

Postings  
From the New Trier High School Post-High School Counseling Office for  
Members of the 2019 Graduating Class  
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**Senior transcripts to colleges**

Seventh-semester senior transcripts will be mailed to colleges and universities in mid-February to update the colleges where you applied. Uploads of the seventh semester grades will also be completed as soon as possible, likely between February 9-13th. *Please give the colleges three weeks after that time to receive, record, scan and match your transcripts with your application. **Colleges have been informed of the timing of New Trier transcripts this year and students will not be penalized.** Once we have an exact date by which all transcripts are mailed and/or uploaded, you will be informed of the date via a quick email blast.*

If your semester grades warrant some kind of explanation from you as to your level of achievement – for instance if you have a significant downward trend in your grades– and you wish to address this, feel free to meet individually with your post-high school counselor to construct a statement. This would be emailed to either the representative or the admission office; such notes are not included with official grades from New Trier.

**Senior transcripts sent home**

Unofficial, seventh semester transcripts will be mailed to each senior's home once the college mailing is completed. Please check for accuracy and keep the transcript in your post-high school planning notebook. This transcript may be used for college athletic consideration and for student uploads into college applications that require the student to do this uploading, such as the University of Wisconsin, McGill University, and the College of Charleston.

**Accuracy of your Naviance account**

Please check your Naviance account under “Colleges I’m applying to” to make sure that it reflects the true list of colleges where you actually applied. If discrepancies exist, see or email your post-high school counselor to make sure your account is accurate. If there are colleges missing, you will need to complete additional transcript request forms. *You cannot change your admission status in Naviance; only your post-high school counselor can do that.*

**How do I know what to do next?**

Please check your emails for notifications from colleges where you applied. In some cases colleges email you information about setting up an account to track your application and manage housing, financial aid, scholarship, and summer orientation information.

It's also a good idea to check each website for an “Admitted Student” section. This is where you will find clear information about what to do after you are admitted.

**No need to submit an enrollment deposit just yet....**

You will remain admitted to all of your colleges until May first. That is the deadline by which you must decide where to enroll, and at that time you confirm that you will enroll by submitting an enrollment deposit, or a down-payment on your fall-term fees. *Please deposit at only one school; you must make a decision by May first and deposit at only one school, or risk being responsible for freshman year costs at both places.*

### **But I know where I want to go...how do I notify other colleges?**

If you are *absolutely* sure you will not change your mind, you can notify your other colleges that you wish to withdraw your application by going to your Naviance account.

- Click on “colleges I’m applying to”
- Then click on each college name
- At the upper right-hand corner of the page, click on “Communicate”
- Then click on “Get in touch with my Representative”
- The email that pops up goes directly to the representative so you may request that they withdraw your application because you will be attending another college
- Please tell them which college you will attend, so they will not continue to call and ask to complete their records. College admission officers like to know who their competition is!
- You can cut and paste the email for use for other colleges as well

### **After the FAFSA - Need based aid**

Because the FAFSA is now based on income from 2017 – two years previously – it is possible that the amount of money your family will have in 2019 for your student’s education is potentially less than your 2017 level. If this is the case, please write a letter addressed to the financial aid administrator at each of the colleges your student is considering to provide documentation of this and to request that the financial aid office use its professional judgment in awarding your package because of these circumstances. This, with adequate documentation, allows the college to make exceptions to the federal and state rules regarding allocating funding.

**The University of Illinois at Urbana** notifies candidates Friday, March 1 at 4:00 PM via your *myillini* account. Decisions for students who auditioned for performing arts admission will be made on or around March 15.

**The University of Wisconsin** typically begins notifying deferred and regular decision candidates in mid-March.

**The University of Michigan** usually begins to roll out admission decisions in mid-to-late February and tries to notify every few weeks between then and the end of April.

### **Third quarter grades**

Third quarter grades are not automatically sent to your colleges, but can be vitally important if you are waitlisted or “on the admission bubble.” Please continue to put your best academic foot forward!

Best wishes for continuing success!