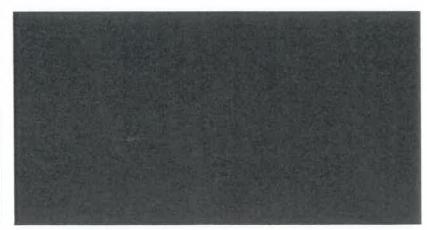




CLASS OF 2024 COLLEGE ADMISSIONS GUIDE

PVRHS
COUNSELING DEPARTMENT





Important Information

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GPA: Weighted

Rank: Exact



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Important Websites

www.collegeboard.org www.actstudent.org www.commonapp.org

www.fafsa.ed.gov

www.student.naviance.com/pvhs www.ncaaclearinghouse.net



College Check List

Pre- Application Steps

- 1. Narrow down list of schools to a reasonable, balanced list
- 2. Research requirements for each school (forms, essays, letters of rec, interviews, financial aid (FAFSA), CSS profile, scholarship requirements, etc.)
- 3. Begin prepping essays for these schools
- 4. Request teacher recommendations in person-make sure to fill out a Teacher Recommendation Request form (available in the counseling office and on Naviance). Follow up with a formal request in Naviance Student (located under "Colleges-Letters of Recommendation Tools")
- 5. Fill out the electronic Self Profile for a counselor recommendation (located in Naviance account under "About Me- Surveys From Your School")
- 6. If applying to a school that accepts the common application- set up a common app account (www.commonapp.org) and match your common app account to Naviance Student via the link on your "Colleges I'm applying to" page. Click "Match Accounts"
- 7. If planning to participate in Division I or II athletics- register with the NCAA eligibility center
- 8. Take the SAT/ACT test and Subject Tests (if applicable)
- 9. Review your transcript on the Realtime portal

I'm Ready to Apply

- Fill out the application online as directed on the school's admissions page- making sure to complete all required supplemental forms and essays (be mindful of deadlines)
- 2. Pay application Fee or submit appropriate fee waiver
- 3. Update Naviance Student (Colleges I'm Applying To)
- 4. Send SAT scores via collegeboard.org OR ACT scores via actstudent.org
- Submit an electronic transcript request at least two weeks prior to the school's deadline https://forms.gle/MPmA6Ndtbc5wDeex8
 (this link is in the Class of 2024 Google Classroom as well as on the student/parent portal)

Note: Students applying to career/tech schools and/or 2-year schools **ONLY** may be able to skip certain steps- see your counselor to discuss

I've Applied- Now what?

- 1. Work with your family to fill out the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov PVRHS Virtual Financial Aid Presentation is September 27, 2023 @ 6:30 pm.
- 2. Check to see if your schools need the CSS Profile in addition to FAFSA (available at www.collegeboard.org). Be mindful of deadlines.
- Continue to look and apply for scholarships. Check Naviance Student for updates and read the
 monthly Senior Highlights. Local Scholarship applications will be available in January/February.
 Students may also sign up for websites such as www.fastweb.org and www.raise.me.
- 4. As you receive admissions decisions, update your Naviance Student account.

THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

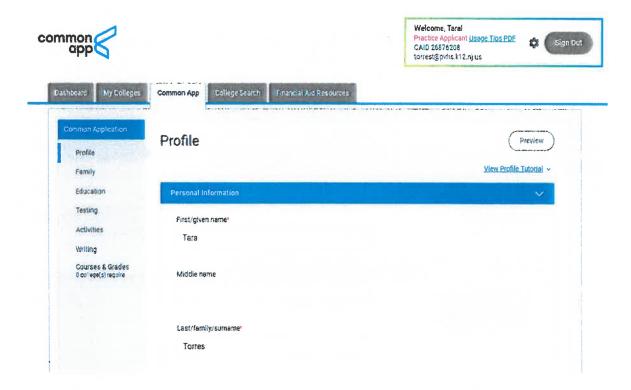
Fill out Electronic Transcript Release and See your Counselor Update Naviance Send SAT/ ACT scores Complete Application & Payment Recommendation & Fill out Self Profile Request Letters of Select the colleges you will apply to

How Do I Apply?

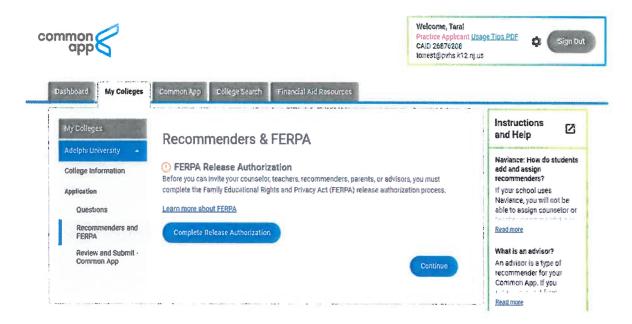
Guide for students applying through Common Application

To ensure that student's Common Application documents are processed in a timely manner, follow the guide below to access and complete the Common Application Registration Process, which is **REQUIRED** when applying to Common Application colleges. Visit www.commonapp.org

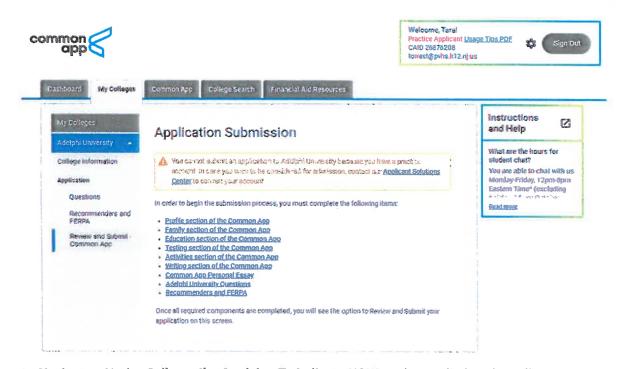
- 1. On the Common Application website, under login, locate and click *create* account and follow the steps. You will need access to your email to verify your account.
 - Add Common Application Colleges you are applying to. On your dashboard you should see all the schools
 you have chosen listed along with a summary of what is required.
 - Common Application colleges can be added any time after completing the Common Application registration process.
 - Fill out the 6 sections of the application, making sure to fully read each question and answer appropriately.



- Under the My Colleges tab, you again will have your chosen schools listed. For each school there will also
 be questions that must be answered specifically for that school. These questions include your intended
 major, housing plans, affiliations with the school, etc.
- Before submitting to each college you must sign a FERPA release waiver. You will find this under each
 individual college in the *My Colleges* tab. Read the information presented, check the appropriate boxes
 and sign.



- DO NOT ASSIGN PV RECOMMENDERS THROUGH COMMON APP. THIS WILL BE DONE THROUGH NAVIANCE. If you have recommenders OTHER THAN PV STAFF, you may assign them here.
- In this section you may also assign advisors such as school counselors or outside consultants. Advisors are granted read only access to your application to help direct you and to view your progress.
- Review your application, pay the required fee (not all colleges have a fee). The option for a common
 application fee waiver is only applicable to students who qualify for free & reduced lunch. Other school
 specific fee waiver options (given directly from colleges through visits, priority apps, etc.) will be listed
 under the School Specific Questions you answered earlier.



Return to Naviance: Under Colleges I'm Applying To indicate HOW you've applied to the college; Common app or directly to institution and check off that you have submitted your application. If this is the first time applying to a school using the Common Application, you must link your Naviance Account to your Common App. In order for the accounts to match successfully, you must:

- Enter the email address that you used to create your Common App account in the box provided.
- Make sure the name and birthday on your Naviance Student account exactly matches the information provided for Common Application account. Note: The name you use to apply to college should match what is written on your Social Security card.
- Fill out a PVRHS Transcript Release form for **EACH** college you're applying to and return to your counselor.

Guide for students applying through college websites

If you are applying to a college that does not accept common application, follow the steps below.

- Visit specific college website: ie: www.montclair.edu
- Create an account and follow the directions provided to complete the application. Submit the application and required fees. Check for any supplemental material that was not part of the application.
- Return to Naviance: Under *Colleges I'm Applying To* indicate HOW you've applied to the college; Common app or directly to institution and check off that you have submitted your application.
- Fill out an electronic PVRHS Transcript Release form for EACH college you're applying to.

FINAL REMINDER FOR ALL SENIORS

BE MINDFUL OF DEADLINES.

GIVE YOUR COUNSELORS AND TEACHERS ADEQUATE TIME TO WRITE A THOROUGH RECOMMENDATION.

TRANSCRIPT RELEASE FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST 2 WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF THE APPLICATION DEADLINE.



TEACHER RECOMMENDATION REQUEST FORM

Stude	nt's Name:	GPA:
Email:	<u> </u>	Date:
Dear_	(Name of teacher)	
hope : reque	submitting this form to assist you in writing a letter of recommendation that it will provide more insight to my classroom experience. I have seest through Naviance which will allow you to upload your letter of recome Common App form. Thank you so much for your time!	nt you an official
1.	What was your favorite part(s) of this course and why?	
2.	What projects or topics did you enjoy?	
3.	. How did you respond to challenges or difficulties in this class? Provi	de examples.
4.	. How do you feel you contributed to class discussions?	
5	. What were your strengths in this course?	



6.	Describe career goals you may have at this time.
7.	If you could "do something over" in this course, what would it be?
8.	What do you consider the area of biggest improvement made by you from September to June in this class?
9.	If you were asked to describe yourself as a student, what three words would you use?
10	Open answer- is there anything else you would like me to include when writing my recommendation letter?



PARENT BRAG SHEET

Studen	t Name: Counselor:
counse	answer the following questions below or on another sheet. Your responses will help the lor write an in-depth recommendation that truly reflects your child's qualities and his/her plishments.
1.	What do you consider the most important achievements of your child during high school? Why did you select these as important?
2.	In what areas has your child shown the most development and growth during high school?
3.	What are his/her outstanding qualities and values?
4.	In your mind, what makes your child special?



5.	Please describe your child in 3 or 4 words.
6.	Are there any unusual or personal circumstances which affected your child's education?
7.	Please feel free to add anything else about your child.
Please	e return this form to your student's counselor.
Thank	you for your help!
Paren	t Signature