

2022 Seniors: Applying to College

- Check your school email **EVERYDAY!**
- If you haven't taken the SAT or ACT, register for the ACT test, <https://act.org/>, or the SAT test, <https://www.collegeboard.org/>, and take the ACT or SAT.
Note: *You'll need to send these directly from your College Board or ACT accounts.*
- Research colleges; note application requirements; note application deadlines.
- Reset all deadlines, one week early on your calendar, allowing for 5 days for all transcript requests & recommendation requests to be honored.
- Note the difference between: Early Decision, Early Action, and Regular Decision.
- On our SHS Counseling Webpage, <https://shs.salem.k12.va.us/registration>, there is a *Seniors* tab towards the bottom of the page. Click on the *Seniors* tab to access information, help sheets, and videos.
- After completing college applications, login into Naviance and note the colleges you applied to and request your transcripts. See the *Naviance College Application Process* sheet for instructions which is on our website: <https://shs.salem.k12.va.us/registration>.
Click on *Seniors and Naviance College Application Process*:
<https://content.myconnectsuite.com/api/documents/affb31a7737746838059fd919cdf3d1c.pdf>.
- If you are applying with Common App, match your Common App account to Naviance in your Naviance account. A help video is available on the SHS web page at: <https://shs.salem.k12.va.us/registration>
Click on *Seniors* and click on *Matching Your Common App with Naviance*.
- Note all application components that are required by specific schools to which you are applying. If your college applications require letters of recommendation:
 - Personally ask your recommenders if they are willing to provide a recommendation.
 - Give your recommenders a copy of your resume.
 - Go into Naviance and submit your request.
 - College Reps will visit SHS. Please view calendar on our website for specific dates, times, and colleges:
https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/embed?src=q5titml6l83qem85hj5524k6m5unrmi2@import.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York .You may also view college rep visits under *What's New* in your Naviance account.
- If interested in applying to VWCC's CCAP (Community College Access Program), meet all deadlines. The application opens on Oct. 1 and closes on Feb. 1: the deadline is firm.
- Check the Scholarship List in Naviance once a week and apply.
- At the end of Semester 1, go back into Naviance and request your *Midterm Transcript* for all schools to which you are still considering.

- Once you make your final decision, log into Naviance and request your *Final Transcript*.
- Take Charge of Your Future! Research, Meet Deadlines, & Be Proactive!