive an early response to their application but do not have to commit to the college until the normal reply date of May 1.



# Applying Early Action or Early Decision?

(Usually either November 1<sup>st</sup> or November 15<sup>th</sup> deadlines)

OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup> ...

...is the date that  
students must request a  
transcript from their  
school counselor!

\*earlier if there is a  
10/15 deadline

Please complete the  
Request in Naviance



# NAVIANCE

- Portal for counselors & teachers to send materials
- Students can confirm staff submissions



**COMMON APP  
& SPECIFIC  
APPLICATIONS**

**COLLEGE BOARD  
& ACT.ORG  
(TEST SCORES)**

# Naviance

www.connection.naviance.com/norwood

The screenshot shows the Naviance website interface. At the top, it says "Welcome, Erin!". Below this is a search bar with the text "Search for Colleges" and a dropdown arrow, followed by a search input field with the placeholder "Type a college name" and a "SEARCH" button. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column features a "Common App Account Matching Tutorial" section with a language selector set to "English" and a "Go" button. Below this is a card for "Common App Account Matching Tutorial for Students" with the sub-heading "Account Matching for students" and "5 Step Process". A "Read" button is visible at the bottom of this card. The right column is titled "My Favorites" and contains three items: "COLLEGES I'm thinking about", "COLLEGES I'm applying to", and "CAREERS AND CLUSTERS I'm thinking about". A small icon of a laptop with a plus sign is in the bottom right corner of the interface.

- Web-based resource that supports college & career planning
- Specific to Norwood High School
- Student and Counselor Access

# Standardized Testing

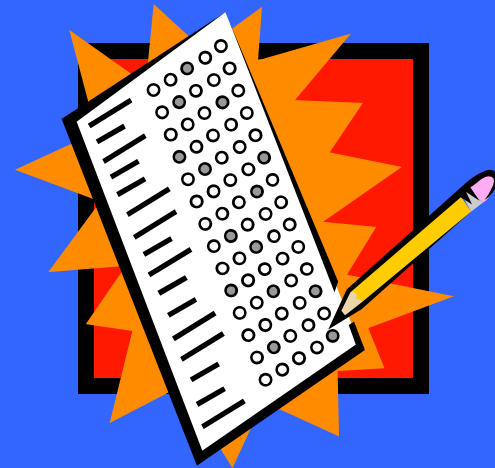
- [SAT-collegeboard.org](https://sat.collegeboard.org)

- [ACT- actstudent.org](https://actstudent.org)

- Test-optional- COVID

- Test Optional Schools

  - [www.fairtest.com](https://www.fairtest.com)



# SAT vs. ACT

## SAT

- Math, Critical Reading
- NO Science
- NO penalty for incorrect answer
- Scoring: 0-1600
- [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

## ACT

- English, Math, Reading & Science
- Optional Writing Section (score 2-12)
- NO penalty for incorrect answers
- Scoring: 0-36
- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)



# PLEASE NOTE....

- ❑ Students are NOT required to enter test scores on their application.
  - ❑ Self-reporting: Can do via Commonapp
- ❑ All test scores can be sent through CollegeBoard.org or ACT.org if scores need to be “official”

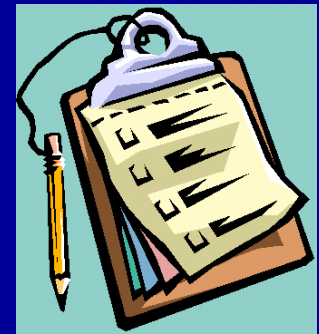
# Upcoming SAT/ACT Test Dates

DATE	TEST	ON-TIME REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	ACT	WAS Sept. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup>
Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>	SAT	Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>

# The Components of the Application

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- ✓ Counselor part
- ✓ Teacher rec
- ✓ Student

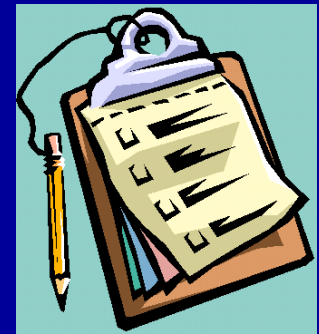


# The Application

(To be completed & submitted by the student)

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- ✓ Application, Application Fee
- ✓ SRAR\* (If needed)
- ✓ College Essay(s)
- ✓ Supplements (if needed)
- ✓ Standardized Test Scores (OPTIONAL)



# THE COMMON APPLICATION



- Application
- Supplements
- Teacher Evaluations & Recommendations
- Secondary Report Form/Counselor Form
- Mid-Year Report
- Final Report



# The College Essay

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- Some colleges require more than one essay
- Supplemental essays
- Students should work cooperatively with their English teachers
- Take the shorter essay questions & short answers just as seriously!
- Students should remember to check their work!

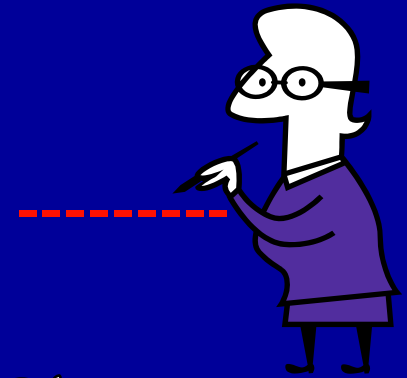


# What the Counselor Sends

(to be submitted by the school counselor)

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- ✓ High School Transcript
- ✓ School Profile
- ✓ Counselor Recommendation



\*\*Students must let counselors know through Naviance when they add colleges to their list.

# Teacher Recommendations

(Submitted by the teacher)

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- Complete Resume on Naviance
- Fill out Recommendation Request Form (located in Counseling office), including the Questionnaire on the back
- Student must provide teacher(s) with the Recommendation Request Form. (Students can always add colleges as they go).
- Students will also need to request their teacher(s) through Naviance under “Letters of Recommendation”
- External recommendations can be sent directly to colleges through “Other recommender” in Common Application
  - Also the spot for a coach, employer, etc)
- **Thank teachers after they submit the rec!!**



# How Can Students Set Themselves Apart?

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- ❑ Request a college interview
- ❑ Take a campus tour
  - ❑ Call/email/register ahead to see what they are offering
- ❑ Ask questions to the college's respective department chair
- ❑ Attend college rep visits in Counseling office
  - ❑ Sign up on Naviance
- ❑ Do a fall internship or job shadow
- ❑ Make sure the supplemental essays are thoughtful and well-written



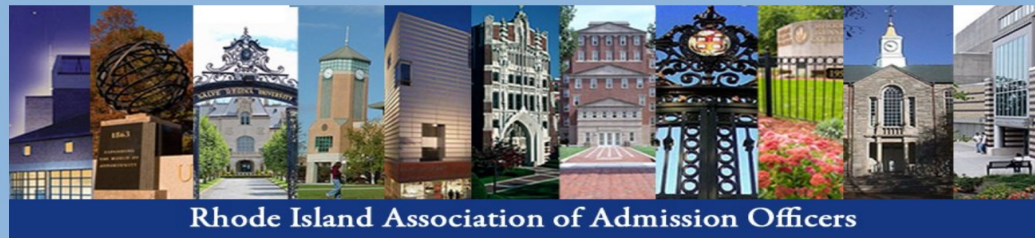
# NEACAC College Fair at Worcester State

Sunday, October 2nd  
11am-1pm @ Worcester State University  
100+ colleges/universities





# College Fair in Rhode Island September 25<sup>th</sup> 11am-1pm



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## Annual College Fair

The 2022 RIAAO College Fair will be hosted by Bryant University:

Location: Bryant University

Date: September 25th 2022

Time: 11 AM - 1 PM

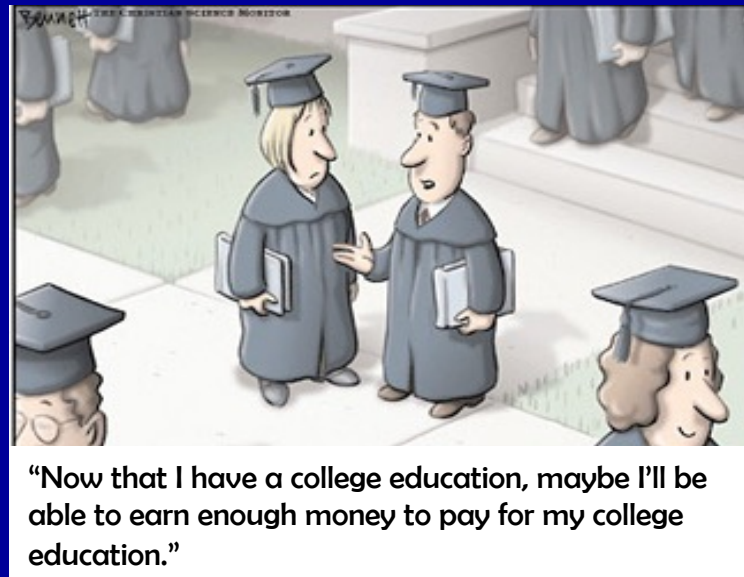
# College Rep Visits @ NHS

- Many college reps come in to speak with NHS students
- Students can sign up for a visit in Naviance
  - Then come to get a pass
  - Visits are during WIN, 2:30pm, or 2:45pm
- You can access the list of colleges coming through Naviance



# Financial Aid

- Deadlines are often different than admission deadlines (check each individual college).
- All schools require you to complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form in order to be eligible for aid.  
THERE IS A NEW DEADLINE & NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR FAFSA! OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup> START DATE!
- Some schools require additional information from the CSS/Financial Aid Profile or their own specific form.



# MEFA COLLEGE FINANCING HELP

Offered Virtually throughout  
the fall see:

[MEFA](#)

# Scholarships...

## Non-Local Scholarships

- Are posted in the school counseling office, on our website, and in Naviance under "Scholarships"

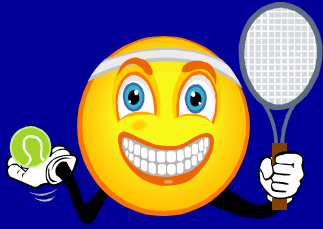
## Local Scholarships

- Offered through Norwood and are available to all Norwood students. They are posted in the counseling office and on the website. Scholarships are updated on a regular basis.

Check with student's place of employment to see if they offer unique scholarship







# Athletics



If a student is interested in playing sports at the Division I or Division 2 level, the student must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. To register, go to [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) and return the school form to his/her counselor. SAT & ACT scores, if available must be sent directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center (code: 9999).

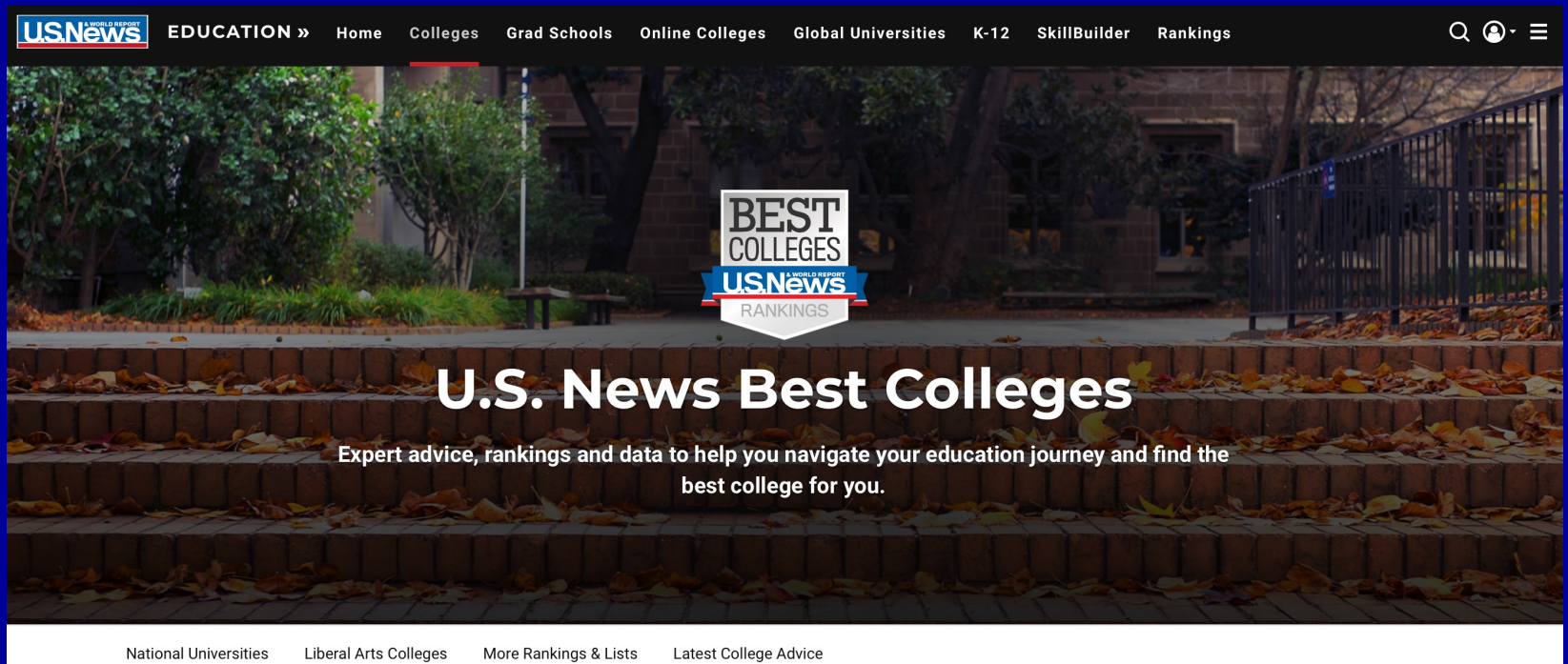


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# U.S. News and World Report



The screenshot shows the U.S. News and World Report website. The top navigation bar includes the logo and links for EDUCATION, Home, Colleges, Grad Schools, Online Colleges, Global Universities, K-12, SkillBuilder, and Rankings. The main content area features a large banner for 'U.S. News Best Colleges' with a sub-headline: 'Expert advice, rankings and data to help you navigate your education journey and find the best college for you.' Below the banner, there are four categories: National Universities, Liberal Arts Colleges, More Rankings & Lists, and Latest College Advice.

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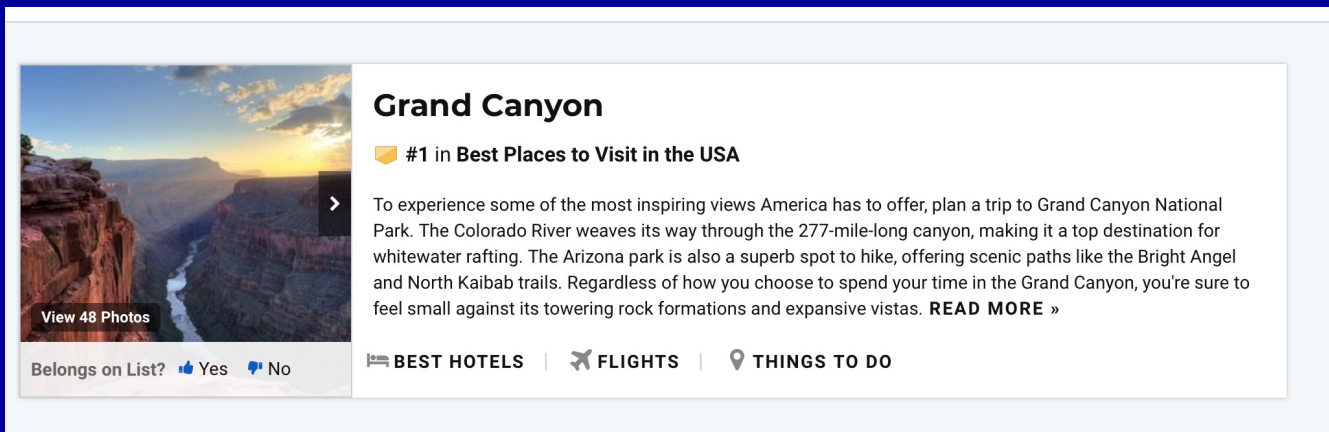
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**BEST VACATIONS**  
USNews  
RANKINGS

## Find the Best Vacation For You

U.S. News has ranked more than 1,100 vacation destinations across the world. Find the best vacation for you.

Photo of: Venice, Italy



**Grand Canyon**

🏆 #1 in Best Places to Visit in the USA

To experience some of the most inspiring views America has to offer, plan a trip to Grand Canyon National Park. The Colorado River weaves its way through the 277-mile-long canyon, making it a top destination for whitewater rafting. The Arizona park is also a superb spot to hike, offering scenic paths like the Bright Angel and North Kaibab trails. Regardless of how you choose to spend your time in the Grand Canyon, you're sure to feel small against its towering rock formations and expansive vistas. [READ MORE »](#)

🏨 BEST HOTELS | ✈️ FLIGHTS | 📍 THINGS TO DO

View 48 Photos

Belongs on List?  Yes  No

Then this must be accurate too? What is good vacation for some might not be the best for others. The same goes for the Post-Secondary Plan!

And finally...**TAKE A DEEP BREATH.**

We'll all get through this! 😊

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**QUESTIONS???**