Naviance

Naviance is a web-based service designed for students, parents, and counselors. It is a comprehensive website that you can use to help explore and make decisions about colleges and careers. Naviance includes up-to-date information specific to the students at the Downingtown STEM Academy. Students can log in to their account by following the steps below. If you have difficulty logging in to your account, please see your school counselor.

To access Naviance, go to https://student.naviance.com/stem. The username is your student ID number. The password is your birthdate (e.g. 10/24/1993 or in the case of a single-digit birthdate, use 9/9/1993 and do NOT use 0).

Some of the things you can do in Naviance include:

• Link personality type and interests with careers
• Indicate preferences/criteria to determine college matches
• Compare your academic statistics to the average statistics of your prospective colleges
• Predict the outcome of your application for a specific college using the Scattergrams
• Track application materials, including academic transcripts and teacher recommendation letters

Online Resources

• STEM Counseling Website
  http://dasd.schoolwires.net/domain/459
• Collegeboard
  www.collegeboard.org
• Naviance
  Succeed.naviance.com/stem
• ACT
  http://www.actstudent.org/
• FAFSA
  https://fafsa.ed.gov/
• Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency
  https://www.pheaa.org/
• CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE
• NCAA
  http://www.ncaa.com/
• Common Application:
  http://www.commonapp.org/
• College Greenlight
  https://www.collegegreenlight.com/
• College Navigator
  https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/
• Cappex
  https://www.cappex.com/
• The Princeton Review
  http://www.princetonreview.com/
• Unigo
  https://www.unigo.com/
• College Confidential
  http://www.collegeconfidential.com/
• Education Planner
  http://www.educationplanner.org/
• Fair Test
  http://www.fairtest.org/
College Planning Timeline

Winter 2019
• Review results of PSAT and utilize online planning tools (Naviance and Collegeboard)
• Start to create a list of colleges that attract you (15-20 schools)
• Start to notice similarities: type of campus, size of campus, location, cost, culture, programs offered
• Remember to add these to “Colleges I’m Thinking About” in Naviance!
• Register for the SAT/SAT Subject Test or ACT
• Have Junior Meeting with your Counselor

Spring 2019
• Take the SAT/Subject Test or ACT
• Request information from colleges/universities
• Learn about Admission Requirements from the preliminary list of schools you’re thinking about (e.g. are SAT Subject Tests required?)
• Student Athletes: Register with the NCAA Clearinghouse

Summer 2018
• Narrow down your list of schools and visit as many as possible
• Start to have conversations with your family about financial aid
• Fill out the Senior Questionnaire
• Fill out your Resume on Naviance

Fall 2019
• Whittle down your list of 15-20 schools by doing further research, taking campus tours, talking to students, etc.
• Focus on applying to between 6-8 schools (approx. 3 reach schools, 3 match schools, and 2 likely schools)
• Complete the Common Application
• Complete any other non-Common App college applications.
• Add the schools you will be applying to on the Colleges I’m Applying to list on Naviance

Summer 2019 con’t...
• Start to identify and ask the people you want letters of recommendation from (min. 2 people). You can start to do this before the end of junior year too!
• Research what the college essay requirements are for the schools you are considering

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Remember to keep your counselor informed of important deadlines for specialized programs (e.g. accelerated med programs, scholarships, etc.) This includes NCAA and applications for the U.S. Military Academies. Please note that U.S. Military Academies operate on a strict, early schedule. You should let your counselor know if you plan to apply to a U.S. Military Academy before the end of junior year.

College Planning Timeline Con’t

Standardized Testing Dates
SAT Test Dates
Register at:
https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register

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The SAT is typically offered in October, November, December, January, March, May, June, and August.

ACT Test Dates
Register at: http://www.actstudent.org/regist/

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The ACT is typically offered in September, October, December, February, April, June, and July.
ACT
A standardized college admission test. It features four main sections: English, math, reading and science — and an optional essay section.

Articulation Agreement
An agreement between two-year and four-year colleges that makes it easier to transfer credits between them. It spells out which courses count for degree credit and the grades you need to earn to get credit.

Candidates Reply Date Agreement (CRDA)
An agreement many colleges follow that gives applicants until May 1 to accept or decline offers of admission. This agreement gives students time to get responses from most of the colleges they have applied to before deciding on one.

College Application Essay
An essay that a college requires students to write and submit as part of their application. Some colleges offer applicants specific questions to answer, while others simply ask applicants to write about themselves. Colleges may refer to this as a “personal statement.”

College Credit
What you get when you successfully complete a college-level course. You need a certain number of credits to graduate with a degree. Colleges may also grant credit for scores on exams, such as those offered by IB. You can review IB Recognition Policies on Naviance.

Common Application
A standard application form accepted by all colleges that are members of the Common Application association. You can fill out this application once and submit it to any one — or several — of the 475-plus colleges that accept it.

Deferred Admission
Permission from a college that has accepted you to postpone enrolling in the college. The postponement is usually for up to one year.

Early Action (EA)
An option to submit your applications before the regular deadlines. When you apply early action, you get admission decisions from colleges earlier than usual. Early action plans are not binding, which means that you do not have to enroll in a college if you are accepted early action. Some colleges have an early action option called EA II, which has a later application deadline than their regular EA plan.

Early Decision (ED)
An option to submit an application to your first-choice college before the regular deadline. When you apply early decision, you get an admission decision earlier than usual. Early decision plans are binding. You agree to enroll in the college immediately if admitted and offered a financial aid package that meets your needs. Some colleges have an early decision option called ED II, which has a later application deadline than their regular ED plan.

Financial Aid
Money given or loaned to you to help pay for college. Financial aid can come from federal and state governments, colleges, and private organizations.

Grade Point Average (GPA)
A number that shows overall academic performance. It’s computed by assigning a point value to each grade you earn. See also Weighted Grade Point Average.

Legacy Applicant
A college applicant with a relative (usually a parent or grandparent) who graduated from that college. Some colleges give preference to legacy applicants (also called “legacies”).

Need-Blind Admission
A policy of making admission decisions without considering the financial circumstances of applicants. Colleges that use this policy may not offer enough financial aid to meet a student’s full need.
Priority Date or Deadline
The date by which your application — whether it’s for college admission, student housing or financial aid — must be received to be given the strongest consideration.

Rolling Admission
An admission policy of considering each application as soon as all required information (such as high school records and test scores) has been received, rather than setting an application deadline and reviewing applications in a batch. Colleges that use a rolling admission policy usually notify applicants of admission decisions quickly.

SAT
The College Board’s standardized college admission test. It features three main sections: math, reading and writing, which includes a written essay.

SAT Subject Tests
Hour-long, content-based college admission tests that allow you to showcase achievement in specific subject areas: English, history, math, science and languages. Some colleges use Subject Tests to place students into the appropriate courses as well as in admission decisions. Based on your performance on the test(s), you could potentially fulfill basic requirements or earn credit for introductory-level courses.

Transcript
The official record of your course work at a school or college. Your high school transcript is usually required for college admission and for some financial aid packages.

Transfer Student
A student who enrolls in a college after having attended another college.

Undergraduate
A college student who is working toward an associate or a bachelor's degree.

Waiting List
The list of applicants who may be admitted to a college if space becomes available. Colleges wait to hear if all the students they accepted decide to attend. If students don’t enroll and there are empty spots, a college may fill them with students who are on the waiting list.

Weighted Grade Point Average (GPA)
A grade point average that’s calculated using a system that assigns a higher point value to grades in more-difficult classes. For example, Standard Level (SL) courses have a .50 weight. Higher Level (HL) courses will have a 1.0 weight.
Overview

Equipping Students with More Tools to Find Best-Fit Colleges

The SuperMatch college search tool within Naviance makes it even easier for students to explore their options and discover colleges that are a match with their academic profile and a fit with what they’re looking for in a college experience.

Using SuperMatch

SuperMatch can be found by navigating to **Colleges Home > Search Tools**.

Quick Tips

When you first log in to SuperMatch, you will be guided through a series of quick tips to help you navigate the search tool and understand the key features. Also, clicking on the **About SuperMatch** link in the top right corner of the page will relaunch the quick tips should you get stuck and need assistance.
Selecting Fit Criteria

Use the Choose Fit Criteria navigation menu at the top to select criteria based on what you are looking for in your college experience. You don’t need to select something under every category; only select the criteria which are most important to you.

Click on the Tool Tips icon throughout the search tool to read definitions for common concepts and terminology.

As fit criteria are selected, they populate in the Must Have box. You can also move criteria between the Must Have and Nice to Have boxes depending on level of importance to you. Moving your criteria between these two categories of importance will refine your college search results below.
Search Results

Institutions with the highest **Fit Score** will always appear at the top of your list. To see your **Fit Score Breakdown** based on the criteria you selected, click on the green **Why?** box located under the **Fit Score** percentage.

GPA, SAT, and/or ACT scores will be pre-populated as part of the Admissions fit criteria, if available within Naviance. If not available, you can enter your information to see how you compare to institutional averages in the **Academic Match** column. **Note:** GPA’s are converted to a 4.0 scale.

By clicking on the green arrow next to the results table headings, you can also pick which content appears in the results table.
Comparing Pinned Schools

While viewing your results, you can “pin to compare” in order to see a comparison of those colleges which interest you. As you select each college to compare, the pinned colleges will appear at the top of the results table with a purple bar next to it.

To see an in-depth side-by-side comparison, click on the Pinned menu in the bottom right corner and select Compare Pinned Colleges. Once on the compare pinned page, you can export your results by clicking on the green Export button located near the top right corner.
More

By clicking on the More menu in the bottom right corner, you will see two options. Upcoming Visits will take you to a page showing all college visits scheduled at your high school, while Events will take you to a page listing events that colleges have scheduled on their campus.

Colleges Interested in You

To learn more about colleges that are looking for students like you, click Interested in You on the bottom navigation menu.
Add Prospective Colleges in Naviance Student - (Colleges I'm Thinking About)

To add a college to Colleges I'm Thinking About:
1. Log in to Naviance Student and navigate to Colleges > Colleges I'm Thinking About.
2. Click Add colleges to List.
3. Use the Lookup by: dropdown to select a search filter.
4. Enter Criteria using the associated filter's drop-down menu.
5. Locate the college of interest.
6. Click the heart icon next to the college's name.
7. The college is added to the College's I'm Thinking About list.

**Alternatively, from a college's profile page, use the Heart icon to add to Colleges I'm Thinking About.**

Screenshot 1: Steps 4-6

Screenshot 2: Step 7
Naviance | Student

Boston College
Chestnut Hill, MA, United States  |  www.bc.edu
Viewing Scattergrams in Naviance Student

The Scattergrams feature is one of the most helpful tools on Naviance! It allows students to view the outcomes of previous applicants from their school as they pertain to specific colleges. Individualized academic information will be plotted on each student’s personalized graph and circled in red (using your GPA and/or test scores).

*Please note that personal data will not be plotted on the graph until at least one set of standardized test scores has been entered by the student and it will only display a Scattergram for ONE school at a time.

Students and parents can access Scattergrams using Naviance Student. The updated Scattergrams account for the changes to the College Board’s SAT score range back to a 1600 scale. The 1600 score graph will now account for concordance of your high school students’ SAT scores in the 2400 range to the new 1600 SAT score range using the College Board’s concordance tables. We are continuing to support ACT scores as before because there has been no adjustment to the ACT composite score range.

To view a scattergram with an individual student overlay, either:
1. Go to Colleges.
2. Look up a college or university by using the Lookup or SuperMatch search tools.
3. Click on the college or university name to open the College Profile.
4. Click the Admissions tab at the top of the profile page to display the scattergram for that school.
5. Adjust GPA and Test Score if applicable.

OR

1. Navigate to Colleges > Find Your Fit > Scattergrams
2. Select a college from the drop-down list.
3. Click View Scattergram.
4. The College Profile Admissions tab opens in a new window, scroll down to see the scattergram.
5. If necessary, adjust the GPA and Test Score.