

Postings For New Trier's Class of 2019 November 2018

As of November first, New Trier's post-high school counseling office has forwarded 5901 transcripts to 411 different colleges and universities. Over 78% of the class has submitted at least one transcript request to a college. The post-high school counseling office will continue to process transcript requests throughout the year for colleges with rolling admission and for institutions with deadlines on or after January 1, 2019.

So, now that the initial flurry of November first applications has been sent, it may be time to review your application list for safety schools.

Remember to create or check any college accounts you have created to check your admission status. Colleges may email you specific log-in information to create an account, may just email you details without an account needed, or may expect you to check their website under a section entitled "After you have applied" to see what they have, what may be missing, or what your admission status is.

Colleges typically take three weeks to acknowledge receipt of supportive documents such as test scores, recommendations, or portfolio items. So, if something is missing, check to see when they were ordered. On the Common Application in "my colleges" and under specific colleges, you can see under "Recommenders and FERPA" when the counselor recommendation, transcript, and teacher letter were downloaded by the college.

Your Naviance account lists the transcripts you have ordered, not the applications you have submitted.

STEP ONE:

Tell your New Trier post-high school counselor the schools, if any, are listed under your Naviance "Colleges I'm Applying To" section and where you are NOT going to complete and submit the application.

If you have transcripts listed for colleges where you no longer plan to apply, please let your post-high school counselor know. Each counselor will be reviewing students' Naviance accounts to check to make sure that each senior has safety schools in place.

This list is the only way New Trier counselors can assess the post-high school options for students; feel free to drop-in on Mondays or email your counselor if you have schools on your Naviance where you are no longer submitting applications.

STEP TWO:

Meet with your New Trier post-high school counselor to make sure you have safety schools in place; how many and which schools are up to you and your family.

Remember, a safety school is one where you are pretty clearly admissible from the Naviance chart. Ideally, it is a school you would be happy attending.

STEP THREE:

Have the talk with parents about financial safety school options; schools that are affordable for the four years of your higher education.

Once you have your “short list” of colleges, you should notify your parents of the options you have selected.

Parents are encouraged to go onto each of the college website and complete the Net Price Calculator for a better estimate of the actual cost of attendance. The post-high school counselors will be happy to look for additional financial safety schools – schools that are more affordable.

Additional considerations: the scholarship search

Colleges will take anyone’s money for your education. There are scholarship search options in the “college” section of your Naviance page, in the green section of the post-high school binder, and available through online Google searches. Remember, the first part of the word scholarship is scholars, so typically scholarship money goes to individuals who have top grades or talents that the particular awarding agency likes.

In your Naviance account under “colleges” you can scroll down to the scholarship list and by clicking on the top of the categories, sort by date or amount. This is information from all agencies that have notified New Trier of potential awards, and the websites are typically included for direct information. This includes all of the information from the green sheets posted in your advisory and listed on the main page of the NT post-high school webpage.

Most, but not all colleges automatically review your credentials for scholarship when you apply for admission. For those that do not, be sure to check the webpages of each of your prospective colleges to see if they require additional forms or information.

Need-based financial aid

The October Postings and the green section of your post-high school binder has step-by-step instructions on applying for need-based aid.

For the details of general need-based financial aid, go to <https://studentaid.ed.gov>

Best wishes for a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving vacation.