

The Counseling Office of Pittsford Mendon High School

Senior Parent Night

267-1660

How to Ask Questions



- ▶ For your convenience: Copy of presentation
- ▶ At the end of the presentation we will process questions

Topics to cover tonight

- ▶ Using Naviance to complete list of schools & apply
- ▶ Early Decision and Early Action programs
- ▶ Due dates
- ▶ Essay
- ▶ Other information for application
 - ▶ Supplemental, Midyear report
- ▶ SAT and ACT reporting
- ▶ Recommendations
- ▶ Transcript Release Form

Completing your list of schools

- ▶ Visit Schools: Fall Open Houses are critical
- ▶ See admission officers at PMHS (consult Naviance)
- ▶ Internet
- ▶ Talk to alumni
- ▶ Counselors
- ▶ Find out about (major) programs
- ▶ Does your list contain Reach, Realistic, Safe Schools?
 - ▶ NAVIANCE: <http://connect.naviance.com/mendon>
 - ▶ *Your child has the password*

Electronic Applications

- ▶ Electronic Submission
 - ▶ More efficient for colleges to process and is preferred and encouraged by them.
- ▶ Two ways:
 - ▶ Common Application: www.commonapp.org
 - ▶ Individual college or university website
- ▶ Connect [Common Application](http://www.commonapp.org) with Naviance. (See “College App Process “-Counseling Website)

Due Dates

- ▶ Counseling Office due dates
 - ▶ Allow minimally 15 working days to process
 - ▶ Ideally hand in early to give us 20 working days
 - ▶ We process 1500 applications!

Rolling Applications



- ▶ Most public universities use
- ▶ Apply and hear between 2 and 6 weeks
- ▶ Priority
 - ▶ Encouraged to apply before a certain deadline

Regular Decision

- ▶ One deadline date
- ▶ Will receive decision at the end of March or beginning of April

Early Action

- ▶ Not binding
- ▶ Helps decision process when you know earlier

Early Decision

- ▶ Binding
- ▶ Make sure:
 - ▶ Have I talked to a financial aid officer to get an estimate of college costs and to find out how Early Decision could affect my aid package?
 - ▶ Have ruled out other schools as first choice
 - ▶ Visited all
 - ▶ Extensive research and conversation
 - ▶ Hopefully a few visits
 - ▶ Do not look at it as the easiest way to get in
 - ▶ If accepted...withdraw other applications

Essay Writing

- ▶ Own work
- ▶ Be yourself
- ▶ Unique
- ▶ Passionate
- ▶ Work with English teacher
- ▶ Spend the time...they look at them very seriously


Other: Information for Application

- ▶ Supplemental Applications
 - ▶ schools want more info
 - ▶ Additional essay (s)
 - ▶ Writing sample
- ▶ Midyear Reports (automatically sent)
- ▶ Community Service
 - ▶ Student can note in application

SAT and ACT reporting

- ▶ Self report through Common Application or college website (non –common app schools)
- ▶ Validate by sending them officially from testing agency.
 - ▶ Use four digit school code (334529) at:
 - ▶ [Collegeboard.com](https://collegeboard.com)
 - ▶ [ACTstudent.org](https://actstudent.org)
- ▶ Compare ACT and SAT scores

Letters of Recommendations

- ▶ Most ask for two
- ▶ Student's responsibility to ask teacher
 - ▶ Follow process as outlined in meetings and Naviance
 - ▶ Formally ask in person
 - ▶ List recommending teacher in Naviance and *Transcript Release Form*. (earliest deadline expectation 11/1)
- ▶ Teacher will:
 - ▶ Send into school electronically through Naviance or
 - ▶ (For Schools with Non-Electronic)  : stamped envelopes
- ▶ Do not inundate colleges with letters of rec

Transcript Release Form:

Printed out only through
Naviance and website

PITTSFORD MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT RELEASE FORM

NAME (Print) _____ Date: _____
College: _____ Counselor: _____
City: _____ State: _____

I give permission for my transcript, test record, and other supporting documents to be sent to the above college/scholarship program; I waive my right to access all letters of recommendation used for educational and employment purposes. Also, I give permission for counselors to share my pertinent information with college admission staff regarding my application.

Student Signature _____ Date _____ Parent/Guardian (if under 18) _____ Date _____

Please Identify Deadline:

- Regular Admission..... Deadline is: _____
- Early Decision..... Deadline is: _____
- Early Action..... Deadline is: _____
- Priority Rolling..... Deadline is: _____
- Rolling

Please indicate HOW you will be submitting your application:

- Online through COMMON APPLICATION website at www.commonapp.org
- Online through the individual college or university website – (attach a copy of any forms that may need to be completed by the School Counselor)

Please send the following information:

- Transcript
- AP Exams _____

* ***Unofficial*** SAT and ACT scores are scores submitted through Pittsford Mendon High School to the college or university listed. If your college needs ***Official Scores***, they must be submitted by you through www.collegeboard.com (for SAT) and www.actstudent.org (for ACT).

I've requested letters of recommendation from the following teachers:

1. _____ 2. _____

For Office Use Only:

Date Logged In: _____ Date Sent Out: _____ By: _____



Please have your child meet with their counselor before sending out their first application.

Financial Aid

- ▶ Please welcome Renee Dann, Associate Director
- ▶ of Financial Aid at Nazareth College