



Class of 2023

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Life After High School

On the Job Training

Military

Community College

Four – Year college

Technical School

Apprenticeship

Pathways to the Military

- Enlistment (Military Recruiters visit during lunch shifts. First visits are Army 9/8/2022, Marines 9/7- every 3rd wed, Navy every 3rd Tuesday)
- ROTC
- Military College
- Military Academy
- ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) Given at BDHS Oct 13th)

Community College

AA degree from a community college

Transfer to four-year degree program.

Articulation agreements between NVCC and VA schools.

<http://www.myfuture.vccs.edu/Transfer>

Community colleges have open enrollment.

2-year Programs at NVCC

<https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/areas/index.html>

Accounting

Forensic Investigations

HVAC

Sign Language

Automotive Technology

Biotechnology

Business Administration

Marketing

Horticulture

Nursing IT

Paralegal Sonography

Interior Design

Fire Science

Engineering Technology

****Some programs require applications****

Sampling of Post-Secondary Education/Training in our area

- **Laurel Ridge Community College (Formerly known as Lord Fairfax Community College) Workforce Solutions Fast Tract programs.** (incl: *CDL , Electronics Tech, Welding, Cyber Security*).

<https://laurelridge.edu/pathways-program/trades-industry-and-manufacturing/>

- **Lincoln Tech-- Skilled Trades, Culinary, Cosmetology.**
 - <https://www.lincolntech.edu/>
- **Lockheed Martin Talent Program– Entry level training programs with full benefits (high school grads).**
 - <https://www.lockheedmartinjobs.com/apprenticeship-partnerships>
- **Fairfax County Public Schools Adult and Community Education (ACE)—Trade and Industrial training; Business and IT.**

<https://www.fcps.edu/registration/adult-and-community-education-registration>

The College Application/Admissions Process

Relax- We Got This!

KNOWING the Components & the PROCESS for College Bound Seniors

- **Application Types:** *Common, Coalition, Direct to Institution* (save all passwords)
- **Requesting Transcripts**
- **Self-Reported Grades (SRAR)**
- **Sending Test Scores**—Direct from Testing agencies
- **Deadlines**—*When and Type*
- **Essay/Personal Statement**
- **Letters of Recommendation** (Completing Senior Questionnaire and resume in Naviance)
- **FAFSA**—Complete after **Oct.1**—Take advantage of help
- **Scholarship Opportunities/Applications**

Should Have Done/Be Doing

- **Log into Naviance (program that facilitates much of process)**
- **Complete Senior Surveys in Naviance**
- *If Using*, Create **Common App Account and Match CA** to Naviance
- **Research** Colleges in Naviance and determine where you will apply
- **Check Email Regularly**
- Check Naviance for scheduled **in-person and virtual visits**
- If **Athlete**, register with NCAA-- <http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/how-register>

Naviance

- Complete your **SENIOR QUESTIONNAIRE** (brag sheet)/**Surveys**
- Continue to **research** colleges and careers
- Request **transcripts**
- Request **letters of recommendation from teachers**
- Register **for virtual and in-person college visits** “at” Brentsville
- **Match** your Common App (*IF Using*)
- **Find Scholarships**

Letters of Recommendation

Ask teachers at least two weeks in advance.

Complete your resume in Naviance.

Do not submit college forms (secondary school reports or teacher rec forms) to us. We use NACAC/CommonApp for all college applications.

Admissions Deadlines

Regular Decision: Students submit applications by the deadline (usually Jan-Feb) and receive decision in early spring.

Rolling Admission: Colleges decide on applications as they receive them.

Early Action: Non-binding; students submit applications early (usually Nov. 1) and receive the decision early (usually Dec. 15).

Early Decision: Binding agreement; students agree to attend the college if accepted and withdraw all other college applications.

Test Optional Schools

- Most colleges and universities have adopted test-optional policies during the pandemic.
- They will accept scores if you have them but won't require them.
- Talk to your counselor if you are concerned about not having a test score.

Free Resources offered by Khan Academy/CollegeBoard

- **FREE Test Prep**—Khan Academy individually designed SAT prep using PSAT results—Seniors testing in November or December can use. Links below to website and video instructions.
 - <https://cb.collegeboard.org/sat/better-takes-practice/index.html>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=patbkNnnAQ4>

- **College Board Opportunity Scholarships**—college bound juniors and seniors can enter contest for scholarships through simply engaging in the colleges planning process (i.e. researching colleges, practicing for the SAT). Current seniors are eligible through February, 2022.

<https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>

4 Year College Admissions Stats

Data below based on acceptance information reported for the class of 2018 from Prince William County Public Schools. New data will be available July 2022.

Selective Institutions Where 100+ PWCS Students Apply	Student Reported Acceptance Rate	Average GPA of accepted students	Average SAT® of accepted students (combined Verbal and Math)	Average ACT® of accepted students (composite score)
Most Selective – National <i>Examples:</i> Princeton University, Cornell University, Duke University, Stanford University, Georgetown University, Johns Hopkins University	3-11%	4.5	1400	33
Highly Selective – VA <i>Examples:</i> University of Virginia, College of William & Mary, University of Richmond, Virginia Tech	20-30%	4.2	1275	28
Very Selective – VA <i>Examples:</i> George Mason, Marymount University, James Madison University, Shenandoah University, Christopher Newport University, Old Dominion University	40-62%	3.9	1175	25
Moderately Selective – VA <i>Examples:</i> Virginia Commonwealth University, Liberty University, Radford University, Longwood University	64-66%	3.7	1128	23

FAFSA

- **What is it?**
Free Application for Federal Student Aid to determine Financial Aid eligibility
- **Do I need to complete it?**
 - **YES!**—many states, colleges and private scholarships use FAFSA data to determine awards for other aid/scholarships. *Must be filed every year in college.*
 - *You can start filling it out October 1st*
- **Where can I get help with filing?**
 - Attend one of the **PWCS FAFSA sessions- (Unity Reed High School October 11th 6:30-8:00)**

Scholarships

- **Brentsville Website**-- under *School Counseling>Scholarships and Awards*
- **Naviance**—under *Colleges> Scholarships*
- **College Board Big Future**--Opportunities Scholarships(CBOS)
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/applying-101/college-admission-glossary>
- **College/University Websites**

Four Year College Application Process

- **Complete the student/parent sections of the application on-line.**
- **Request ACT/SAT scores to be sent from the ACT and/or the College Board.**
- **Request the transcript in Naviance 10 business days before the deadline.**
- **Request teacher/counselor recommendations if needed.**
- **Do not submit college forms (secondary school reports) to us. We use the NACAC or Common App form for all applications.**
- **Submit transcript fees to the Counseling Center; first 3 transcripts are free; \$5 for each additional request.**
- **Check Naviance to verify that transcripts and secondary school reports have been sent.**
- **File FAFSA beginning Oct. 1, 2022 (must be done every year)**

NCAA

- Hoping to play D1 or D2 athletics?
- Visit **eligibilitycenter.org** to register
 - Do you have enough CORE courses?
- Request **transcript in Naviance** be sent to **NCAA**




Requesting Transcripts

Naviance | *Student* Home Colleges Careers About Me My Planner


Colleges I'm applying to Search for colleges

✓ **Your Common App account has been matched.**
Your FERPA status is not waived. You're ready to apply to colleges using Common App.

Manage Transcripts Application Milestones Compare Me 

* = extended profile available + REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS REMOVE

College that I'm attending:

N/A  Update

Letters of recommendation

Some colleges require letters of recommendation to be submitted with your application. Please visit the [letters of recommendation section](#), accessible from the main colleges page, for more information