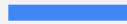




**NORTHSHORESCHOOLS**

*Discovering Your Dreams*

# **Senior College Night**



Dan Doherty  
Director of Counseling

# North Shore Counseling Department

Mr. Dan Doherty - Director of Counseling

Ms. Joanne Fawcett

Ms. Denise Gentile

Mr. George Gyarmathy

Ms. Donna Nelson

Mr. Tim Shea



# Welcome to Senior Year!



- Don't Stress Out!
- Utilize your school counselor
  - Students should schedule an appointment to meet with your counselor
  - Assembly held 9/15
- Stay Organized
- Meet deadlines!



# Types of applications

- **The Common Application**
  - Accepted by over 800 schools
  - Six parts + College specific questions
  - Use Common App when given the option
- **CUNY**
- **Nassau Community College**
- **College Specific Apps (Georgetown)**



# THE COMMON APPLICATION



## My Common Application

Profile

Personal Information

Address

Contact Details

Demographics

Language

Geography and Nationality

Common App Fee Waiver

Family

Education

Testing

Activities

Writing

Courses & Grades

0 college(s) require

**⚠ This is a practice account. It cannot submit applications to colleges. If you'd like to change your account type, please review our [practice account FAQ](#) for more information.**

My Common Application | Profile

## Personal Information

Preview

Complete

Legal first/given name\*

Dan

Would you like to share a different first name that people call you?

Yes

No

Clear answer

Middle name

Last/family/surname\*

Doherty

Suffix

- Choose an option -

Do you have any materials under a former legal name?\*

# THE COMMON APPLICATION

My Common Application

Education

- Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School
- Other Secondary/High Schools
- Colleges & Universities
- Grades
- Current or Most Recent Year Courses
- Honors
- Community-Based Organizations
- Future Plans

Testing

Activities

Writing

Courses & Grades  
0 college(s) require

My Common Application | Education

## Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School

Complete

Current or most recent secondary/high school \*

North Shore High School  
450 Glen Cove Ave  
Glen Head, NY 11545-1198  
USA  
Public  
CEEBS Code : 332102

Change Remove

Date of entry\*

September 2021

Date uses "month year" format (e.g. August 2002)

Is this a boarding school?\*

Yes  
 No

Clear answer

Did or will you graduate from this school?\*

Preview

# College Decision Types

Early Decision 1 - November 1 - Binding contract

Early Decision 2 - January 1, 15 - Binding Contract

Early Action - October 15, November 1 or 15

Restrictive Early Action

Regular Decision - January 1

Rolling Admission - No Set Deadline



# Early Decision - By the Numbers

Institution	Additional Application Plans	Early Decision (ED) Acceptance Rate (1)	Regular Decision (RD) Acceptance Rate (2)	ED to RD Acceptance Ratio	ED Admits as Percent of Freshman Class
Amherst College		29%	8%	3.7	45.0%
Barnard College		26%	6%	4.3	61.1%
Bentley University	ED II	61%	44%	1.4	36.9%
Bowdoin College	ED II	13%	6%	2.2	53.3%
Brown University		14%	4%	3.5	52.2%
Carnegie Mellon University		14%	11%	1.2	33.9%
Columbia University		13%	3%	4.7	53.6%
Cornell University		12%	8%	1.5	32.9%
George Washington University	ED II	66%	46%	1.4	30.9%
Johns Hopkins University	ED II	12%	5%	2.1	59.4%
Lehigh University	ED II	45%	24%	1.9	66.4%
Middlebury College	ED II	30%	8%	3.6	68.4%
Northeastern University	ED II, EA	43%	4%	11.2	54.1%
Tulane University	ED II, EA	59%	11%	5.4	62.9%
University of Miami	ED II, EA	48%	18%	2.7	43.5%
University of Pennsylvania		14%	4%	3.5	51.6%
Vanderbilt University	ED II	15%	5%	3.4	50.6%
Villanova University	ED II, EA	54%	25%	2.2	53.3%
Washington University in St. Louis	ED II	25%	10%	2.6	65.9%

Data reported from [ED vs RD Acceptance Rates](#)

# How To Apply

- Apply online and pay the application fee
- Waive the FERPA agreement
- Link Common Application to Naviance
- Complete the North Shore Processing form listing:
  - College Applied to
  - Deadline
  - Date given to counselor
- Please give the counselor 2 weeks to process applications
- Send SAT (Collegeboard) and/or ACT ([actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)) scores officially online
- Invite Teachers on Naviance



# North Shore Processing Form

## NORTH SHORE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING CENTER

### College Application Processing Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: YOU MUST ENTER YOUR COLLEGES and/or LINK YOU COMMON APP TO NAVIANCE *BEFORE SUBMITTING THIS FORM***

*\*Please allow at least 2 weeks prior to your college deadline date to allow time for processing....*

Name of College/University (City and State)	Name of Specific Program/College	ED, EA, REA, Priority, Rolling, Regular	Application Deadline	Did you submit this app? Yes/No	Type of Application: Common App, SUNY, CUNY, School Specific, Coalition	Office Use: Date sent
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						
7.						
8.						
9.						
10.						

Letters of Recommendation:

Teacher #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher #2: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Please Note: The Teacher #1 Recommendation will be sent to schools that only accept (1) teacher recommendation letter**

**\*\*\* Please remember NSHS does not report official test scores. You are responsible for sending SAT, ACT, AP and IB scores to colleges**

STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

# Application Deadlines

## College Deadline

- October 15th →
- November 1st →
- November 15th →
- December 1st →
- January 1st →

## Processing Form Due to Guidance

- October 3rd
- October 17th
- November 3rd
- November 17th
- December 17th

**\*\*Students must allow 2 weeks prior to the college deadline to allow processing time**



# Naviance

College Research

College Match

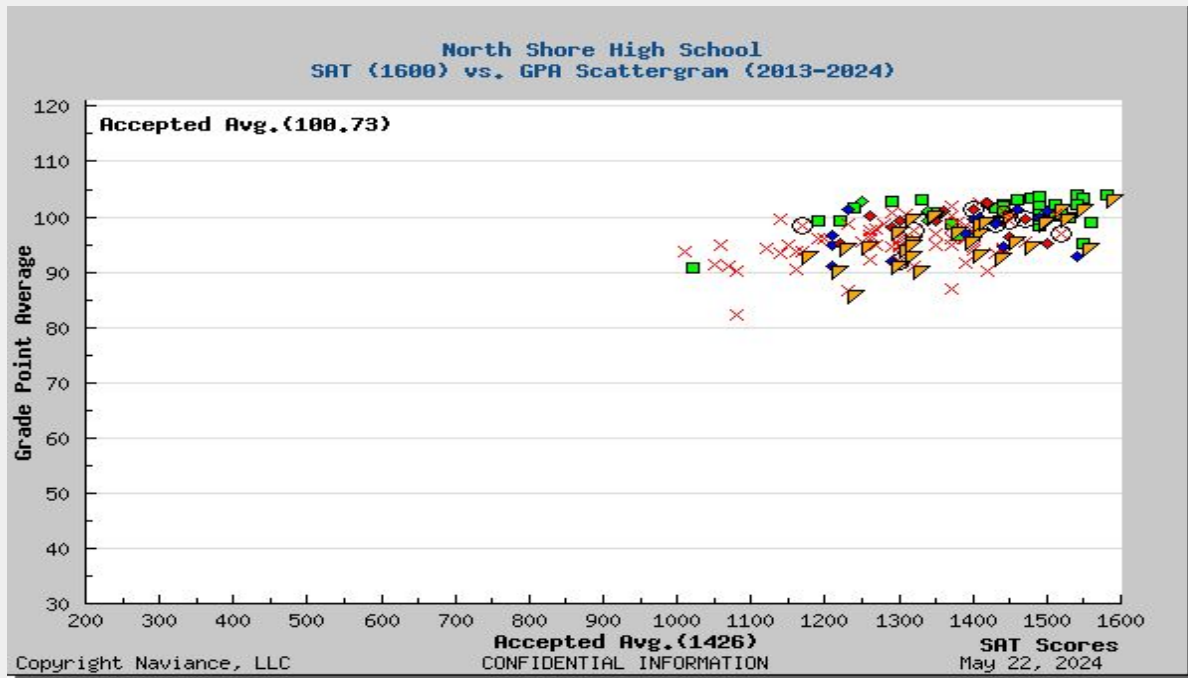
College Compare

College Search

Scattergrams

Acceptance  
History

College Visits



## Graph Legend

■ Accepted

× Denied

◻ Accepted (Early Decision)

⊗ Denied (Early Decision)

◐ Deferred (Early Decision)

◑ Deferred/Accepted (Early Decision)

⊙ Deferred/Denied (Early Decision)

◆ Waitlisted

◇ Waitlisted/Accepted

◊ Waitlisted/Denied

◻ Accepted (Early Action)

⊗ Denied (Early Action)

◐ Deferred (Early Action)

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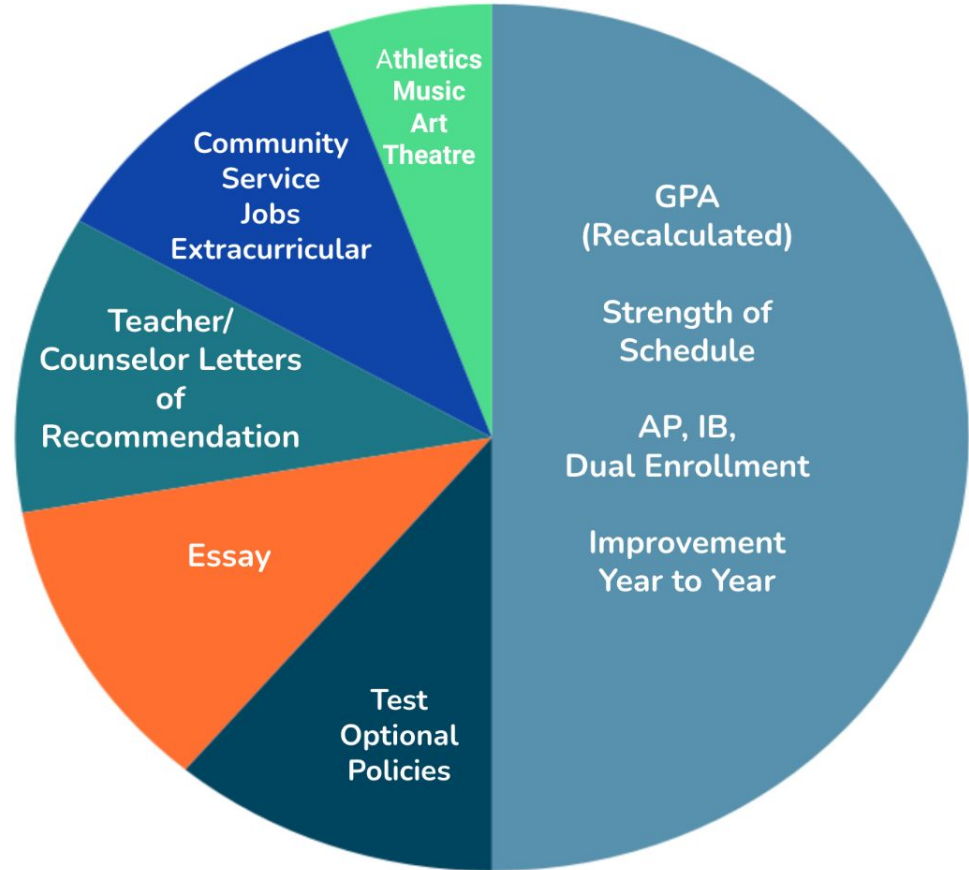
# Factors to consider

- Location - home/away/city/suburb
- Size of the school - class size
- Cost
- Academic programs/philosophy
- FIT!



# Components of the College Application

- High School Transcript
- SAT/ACT Testing (Optional)
- Essays
- Rec Letters
- Activities
- Special Talents



# TEST OPTIONAL - What does it really mean?

<u>Test Optional</u>	<u>Test Flexible</u>	<u>Test Blind</u>
Colleges will consider test scores if the student has them, but they are not required for admission.	Colleges will consider different types of exams.	Colleges will not look at test scores even if submitted.
Test scores can still benefit a student in terms of admissions and scholarship money.	Example - NYU will allow you to submit AP scores in lieu of SAT/ACT scores	Test scores in no way impact admissions or scholarships.

What does this mean for admissions?

- Holistic Review

Should I submit my scores?

[Fairtest Test Optional List](#)

# Letters of recommendation

- Most colleges will require 2 academic teachers and one school counselor
- Unless applying to a specific program (Engineering, Medicine...etc) the letters can be from any discipline
- Consider teachers that know the student well both in and out of the classroom
- Does not have to be a class they had the highest grade in
- Will invite the teacher on Naviance
- Additional letters may or may not be considered

# The Role of AI in the Application Process

## College Research

- Crafting a list of schools based on size, demographics, or geography
- College Major/Program exploration
- Scholarship or financial aid data

## Writing Support

- Organization of ideas
- Review of an already written draft for grammar and flow
- Be careful not to lose the student's authentic voice

## Additional Support

- Organizing your list of schools based on percent acceptance rates, test optional policies...etc.
- Financial assistance to research tuition prices, loans, scholarships, and budgeting
- Assistance with the transition process - Tips on independent living, study skills and preparing for college
- Suggestions for writing thank you notes to college representatives and preparing questions for college visits

# AI Advice from California Institute of Tech

Your essays are where we hear **your voice**. Relying on AI, specifically large language models such as ChatGPT or Bard, to craft your essay will dilute your unique expression and perspective. While we know AI tools have become readily accessible over recent months, overuse of AI will diminish your individual, bold, creative identity as a prospective Techer.

What are some examples of **unethical** uses of AI for Caltech admissions essays?

Copying and pasting directly from an AI generator

Relying on AI generated content to outline or draft an essay

Replacing your unique voice and tone with AI generated content

Translating an essay written in another language

What are some examples of **ethical** uses of AI for Caltech admissions essays?

Using AI tools, like Grammarly or Microsoft Editor, to review grammar and spelling of your completed essays

Generating questions or exercises to help kick start the brainstorming process

Using AI to research the college application process



# What should seniors do now



- Meet with your counselor
  - Hand in processing form
- Finalize a college list
- Research Colleges
- Attend the College Visits and Fairs
- Mini College Fair Sept. 16th 1-2:30 and Oct. 6th - 11-12:30
- Finalize testing (if submitting scores)
- Keep your grades up senior year!
- Finish up applications, main essay, supplemental essays
- Complete FAFSA (Oct. 1)
- Follow up with Teachers to confirm letters of recommendation
- After you hit submit - check your email!
  - Self Reported Academic Record (SRAR)



# College Rep Visits



Mini College Fair



Boston University



Penn State

# Class of 2026 google classroom



North Shore Counseling  
Class of 2026

# NORTH SHORE VIKINGS

 Customize

CLASS OF  
2026



# NSHS VikingQuest Scholarship Search

## Scholarships

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This page highlights the scholarships that can be found in the VikingQuest Scholarship Search Google Classroom, which can be accessed only by North Shore High School student accounts. It's organized by scholarship deadline, and direct links are here when they've been provided. If you can't link to an application, please try the Google Classroom.

You must use a NSHS student email account to join and access the Google Classroom.

**Pay close attention to dates to be sure you're filling out the correct year's applications.**

Not in the Classroom? Access it using this code: [pxry3wf](#).

Rolling Deadlines

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September Deadlines

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October Deadlines

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# Resources

[Georgia Tech Admissions Blog](#)

[Financial Aid Night Slides 2024](#)

[Fairtest Test Optional List](#)

[Common App/Naviance Matching Video](#)

[Senior Year Timeline 25-26](#)

[Resources Federal Student Aid](#)

[Viking Quest Scholarship Website](#)

[NS Seniors Road to College](#)

[U of Richmond Insider's Guide to Applying to College](#)

**NASSAU COUNSELORS'**



**ASSOCIATION**

**2025 Fall College Expo  
TUESDAY, September 30th, 2025  
5:30-8:30PM**

**Center for Recreation and Sports Gymnasium  
Adelphi University  
1 South Avenue  
Garden City, NY 11530**

Scan or [click here](#) to register for your individual barcode for colleges to track your interaction & gain info!

