

Lowell High School
**College &
Career Center**



"Always aim for the moon, even if you miss, you will land among the stars."

Announcements: October 16, 2017

http://lhs.lowell.k12.ma.us/pages/Lowell_High/School_Departments/Guidance___Counseling

1. NAVIANCE:

- Online college and career planning tool that students, grades 9-12, can access for FREE anytime
- **To log in:**
 - Visit the LHS Homepage: http://lhs.lowell.k12.ma.us/pages/Lowell_High
 - Click on the Naviance link in the top right hand corner
 - Select student Log-in
 - Enter LHS Student ID for both the username & password
- **Benefits:**
 - Personalized high school plan: map out your courses, set goals, track your progress
 - Career & personality surveys: explore career choices that match your interests
 - Research colleges & scholarships
 - And so much more---CHECK IT OUT!

*****Upcoming Naviance Presentations: Oct. 16-20, 9th Grade Naviance Strengths Explorer & Oct. 25-27, 11th Grade Naviance Personality Survey***

2. College & Career Representative Visits:

- College representatives will be available during the school day to meet with any 11th/12th grader who would like to research their college options. Sign-ups are required, by logging onto your Naviance account or visiting Rm. 116.
- The following colleges are available this week in Room 116:
 - **Monday, Oct. 16:**
 1. Maverick Technical Institute, All lunches, Cafe
 - **Tuesday, Oct. 17:**
 1. MCC Application Days, 9:30am

2. Lasell College, 1:30pm

- **Thursday, Oct. 19:**

1. Bentley University, 9:30am

2. Rutgers University, 10:30am

3. New England College, 1:30pm

*******Upcoming College Rep Visits in Rm. 116:**

Tuesday, Oct. 24:

1. *Johnson & Wales University, 1:30pm*

Wednesday, Oct. 25:

1. *Suffolk University, 9:30am*

2. *UMass Boston, 12:30pm*

Thursday, Oct. 26:

1. *Northeastern University, 9:30am*

2. *Job Corps, 9:30am*

3. *Colby College, 1:30pm*

3. Naviance College Application Information (SENIORS):

- Any senior who plans to apply to college will use their Naviance accounts to build a college list and request letters of recommendations and transcripts from counselors and/or teachers
- College applications will be sent separately, by using Common Application (for those who accept it) or the college's specific admission application; most applications are submitted online
- For those using Common Application, you must link this account to your Naviance account, using the Common App Match; watch the video on the guidance website, which explains how to do this
- Print out the **Naviance College Application Procedures** handout on the guidance website & stop by the CCC, Rm. 116 for additional help

4. Common Application (SENIORS):

- *12th graders will need to complete the Common App Match before teachers/counselors can send documents to your colleges*
- Be sure to add your colleges in your Common App list or your teachers/counselors cannot send your letters of rec
- If you are using Common App to apply, you must indicate this in your college list in Naviance

- Please do not use your LHS email to create an account for your college applications, as it will not accept emails outside of LHS; you will need to create a personal email to communicate with your colleges

5. Letters of Recommendation for 12th Graders:

- Students should make their teacher request in person, followed by the Naviance request, which will generate an email to the teacher
- Students should use the Teacher Recommendation Request Form to help with the letter writing process, available in guidance & College & Career
- Students must list their colleges in Common App & complete the Common App Match in Naviance before staff can send documents
- Students will need to notify their teachers when they have added a new college to their list to request the teacher resend the letter to the new school

6. Financial Aid/FAFSA:

- **FAFSA:** Students should log on beginning Oct. 1 to **fafsa.gov** to begin the 2018-19 FAFSA financial aid application & create their FSA ID number; transfer 2016 tax information directly into your FAFSA application using the IRS retrieval option; check FAQ's for required documents
- **CSS Profile:** If you are applying to a private college you may need to submit the CSS Profile financial aid form; beginning **Oct. 1** this form is available online at **collegeboard.org**; fee waivers are automatically granted to eligible students; for additional info, please view the 2017-18 CSS Profile Guide online
- **Scholarships:** Stay tuned for additional information available on the guidance website

7. SAT Information:

- The late **registration deadline for the Nov 4 SAT is Oct. 25**; register at collegeboard.org; fee waivers can be used to cover the late fee
- The **regular registration deadline for the Dec. 2 SAT is Nov. 2**; register at collegeboard.org; fee waivers can be used to cover the late fee
- Visit Rm. 116 to pick up your free study guide, register for a collegeboard.org account, and/or request a fee waiver (available to eligible students)

8. ACT Information:

- The **registration deadline for the Dec. 9 ACT is Nov. 3**; register online, www.act.org
- The **late registration deadline for the Dec. 9 ACT is Nov. 4-17**; fee waivers do not cover the late fee; register online, www.act.org

- Visit Rm. 116 to pick up your free study guide, register for an act.org account, and/or request a fee waiver (available to eligible students)

9. TOEFL Information:

- Computer based English-language test for non-native English speakers who have taken ELL courses in high school
- Ongoing registration and test dates available; register online <http://www.ets.org/toefl>
- Visit Rm. 116 for free study materials, register for an toefl.org account, and/or request a fee waiver (available to eligible students)

10. PSAT Information:

- All 10th/11th grade students who tested on the PSAT will receive an email in Dec. with their access code to log into collegeboard.org to check scores
- Don't forget to link your collegeboard account with Khan Academy--once your PSAT scores are loaded, you will have a personalized study guide & FREE SAT prep

11. On the Spot Admission Days:

- 12th graders applying to **UMass Dartmouth, Worcester State University, Fitchburg State, Rivier University, University of Southern Maine, Johnson & Wales University, Salem State University, and University of New Hampshire** are eligible to receive a same day decision through the On the Spot Program; applications must be submitted by the On the Spot deadline
- Students must sign up in Naviance to participate & see Mrs. Cassidy, Rm. 116

12. 12th Grade Parent MEFA College Finance Workshop:

- **Wed. Nov. 8, 6:00pm, LHS Helen Gilbride Droney Little Theater**
- Parents and students are invited to attend this financial aid workshop to learn more about the financial aid process, types of financial aid, scholarships, and alternative financing options

13. FREE FAFSA Day Financial Aid Appointments:

- **Sunday, Nov. 5, UMass Lowell, O'Leary, Library Rm. 222**
- Register online: www.fafsaday.org
- This is open to 12th grade students who plan to attend any college after high school

14. Career Information:

- The Career Center of Lowell is available every Wednesday, from 9-11:45am, ages 16+, for part time job assistance; sign up with Mrs. Blouin in the Student Support Services office, located in front of the cafeteria
- Job Corps Info Sessions are available, please sign up with Mrs. Blouin
- Resume/job assistance is available, please sign up with Mrs. Blouin

