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Our School Code is: 480-096 This is also called the CEEB (SAT) code and is our ACT code number.

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Testing: (SAT I, SAT Subject Tests, ACT)

• Test registration for these college entrance examinations is done online.  See www.collegeboard.org/sat for the SAT. See www.actstudent.org for the ACT. Seniors are encouraged to have all testing completed by December of their senior year in order to receive scores in time for the college application process.

• There are no required tests for community college entrance, but students will need to take a placement test upon registration.  Students should go to the counseling office at the community college for placement testing.

• Should you send SAT or ACT scores or both?  Several websites can help you determine which is better for you. Search for "ACT and SAT Score Comparison" to find some of the options available.

• Most colleges prefer that students have the testing company send scores directly to the college. Follow directions on the College Board or ACT websites to send SAT or ACT scores.

Processing Applications:

• Many colleges require information from the EHHS Counseling Office in the application process.

• Follow all directions on the College Application Process handout.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE TIMELINES below!  Ann and the registrar must have this time to process your application along with many others.  NOTE:  We cannot guarantee that your application will be submitted in a timely manner if you do not meet the required deadlines below.

STUDENTS MUST CHECK THE 'Yes, I do waive my right to access...' or the counseling office will not be able to write the required recommendation letter to accompany the Secondary School Report.

• If you are requesting Transcripts-please submit a transcript release form to the Registrar in the main Commodore Office:  2 weeks prior to the deadline.  A legal sized, stamped, addressed envelope for each mailed transcript must accompany the request.

Typically public college and universities do NOT need a counselor or teacher recommendation letter.

• If you are requesting Recommendation Letter(s) from a Counselor:  4 weeks prior to the deadline

This includes ALL Common Application schools.
Student Data Sheet and Parent Brag Sheet must also be turned in to the counselor 4 weeks prior to the deadline.
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• EHHS does not rank our students.
(All EHHS GPA is unweighted per state law and exact.)

Recommendation Letters From Teachers:
Ask the teacher first!  Then follow the teacher’s directions and give them at least four (4) school weeks prior to the application deadline.  Be sure to write a thank you note to each teacher after they have sent their letters.

E-Mail Addresses:
Use a professional e-mail address for college applications and correspondence.  Check it often!

Online Applications Tip:
Select one username and password for use on all online applications; keep this information secure.
Useful Websites for College Search:
Students can identify colleges by size, location, costs, financial aid, freshman retention rates, admissions data (number of applicants, acceptance rate, SAT/ACT scores), academics (ratios, graduation rates) and student body information on many of these sites.


Senior Schedules:
It is important to know that colleges are interested in the strength of your senior year. They are not impressed with a slacker year or a drop in performance.

PE Waivers:
Seniors who have taken at least six classes every semester and have participated on a BHS sports team may have .5 (for one season of play) or 1.0 (for two seasons of play) PE requirement(s) waived. “PE Waiver Request” forms will be available in the Counseling Office. Students must submit the completed request to the counselor by before February 15, 2020. Students do not receive credit with a PE waiver.

College Admission Representatives:
Many college admissions reps visit Bainbridge High School to meet with interested students. The complete calendar is on the BHS home website. This is a great opportunity to meet with the person who will likely read your application first!

Common Applications:
More than 800 colleges accept the Common Application. A complete list of member colleges and the application itself can be accessed at www.commonapp.org. Students should meet personally with Ann and teacher(s) to request a recommendation letter in person prior to “inviting/assigning” them electronically on Common Application. The counselor will be happy to assist any students needing help with the Common Application. NOTE that the CA does require a counselor recommendation!

FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid:
✓ The FAFSA should be completed online as soon as possible on or after October 1 at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
✓ There are useful tools to estimate the expected family contribution at www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov and http://apps.collegeboard.com/fincalc/efc_welcome.jsp
✓ We recommend that families use the online version of FAFSA rather than the paper form since it is more efficient and families receive results quicker.
✓ Families should explore this website as soon as possible this fall to request an FSA ID and start organizing data.
✓ Beware of “scams” (usually ending in “.com”) that charge for assistance. FAFSA is free!
✓ Watch for the PTSO-sponsored Financial Aid Night and the FAFSA Info Night this fall. Both will be at BHS.

Financial Aid “CSS Profile” form:
This form is required of applicants applying for “Need Based” financial aid by a very small number of colleges (usually private). It is filed in addition to the FAFSA. Information is available at https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/

Scholarship Information:

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Please subscribe to the EHHS listserv (www.bisd303.org/domain/1009) for late-breaking information to be sent directly to your frogrock email address. Read the monthly Eagle Harbor Bulletin and the BHS Bulletin! For more information read the Class of 2020 Planning Guide available on the EHHS website and from the EH Counseling Office. Also feel free to email the counselor and teachers directly.

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