

SENIOR POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING

Brookline High School

COLLEGE COUNSELOR: LENNY LIBENZON



College-related presentations to parents and students. Work with challenging situations.

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Career exploration &
information;
interviewing; job
shadows; supporting
students with
alternative post grad
plans, such as trades

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HTTP://BHS.BROOKLINE.K12.MA.US/GUIDANCE



Brookline High School

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LAST BHS Guidance/Counseling Dept Weekly Update for this School Year – Week of June 14, 2021

6/13/2021

Kudos to BHS students and families for making it through one of the most challenging school years ever! Only one full week, and then 1 ½ days left before summer is here!

Grades will close on Monday 6/21. Now's the time to keep your focus and do your best! If you're behind, talk to your teacher and do what you can to get on track. It is not too late to make a difference in how you end this school year.

This week is a "regular" schedule with Wed having A,B,C and H (Help) blocks. Consider using the Help block on Wed to check in with a teacher or see your counselor! Regular schedules and last days of school June 21 and 22 schedule attached here.

Last day for all students is Tuesday June 22, a ½ day.

Brookline High School Guidance

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BHS COLLEGE APPLICATION GUIDE

<https://bit.ly/3B2Irlg>



SENIOR SEMINARS

Seminar 1: starts week of September 21

Seminar 2: starts mid-Oct



CLASS OF 2022 OUTCOMES

<u>Outcome</u>	<u>% of students</u>
4 Yr College (incl non-us)	88.00%
2 Year College	2.20%
Employed	5%
Non-U.S. College	3.4%
Year Off	2.6%
Military	0.4%
Other (Prep, etc)	1.80%

COMMUNITY COLLEGE & MASS TRANSFER

<https://www.mass.edu/masstransfer/>

Commonwealth Commitment to Students:

- ✓ **Freeze on all tuition & mandatory fees on program entry**
Valid until student successfully completes or leaves
Commonwealth Commitment program
- ✓ **A 10% rebate off tuition & mandatory fees**
Payable at the end of every successfully completed semester
- ✓ **Additional MassTransfer Tuition Credit on bachelor's program entry**
- ✓ **Guaranteed admission**
Space permitting in the major and college
- ✓ **Guaranteed transfer of credits**
- ✓ **No application fee or essay**
MassTransfer Application required by deadline

GAP YEAR

[TEENLIFE.ORG](http://teenlife.org)

[HTTPS://WWW.GOOVERSEAS.COM/GAP-YEAR](https://www.gooverseas.com/gap-year)

[HTTPS://WWW.OMPRAKASH.ORG/](https://www.omprakash.org/)

[HTTPS://WWW.CITYYEAR.ORG/](https://www.cityyear.org/)

BHS GAP YEAR FAIR IN JANUARY

COLLEGES WILL
CONTINUE USING
HOLISTIC &
CONTEXTUAL REVIEW

MANY SELECTIVE COLLEGES REPORT
THAT AT LEAST HALF OF ADMITTED
STUDENTS WERE ACCEPTED
TEST-OPTIONAL

1800+ COLLEGES ARE
TEST-OPTIONAL.

75% OF 4-YEAR COLLEGES FOR
CURRENT SENIORS

FOR THE COMPLETE LIST, GO TO

[FAIRTEST.ORG](https://fairtest.org)

WE SEND ONLY YOUR FINAL GRADES FOR
GRADES 9-11.

WE SEND 1ST AND 2ND TERM SENIOR
YEAR GRADES TO COLLEGES

IT IS IMPORTANT TO TAKE A BALANCED
LOAD OF CLASSES AND DO WELL,
ESPECIALLY AFTER THE PANDEMIC YEAR

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

- RESEARCH SCHOOLS
- RELEASE TRANSCRIPTS
- MATCH COMMON APP & NAVIANCE
- GIVE SELF-DESCRIPTION FORM & PARENT BRAG SHEET TO COUNSELOR
 - REQUEST TEACHER REC
 - RELEASE YOUR TEST SCORES

SOURCES OF COLLEGE INFORMATION

- YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR
- RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO WENT TO COLLEGE
- [VIRTUAL] COLLEGE TOURS
- FISKE GUIDE TO COLLEGES
- COLLEGE REPS VISITING BHS



BHS COLLEGE VISITS

9/ 19 – 11/ 9

4 pm – 8 pm

BHS Calendars

[bhs.brookline.k12.ma.us/
calendars.html](https://bhs.brookline.k12.ma.us/calendars.html)

SEPTEMBER
Mon 19
07:20PM

Johns Hopkins University

📍 Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)

SEPTEMBER
Tue 20
04:00PM

Union College (NY)

📍 Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)

SEPTEMBER
Tue 20
04:40PM

Indiana University-Bloomington

📍 Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)

SEPTEMBER
Tue 20
05:20PM

American University

📍 Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)

SEPTEMBER
Tue 20
06:00PM

Hobart William Smith Colleges

📍 Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)

SEPTEMBER
Tue 20
06:40PM

Fordham University




📍 Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)

RESEARCHING COLLEGES REMOTELY

- SIGN UP FOR COLLEGE NEWSLETTERS AND UPDATES
- OPEN EVERY EMAIL FROM THE COLLEGES YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AND CLICK ON THE LINKS
- ATTEND UPCOMING VIRTUAL COLLEGE ADMISSION EVENTS INCLUDING TOURS AND INFORMATION SESSIONS - CHECK COLLEGE WEBSITES
- ATTEND NACAC VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS

[HTTPS://STUDENT.NAVIANCE.COM/COLLEGES](https://student.naviance.com/colleges)

Find Your Fit

-  SuperMatch®
-  College Match
-  College Events
- Scattergrams
- Advanced College Search
- College Lookup

SuperMatch College Search

III Choose Fit Criteria

[Location](#)
[Academics](#)
[Admission](#)
[Diversity](#)
[Institution Characteristics](#)
[Cost](#)
[Student Life](#)
[Athletics](#)
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Your Fit Criteria

3 selected criteria

To refine your results, use the arrows to move your criteria into the "Must Have" and "Nice to Have" boxes.

Must Have

✕ Location [7] →

✕ Major [Any] →

✕ Campus Surroundings [1] →

Your Results

Your results include **43 institutions** with a fit score of 90% or above.

	Fit Score ⓘ	Academic Match ⓘ	Highlights ▼									
SUNY Downstate Medical Center Brooklyn, NY, Large City 4 year, Public	<div><div>100%</div></div>	<table><tr><td></td><td>Average</td><td>You</td></tr><tr><td>GPA</td><td>N/A</td><td>3.2 ⓘ</td></tr><tr><td>SAT</td><td>N/A</td><td>1360</td></tr></table>		Average	You	GPA	N/A	3.2 ⓘ	SAT	N/A	1360	No Highlights Available
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SAT	N/A	1360										

YOUR GPA ⓘ

GPA (4.0 scale)

3.2

YOUR SAT SCORES ⓘ

SAT Composite

1360

YOUR ACT SCORES ⓘ

ACT Composite

ACCEPTANCE RATE

- ☐ 25% or Lower
- ☐ 26%-50%
- ☐ 51%-75%
- ☐ 76% or more
- ☐ Open Admissions

REGULAR APPLICATION DEADLINE

I want institutions with a regular application deadline on or after:

 Select date

- ☐ Accepts AP Credits ⓘ
- ☐ Accepts IB Credits ⓘ
- ☐ Test Optional ⓘ
- ☐ Common App Member ⓘ
- ☐ Coalition App Member ⓘ
- ☐ No Application Fee ⓘ



College Match

Colleges Looking For Students Like You

Colleges Other Students Like

Colleges That Have Accepted Students Like You

The colleges in this list are interested in receiving applications from students similar to you. Please note this does not guarantee an application.

Nichols College

📍 45 miles from your school

At Nichols College, you'll learn leadership and business know-how from our faculty of industry experts, all within a supportive community. It's an approach that works: we're ranked as a top business school for salary potential and best value.

👉 Not interested

Miami University, Oxford

📍 735 miles from your school

Robert Frost once called Miami University "the most beautiful campus that ever there was." U.S. News & World Report ranks us among the best for our commitment to undergraduate teaching. Experience 200 years of inspiration at an original Public Ivy.

👉 Not interested

APPLY TO

SAFETY



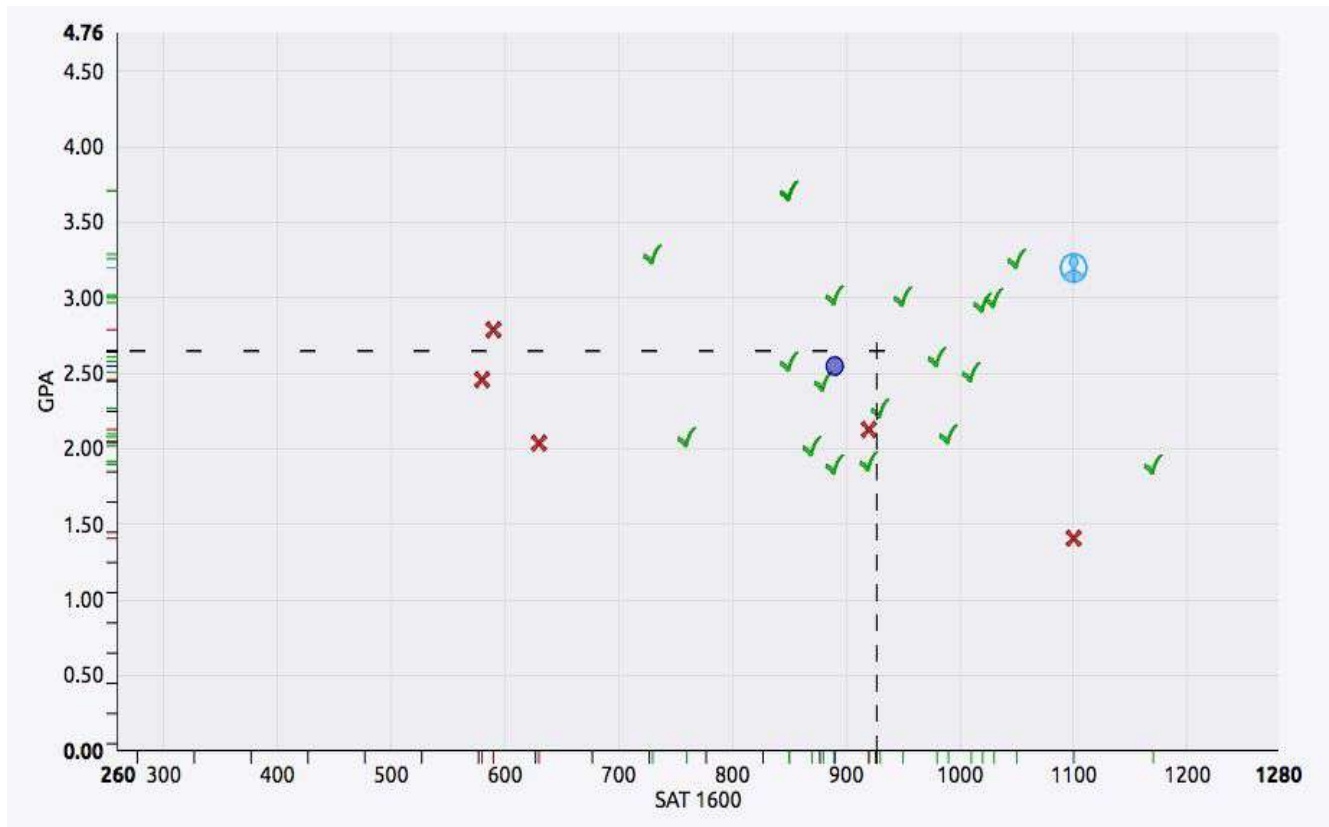
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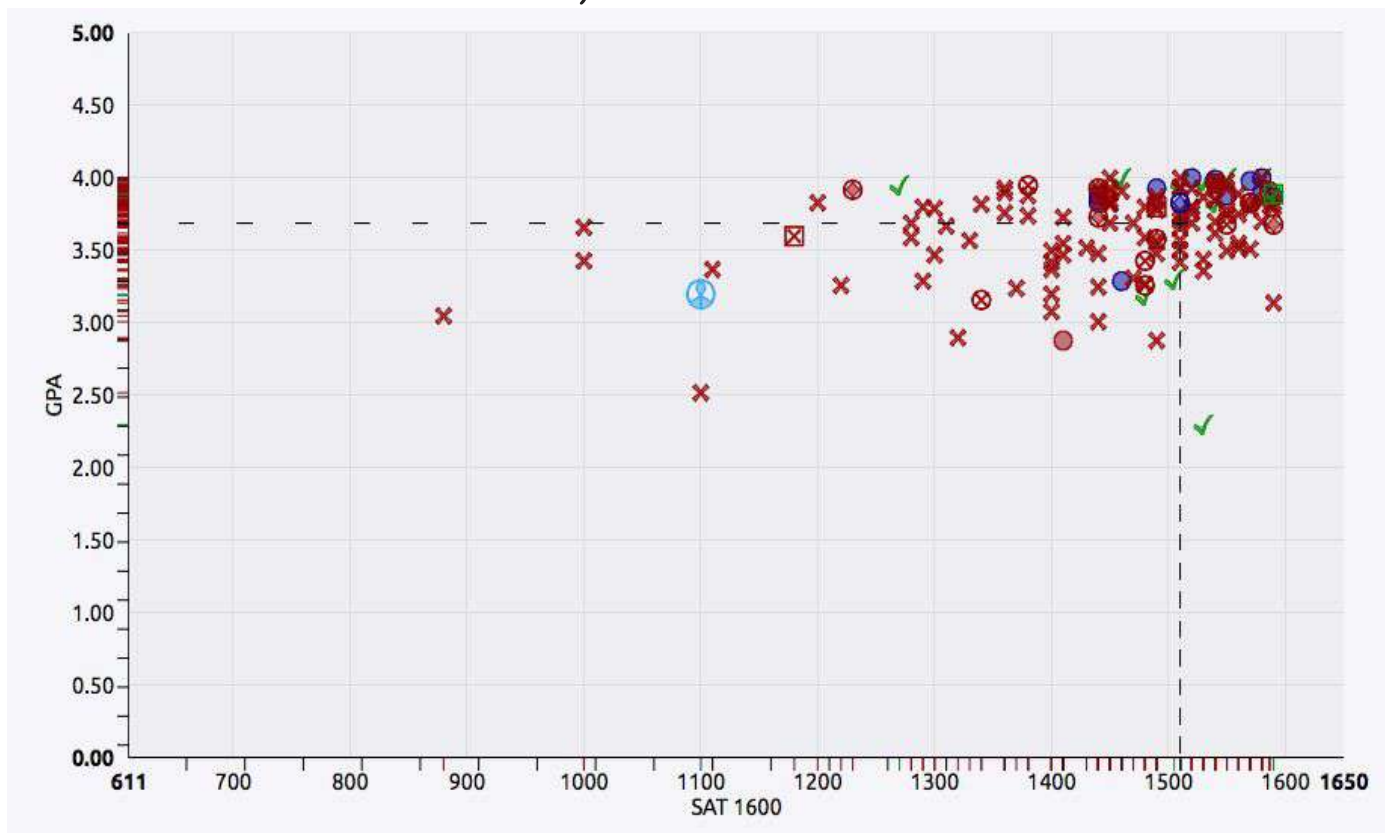
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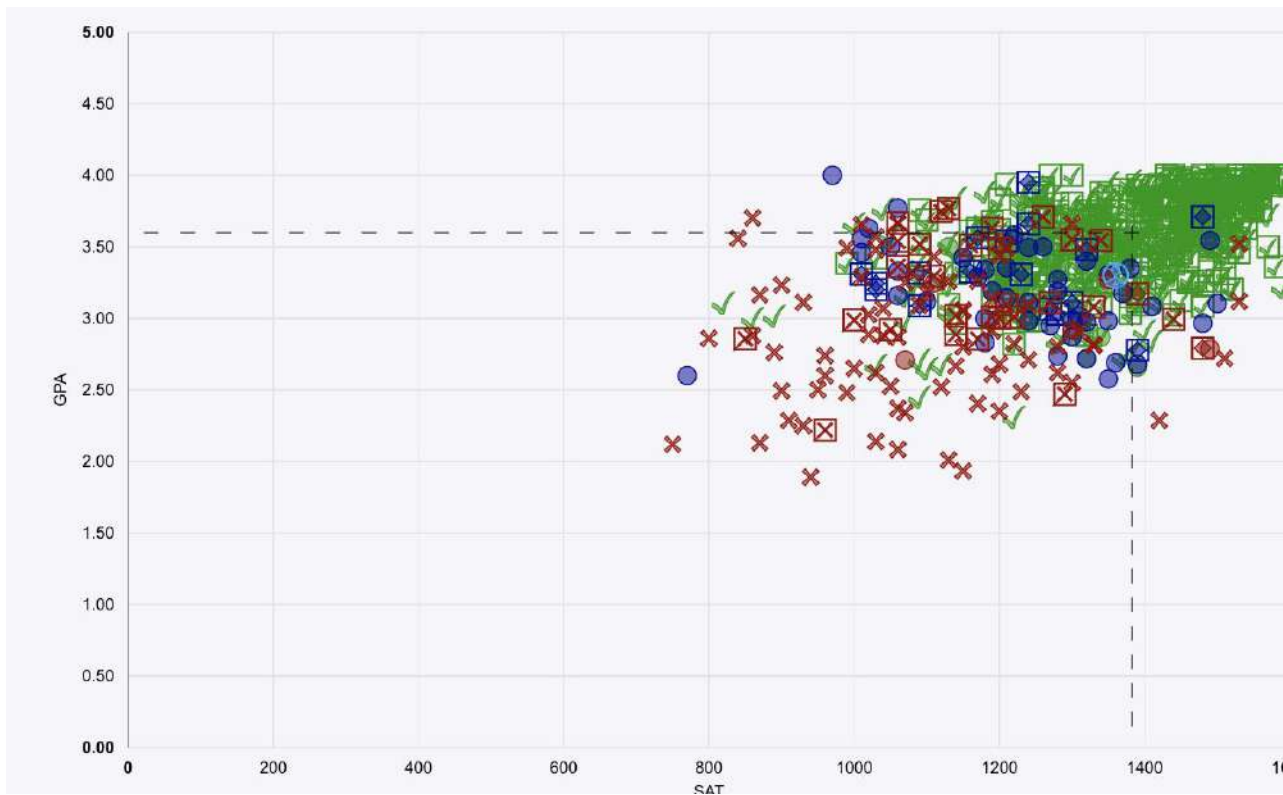
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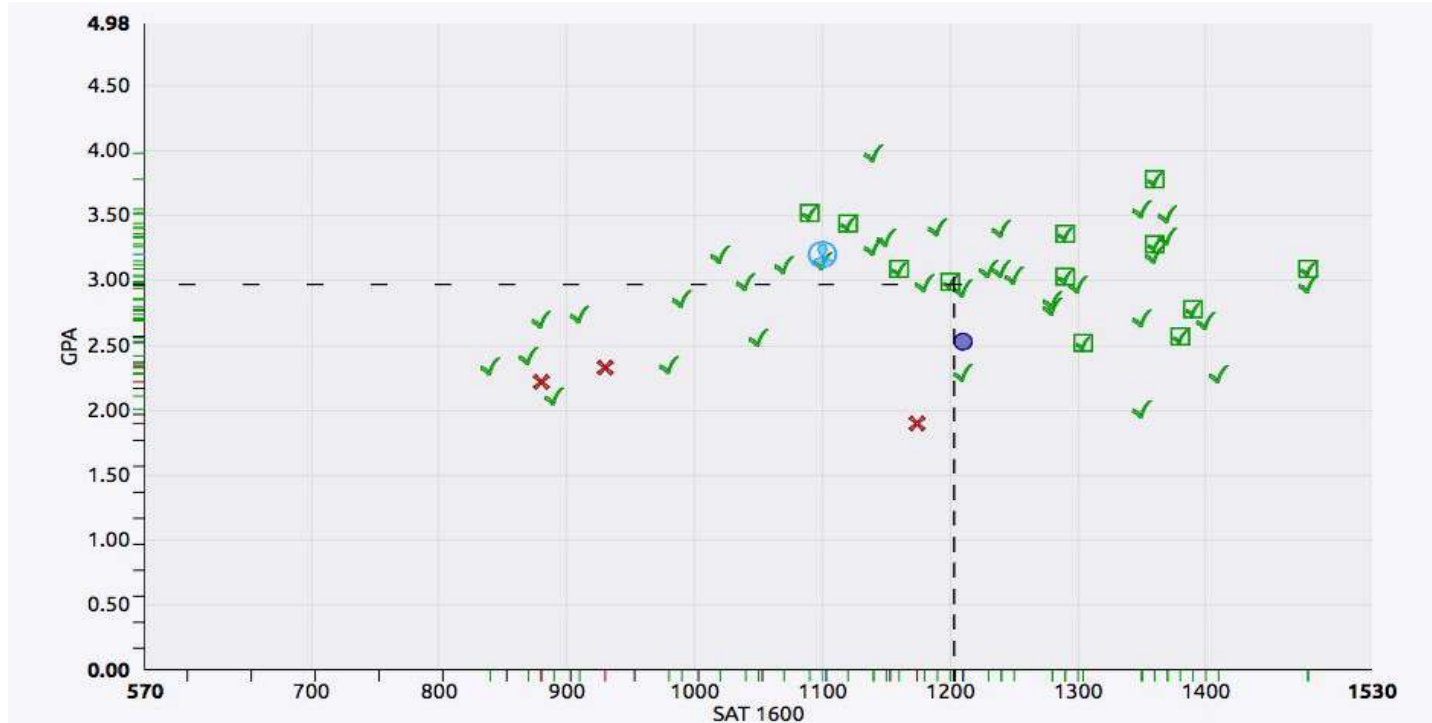
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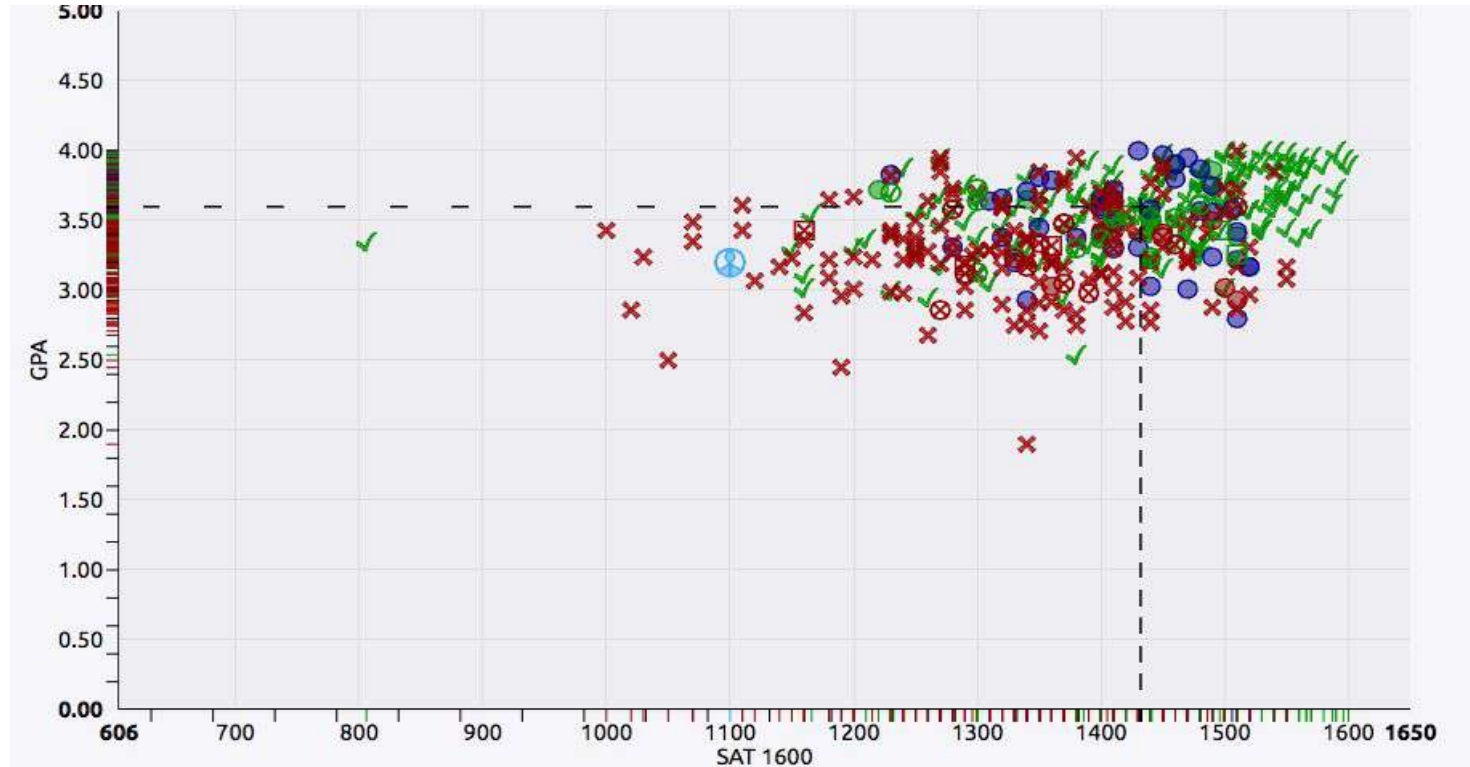
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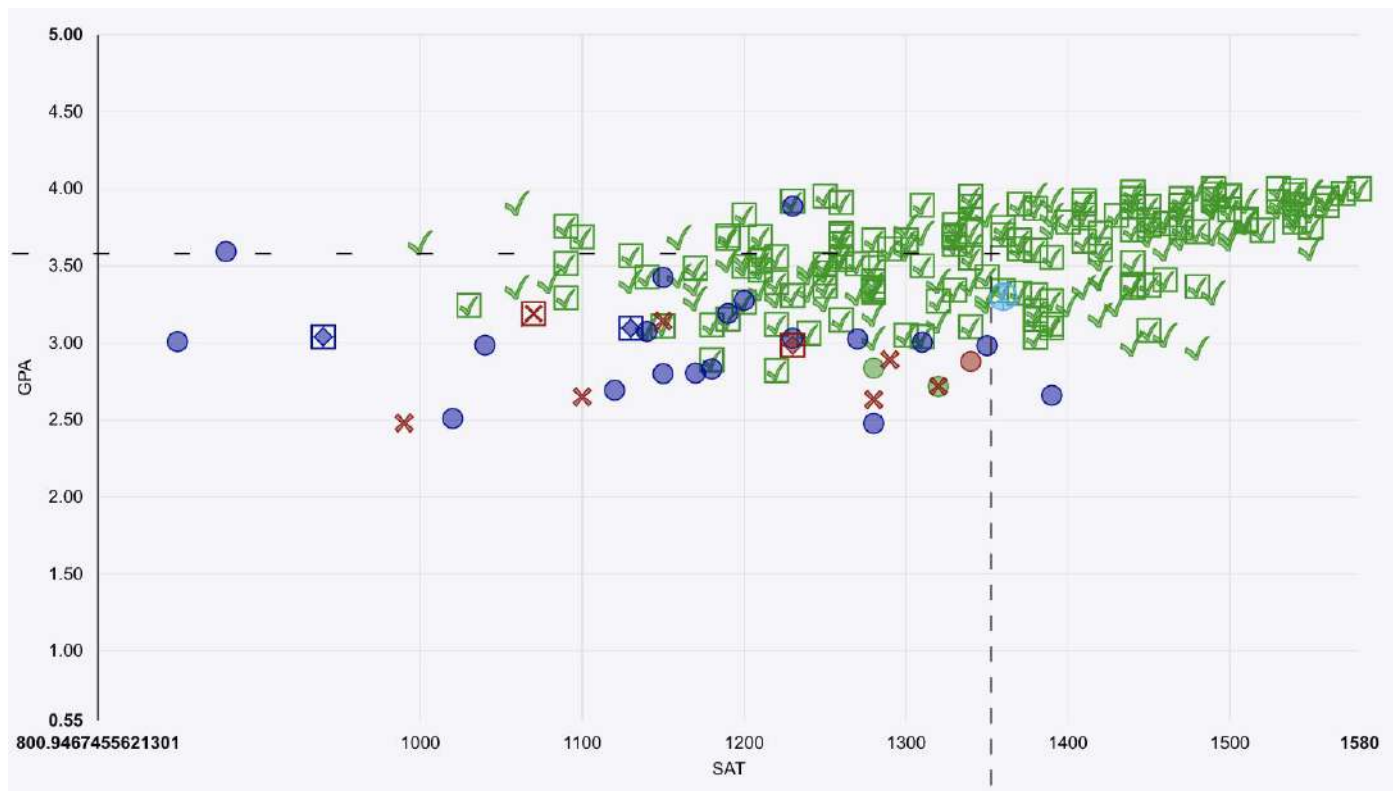
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE



NEW YORK UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT



UMASS AMHERST UPDATE

Early Action Admit Rates

Overall: 74%

Nursing: 15%

Computer Science: 49%

Finance: 56%

Reg Decision Admit Rates

Overall: 51%

Nursing: 4%

Computer Science: 20%

Finance: 37%

GPA

Unofficial BHS GPA has been updated on Naviance (Go to About Me:: Profile)

Note that most admission offices calculate their own GPA

BHS reports unweighted GPA only

BHS does not rank students

REGULAR DECISION

Apply by January 1 or 15

Decision by April 1

Choose by May 1st

Check the college website for specific deadlines!

EARLY ACTION

Apply by November 1 or 15

Decision by mid-December

Choose by May 1st

You can apply to several schools Early Action. UMass Amherst deadline this year was Nov 05.

EARLY DECISION

Apply by November 1 or 15

Decision by mid-December

Choose by YOU HAVE TO GO TO THIS SCHOOL

You can apply to only ONE (1) school Early Decision. Since you have to go if admitted, you might get less financial assistance.

[HTTPS://APPLY.COMMONAPP.ORG/LOGIN](https://apply.commonapp.org/login)

[First Year Students](#)[Transfer Students](#)

Sign In

First year student? Great! Enter your email and password below to sign in, or [create an account](#) to get started.

* Indicates required fields.

Email *

Password *

[Forgot password?](#)

[Sign In](#)

Need help?
[Visit the Applicant Solutions Center.](#)

Common App

Profile

Family

Education

Testing

✓ Activities

Writing

Courses & Grades
1 college(s) require

Profile

Preview

✓ Personal Information ^

✓ Address ^

✓ Contact Details ^

✓ Demographics ^

✓ Language ^

Geography and Nationality ^

Common App Fee Waiver v

You are eligible for application fee waivers if you meet one or more of the following criteria:

- You are enrolled in or eligible to participate in the federal free or reduced price lunch program.
- You have received or are eligible to receive an SAT or ACT fee waiver.
- Your annual family income falls within the income eligibility guidelines set by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service.

My Colleges

Boston College ▲

College Information

Application

Questions

Recommenders and
FERPAReview and Submit -
Common App

Writing Supplement

Questions

Review and Submit -
Writing Supplement

Boston College

Contact Info

Phone: [\(800\) 360-2522](tel:(800)360-2522)

Fax: 617-552-0798

Email: bcapplicant@bc.eduAddress: 140 Commonwealth Ave
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467
USALinks: [College Website](#) · [College Navigator](#)

Application Deadlines

September 2020

First Year

Early Decision - 11/01/2019

Early Decision II - 01/01/2020

Regular Decision - 01/01/2020

January 2020

First Year

Regular Decision - 11/01/2019

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Recommenders & FERPA



FERPA Release Authorization

Before you can invite your counselor, teachers, recommenders, parents, or advisors, you must complete the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release authorization process.

[Learn more about FERPA](#)[Complete Release Authorization](#)



FERPA Form

- ☒ I acknowledge that every school that I have attended may release all requested records and recommendations to colleges to which I am applying for admission. I also understand that employees at these colleges may confidentially contact my current and former schools should they have questions about the information submitted on my behalf.*

Please select one: *


- ☒ I waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.
- ☐ I DO NOT waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.

- ☒ I understand that my waiver or no waiver selection above
applies to all colleges to which I am applying and that my selection

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Save and Close

Colleges I'm applying to

 Search for colleges

i It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools.
Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started.

Match Accounts

 Application Milestones  Compare Me

YOUTUBE VIDEO SHOWING THE MATCHING PROCESS: <https://youtu.be/-HGTPB5cNqI>

RELEASE YOUR TRANSCRIPTS 4 WEEKS BEFORE THE DEADLINE

College Deadline	BHS Deadline
October 15	Sept 19
November 1	October 3
November 15	October 19
December 1	November 1
December 15	November 15
January 1	November 30
January 15	December 12
February 1	January 3
February 15	January 18

MEETING WITH YOUR COUNSELOR

- STUDENT SELF-DESCRIPTION FORM
(NAVIANCE: ABOUT ME: SURVEYS FROM YOUR SCHOOL)
- ONLINE: FILLED OUT AND SIGNED RELEASE FORM

PARENT BRAG SHEET



TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- ASK IF THE TEACHER WILL "WRITE A GOOD RECOMMENDATION"
- PROVIDE A LIST OF COLLEGES TO THE TEACHER
- DO NOT ASK MORE THAN 2 TEACHERS FOR A RECOMMENDATION
- AT BHS, YOU CAN NOT ADD TEACHERS TO YOUR NAVIANCE.
TEACHERS ADD YOU THEMSELVES AFTER YOU TALK TO THEM

TEST SCORE RELEASE

- RELEASE YOUR SAT & AP SCORES FROM COLLEGEBOARD.COM
- RELEASE YOUR ACT SCORES FROM ACT.ORG

ESSAYS

PTO COLLEGE ESSAY WORKSHOP, OCTOBER 2, 9AM -12:30

Use this QR code to register.



ESSAYS

- WRITE SEVERAL “ROUGH” ESSAYS, CHOOSE ONE TO EDIT
- BE MINDFUL OF THE SHORT “SUPPLEMENTAL ESSAYS”
- NOTE THAT SOME APPEAR ONLY AFTER YOU INDICATE YOUR MAJOR

2. Established in 1978 in a renovated gas station in Burlington, VT, Ben and Jerry's is synonymous with the ice cream business. The company's success and unique brand identity are due in part to their one-of-a-kind flavors. Which Ben & Jerry's ice cream flavor (real or imagined) best describes you?

FINANCIAL AID PRESENTATIONS

RSVP: <https://www.mefa.org/events>

Understanding the FAFSA Thursday, 9/ 22, 2022 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm

What to Know about the CSS Profile Tuesday, 9/ 27, 2022 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Financial Aid 101 Multiple Dates (recommended: 9/28, 10/6, 10/11, 10/20, all at 6:30 pm)

FAFSA Festival Tuesday, October 25, 2022 | 4:00pm - 8:00pm

QUICK COLLEGE COST ESTIMATOR

[HTTPS://MYINTUITION.ORG/PARENTS-STUDENTS/](https://myintuition.org/parents-students/)

SCHOLARSHIPS

[HTTPS://WWW.FASTWEB.COM/](https://www.fastweb.com/)

[HTTPS://WWW.GOINGMERRY.COM/](https://www.goingmerry.com/)

BHS SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION WILL BE OPEN LATER IN THE YEAR. THE COMMITTEE WILL REQUIRE CSS PROFILE.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS

FILL OUT THE FAFSA FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER OCTOBER 1ST

[HTTPS://STUDENTAID.GOV/](https://studentaid.gov/)

IF THE SCHOOL IS ON THE PROFILE LIST FOUND ON COLLEGEBOARD.ORG FINANCIAL AID SITE, COMPLETE ALL THE REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED ON THE PROFILE SITE FOR YOUR SCHOOL AND/OR FROM YOUR COLLEGE.

[HTTPS://CSSPROFILE.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG/](https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/)

ONCE YOU'VE APPLIED

MAKE SURE YOU CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR THE APPLICANT PORTAL

MAKE SURE YOU LOG IN TO YOUR PORTAL

MAKE SURE YOU CHECK YOUR PORTAL FOR ANY MISSING INFORMATION,
ETC.

The Freshman, by Roger Granet

Having moved quarts of clothes
And stereos inside your pint-sized room,
We finally start to say our
Ivy-covered bittersweet so longs.
And all the while I promise not
To be surrounded by my maudlin memories.
No thoughts of pig-tailed 4-year-olds
On Daddy-driven seesaws
Or love-struck moody adolescents
On endless cordless phone calls.
Instead I am circled by future fantasies
Of wide-eyed college kids swept up
In Western Civ and English Comp
Or tame gentle frat parties with
Light beer and late night laughter.
And suddenly released from my ruminations
We all squeeze these moments until you
Disappear into the freshman dorm
Kissing us and yesterday goodbye and
Hugging newborn notions of bold tomorrows.