

Class of 2024

Senior Information

College Applications

Countryside College and Career Fair – October 2 from 6-7:30

Countryside High School, Clearwater FL

SPC Free Application Day – November 2 from 10-1, Media Center

College Application Week – October 30-November 3

What do you need to apply?

- 1) Use Naviance (located in Clever) to find schools that would be a good fit for you. Choose between 4-6 colleges that you want to apply to
- 2) Visit the College Websites and see how they want you to apply – most colleges will use Common App and that is the easiest way to apply
- 3) Naviance – once you have decided where you want to apply, you will visit Naviance (located in Clever) and add the Colleges You are Applying To in your list.
 - a. If they are a Common App school, you must match your Common App account to Naviance so that East Lake will know where you are applying and how to send your official school records (see attached instructions)
- 4) Complete your applications BEFORE their deadlines
- 5) Pay attention to documents that you need to submit with your applications – EVERY COLLEGE IS DIFFERENT SO DON'T ASSUME ALL COLLEGES WANT THE SAME DOCUMENTS
 - a. SAT/ACT Scores - Log in to your ACT or SAT account and click "Send scores to college". There is a cost affiliated with sending them after you have viewed your scores
 - b. Transcripts – Most Florida colleges do not require an initial transcript
 - c. SSAR/SOAR/SPARK – Some colleges will want you to self-report your grades via one of these programs. This is in lieu of sending an initial transcript with your application
 - d. Letters of Recommendation – if a school requires a letter of recommendation, they will let you know. You can request this through Naviance

- 6) Application Fees – if you qualify for free/reduced lunch, you qualify for free application waivers through Common App. Your counselor will log in and verify your status if you indicate that you qualify.
 - a. To apply for free/reduced lunch status, use myschoolapps.com

Students With Accommodations

Colleges do not have to provide services and accommodations for students. After you have been accepted to a college, you will need to apply through your college's disability services office, not the admissions office, to see if you are able to receive accommodations in college. You are responsible for providing your own documentation to the college to request this.

NCAA Information

College-bound student-athletes preparing to enroll in a Division I or Division II school need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center to ensure they have met amateurism standards and are academically prepared for college coursework. (<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>)

Naviance Instructions



Naviance

If you haven't started applying to colleges YET but plan to:

1. Register with Common App after August 1 (Common App Only)
2. On commonapp.org, enter high school information, add at least one college, and sign the FERPA Release Authorization (Common App Only)
3. Complete the Common App Account Matching process in Naviance Student (for Common App colleges only) – **SEE STEPS BELOW**
4. Add Common App colleges on commonapp.org and add non-Common App colleges to the “Colleges I’m Applying To” list in Naviance Student

If you already have a COMMON APP account and are working on applications:

1. Go to “Colleges I’m Applying To” List
2. Select the hot pink bar to Match Accounts
3. Enter the email address used for the Common App account
4. Enter Password
5. Check the “I Agree” option
6. Select Connect
7. Once you have matched your account, schools from your application list in Common App will feed into your Colleges I’m Applying To list in Naviance.

If you applied to schools that do NOT use the Common Application:

(SPC or PTC for example):

(Students should only add colleges to this list and request transcripts if they have already applied to the school or are very certain they will apply in the future)

1. Go to Colleges I’m Applying To List
2. Select the blue plus sign to add a college to the application list
3. Search for the name of the school
4. Select App Type (e.g., Regular Decision, Early Decision, Early Action, etc.)
5. Select How You’ll Submit Your App (Direct to Institution)
6. Check if you have submitted your application
7. Select Add Application

Other Required Tasks:

- ✓ EDocs Orientation
- ✓ Saving 3 Scholarships (recommended)

Financial Aid

There are thousands of scholarship opportunities for you. Below are a few opportunities to give you a place to start. Once you have chosen your institution, check with them for their opportunities as well.

Financial Aid Night – East Lake High School – Nov. 2 at 6:00 PM

FAFSA Application

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the form you need to fill out to get any financial aid from the federal government.
- This includes money for work-study programs, grants, and student loans
- Opens in December - <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
- FAFSA Completion Night – January/February

FFAA Application (Bright Futures Application)

- An online application **must** be submitted in order to qualify for any Bright Futures Scholarship - <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org>
- This is a scholarship given to Florida students who will be attending college in Florida and who meet the eligibility requirements
- Volunteer/Work hours will now be submitted through Profferfish (instructions attached)

Pinellas Education Foundation Scholarship

Opens September 30 and Closes January 2024!!!

This scholarship application will open you up to being a candidate for over 100 scholarships that are only for Pinellas County School Students and some of the scholarships are only for East Lake Students.

Step 1: Go to www.pinellaseducation.org/scholarships

Step 2: Click on Apply Now under Traditional Scholarships

Step 3: Click Start Application

Step 4: Complete it!

PCS Monthly Opportunities – Deadlines vary

Each month the district provides us with pages of scholarship opportunities for all students. This list can be found on the Pinellas County School's financial aid page – www.pcsb.org/financialaid

East Lake High School Website – Deadlines vary

There are numerous scholarships that are added to our website throughout the school year.

Step 1: Go to www.elhsonline.com

Step 2: Scroll down and on the left hand side click on Scholarship opportunities

Scholarships Online

There are many scholarships that are online and can be found at various websites. One great website is tuitionfundingsources.com. This is a free scholarship database where you can create a personal profile, which will help filter the scholarships that best fit you. Other ideas are www.scholarships.com, www.fastweb.com, <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college>, www.ScholarshipMonkey.com, <https://scholarshipowl.com/>

Scholarships Apps

Many scholarship apps can be searched for using your phone. Some popular ones are Scholly Search, ScholarshipOwl, RaiseMe, Niche, and more!



Parent and Student Quick Start Guide

Sign into your Profferfish account through your Clever

-  Find a volunteer organization. You can review approved organizations in Profferfish or find one on your own.
-  Contact the organization and let them know you are interested in volunteering and see if they are currently taking volunteers.
-  Once you have found an organization to volunteer at or if you have a paid work position, you will need to review our district policy and confirm that it meets the district requirements. You can review our district policy here: <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/40036>.
-  Sign into your Profferfish account by going to your Clever account and clicking on the Profferfish icon.
-  Review Pre-Approved Volunteer and Business organizations to see if your organization is already listed.
 - If not listed, submit your organization for approval.
-  If it is listed, look at the Pre-Approved Volunteer and Work opportunities to see if it is already listed.
 - If not listed, submit your opportunity for approval.
-  Track your hours on our [Profferfish Hours Tracker](#) form.
-  Once you have earned your required number of hours, enter your hours in Profferfish, share your reflection and submit for approval OR if your agency supervisor is present, they can sign off on your device.
-  Parents will need to click on the thumbs up icon and sign. It will then be submitted to your counselor for final approval.



VISION: 100% STUDENT SUCCESS

MISSION: EDUCATE AND PREPARE EACH STUDENT FOR COLLEGE, CAREER AND LIFE

<https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/202/Parent%20and%20Student%20Quick%20Start%20Guide.png>

Upcoming Testing

ASVAB Test – November 9, signup in Guidance Office

2023-24 National ACT Saturday Test Dates

Test Date:	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
September 9	August 4	August 18
October 28	September 22	October 6
December 9	November 3	November 17
February 10	January 5	January 19
April 13	March 8	March 22
June 8	May 3	May 17
July 13	June 7	June 21
Learn More, register and get free practice at www.act.org Students on Free/Reduced lunch should see their counselor for a fee waiver.		

2023-24 National SAT Saturday Test Dates

Test Date:	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
August 26	July 28	August 15
October 7	September 7	September 26
November 4	October 5	October 24
December 2	November 2	November 21
March 9 (Digital)*	February 23	TBD
May 4 (Digital)*	April 19	TBD
June 1 (Digital)*	May 17	TBD
Learn More, register and get free practice at www.sat.org Students on Free/Reduced lunch should see their counselor for a fee waiver. * Students taking the digital SAT <u>who need to borrow a device from College Board</u> will need to register and request their device earlier than the registration deadline—at least 30 days before test day.		

Other Important Information

REMIND 101 for Seniors

Text the code below to 81010

Last name A-C: @elhs24a-c

Last name D-H: @elhs24d-h

Last name I-M: @elhs24i-m

Last name N-R: @elhs24n-r

Last name S-Z: @elhs24s-z

Senior Website - <http://elhssenior.weebly.com>

Senior Year Plan

Month	What to Do
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review SAT/ACT scores and decide if you need to retake either in the fall. If yes, PREP! • Research colleges/universities. Identify schools you like that range from "safe" to "reach."
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register for the SAT/ACT if you plan to take them in September/October. • Review academic requirements for both HS graduation and college admission.
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend college fairs and connect with the reps of the colleges you are considering. • Create a deadline calendar. List all application and financial aid deadlines. • Get recommendation requests out to all your teachers/coaches/etc. • Review the Common Application if appropriate • Take the SAT and/or ACT (if necessary). • Narrow your list of schools to those to which you plan to apply. Don't go overboard! • Keep up with your academic work – first semester grades are important!
October November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize all other applications by deadline. • If you still aren't happy with your test scores, register for the December SAT/ACT. • Request official SAT/ACT score reports be sent to schools. • Request all official transcripts be sent to the schools on your list.
December January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm that your applications are complete. • Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) • Complete the Pinellas Education Foundation Scholarship
February March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't put off applications to schools with rolling admissions – earlier is always better! If you submitted the FAFSA, review your Student Aid Report (SAR) for accuracy.
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission decisions will start to roll in. Keep track of acceptances, rejections and waitlists. MAKE NOTE OF ANY CRITICAL DEADLINES! • Review and compare financial aid packages. • Attend accepted student events and/or visit colleges to which you were accepted. • Notify schools of your decision to attend/not and/or remain on the waitlist. • Apply to any remaining scholarships.
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most schools have a deposit deadline of May 1. Don't miss this! • Keep up with your schoolwork and try to keep Senioritis in check! • Take AP Exams and request those scores to be sent to the college you are attending • Request final transcript be sent to your chosen college through Naviance • Log all remaining Bright Future Hours in Profferfish and complete online FFAA application • Thank everyone who helped you during the year! • GRADUATE!