

Postings
New Trier Post-High School Counseling Office for the Class of 2018
September, 2017
Welcome back for your senior year!!

Dates to remember for seniors and parents

- Thursday, August 31, 7:00 PM - College Application Processing Night in the Cornog Auditorium of the Northfield Campus
- New Trier Financial Aid Night - Thursday, September 28, 2017, 7-8:30 PM in the Cornog Auditorium, Northfield Campus
- Wednesday, October 25 at Glenbrook North High School, 2300 Shermer Road, Glenbrook, Illinois- CHOICES Fair for students with disabilities begins at 5:30 PM
- Saturday, January 27 - 1:00 to 3:30 PM, Winnetka Campus cafeteria, GAP Year Fair

These programs will be videotaped and put on the New Trier post-high school counseling website under "Videos on Demand" at least two weeks after each event.

Essay updates: for the University of Wisconsin-Madison:

Last year the university added a third essay after we had publicized the supplements in the summer, but this year, they deleted one. If you are referring to the New Trier post-high school June *Postings*, please note that you need not write the essay about things that go unnoticed. The university confirmed no changes in their essays for us, and then deleted this one afterwards – our apologies for any additional work you might have done!

For The University of Texas at Austin: UT-Austin slightly changed their essay prompts after we sent them to you as well. The corrected prompt was emailed out to you in July in the second batch of essay questions.

To make an appointment to see your post-high school counselor, use your schedule to see when you will have free periods, please contact Mrs. Perlongo at 847/784-2234. Thursday, Friday, and Monday of the first week you are back will be drop-in days for quick questions.

We thought this newsletter should highlight some of the procedures, misconceptions and issues related to the application process. Remember, your white post-high school counseling binder also offers many answers to your questions.

College representative visits to New Trier are not essential meetings to attend, no matter what you have heard; it is typically more important for you to be in your academic course than meeting with a rep, particularly if you have visited the campus. Representatives visit for one of New Trier's class periods.

Attendance is taken, but students are only considered excused if the teacher has given previously-arranged permission for the student to miss a class. Otherwise, like most high schools, students meet with representatives during free periods only.

If you elect to contact a representative for any reason, on your Naviance account, click on the college name and scroll down in order to see the contact information for the New Trier representative.

If you plan to drop an *academic* course from your schedule senior year, make sure to email or drop in to remind your New Trier post-high school counselor to make sure the corrected schedule is on the transcript uploaded or sent to colleges; thanks!

Please use student drop-in Mondays; during every advisory period your counselor is typically visiting an advisory and is not available for drop-in's but otherwise you may drop in any period on a Monday, or any day before or (usually) after school.

Please drop in to see the office assistants to make appointments; do not email your counselor, as that back-and-forth emailing will slow down the process of making the appointment.

Other General Procedures – additional details will be available at the College Application Processing Night on Thursday, August 31 from 7-8:00 in the Cornog Auditorium of the Northfield Campus, or independently from you post-high school counselor

- There *may* be up to four parts of an application:
 - The application itself
 - The high school transcript
 - ACT or SAT scores
 - One or more teacher recommendations
- The application can be completed and submitted when done. The application must be submitted by whatever deadline the college lists, so make sure you are aware of the deadlines for your colleges.
- The high school transcript is ordered by the student dropping in to New Trier's Post-High School Counseling Office, room 201. Students fill out a transcripts request form to give New Trier permission to send his or her record of grades to a college. *Inviting a counselor on the Common Application or emailing a note from an application does not substitute for completing a transcript request form.* In addition, whatever deadline or admission plan you put on the transcript request form can be updated or changed. *The only deadline or admission plan that must be correct is the one you put on your actual applications; if you completed a transcript request form for an ED school, for instance, and no longer wish to apply as an ED candidate, make sure your application materials are correct and update your counselor so that Naviance can be updated later.*
- Test scores, unless the college is test-optional and you do not plan to send scores, must be requested by the student to be sent directly from each testing agency to each college.

- ACT scores are ordered through www.actstudent.org
 - SAT scores are ordered through www.collegeboard.org
 - EVEN at colleges that do not superscore, or compute a new composite score, admission officers will look at your higher or highest subscores from different tests, so it may benefit you to send multiple sets of scores if you have markedly higher subscores on one test or another.
 - The exception to this is the University of California system (UCLA, SD, Berkeley, etc.) that wants scores from one sitting only.
 - College admission officers want to see each candidate at his or her best, so sending scores with lower subscores will **not** negatively affect your admission.
 - *AP scores are not sent to colleges until the student knows where he or she will enroll*
 - *Remember, only you and your counselor see your Naviance account; test scores will be updated as soon as possible, but the transmission of data from the testing agencies to any high school typically takes six weeks or more, so please be patient; your Naviance test scores will update very slowly!!!*
- Teacher recommendations are coordinated by the student, but students do not see or handle any letters of recommendations.
 - Teachers must know when your colleges want their letters, so filling out at least the front side of the yellow sheet from the post-high school counseling office is vital!
 - Teachers write and submit on their own time, so please make it as easy as possible for them to support your future plans.
 - Complete any questionnaires legibly or type answers
 - In a manila file folder with your name on the tab, give your teacher(s):
 - The yellow form with the dates their letters are due in order
 - Any printed forms from other colleges that require a letter; include envelopes you stamp and address to the office of admission
 - For the University of Wisconsin's institutional application, provide the accurate URL to the teacher recommendation website and your birthdate.
 - A thank-you note to the teacher for helping you out by doing this work, and donating usually an hour to ninety minutes per recommendation.
 - Please follow each college's instructions and only mail the number of recommendations they request. Unless one teacher will say something markedly different about you than the other teacher, do not add recommendations. More is not better, and can waste the time of the admission evaluator as well as your teachers.

- *Do NOT circle back and check to see if teacher recommendations are done – they will be!!!* And even if they are late, colleges will never penalize a student for a late teacher recommendation. They understand that things happen and the late rec will NOT affect your candidacy.

The Common Application

This application form can be easy to use once you have gone through the instructions on the webpage. Here are some of the important things to know:

- Colleges that join the Common Application do not treat your application any more or less favorably if you use the Common App; they sign an agreement indicating that they will consider all candidates, regardless of the form they use to apply, equally.
- Students can and should submit the application once it is completed; however, we recommend that you review it with your New Trier post-high school counselor before you submit. *You need not wait for teacher recommendations or your counselor recommendation to be completed before you submit.*
- Students submit to colleges one-by-one.
- Teacher recommendations are submitted separately and independently of the student application. *Make sure you have the correct email address for your teacher, and that you go under “My Colleges” and then “Assign Recommenders.” If this is not done, the teacher recommendations cannot be uploaded!*
- Remember to invite your counselor so that your transcript and school letter of recommendation can be uploaded. *To do so, click on the “my colleges” tab and under your first college, click on “Recommenders and FERPA.” We recommend you waive your rights, then add your post-high school counselor’s name and email address. They are all listed on our webpage or in the yellow section of the binder under “Common Application.”* A second step is to make sure you fill out the corresponding transcript request forms, or the transcript cannot be uploaded.
- ED Agreement forms must be signed electronically by the student and parent first. Only then can the post-high school counselor add his or her signature and submit it. *You have until the deadline date to update your application to ED.*

The University of Illinois-Urbana

- Plan to submit before November first.
- Even if your current test scores are not your best, in order to have full consideration, you must officially request at least one set of scores by October fifth in order to hear a decision by December sixteenth; the U of I expects New Trier students to make the November first deadline. You may update your application with higher test scores, but make sure your application is complete for priority consideration.
- We have a University of Illinois information sheet from the U of I available in the post-high school counseling office.
- Please let your post-high school counselor review these and all other essays.

Indiana University

- November first is their deadline for scholarship and priority consideration. IU requires all parts of the application be on campus by November first; you can update your application with later, higher test scores through December.
- Indiana University requires their supplemental question be completed on the Common Application, but they do not require the main, Common App essay. You may choose to include it in your submission, but you may also choose to send out the Common App to IU with only the supplemental question.
- If you wish to enroll in the Kelly School of Business and you do not have a 30 (superscore) composite ACT and an overall, New Trier weighted GPA of 3.8, *but you have one of those numbers, and are close with the other*, go ahead and apply. Once you have submitted your application and have an app identification number, you should go directly to the Kelley School webpage and fill out their appeal form to be considered for direct admission. That appeal form is due by December first. You can still go to IU, even as an exploratory student, and take the right courses and with the right grades, transfer into Kelley.

The University of Michigan

- All items must be received by the end of the day on November first for priority consideration.
- Preferred admission candidates for the Ross School of Business will be significantly more difficult this year; there is an additional portfolio required, and the school officials anticipate admitting 80% of the class for Ross through preferred admission. While this is a new system, Ross officials are saying that if you do not get the preferred admission to Ross, you should not plan to attend Michigan and transfer in, as that is described by our representative as “not an option.”

The University of Wisconsin-Madison

- Wisconsin offers selected students direct admission to engineering and business; if you have applied or will apply to one of these areas at Wisconsin, you will be evaluated for the select program as well as university admission. You may be admitted to the university but not the program, and may still get into those programs later, based on your courses and grades – like it has always been done.

Applying to the University of Florida, the University of Maryland at College Park, and/or the University of Washington in Seattle

- The only way to submit applications for any of these three schools is to use a relatively new application form called the Coalition Application for Access and Affordability and Success.
- Their website is here: <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>

Okay, I've applied...now what?

- Now go back to being a terrific student.
- You can also go to your Naviance account and double-check to make sure you have enough safety schools by checking the scattergrams on your account for

each college, and then talking with your post-high school counselor. Go to “colleges” then “colleges I’m applying to” and on the left-hand side, click on “transcripts.” Next, back in the center, click on “view status of all transcripts sent”

- *Note: Transcripts for the University of Kansas, the University of Illinois, the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, the University of California system, the University of Washington and other assorted colleges will be noted as “Pending” on Naviance until the respective school(s) requests New Trier to send it.* We like to have your permission to send it via you completing a transcript request form so that we can speak to the representative to advocate for you if needed, and to keep our Naviance records for you complete.
- Talk to your parents to make sure you have a financial safety in the mix, too. Parents should take your list of schools and go to each college’s website to fill out the college’s Net Price Calculator to see how and if the cost of attendance may be less depending upon your family’s financial situation and your student’s achievement.

How will colleges notify me?

- Remember that email address you put on your applications?
- Check it every week!!!!
- Some colleges make you create an account that you just have to check periodically.
- That’s how colleges will let you know that pieces are missing or what your admission status is.

Welcome back!!! Have a great senior year – make it the best!