

Welcome to College Application Evening



“I learned that sometimes a life journey can take you to a place that is not on any map.” – Jim Stark

Agenda

- Admissions Overview/NACAC Guidelines
- College Application Instructions
- Senior Timeline
- What counselors send to colleges
- Naviance
- Financial Aid
- Wrap up and questions

Still Searching?

- Everyone is on their own timeline
- Upcoming opportunities include:
 - College visits at CHS (see Naviance)
 - College visits on campus – excused absence/send a note
 - College Fair – 10/15/2018
 - Check Naviance, Schoology, and emails

DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION



National Association for
College Admission Counseling
Guiding the way to higher education

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Non-Restrictive Application Plans

Regular Decision

DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Rolling Admission

DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Action (EA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Restrictive Application Plans

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

COMMITMENT:

BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

Naviance

- All students will use Naviance during this process. This is how counselors send your school materials.
- Be sure to keep your list accurate and updated.
- Be sure to indicate the appropriate admission type and how you are applying (ex: via CA / EA).

Types of Applications

- Common Application
- Coalition Application
- Institutional Application

Self-Report Applications

Penn State / Pitt, etc.

Report FINAL grades only

First Steps to Applying to College

See Blue Sheet

College
Application
Instructions

Teacher Recommendations (#4)

- Add teachers under “Colleges” tab, scroll down, and find “Letters of Recommendation”
- Don’t forget to communicate your first deadline with your teachers
- Be sure to select “All Schools” so we can send them everywhere
- No need to add teachers to Common App

Common Application

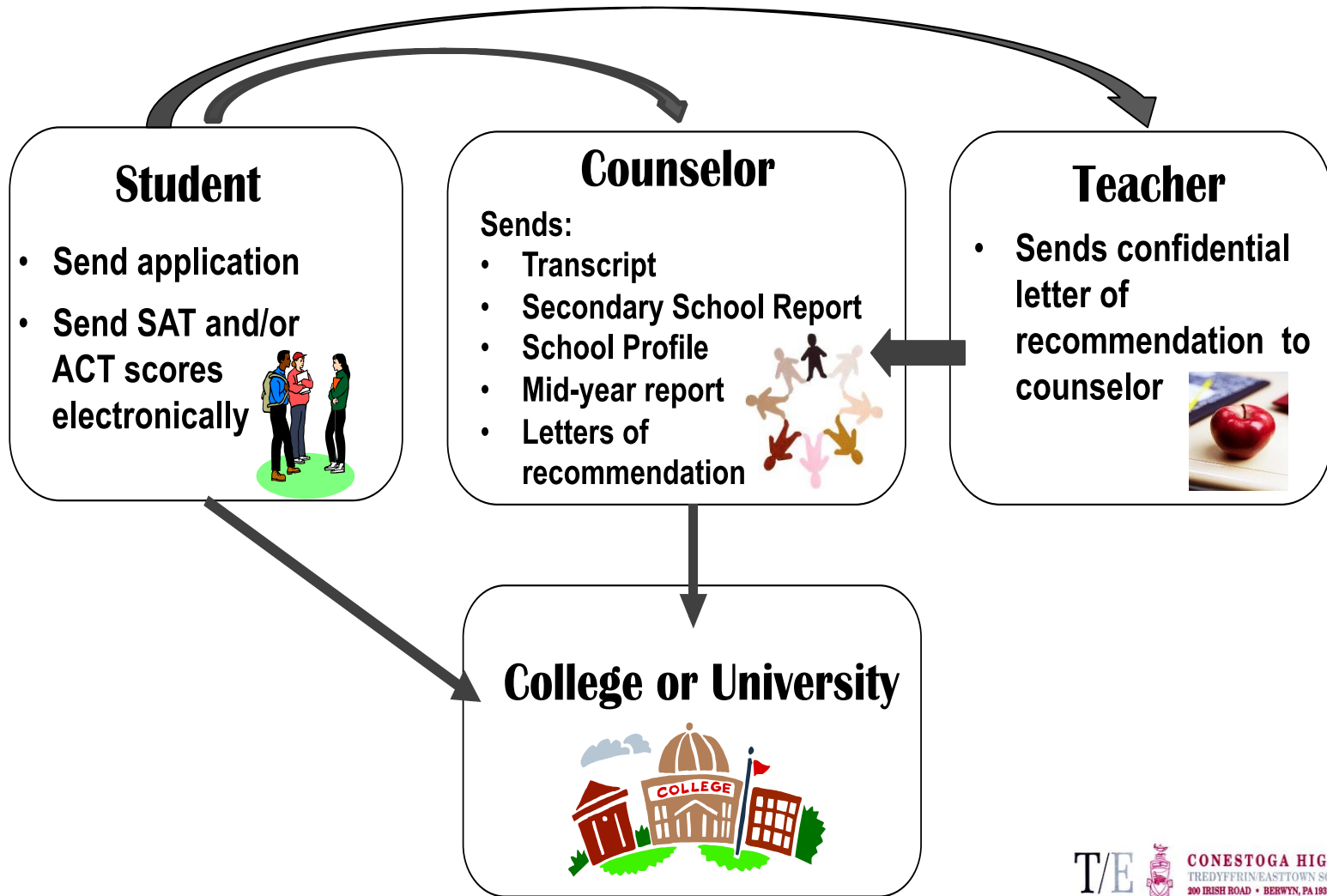
1. Complete the Personal Demographic information section.
2. Complete the Education section.
3. Add colleges.
4. Complete the FERPA waiver (under “My Colleges” tab – Recommenders and FERPA).

College Application Timeline for Your Counselor

Schedule a meeting with your counselor 15 school days prior to your first deadline.

For example, if your first deadline is Nov 1st, please meet with us by October 11th. This gives us time to process your paperwork.

Who Sends What to Where?



What Do Counselors Send?

- Transcript
- Courses In Progress/First Quarter Grade Report/First Semester Grade Report/Final Grade Report
- Secondary School Report
- CHS Profile
- Counselor Recommendation
- Teacher Recommendations

CONESTOGA HIGH SCHOOL

Tredyffrin/Easttown School District

200 IRISH RD BERWYN, PA 19312
Accreditation: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

PHONE: (610)240-1000 FAX: (610)240-1055 CEEB: 390295

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Senior Year Courses In Progress

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Senior Year Courses In Progress 2011-12

Gender: Gr: ..?

Course Name	*Level	Number	Credit Potential
AP Lit/Cmp	H*	0040	1.00
US Gov't	H	1310	0.50
Sociology	H	1400	0.50
Calculus	X	2221	1.00
Physics	H	3310	1.20
-French 6	H	4000	1.00
Ext Exp PE		5155	0.20
Team Sport		5245	0.20
AP Studio Draw	H*	7180	1.00
		Total Credit Potential	<u>6.60</u>

Level H = Honors/AP H - Honors X - Accelerated A - Academic

Only college level preparatory courses are
leveled and included in rank.

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Gender: Gr:

Course Name	*Level	Number	Semester	Grade	Credit Potential
Advanced Comp	H	0150	Full Year	96	1.00
AP US Govt	H*	1300	Fall	90	0.50
Philosophy	H	1800	Spring		0.50
Calculus	H	2220	Full Year	88	1.00
Physics	H	3310	Full Year	99	1.20
Spanish 3	H	4330	Full Year	90	1.00
Team Sport		5245			0.20
Phys Ed Core		5615	Fall	0	0.20
Entrprnshp		6129	Spring		0.50
Draw/Paint		7025	Fall	92	0.25
Choir Tenor/Bas		7615	Full Year	96	0.40
Total Credit Potential					6.75

Level H = Honors/AP H - Honors X - Accelerated A - Academic

Only English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science and Language courses are leveled and included in G.P.A.

The CHS Profile

PROFILE 2016 - 2017

CONESTOGA HIGH SCHOOL

Tredyffrin/Easttown School District



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Dr. Amy Meisinger	Principal
Mr. James Bankert	Assistant Principal
Dr. Patrick Boyle	Assistant Principal
Mr. Anthony DiLella	Assistant Principal
Ms. Misty Whelan	Assistant Principal
Mr. Kevin Pechin	Athletic Director

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Mrs. Megan Smyth (Th-Z)	SmythM@tesd.net	610-240-1013

General Information

Grades 9 - 12	Type of School Public
Enrollment 2,145	Length of Semester 20 Weeks
Class Periods 43 minutes	Periods per Day 8 Periods
Teaching Faculty 136	Teacher to Student Ratio 1:16

Community

Located 15 miles west of Philadelphia in eastern Chester County, Tredyffrin and Easttown Townships form a suburban school district whose residents primarily engage in professional and business occupations.

Curriculum

Students must earn 24 credits to meet graduation requirements. An individual program is developed for each student, and courses are offered at varying levels of difficulty. In the fall of 2016, 89% of Conestoga students enrolled in at least one Honors level course, and 51% of Conestoga students enrolled in at least one Advanced Placement (AP) course.

Independent study, self-directed learning, and other enrichment opportunities are available in all disciplines. Qualifying seniors (98%) participate in a four-week career internship program in May and June.

Instructional Levels

Students are grouped by instructional levels in all academic departments: English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, and World Languages. Levels are designated on the transcript as follows: AP/H* - Advanced Placement H - Honors X - Accelerated A - Academic Students are heterogeneously grouped in other departments, except where Advanced Placement courses are offered.

National Merit Recognition 2016

- 33 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists
- 39 National Merit Commended Students
- 3 National Hispanic Scholars

College Board Advanced Placement

In May 2016, 777 Conestoga students completed 1,632 AP tests. For the Class of 2016, 63.4% of students took at least one AP test during high school and scored a 3 or better. Among the Class of 2016:

Recognition	Students	Mean score
National AP Scholars	42	4.60
AP Scholars with Distinction	97	4.42
AP Scholars with Honor	12	3.54
AP Scholars	29	3.36

Advanced Placement Courses

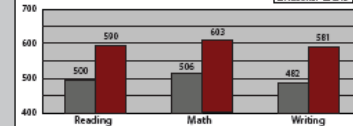
Eng. Lang. & Comp.	U.S. History	Environmental Science
Eng. Lit. & Comp.	European History	Statistics
French Language	World History	Calculus AB
German Language	Psychology	Calculus BC
Italian Language	Econ. Micro & Macro	Computer Science A
Latin	Biology	Art History
Spanish Language	Chemistry	Studio Art: Drawing
U.S. Gov & Politics	Physics C: Mechanics	Studio Art: 2-D Design
Comp. Gov & Politics	Physics C: Elec & Mag	Music Theory

2016 AP Scores

Score	# of exams	% of exams
5	682	42%
4	519	32%
3	318	20%
Total	1,524	95%

Scores of 3, 4, or 5 (College Ready)
1,632 AP Exams - Mean Score: 4.1

Class of 2016 SAT Mean Scores



Class of 2016 ACT

	CHS	State
English	26.0	22.6
Math	26.5	23.0
Reading	26.5	23.6
Science	25.6	22.8
Composite	26.3	23.1

Participation: SAT - 89% ACT - 51%

To inspire a passion for learning, personal integrity, the pursuit of excellence and social responsibility in each student.



Grading System

A 90 - 100	O Outstanding	WP Withdraw Passing
B 80 - 89	S Satisfactory	WF Withdraw Failing
C 70 - 79	N Needs Improvement	TR Transfer Credit
D 65 - 69	U Unsatisfactory	MX Medically Excused
F < 65	IN Incomplete	CP Cert. Oral Presenter
	P Passing	CL Culminating Project
	F Failing	

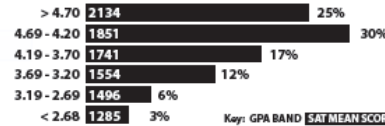
Grade Point Average (GPA)

The GPA is cumulative, including only leveled courses taken at Conestoga valued at 0.5 credit or more. The Unweighted GPA is reported on the transcript along with the Weighted GPA.

Weighted/Unweighted GPA

The **Unweighted GPA** is computed on a traditional 4.0 system in which grades are valued as follows: A (90-100) 4.0, B (80-89) 3.0, C (70-79) 2.0, D (65-69) 1.0. The **Weighted GPA** is adjusted to reflect levels of instruction.

2016 Senior Class Weighted GPA/SAT Bands



Highlights for the Class of 2016

- Class of 2016 attending college: 4 year 94% 2 year 4%
- Conestoga High School ranked among the best high schools nationally in numerous commercial publications including *Newsweek*, *The Washington Post* and *Niche.com*
- Conestoga Senior wins second place *Medal of Distinction for Global Good* in the Intel Science Talent Search
- Twenty-one students recognized by the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association as All-Region Band, Orchestra or Choir
- Thirty Central Athletic League Titles, Four PIAA District 1 Titles, and Three State Titles in Girls Lacrosse, Boys Rugby and Boys Tennis while the class of 2016 attended Conestoga (2012-2016)

College Destinations for the Class of 2016

Members of the Conestoga High School Class of 2016 have matriculated to the colleges and universities listed below. In a typical year, more than 75% of Conestoga graduates attend colleges listed in *The Best 378 Colleges*, a publication of the Princeton Review. Where more than one student enrolled, the number of students is indicated in parentheses.

Albright College (2)	Eastern University (2)	New York University (4)	University of Colorado at Boulder (4)
Akronia University	Elmira College	Northwestern University (2)	University of Delaware (12)
American University	Elon University (4)	Ohio State University (2)	University of Denver
Arcadia University	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Pace University	University of Florida
Auburn University	Emerson College	Pennsylvania College of Technology	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2)
Barnard College	Emory University	Pennsylvania State University (51)	University of Maryland (6)
Bates College	Fashion Institute of Technology	Philadelphia University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Belmont University	Fordham University (2)	Pomona College	University of Miami (2)
Bloomsburg University (3)	Franklin and Marshall College (2)	Princeton University (2)	University of Michigan (5)
Boston College (3)	George Washington University (8)	Purdue University	University of Mississippi
Boston University (4)	Georgetown University (4)	Queen's University	University of Nebraska
Brigham Young University, Idaho	Georgia State University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of New Haven
Bucknell University (6)	Gettysburg College (3)	Rice University	University of Pennsylvania (9)
Calvin College (3)	Grimm College	Rochester Institute of Technology (4)	University of Pittsburgh (23)
Carleton College	Grove City College	Rollins College (3)	University of Richmond (4)
Carnegie Mellon University (3)	Gwynedd-Mercy University	Rosemont College	University of Rochester
Case Western Reserve University (2)	Harvard University (2)	Saint Joseph's University (5)	University of South Carolina (5)
Catholic University of America (2)	Haverford College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of South Florida
Champlain College	High Point University (4)	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Southern California
Chestnut Hill College	Hope College	Shippensburg University (2)	University of Tampa (5)
Clark University	Humboldt State University	Simmons College	University of Tennessee (2)
Clarkson University (2)	Indiana University (2)	St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook	University of Vermont
Coastal Carolina University	Indiana University of Pennsylvania (4)	St. Olaf College	University of Virginia (4)
Colby College	Ithaca College	Stanford University	Ursinus College (3)
College of Charleston (4)	James Madison University (7)	State University of New York	Valley Forge Military College (2)
College of Mount Saint Vincent	Johns Hopkins University	Stetson University	Vanderbilt University
College of William and Mary (2)	Kenyon College	Stony Brook University	Villanova University (7)
Columbia University	Rutgers University (3)	Susquehanna University (3)	Virginia Commonwealth University
Community College of Philadelphia	La Salle University (4)	Swarthmore College	Virginia Tech (3)
Cornell University (7)	Lafayette College (2)	Syracuse University (3)	Wake Forest University (2)
Culinary Institute of America	Lebanon Valley College	Temple University (28)	Washington and Lee University
Dartmouth College	Lehigh University (5)	Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology	Washington University in St. Louis (2)
Davidson College	Lock Haven University	The New School (2)	Wells College
Delaware County Community College (8)	Loyola University Maryland (5)	Tulane University	West Chester University (14)
Denison University (2)	Marquette University	United States Military Academy at West Point	West Virginia University (2)
DePaul University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	United States Naval Academy	Widener University
DeSales University	McGill University (2)	University of Alabama (3)	Williamson College of the Trades
Dickinson College (2)	Meritack College (2)	University of Arizona	Wingate University
Drexel University (17)	Miami University, Oxford (3)	University of the Arts	Yale University (2)
Duke University (2)	Michigan State University (3)	University of California, Berkeley	
East Carolina University	Miller'sville University (5)	University of California, Los Angeles	
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	Montgomery County Community College (5)	University of Chicago	
	Neumann University	University of Cincinnati	

Additional Documents

- Counselor Letter of Recommendation
- Teacher Letter(s) of Recommendation
- Secondary School Report

Additional Information

1. Need help with your essay? See Ms. Harrison in the Achievement Center.
2. Work on your applications, send your application when you have completed all parts – *no need to wait for school documents*. School materials will follow your sent application; **notify your counselor each time you send an application – even if it is a self-report application.**
3. Athletes– Register through NCAA Clearinghouse and notify your counselor.
4. Follow Schoology and check your 'Stoga email for frequent informational messages from counselors.

Financial Aid



- Applying to college and applying for financial aid are two separate processes.
- Need based – money awarded to student based on need (estimated family contribution).
- FAFSA is released October 1.
- Schools may also use their own forms or CSS Profile.
- We recommend to apply for financial aid regardless of circumstances. Some Merit based aid can only be awarded if applicant has submitted forms.
- Link: <https://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/fafsasimplification/>

Merit Based Financial Aid



- Money awarded to student without regard to financial need. Based on achievements in high school or special talent.
- College Based Scholarships: Many colleges have application deadlines attached to merit-based scholarship eligibility. Inform counselor of any Priority or Merit Scholarship deadlines.
- Outside Organizations offer scholarships tailored to many factors.

Scholarships

- Where to find? Naviance, Student Services.
- For private and corporate scholarships, complete the applications according to the directions.
- See your Counselor 15 days ahead of deadline.

Comparing Financial Aid Packages

Students and Parents should know. ..

- How much is gift aid? How much is loan?
- Any strings attached to gift aid? GPA, # of credits.
- Consistency from year to year
- Will the scholarship go up if tuition increases.

RIGHTS and RESPONSIBILITIES

- Accept offer by May 1st, unless Early Decision
- Early Decision 2 – same guidelines as ED 1
- Deposit to one school only
- Be prepared for colleges to respond with any of the below decisions

Admit

Deny

Defer

Waitlist

Summer/January Admit

Things to Remember...

- Know your application deadlines!!
- Notify your counselor EACH time you submit an application.
- Counselors will hit “send” **after** you hit “send”.
- Check your portals! Open links!
- Thank the people who have helped you along the way...
- We are here to help!

Helpful Hints

- Plan ahead
- Focus on what is best for **YOU**
- Prioritize
- Stay organized
- Be open minded
- Keep a sense of humor
- Ask for help

