

Postings

New Trier Post-High School Counseling Office for the Class of 2019 September, 2018

Dates to remember

- Thursday, August 30 from 7-8:30 in the Cornog Auditorium, Northfield Campus – College Application Processing (CAP) Night for all seniors and their parents.
- Thursday, September 27 from 7-8:30 in the Cornog Auditorium, Northfield Campus, New Trier Financial Aid Night for seniors and their parents
- Monday, October 22 - CHOICES Fair for students with disabilities at Deerfield High School, 1959 Waukegan Road; panel begins promptly at 5:30 PM with breakout sessions afterwards. This is a regional program with other area schools and their families; college admission and college disability services counselors will be available to students and parents. Bring your list of colleges and a pen!
- Saturday, January 26, 2019, 1:00 to 3:30 in the Gaffney Auditorium of the Winnetka Campus; panel presentation at 1:00 PM - GAP Year Fair for students interested in investigating a year off between high school and college.

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 required 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.

Visits this year are only one period long. Students who have class but wish to attend a rep visit MUST secure permission from the teacher at least three days before the visit; the teacher has the right to refuse to allow you miss class.

Attendance is taken at the visits, but students are only considered excused if the teacher has given individuals permission to miss class. Otherwise, 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 to see the contact information for the New Trier representative.

If you have dropped an *academic* course from your schedule senior year, make sure to email or drop in to remind your 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 advisery period your counselor is typically visiting an advisery and is not available for drop-in's but otherwise you may drop in any period on a Monday.

Please visit the PHSC office and see the office assistants to make appointments; do not call the office while you are in the building or email your counselor, as that back-and-forth emailing will slow down the process of making the appointment.

Other General Procedures

- 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. *Your New Trier post-high school counselor is available to go over any applications and essays with you before you submit.*
- The high school transcript is requested by the student in New Trier's Post-High School Counseling Office, room 201. Students fill out a transcript request form to give New Trier permission to send the student 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.*
- Test scores, unless you are exercising a test-optional option or if the college does not require official scores, are 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 admission.
 - *AP scores are not sent to colleges until the student knows where he or she will enroll*
 - *Remember, only you and your counselor sees 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.
 - 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; or the first date a Common App rec is due;
 - 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!!!* If you feel you must double-check, simply write the teacher a thank-you email a week before the deadline; please do not just ask if the letter has been submitted.

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:

- Students can and should submit the application once it is completed; please review it with your New Trier post-high school counselor. *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!
- Even though the Common App has a space for an adviser to review your application, this is NOT for your New Trier adviser; *do not invite your New Trier adviser to review your college applications. This is designed for students working with community-based sponsors.*

- 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 finalize an ED application.*

The University of Illinois-Urbana

- Plan to submit before November first for early action; notification will be on December 14th except for fine and performing arts candidates.
- Even though you are asked to self-report your high school coursework and grades, please complete a transcript request form so New Trier can send an official copy should you decide to enroll. Each year, we have students who are admitted and plan to enroll but who forget to complete the transcript request to finalize their enrollment.
- Test scores are now self-reported on the application as well; only students who plan to enroll must send official test scores from a testing agency directly. Students submit the scores from the administration with the highest composite score earned only – there is no mixing-and-matching or superscoring.
- Please let your post-high school counselor review these and all other essays.

Indiana University

- November first, at the latest, is the deadline for scholarship consideration; you may update your application with higher test scores through December, but plan to get that application submitted early in the fall; notification begins during the first week of October.
- If you wish to enroll in the Kelley 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 to Kelley. Once you have submitted your application and have an app identification number, you should go directly to the Kelley School and fill out the 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.
- Applicants to the Jacob School of Music cannot use the Common App but must use the Indiana University application on their webpage; it’s a smart form and accommodates all of the specific questions Jacobs needs answered.

The University of Michigan

- All items must be received by eleven PM, November first for priority consideration. This includes the fee, completed application, one teacher recommendation, counselor recommendation and uploaded New Trier transcript.
- Test scores are now self-reported and need not come from the testing agency to complete an application.
- 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 and evolving 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 being described as “not an option.”

The University of Wisconsin-Madison

- Wisconsin offers a small population of 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.
- Early action candidates apply by November first with the completed application and fee, recommendation, transcript, and official test scores. To get scores there by November first, order them no later than October fourth. Yes, Wisconsin still requires scores sent from the testing agency to the admission office. Notification of admission status for EA candidates will be the end of January.

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.*
- 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 if they need something or when they make a decision?

- 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.