


11th Grade College and Career Readiness



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Embrace the Grind!

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Preparing for Application Season

Getting Myself Ready for Success!



Brag Sheet: Teacher/Counselor Recommendation

Brag sheets are a way for you to help your counselor and teachers write letters of recommendation. These forms give them more insight into who you are outside of school and your interests.

Fill out these forms, and share them with your counselor and teachers when you ask them for a letter of recommendation!



Pathway Advisor Goals

- *Help students reflect on hopes and goals, and the pathways forward that will be the most meaningful to them.*
- *That sense of purpose will be like a compass as they look for a strong match college or postsecondary program.*
- *Adhere to deadlines*
- *Every graduating senior has options when they leave Petrides (College, Career, Military, Tech/Trade School)*
- *Every senior has explored several pathways to reach their post secondary goals.*



Match for...

Affordability

Belonging
and Support

Postsecondary
Pathway

Who Should Apply Early?

A student should apply early to an ED or EA plan if the student:

- Has researched colleges extensively.
- Is absolutely sure that the college is the first choice.
- Has found a college that is a strong match academically, socially and geographically.
- Meets or exceeds the admission profile for the college for SAT scores, GPA, and class rank.
- Has an academic record that has been consistently solid over time.



Early Decision

vs.

Early Action

vs.

Regular Decision

Apps typically due around Nov.
Decisions sent out in Dec.

Apps due sometime in fall
Decisions sent out Dec. - Feb.

Apps due between Jan. 1 - Feb. 1
Decision dates vary

PROS

- An early acceptance letter means the stressful process is over sooner!
- Schools know your commitment, so your chances can be (slightly) increased.

CONS

- An acceptance is binding, and you must withdraw applications from other schools.
- Beware of senioritis: don't let your grades slip just because you got in early!

DO THIS IF...

You have one dream school

PROS

- You'll get an early decision, but it's not binding
- You don't need to withdraw your other applications if you're accepted

CONS

- You still have to prepare your other applications, just in case—the Regular Decision deadline falls right after decisions are mailed out.

DO THIS IF...

You love one particular school, but still want to keep your options open

PROS

- Later deadlines mean you have longer to perfect your applications
- You aren't committed to any school, so it's perfect if you want to keep your options open

CONS

- A large, general applicant pool means stiff competition
- You won't receive a decision until later, so you'll be on pins and needles for longer!

DO THIS IF...

You like a lot of schools, and want to weigh all of your options



- Baruch College
- Brooklyn College
- City College
- Hunter College
- John Jay College
- Lehman College
- Queens College
- College of Staten Island

HIGH ACHIEVEMENT Average high school GPA: 90% and above Macaulay students are required to maintain a 3.3 GPA for the first 3 semesters and a 3.5 thereafter.





Match for...
Postsecondary Pathway

Match for...
Affordability

Match for...
Belonging and Support

Career /
Major

Admission +
Grad rate

Economic
Viability

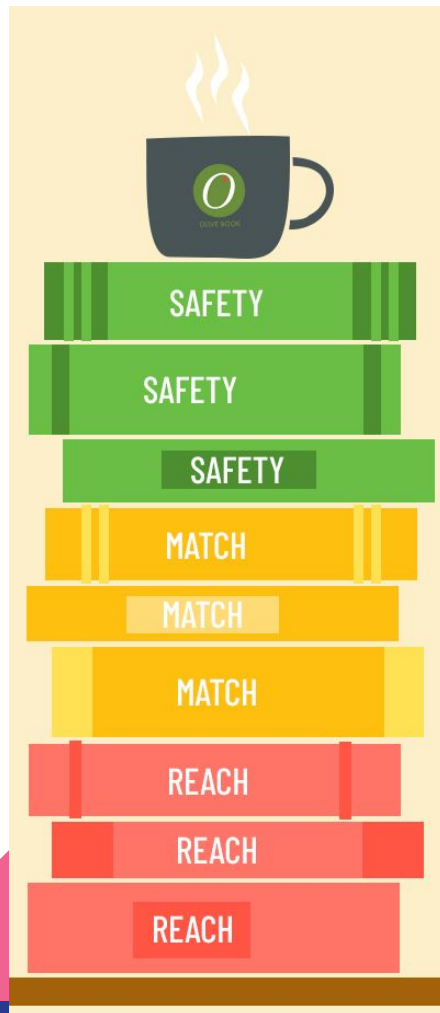
Financial Aid

Safety for
growth

Completion

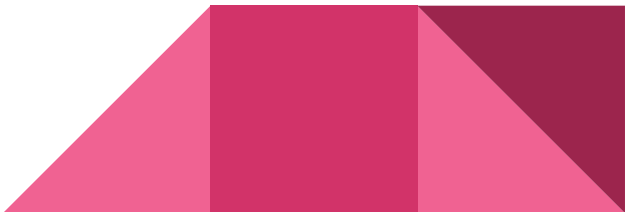
APPLY TO MULTIPLE SCHOOLS

- **Reach School** – This does not mean out of reach, it just means that the **school may be more selective** (look at the percent of applicants admitted) and your academic record may be on the lower end of what the college typically accepts. In other words, you *may* be admitted to this school.
- **Target School** – Typically, at a target school, your academic record will be **similar to the “average” student admitted** to this school. In other words, you are *likely* to be admitted.
- **Likely School** – A likely school will usually have either open enrollment (meaning anyone who submits a completed application is admitted) or **will be considered a “less selective” institution**. Your academic record will exceed the institution’s requirements and averages for students admitted. In other words, you will almost *definitely* be admitted.



Organization is Key

Organization will be key to a smooth and successful post secondary experience. There will be a plethora of information, questions and thoughts that will need to be kept in order as you go through the process.

1. OVERGRAD connects to Common Application
 2. College Board (SAT and AP Scores)
 3. CUNY Application (CUNY.edu)
 4. Common Application (Common App.org)
 5. HBCU Application
 6. SUNY Application (2yr Schools ONLY)
 7. Individual School Applications
 8. Trade School Applications and Requirements
 9. Military Recruiters and Procedural Requirements
 10. FAFSA
 11. TAP
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IMPORTANT LINKS

1. College Board <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
2. Overgrad overgrad.com
3. CUNY Application <https://www.cuny.edu/>
4. Common Application <https://www.commonapp.org/>
5. HBCU Application <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>
6. SUNY Application <https://www.suny.edu/>
7. FAFSA [https://studentaid.gov/
understandingFAFSA.org](https://studentaid.gov/understandingFAFSA.org)
8. TAP <https://webapps.hesc.ny.gov/hescpub/main>
9. Prep Scholars <https://www.prepscholar.com/>

SAT/ACT EXAMS


1. SAT EXAM DATES - **June 7, August 23, September 13, October 4, November 8**
 - Register for the SAT through your college board account
 - **Benchmarks** - ERW **480** MATH **530**

2. ACT EXAM DATES - **June 14, July 12, September, 6, October 18, December 13**
 - **Benchmarks**
 - **English Composition:** A English score of 18
 - **College Algebra:** A Mathematics score of 22
 - **Social Sciences:** A Reading score of 22
 - **Biology:** A Science score of 23




Important Dates & Information

Summer 2025

1. College Searches
 2. College Visits
 3. College Classes
 4. Personal Statement
 5. Request teacher recommendations through OVERGRAD
 6. Parent and Student College workshops/orientations
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Important Dates & Information

Fall 2025

1. Senior Seminar and Personal Appointments with Mr. Olah
 2. SAT & ACT exams
 3. Applications - CUNY, SUNY, Common App, HBCU's & Private Applications
 4. Complete Personal Statement
 5. FAFSA (Federal Funding)
 6. TAP (NYS Residents attending NYS schools)
 7. CUNY Application Month
 8. SUNY Application Week
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Important Dates & Information

Spring 2026

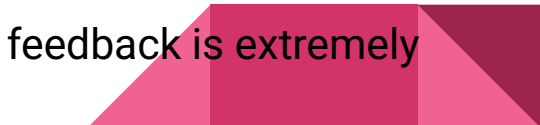
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 6. Complete Scholarship Applications
 7. MAY 1st Decision DAY
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Athletic Information

Potential College Athletes

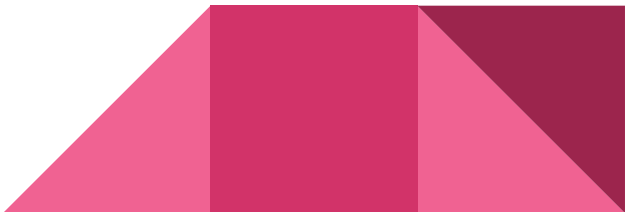
1. If you want to or plan to, or are being recruited to play a sport in college, make sure you register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. ALL potential athletes need to have an NCAA Account

<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

2. Speak with your coaches and college admissions about specific protocols if you are a recruited athlete or hope to play college sports.
 3. It is very important to remember that playing at the high school level is not the same as playing at the Division 1, 2, 3 or NAIA level.
 4. Communication with coaches who can direct you and offer feedback is extremely important.
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Special Talents Information

Musicians, Art and Theater Students

1. If you want to or plan to pursue an Art talent in college you should speak with your teachers about potential requirements.
 2. What are the requirements to apply to specific programs? (Portfolios, auditions, interviews)
 3. Are there specific scholarship opportunities based off of your talent?
 4. Communication with teachers who can direct you and offer direct feedback is extremely important.
 5. IF YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT PURSUING THIS PATH, THE TIME IS NOW TO EXPLORE THE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.
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Parents and Guardians

What should you be doing?

- Parents, you are not applying or attending college!
 - Students **MUST** be invested in the process. While we are happy to speak with parents, students should be asking questions, working on their applications, and following up on assigned tasks.
 - The majority of the questions should come from the students and they **MUST** get in the habit of emailing me questions and concerns. E-mails should not come from parents reading “we”.... “are applying”, “need a password”, “we took the SAT”...
 - What you should be helping with:
 - 1.) College Research (Visits, Virtual tours, Creating questions for your student to ask)
 - 2.) Financial Aid
 - 3.) Proofreading applications and essays
 - Try not to listen to the opinions of others! You know your child best!
 - Attend parent meetings!
 - I plan to have parent meetings in August, September and October as we move through the stages of the admissions process
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Important Testing Resources and Links



Helpful links to use:

<https://www.studypoint.com/ed/act-vs-sa>

<https://www.princetonreview.com/college-advice/act-to-sat-conversion>

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act.html>

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines>

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/full-length-practice-tests>

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat-subject-tests>

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/sat-subject-tests-student-guide.pdf>

<http://fairtest.org/>



College decision making

