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- ☐ **Want summer internships/opportunities?** *Check Enrichment Programs*
- ☐ **Know how to access Naviance by** *June 30, 2019*
- ☐ **Add colleges/programs to your application list** *When you apply*
- ☐ **Not sure? Try Career Interest Profiler Survey**
- ☐ **Complete the Brag Sheet Survey by** *September 1, 2019*
- ☐ **Create account at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov), FAFSA opens** *October 1, 2019*
- ☐ **Apply for qualifying scholarships** *Anytime!*
- ☐ **Request transcripts through Naviance** *When you submit apps!*
- ☐ **Request letters of recommendation** *2-weeks in advance*

Early Action (EA)	Early Decision (ED)	Regular Decision (RD)
<p>Early action plans <b>are nonbinding</b> — students receive an early response to their application but do not have to commit to the college until the normal reply date of May 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply early.</li> <li>• Receive an admission decision early in the admission cycle (usually in January or February).</li> <li>• Consider acceptance offer; do not have to commit upon receipt.</li> <li>• Apply to other colleges under regular admission plans.</li> <li>• Give the college a decision no later than the May 1 national response date</li> </ul>	<p>Early decision plans <b>are binding</b> — a student who is accepted as an ED applicant must attend the college.  <i>**Typically with due dates of November 1, 2019 or November 15, 2019.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply early (usually in November) to first-choice college.</li> <li>• Receive an admission decision from the college well in advance of the usual notification date (usually by December).</li> <li>• Agree to attend the college if accepted and offered a financial aid package that is considered adequate by the family.</li> <li>• Apply to only one college early decision.</li> <li>• Apply to other colleges under regular admission plans.</li> <li>• Withdraw all other applications if accepted by ED.</li> <li>• Send a nonrefundable deposit well in advance of May 1.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Regular decision</b> is the <b>normal process</b> by which students apply by published deadlines, with promise of receiving an admissions decision no later than April 1 of their senior year.  <i>**Check specific college due dates in Naviance!!</i></p>

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<b>Spring 2019</b>	
Know your Naviance <i>Student</i> login	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Go to school or district website</li> <li>Click <b>Students</b></li> <li>Scroll down and click on <b>Naviance button</b></li> <li><b>Enter your username:</b> Student ID number</li> <li><b>Enter your password:</b> District password</li> <li>Click the <b>Log in</b> button.</li> </ul>
Explore <b>College Research tools</b> in Naviance <i>Student</i> and add colleges/programs to your list.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Colleges</b> &gt; Find Your Fit &gt; SuperMatch, College Match, College Lookup etc.</li> <li>Add colleges to <b>Colleges I'm thinking about</b> list</li> </ul>
Begin exploring <b>scholarships</b> in Naviance and identify scholarships you plan to apply for each month. <b>You can even save them to your list!</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Click <b>Colleges</b></li> <li>Go to <b>Scholarships and Money</b></li> <li>Explore <b>Scholarship List &amp; National Scholarship Search</b></li> <li>Select scholarships you are interested in and click the button to <b>Add Selected Scholarships to My List</b></li> <li>Sign up for <b>thewashboard.org</b></li> </ul>
<b>Summer 2019</b>	
Explore different types of colleges and/or training programs based on your interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Colleges</b> &gt; Find Your Fit &gt; SuperMatch, College Match, College Lookup etc.</li> <li>Add colleges/training programs to <b>Colleges I'm Thinking About</b> list</li> <li>Click <b>Careers &gt; Explore &gt; Explore Careers &amp; Clusters</b></li> <li>Go to the <b>home page</b></li> <li>Scroll down to the bottom of the page &gt; click <b>View All from my school</b></li> <li>Click the link for <b>Military Resources</b> under <b>Pages</b></li> </ul>
If you think, you might apply to one or more <b>Common App or Coalition colleges</b> prepare early and connect with your counselor!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Go to the <b>home page</b></li> <li>Scroll down to the bottom of the page &gt; click <b>View All from my school</b></li> <li>Click the link for <b>Common App Resources</b> under <b>Pages</b></li> <li><b>Create</b> your Common App <a href="http://www.commonapp.org">www.commonapp.org</a> account</li> <li>Check out the <b>Coalition</b> website <a href="http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/">http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/</a></li> </ul>
Complete Senior <b>Brag Sheet Survey</b> to be ready to request teacher and counselor recommendations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Click <b>About Me &gt; My Stuff &gt; My Surveys &gt; Brag Sheet Survey</b></li> <li>The <b>Brag Sheet Survey</b> provides teachers and counselors with specific information needed to write a quality college recommendation letter.</li> <li>The survey collects all of this information in one place, including accomplishments, goals, and future plans.</li> </ul>
Explore <b>scholarships</b> in Naviance and save them to your <b>Scholarship List!</b> It is never too early to apply for \$\$!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Click <b>Colleges</b></li> <li>Go to <b>Scholarships and Money</b></li> <li>Explore <b>Scholarship List &amp; National Scholarship Search</b></li> </ul>

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<b>Fall 2019</b>	
Complete Senior <b>Brag Sheet Survey</b> NOW! Your teacher and counselor recommendations depend on it!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Click <b>About Me &gt; My Stuff &gt; My Surveys &gt; Brag Sheet Survey</b></li> <li>Let teachers/counselors know that you completed the survey</li> <li>Remember to ask teachers at least <b>2-weeks in advance</b> to complete letters of recommendation.</li> </ul>
Complete the <b>FAFSA/WASFA</b> starting <b>October 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not sure about financial aid and what is available?</li> <li>Go to the <b>home page</b></li> <li>Scroll down to the bottom of the page &gt; click <b>View All from my school</b></li> <li>Click the link for <b>Financial Aid Info.</b> under <b>Pages</b></li> </ul>
Check college application <b>opening</b> dates and application <b>due dates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add them to your personal calendar</li> </ul>
Request transcripts through Naviance for colleges you are <b>applying to</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For <b>submitted</b> college applications only</li> <li>You can request additional transcripts for <b>scholarships</b> and/or <b>athletics</b> throughout the year</li> </ul>
If you are applying to <u>any</u> <b>Common App Colleges...</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Watch Common App Matching <b>video</b></li> <li><b>Match</b> your Common App &amp; Naviance accounts in order for any documents to be sent to Common App colleges</li> </ul>
<b>Contact</b> teachers, counselors, and staff to request letters of recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum of <b>2-weeks</b> ahead of the due date!!</li> <li>Needed for... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Common App Colleges</li> <li>Some scholarships</li> <li>NCAA</li> <li>Let them know you filled out the <b>Brag Sheet Survey</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>Add a teacher request by going to <b>Colleges &gt; home &gt; Letters of Recommendation</b></li> </ul>
<b>Do you have questions?</b> Email <a href="mailto:naviance@everettsd.org">naviance@everettsd.org</a> Please be sure to include your first and last name, your student ID, the high school you attend, and description of your question.	