



WELCOME



Post-Secondary Planning For Juniors

Learning Objectives

- *By the end of the lesson, students will know the important tasks to complete this year.*
- *By the end of the lesson, students will plan to complete college/personal essay, take tests and get recommendations.*
- *By the end of the lesson, students will be able to identify and begin the main tasks towards post-secondary planning.*

First Steps

On individual post-it notes, answer the questions below. Once you've finished, attach your answer(s) to the corresponding poster.

1. What is your goal(s) after you graduate from CRLS?
2. What concerns or questions do you have about achieving your goals?
3. What steps will you need to take to accomplish this goal?
4. What information do you want to get out of this junior meeting?

Post-It Activity

In your small groups, look at your poster and identify common themes

Where to begin?

- What is your career goal after high school?
- What are your options?
 - ▣ 4 year college
 - ▣ 2 year college
 - ▣ Certificate program
 - ▣ Trade school / training programs
 - ▣ Gap year
 - ▣ Military
 - ▣ Employment
- Do you have to attend college to achieve your goal?



Post-Secondary Research

- Decide what's important to you
 - ▣ 2 year, 4 year, Commonwealth Commitment/Mass Transfer, Technical Programs
 - ▣ Size, location, setting, diversity, courses of study
 - ▣ Affiliations – HBCU, Religious, Single Gender
 - ▣ Private vs. Public
- Create an initial list (Naviance)
 - ▣ Reach, Match, Probable Schools
- Research the Admissions Requirements
- Know the deadlines
 - ▣ Early Decision, Early Action, Regular Decision, Rolling

Spring College Fairs

- The Arlington High School College Fair
 - Henry Toczlyowski Gymnasium (AHS)
 - Monday, April 9, 2018 6:30pm – 8:00pm

- The Boston National College Fair
 - Boston Convention and Exposition Center (BCEC)
 - Thursday, April 12, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 - Friday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Do's and Don'ts

- Do: Avoid the name game
- Don't: Apply to colleges just because your friends are
- Do: Consider your sources of advice
- Don't: Procrastinate
- Do: Get Organized



Naviance Overview

- What is Naviance?
 - ▣ This program helps students and families connect what students do in the classroom to their life goals, including finding colleges and careers based on their personal skills and areas of interests.
- Students
 - ▣ Students will be required to maintain their college list through Naviance
 - ▣ Students will be required to indicate which teachers they have asked for recommendations
 - ▣ Sign up for college/program visits to the College and Career Resource Center (CCRC)
 - ▣ Access Naviance from the CPSD or CRLS homepages
- Guidance
 - ▣ Naviance will aid us in sending your recommendations and transcripts on time and efficiently

Accessing Naviance

(www.succeed.naviance.com/crls)

Welcome to Family Connection

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Building a college list

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colleges I'm thinking about

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	College	Common App	Added By	My Interest	Application Deadlines†				Actions		
					Early Decision	Early Action	Priority	Regular Decision	CONTACT	GRAPH	WWW
my colleges	Boston Univ	Yes	student	N/A	11/1	-	-	1/1			
colleges I'm thinking about	Clark Univ	Yes	parent	N/A	11/15	-	-	1/15			
colleges I'm applying to	Fordham Univ	Yes	student	N/A	-	11/1	-	1/15			
college visits	Framingham State Coll	-	student	N/A	-	11/15	3/1	2/15			
	George Wash Univ	Yes	parent	N/A	11/10	-	-	1/10			
college research	Harvard Univ	Yes	student	N/A	-	-	12/1	1/1			
	Lesley U	Yes	student	N/A	-	12/1	3/1	3/15			
college match	U of MA Amherst	Yes	student	N/A	-	11/1	-	1/15			
college compare	New York Univ	Yes	parent	N/A	11/1	-	-	1/1			
college lookup	Northeastern Univ	Yes	student	N/A	-	11/1	-	1/15			
college search	Salem State Coll	-	student	N/A	-	-	4/1	-			
college resources	Tufts Univ	Yes	student	N/A	11/2	-	-	1/4			

†College information is provided by the colleges themselves. Costs, dates, policies, and programs are subject to change, so please confirm important facts with college admission personnel.

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- [scholarship match](#)
- [scholarship list](#)
- [scholarship applications](#)
- [national scholarship](#)

College Comparison

Boston University :: Boston, MA :: U.S.

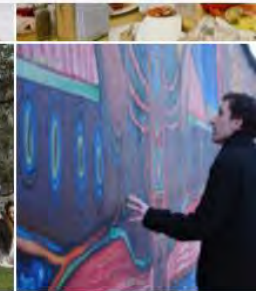
Overview

Studies

Student Life

Admissions

Costs



AVERAGE NET PRICE ⓘ

\$23,262

Income: \$30 - \$48K ▾

[More about Cost & Aid](#)

from 2016

GRADUATION RATE ⓘ

85%

Within 6 years

[More about Learning Environment](#)

from 2016

COLLEGE OVERLAPS

341

Students who apply to this college also applied to these 341 colleges

[Learn more](#)

EARLY DECISION DEADLINE

November

1

[See all deadlines](#)

College Comparison Continued...

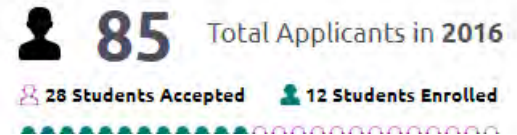
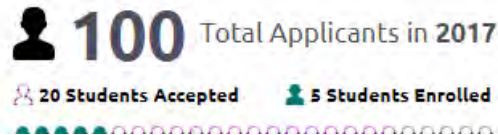
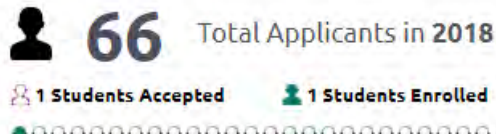
Boston University :: Boston, MA :: U.S.

The screenshot shows the Boston University website with the 'Admissions' tab highlighted in red. Below the navigation tabs, there are four main sections: 'EARLY DECISION DEADLINE', 'APPLICATION FEES', 'ACCEPTANCE RATE', and 'IMPORTANT POLICIES'. The 'ACCEPTANCE RATE' section features a donut chart showing 25%.

Section	Value / Description
Overview	Overview
Studies	Studies
Student Life	Student Life
Admissions	Admissions
Costs	Costs

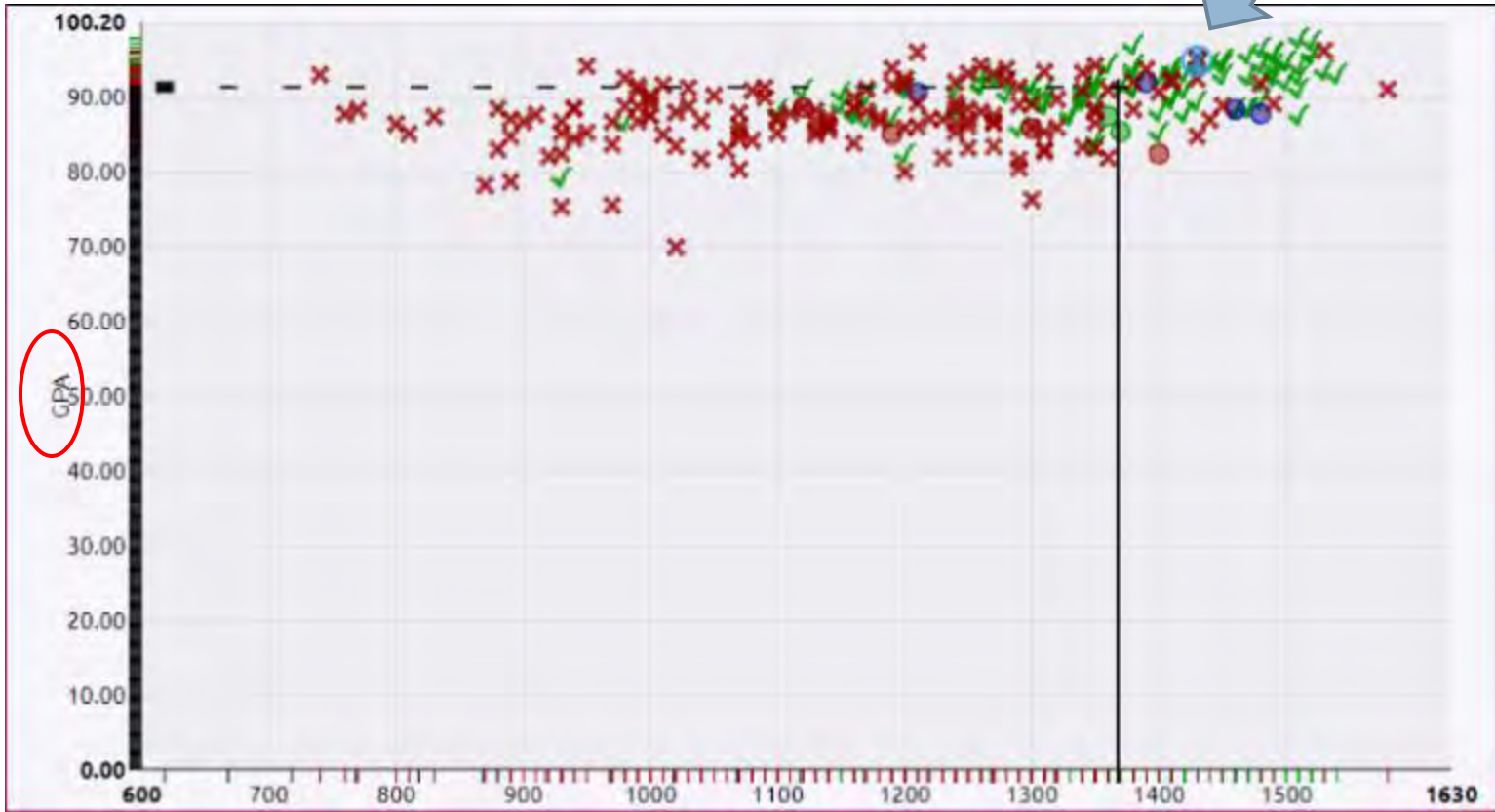
Section	Value / Description
EARLY DECISION DEADLINE	November 1
APPLICATION FEES	Freshman Application: \$80
ACCEPTANCE RATE	25%
IMPORTANT POLICIES	By Date Notification, Early Decision, Competitive Admissions, Wait List

Applications from your high school to Boston University



Applicant Comparison

Boston University – Joe Sample



SAT scores

College Admissions Testing

- SAT– www.collegeboard.org
 - *Per the College Board, you are required to upload a photo with your registration.*
 - *If you receive testing accommodations, you must include your SSD number when registering.*
 - *Fee waivers available for students who qualify*
- ACT (w/writing) – www.actstudent.org
 - *Fee waivers also available for students who qualify*
- SAT Subject Tests – Most Selective Schools Only
 - Literature, US History, World History, Math Level 1 & 2, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Chinese, French, Spanish, German, Hebrew, Latin, Italian, Japanese, & Korean
- TOEFL – www.ets.org



SAT or ACT? Which one should I take?

□ SAT:

- ▣ A college admission test that lets students show colleges what they know and how well they can apply that knowledge.
- ▣ Two required components: Critical Reading and Mathematics. An “optional” Writing Test
- ▣ No penalty for guessing

□ ACT:

- ▣ An achievement test measuring what a student has learned in school
- ▣ 5 components: English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and an optional Writing Test (Some colleges require this writing test)
- ▣ Scored based on the number of correct answers with no penalty for guessing
- ▣ Includes an Interest Inventory that allows students to evaluate their interests in various career options

Upcoming Testing Dates

- March 10: SAT only
- April 14: ACT (w/writing)
- May 5: SAT or Subject tests
- June 2: SAT or Subject tests
- June 9: ACT (w/writing)
- July 14: ACT (w/writing)
- August TBD: SAT or Subject tests

- Registration deadlines are approximately one month before the test date. Check College Board/ACT for the exact dates. **Register early!**

- Fee waivers available for students who qualify. Students should see their guidance counselor.

- When should students take the SAT and/or ACT?
 - Look ahead to your spring commitments. This may help you decide.

Test Prep Opportunities

- PSAT & Khan Academy
 - ▣ Link PSAT scores to create individualized practice tests
- SAT Prep Spring Semester for Juniors
 - ▣ Tuesdays in the Pearl Wise Library's Fiction room, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
- Harvard CHANCE
 - ▣ Mondays from 3:00–5:00 p.m. in the Science Center, room 309A
- Consult Naviance for links to additional SAT/ACT/SAT Subject test preparation

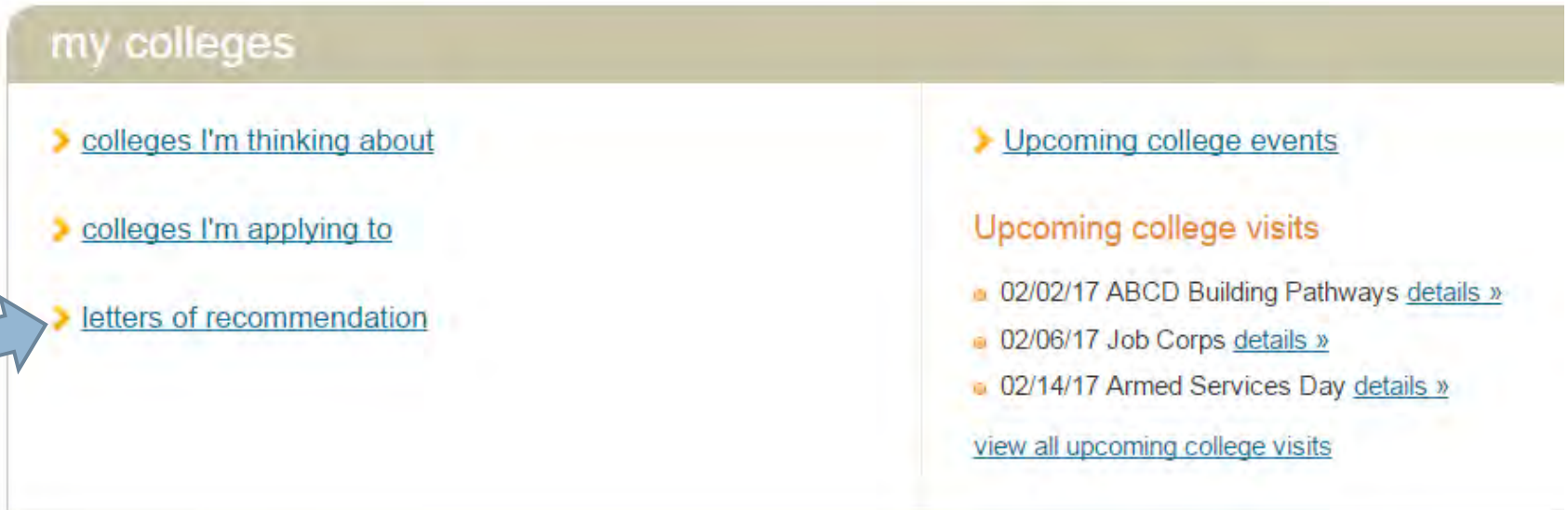
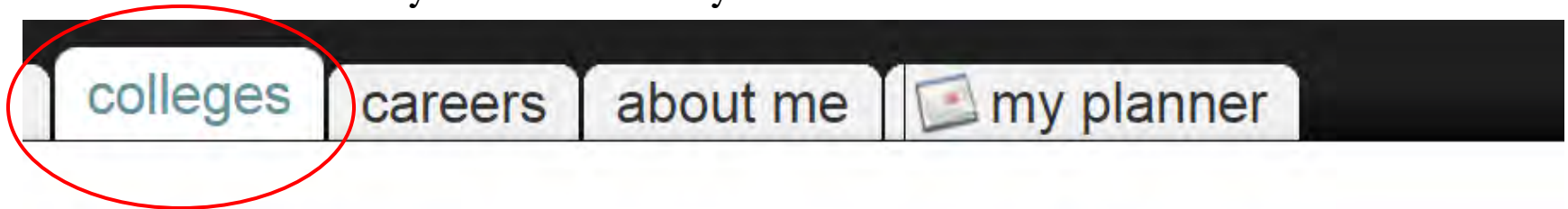
Recommendations

- Most colleges require:
 - ▣ One Guidance Counselor Recommendation
 - ▣ Two Teacher Recommendations
 - Who to ask?
 - When to ask?
 - Brag Sheets (Naviance)
 - Student (Required)
 - Parent (Recommended)



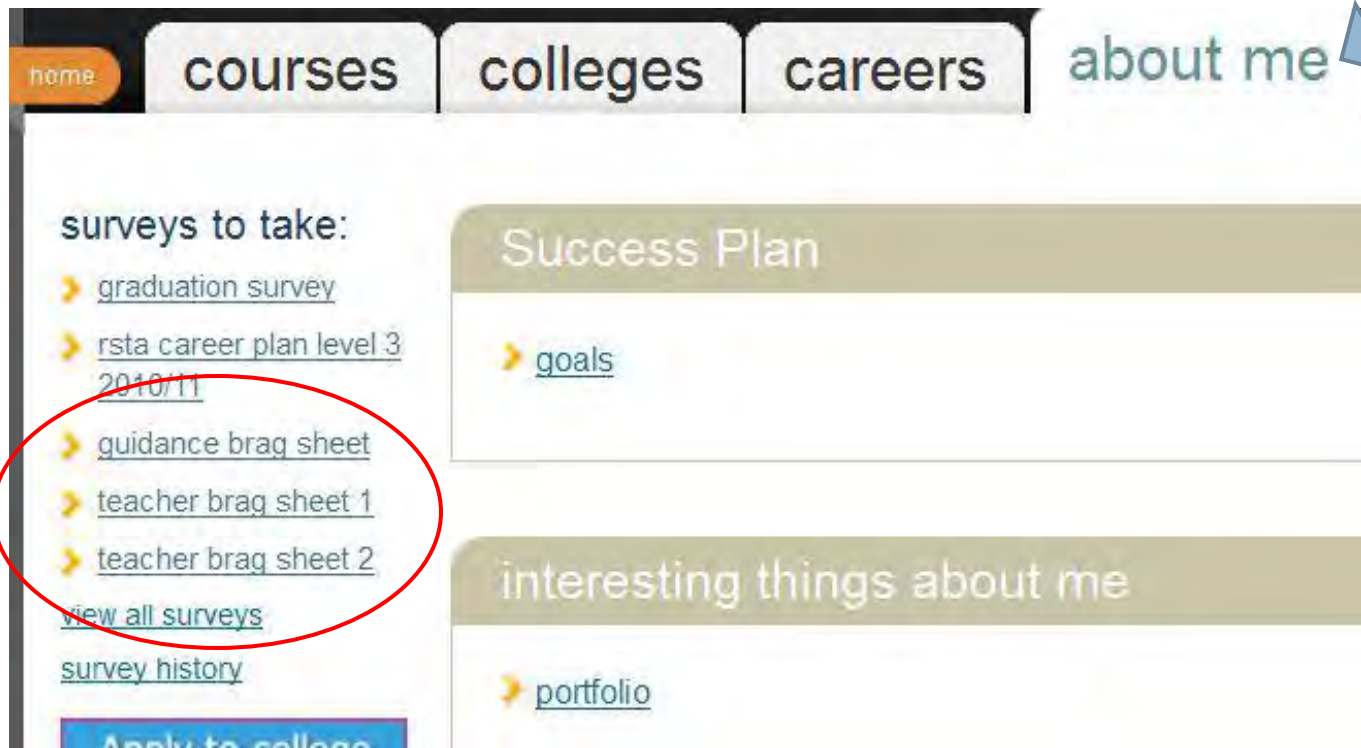
Teacher Recommendations

Remember to add your teachers to your Naviance account.



Brag Sheets

Teacher and Guidance Counselor Brag Sheets are located under the “About Me” Tab in Naviance.



The screenshot shows the Naviance user interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for 'home', 'courses', 'colleges', 'careers', and 'about me'. The 'about me' tab is highlighted in green and has a blue arrow pointing to it from the right. Below the navigation bar, the page is divided into two main sections. The left section is titled 'surveys to take:' and contains a list of links: 'graduation survey', 'rsta career plan level 3 2010/11', 'guidance brag sheet', 'teacher brag sheet 1', 'teacher brag sheet 2', 'view all surveys', and 'survey history'. The links 'guidance brag sheet', 'teacher brag sheet 1', and 'teacher brag sheet 2' are circled in red. The right section is titled 'Success Plan' and contains a link for 'goals'. Below that, there is another section titled 'interesting things about me' with a link for 'portfolio'.

Click on
links to
access

Personal Statement/College Essay

Common Application: www.commonapp.org

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

Essay help - Cambridge School Volunteers
Wednesdays, 2:30-4:30 in 1501 (CCRC)

Turn and Talk

What are the different qualities that college admissions look for in an applicant?



What Matters Most?

- Transcript
 - Grades
 - Strength of curriculum
- Standardized test scores
- Recommendations
- College Essay/Personal Statement
- Involvement

What Makes You Unique?

- Athletics
 - ▣ Talk to your current coach.
 - ▣ Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center by the end of Junior year.
 - ▣ Create an Athletic resume/highlight reel
- Studio Arts
 - ▣ Create a Portfolio
- Performing Arts
 - ▣ Produce a recording
 - ▣ Auditions
- Community Service
 - ▣ Build a Resume
- RSTA/Trade
 - ▣ Create a Portfolio
 - ▣ Build a Resume



"I want to show my colleges I'm well-rounded, so I wrote a poem in Spanish about how chess club has made me a better quarterback."

Professional Profile

- Social Media
 - What does it say about you?
- Email Address
 - Create a professional account
 - Check your e-mail regularly
- Voice Mail

twitter



facebook



LOOKING AHEAD TO SENIOR YEAR: THE APPLICATION SEASON

- Required application components:
 - ▣ Application, Essay, fee or fee waiver
 - ▣ Two teacher letters of recommendation
 - ▣ Standardized tests dates (Aug./Oct./Nov./Dec.)
- Early Applications (Due November 1, November 15)
- Regular Applications (November 30 – March 1)
 - ▣ Check each school/program for specific deadlines and requirements.

What should I be doing now?

- Spring 2018
 - Academics are your first priority
 - Make an appointment with your Guidance Counselor
 - Register for the SAT/ACT (March, May, June, August)
 - Get your fee waiver
 - Ask teachers for recommendations
 - Complete your brag sheets

- Spring/Summer 2018
 - College/Program Visits – February/April breaks
 - Always clear with your Dean of Students beforehand
 - Sign up for visits in the College and Career Resource Center (1501) on Naviance
 - Build a resume
 - Build a portfolio that includes a few graded writing samples that you are proud of
 - Research colleges/programs, admission rates and requirements.
 - Create an initial list: Explore Reach, Match, & Probable - Naviance
 - Personal Statement/Essay

Review

- What tool are you required to use to manage college process?
 - Naviance
- Where do you register for the SATs?
 - College Board at collegeboard.org
- Where do you register for the ACTs?
 - ACT at act.org
- How do I get a fee waiver?
 - See your Guidance Counselor
- Who may need to take the TOEFL?
 - Nonnative English speakers (Five years or fewer/varies by college)
- When should you ask your teachers to write you a letter of recommendation?
 - First semester teachers = now; second semester = by June
- What are the brag sheets? When are they due?
 - Forms on Naviance used to provide information on you (the applicant) to the individuals writing letters of recommendation. Teacher brag sheets due: June; Guidance brag sheets: one month prior to first application deadline

Some Helpful Resources

- Visit **Naviance** for additional resources, such as:
 - MASS Career Information System: www.masscis.intocareers.org
 - MASS Dept. of Labor Apprenticeships, Unions, and Training Programs: www.mass.gov
 - FAFSA: www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - Scholarships: www.fastweb.com
 - NCAA Eligibility Center: www.ncaa.org
- uAspire Financial Aid Help: Tuesdays-Friday 9:00-3 in the CCRC
- CEOC Free Financial Aid help: www.ceoccambridge.org, 11 Inman St, Cambridge
- ASA College Planning (Boston Public Library: Mondays-Saturdays)
- Cambridge School Volunteers – Wed. 2:30-4:30pm
- CRLS website: www.cpsd.us/crls & College & Career Center (1501)
- Did You Know: www.cpsd.us/crls/dyk
- College Fair – October 2018
- Senior Post-Secondary Planning – September 2018



QUESTIONS?

CRLS Guidance
Thank you!