

Senior Conference Agenda

Review of Transcript

Counselors will review unofficial transcripts and provide seniors with a copy during senior conferences. Parents/Guardians should also review.

- Check for missing courses and/or inaccurate grades
- Pay close attention to GPA. Colleges will ask for GPAs during the application process.
- Colleges will see and evaluate courses in progress, mid-year grades and final grades; therefore, all acceptances are dependent on the final transcript

College Exploration

- Look into college fairs and college visits on your own. New Jersey School Counselor Association has a list of college open houses on website:
<http://www.njsca.org/content/resources-links/college-open-houses>.

SAT and ACT

- List the colleges where you will be applying when you register
- Score Choice is now offered by the College Board (administrator of the SAT)- scores can only be sent by test date, not by section. Score choice option must be exercised through www.collegeboard.org
- **Official scores must be sent BY YOU through College Board. Make sure to send early so colleges will receive them by deadlines.**
- See your counselor if you are unable to register for financial reasons
- Many colleges have test optional policies, especially due to the challenges of testing during COVID-19. Check college's websites to see if there are additional application materials (i.e. essay, placement exam) required as a result of test optional policies.

College Application Types

- Early Decision- contractual, despite financial capability; binding
- Early Action- early deadline=early answer; non-binding
- Rolling Admissions- first-come, first-serve approach; non-binding
- Regular Admissions- set deadline; non-binding

Application Process

Applications can be found on each college's website. Most colleges offer applications online through a protected user name account.

Application Options

1. Common Application-- One application can go to over 900 colleges/universities.
www.commonapp.org

- The Common Application consists of 3 sections all of which must be completed:
 - Add Colleges
 - Common App
 - My Colleges--complete the FERPA waiver here.

2. Direct Institution Application. (Not a Common App School, ie Rutgers) Request transcripts be sent directly to the college by contacting your school counselor. Some colleges will ask students to **self-report** their grades instead of submitting a transcript (Rutgers University, Univ of California, Stony Brook University, etc).

- Work on your essays- have them proofread; save them to your computer so you can copy and paste them into your online applications
 - Finalize your resume.
3. Ask For Letters of Recommendation (Suggested 2 letters from teachers, 1 from your counselor)
- Ask the teacher or counselor in person. Follow up by email with a copy of your resume. (This should list your academic achievements, involvements, work experience, community service, etc.)•
4. Request Transcripts (Common App or the College Website)
- Students will need to request an official transcript to be sent to every college they apply to by their school counselor
 - After students have submitted applications to colleges, they MUST request transcripts.
5. Send Standardized Test Scores
- Official scores must be sent **BY YOU** through College Board (www.collegeboard.com) or ETS (www.act.org). Make sure to send early so colleges will receive them by deadlines.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

- To receive ANY state or federal need-based financial aid, parents and student must complete a FAFSA form beginning in December
- Financial Aid websites:
 - FAFSA on the web: www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - NJ Higher Education Student Assistance Authority: www.hesaa.org
 - Basic Financial Aid info: www.finaid.org
- [Scholarships](#)-Newsletters are sent monthly by Ms. Deininger and are posted in the Scholarship Folder online.
- Students can search for additional scholarships on the web at sites such as www.fastweb.com and at individual college's websites

College Athletics

- Student-athletes planning to play Division I or II at the collegiate level must register for the NCAA Clearinghouse and meet the NCAA Academic Eligibility Requirements.

INFO YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

School Name: Buena Regional High School

School Address: 310154

School Telephone Number: 856-697-2400

School Fax Number: 856-697-4107

Type of School: Public

CEEB/ACT Code: 310154

Class Size: 145

Class Rank Reporting: Exact

Class Rank Weighting: Weighted

Weighted GPA scale: 4.0

Course scheduling system: Semester

Counselors:

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Go to www.collegeboard.org for fees and services.

All registrations are done through College Board, **not the school.**