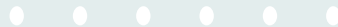




Class of 2024

Senior Presentations
September 2023



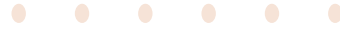


SCHS All Night Grad Party

<https://southcountyperso.membershiptoolkit.com/>



Today's Topics



- Resources
- Review Post-Secondary Options
- Northern Virginia Community College
- College Application Process and Components
- Financial Aid and Scholarships

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Welcome!

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College and Career Specialist

South County High School

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Post-Secondary Prep Overview with Counselors - September 5th & 7th

Senior Parent Night - September 7th

PSAT Day (10th & 11th Grade) / SAT Day (Registered 12th Grade Only) - October 11th



Appointment Calendar



Holly Biehl, College and Career Specialist

Select service

Student Meeting
30 minutes



Quick Question(s)
15 minutes



Student & Parent/Guardian Meeting
45 minutes




Student Lunch Block (Select a time tha...
30 minutes



Class of 2024 Schoology Group

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
Class of 2024



▼ Group Options

- Updates
- Discussions
- Albums
- Members (520)
- Resources**
- Zoom

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Resources ▶ **College Applications - Forms**

 Add Resources ▼  Options ▼

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Demo's Future Planning

College: Bachelor's Degree

[Edit Path](#)

Plan Your Future


Quickly access your path highlights, favorite careers, information from your school, and more from this page.



College Path Highlights

College Visits - Sept.-Nov.

College Visits

 Search for colleges

SEPTEMBER

Tue 12
08:30AM

[University of Richmond](#)

📍 College and Career Center - Room C101

[Register Now](#)

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SEPTEMBER

Tue 12
09:10AM

[East Carolina University](#)

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SEPTEMBER

Fri 15
01:40PM

[James Madison University](#)

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SEPTEMBER

Wed 20
08:30AM

[University of Mary Washington](#)

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SEPTEMBER

Wed 20
10:45AM

[Northwestern University](#)

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****New in 2023 -
Students must print
the registration to use
as a hall pass to
attend college visits.**

Students can view schedule and register in Naviance Student.

College Fairs



FCPS College Fair

- GMU Eagle Bank Arena
- Sunday, October 15th - 4-7pm

NACAC Virtual College Fairs

- September 10th
- October 15th
- November 12th

FCPS Virtual Post-Secondary Event



October 16th & 17th

Topic Based Workshops - Examples Include:

- Applying to College with the Common Application
- Considerations for Students with Disabilities in the College Search Process
- Scholarships 101

Military Enlistment



- Military Recruiter Cafeteria Visits
- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)
 - February 14, 2024
 - Register with Ms. Biehl starting in November
- Local recruiter information and additional details available in Ms. Biehl's Google site
- www.todaysmilitary.com

Career Training



[Alexandria Seaport Foundation - Woodworking & Boatbuilding](#)



[International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers](#)



[The Apprentice School - Shipbuilding](#)



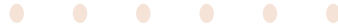
[United Association Apprenticeship Program - HVAC, Plumbers, Steamfitters](#)

Northern Virginia Community College



- #1 Destination for SCHS Graduates
- Second-largest community college in the United States
- Offers more than 120 degrees at the associate's level and certificate programs
- Six campus locations throughout the Northern Virginia area plus online course offerings
- Significant cost savings versus starting at 4-year college - tuition is approximately one-third the cost of most Virginia public colleges and universities

Northern Virginia Community College



Special Programs

- Dual Enrollment
- Guaranteed Admissions
- ADVANCE
- Honors Program
- Information and Engineering Technologies
- YearUP

Northern Virginia Community College



How to Apply

- Application workshops in January
- Next Steps and Registration Overview in April

Additional Information

- www.nvcc.edu
- <https://sites.google.com/fcpsschools.net/ms-biehl/nova>

COLLEGE APPLICATION

Branch: _____ Date: _____ No: _____

Applying For A (Check any that apply)
Learner Permit ☐ ID Card ☐ Renewal ☐ Replacement

Your Personal

Full Last Name _____
Full First Name _____
Date of birth Day: 01 Month: January Year: 2016 Gender: Male
Nationality _____

Identification Information

Driver license? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Learner permit? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Non-driver ID Card? ☐ Yes ☐ No

There are lots of places to explore. Places could be urban or suburban. Some people loves to be with nature to free their minds and refresh their souls, but some like to be in the city. You will get lots of benefits such as exploring new culture, meet new people while learning to be adaptive, gain new experiences through things, improve

PHOTO HERE

Driver license, Lerner Permit, or Non-Driver ID card number
[] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] enter the identification number it appears on the license, learner permit, or non-driver ID card.

Date of Expiration: _____ Type of License: _____ Out-of-State License ID No: _____



KEEP
CALM
AND
FOLLOW
DIRECTIONS

College Application Portals



- Individual College Websites
- Common Application
<http://www.commonapp.org/>
- Common Black College Application
<http://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>
- Coalition for Access, Affordability and Success
<http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>

College Admissions Deadlines

DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION



National Association for
College Admission Counseling
Guiding the way to higher education

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Non-Restrictive Application Plans

Regular Decision

DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Rolling Admission

DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Action (EA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Restrictive Application Plans

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

COMMITMENT:

BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

For a copy of this flyer, please visit www.nacacnet.org

Possible College Application Components



You are responsible for checking each college for specific requirements

- General Application
- School Documents
 - Official Transcript
 - Secondary School Report/Counselor Recommendation
 - Teacher Recommendations
- High School Resume/Activities
- Personal Statements/Essays
- Test Scores (SAT/ACT)
- Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR)

Keep track of your applications!



College:	Website:	Application type	Deadline	Fee	Letters of Rec?	Essay?	Decision Type
CNU	http://cnu.edu/				yes one		Early Action
High Point	http://www.highpoint.edu/				none required		Regular Decision
Longwood	http://www.longwood.edu/				From a math teacher		
Mary Wash	http://www.umw.edu/	Common App					
Randolph Macon	http://www.rmc.edu/						

How to Request Official Transcripts



- Complete the Consent for Release of Student Records. This can be printed and returned to Student Services or emailed to SCHStranscripts@fcps.edu. This form only needs to be completed **ONE** time.
- Complete the Google Senior Transcript Request Form for every application.
- Forms are available on the SCHS Student Services website and in the Class of 2024 Schoology Group.

Consent for Release of Student Records



CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF STUDENT RECORDS IN SUPPORT OF POSTSECONDARY APPLICATIONS

Instructions for Use: This form is to be used by parents and/or guardians and students aged 18 or older to authorize Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) to release student records and related information to support student applications to colleges, universities, scholarship sponsors, employers, or other similar organizations. The student, parent and/or guardian will use a separate form, your school's transcript request form, to identify all schools and organizations to which records may be sent.

CONSENT

By my signature below, I authorize FCPS to release to schools or organizations identified on the student's school transcript request form any school records or other information requested by the school or organization in support of the application. This may include, but is not limited to, transcript, other school records, and any letters of recommendation written by FCPS employees. However, this authorization specifically excludes the release of discipline information.

By my signature below, I also authorize FCPS employees, including but not limited to, administrators, teachers, and counselors, to communicate with and respond to inquiries from the school or organization concerning my application and my credentials.

FCPS may release the required records and information by electronic or other means directly to the school or organization or to a service used by the school or organization to facilitate its application process. These services include, but are not limited to, the Common Application, Naviance Student, Coalition for College, and other services utilized by FCPS.

I understand that I am authorizing FCPS to send data to the colleges, scholarships, and other organizations listed on my transcript request form, typically via an electronic portal. When submitting my data electronically, FCPS will use the correct portal where the browser displays the padlock icon to indicate that the data is encrypted to the website. I acknowledge I am responsible for understanding the college's or organization's terms and privacy policy of how they will store, retain, and use this data prior to consenting to such release.

I also understand that I have the right to review or have copies of any records that FCPS transmits to the school or organization. If I have responded yes to the statement below, however, I have waived the right to review or have copies of any letters of recommendation written by FCPS employees.

If an application requires or requests a student's social security number (SSN), FCPS staff members should not enter the SSN on the student's behalf.

☐ Yes, I waive my right to review or have copies of any letters of recommendation written by FCPS employees.

☐ No, I do not waive my right to review or have copies of any letters of recommendation written by FCPS employees.

My signature below confirms that I have read and understand this consent form. I understand that this authorization will remain in effect until I withdraw this authorization in writing.

Note: Both parent and/or guardian and student are required to sign this form for students under age 18. Parent and/or guardian signature is not required if the student is aged 18 or over or attending a postsecondary school.

Name of Student (Please print)

Student ID

Date

Signature of Student

Signature of Parent and/or Guardian (If student is under 18)

Transcript Request Form

COLLEGE ADMISSION ONLY - Transcript Request 2023-24 SCHS

This form should be completed separately for each school or program where the transcripts are to be sent. (i.e. 3 applications= form should be completed 3 times)

There are currently NO transcript fees for current students. The Seventh Semester grades will be sent automatically in Mid-February when available. The Final Transcript must be requested through the Senior Survey. You can check the status of transcripts sent on Naviance.

SCHS cannot guarantee on-time delivery for requests submitted late.

DEADLINES to request transcripts using this form are as follows:

College Deadline:

SCHS Transcript Request Deadline:

October 15th

September 15th

What is sent with the transcript?

- Transcript
- School and FCPS Profile
- Secondary School Report (SSR)



Fairfax County
Public Schools

SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT FORM

South County High School

8501 Silverbrook Rd.

Lorton, VA 22079

CEEB CODE: 471251

www.fcps.edu

Student Name: _____
Last First MI

The above applicant has a GPA of _____ on a 4.0 scale. The highest GPA in the class of 2015 is 4.508. The GPA is weighted by an additional 1.0 for AP/IB courses and 0.5 for Honors courses. Of this candidate's graduating class of 573, 66 % plan to attend four-year colleges. Please refer to the attached school profile for additional academic and testing information.

In comparison to other students at our school, the applicant's course selection is:

☐ Average ☐ Demanding ☐ Very Demanding ☐ Most Demanding

This report is based upon
(check more than one if
appropriate):

☐ Personal
observation
and/or contact
with student

☐ Other
counselors'
observations

☐ Teachers'
comments

☐ Records

I have worked with this student for ____ year(s).

	Unable to determine	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent	Outstanding	One of top few ever encountered
Academic motivation							
Academic self-discipline							
Academic promise							
Leadership potential							
Maturity							
Extracurricular/community contributions							

Comments:

Transcript Request Deadlines



Deadlines to request transcripts using this form:

College Deadline:

October 15th
November 1st
November 15th
December 1st
January 1st
January 15th
February 1st or Later

SCHS Transcript Request Deadline:

September 15th
October 2nd
October 16th
November 1st
December 1st
December 2nd
January 3rd

Transcript Office Information



- Diana Lauria, Transcript Asst. 703-446-1632 Student Services Office
- Transcript requests are being accepted
- Mid-year transcript updates will be automatically sent in February 2024 to all colleges listed on your SCHS transcript form
- A final transcript will be sent to the institution designated by students in the senior survey in May.

SIS (Course history, GPA, Grades)

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Documents

Graduation Status *Class of 2021*

Detail: ☒

Subject Area	Progress	Subject Area	Required	Completed	In Progress	Remaining
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Test Requirements

Detail: ☒

Student Course History

Detail: ☒

Japanese 2 (592000)	B+	1.00	1.00	
STEM Engineering (845060)	A	1.00	1.00	Student Selected Test
Wld Hist/Geog 2 HN (222136)	B	1.00	1.00	History & Social Sciences
South County High School Year: 2019 Term: Q2				
Driver Ed Class (701562)	P	0.00	0.00	

Grade: 11

Course Title (ID)	Mark	Credit Attempted	Credit Completed	Verified Credit
South County High School Year: 2020 Term: YR				
AP English Lan/Com (119605)	A-	1.00	1.00	English: Reading, English: Writing
AP Physics 1 (457306)	B-	1.00	1.00	
AP US History (231904)	B-	1.00	1.00	

Total GPA

3.59

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Counselor Recommendations



- Complete the Student Request Form and e-mail or share with your counselor. Please also send your resume.
- Ask parent to complete Parent Input form and e-mail to Counselor
- Forms have been e-mailed and are on the SCHS website

Student Form

Request for Counselor Recommendation (to be completed by student)

Instructions: Counselor letters of recommendation are intended to offer a snapshot of you as whole student beyond what can be seen on a transcript. Please answer all questions in as much detail as possible and submit this form via e-mail attachment to your [counselor](#).

F/L Name: Click or tap here to enter text.	Phone # Click or tap here to enter text.
FCPS ID: Click or tap here to enter text.	Personal e-mail: Click or tap here to enter text.

Check the box if you are a first-generation college student (Your parent/guardian did not attend college in the U.S.) ☒

1) What are your possible college majors and/or career goals? Why?

Click or tap here to enter text.

2) What words would you use to describe your academic and personal strengths and why? What traits set you apart from your peers? (Include examples.)

Click or tap here to enter text.

3) How would the people who know you best describe you?

Click or tap here to enter text.

Parent Form

Counselor Recommendation Request: Parent/Guardian Input Form

Instructions: Counselor letters of recommendation are intended to offer a snapshot of your child as a whole student beyond what can be seen on a transcript. Please answer all questions in as much detail as possible and submit this form via e-mail attachment to your child's [counselor](#).

Parent/Guardian Name

Click or tap here to enter text.

Student Last Name Click or tap here to enter text.

Student First Name Click or tap here to enter text.

Describe your child's outstanding personality traits.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Please share the type of college you think would be a good match for your student and why?

How do you think your student will flourish in college? What will be difficult for them?

Click or tap here to enter text.

Were My Documents Sent?



 Naviance | Student

Colleges I'm applying to

✦ = extended profile available

College	Type	Deadline		Transcripts	Office materials
George Mason University	RD	Regular Decision	February 1	final sent	Initial materials submitted
James Madison University	RD	Regular Decision	January 15	sent	Initial materials submitted
University of Mary Washington	RD	Regular Decision	February 1	sent	Initial materials submitted

Teacher Recommendations



- Students are responsible for asking teachers for recommendations
- Most often from a core-subject teacher
- Only send the exact number the application requests
- One letter can be used for multiple schools

Must be requested three weeks prior to college deadline.

Create a Resume

Give feedback

No new messages

Switch Grade: Demo

Close Demo

Naviance | Student

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Resume

Add/Update Sections

Print/Export Resume

We noticed you haven't created a resume yet. To get started, select the Plus button.

×

Objective

Summary

Work Experience

Education

Volunteer Services

Extracurricular Activities

20, Hobsons Inc

Privacy Policy

Private

Dem


Show Me How

South County High School

8501 Silverbrook Road

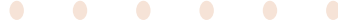
Lorton, VA 22079

p: (703) 446-1600



Fairfax County
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ENGAGE • INSPIRE • THRIVE

College Essays



- Avoid common themes
- Be original and tell YOUR story!
- Distinguish yourself from other applicants
- Proofread, Proofread, Proofread!
- Common App has optional sections for addressing Covid-19 and including additional information

Standardized Test Scores



- Check the test policy for each college.
- Students must have their standardized test scores (SAT/ACT) sent directly to the schools to which they are applying
- SCHS does not send SAT, ACT, or AP scores
- Ways to send scores:
 - When the student registers for the test, they select the colleges where the scores will be directly sent
 - Log on to the website to order additional scores:
<http://sat.collegeboard.org> for SAT and AP or
www.actstudent.org for ACT

Upcoming Test Dates



SAT

10/7/23

****10/11/23****

11/4/23

12/2/23

ACT

9/9/23

10/28/23

12/9/22

Social Media and College Admissions



DO:

- Explore college information on social media
- Highlight positive experiences and achievements
- Connect with college organizations at your prospective schools (sports team, clubs, roommate match, etc.)

DON'T

- Post negative comments about a college, its students, campus organizations or faculty
- Post about illegal activities or other behaviors that do not reflect well on your character
- Post about your application outcomes or decisions before plans are finalized

Financial Aid



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Will open in December 2023
- Check Financial Aid deadlines
- Send FAFSA Student Aid Report to every school
- Recommended for everyone

CSS Profile (College Board)

- Will still open in October 2023
- Only certain schools
- Check financial aid website



Scholarships



University/College Scholarships

- Make sure you meet the criteria
- Make sure you know the deadline
- Need-based scholarships – FAFSA completion required
- Merit-based scholarships – FAFSA may be required

Naviance Student – FCPS scholarship database

Other databases that require student accounts:

- www.finaid.org
- www.fastweb.com

Scholarship Transcript Request Form

If your scholarship application requires an official transcript, you **MUST** request it through the Scholarship Transcript request form. It can be found on the Student Services Website and the Class of 2024 Schoology Group

Scholarships and Other Programs - Transcript Request 2023-24 SCHS

This form should be completed separately for each school or program where the transcripts are to be sent. (i.e. 3 scholarships= form should be completed 3 times)

SCHS cannot guarantee on-time delivery for requests submitted with fewer than fifteen school days notice.

Please confirm you have completed the "Consent for Release of Student Records in Support of Post-secondary Applications" form, and e-mailed it as an attachment to the transcript office at SCHStranscripts@fcps.edu. (This waiver will only need to be completed ONCE, with your first transcript request.)

- <https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/forms/is111.pdf>

Transcripts will be sent with a School Profile. **Any**

Self-Nominations

Some scholarships require a nomination process and allow SCHS to send a limited number of applications forward for consideration. Below are active scholarships that include steps for self-nomination to the scholarship committee. If selected by the committee, the nominee then moves forward to be considered by the scholarship organization.

Virginia Tech Pamplin Leadership Award - 23-24 Coming Soon!



UVA Jefferson Scholarship - 23-24 Coming Soon!



Applying to College: Senior Action Items



- E-mail Request for Counselor Recommendation form and resume to counselor
- Participate in College Visits in the Career Center
- Confirm the requirements for each application
- Request transcripts
- Request any necessary teacher letters of recommendation
- Complete required testing and send scores
- Stay in communication with school counselor
- Monitor application status

Applying to College: Parent Action Items



- E-mail the Parent Input for Counselor Recommendation form
- Have open conversations with your child
- Facilitate college visits
- Complete the CSS Profile in October if necessary
- Complete the FAFSA when it opens in December
- Support your senior but let them lead the process!



THANK YOU!

**Q&A on Friday, September 15th at
8:30 am in C101**

