

Your Senior Year....

Graduating Class 2025

Yikes!! Please don't make me go!!



A little nervous? DON'T BE!

- Go to college? (2 or 4 year, or trade)
- Get a job?
- Go into the military?



Resources!

- Your Counselor (of course!!)
- College Fairs (WNY Consortium October 4th-LPHS Gym)
 - Register ahead of time at this link: [WNY Consortium Link](#)
- In-Person and Virtual college open houses and visits (check college websites)
- College reps will be coming to LPHS this year. Listen for announcements!
- Naviance Family Connection

Internet Resources

- ❖ [Naviance](#)
- ❖ [LPHS Counseling Webpage](#)
- ❖ [US News and World Report Colleges and Career Center](#)
- ❖ [Niche](#)
- ❖ [College Board Big Future](#)
- ❖ [Unigo](#)
- ❖ [Appily](#)
- ❖ [CollegeVine](#)
- ❖ Social Media
 - [Instagram](#), TikTok, Snapchat, [X](#), Facebook
 - Join us on Twitter NOW for scholarship notifications and other important information!! @LPHS_Counselors

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Where do I start the whole process?

****Common Application** -Universal application that hundreds of schools use. It allows you to fill out one application and have it sent to several schools. You will send a link via email to your counselor and teachers for transcript and recommendation information to be sent to each individual college. App fees vary

****SUNY Application** and supplemental form (REQUIRED) (\$50.00 app fee) You can also use common app to apply to SUNY schools This would take care of main application and supplemental.

****You will need the email address of your counselor and teachers for recommendations. You will find these on the high school webpage.**

****If a school is requiring you to send your SAT and/or ACT scores right from the testing service (these are called “official scores”) you will need to log onto your SAT and or ACT account and have them sent (this will cost you \$\$).**

Letters of Recommendation

~Letters of recommendation- You will need 1-3 depending on where you apply (you can get more if you choose).

~Brag sheets!!! What is the brag sheet? It is your chance to write down all of the activities and awards you have achieved over the last 4 years.

~Please complete your Brag Sheet via our website or by clicking the link above. You will receive a copy via email once it is completed.

~You can then forward a copy of the brag sheet to the teacher(s) you have asked to write you a recommendation letter. Please be aware that a teacher **MUST** have this in order to write you a letter.

Deadlines

- All applications should be in by December 1st. Some applications will have a deadline in January or February however, you should not WAIT UNTIL THE LAST DAY!!
- For those students interested in attending Niagara University next year, there will be rapid admission days on October 21st.
- For those students interested in attending NCCC next year there will be instant enrollment days on November 6th and 7th.
 - *For those who would like to apply to NCCC on their own you can do this directly from their [website](#) Please make sure you let your counselor know if you applied so we can send your transcript.

Have you heard of.....

- Early Decision – Usually November 1st deadline to apply. You find out the admissions decision sooner and if accepted you rescind all other college applications. A binding agreement.
- Early Action – earlier deadline to apply (typically November 15th). You find out the admissions decision sooner, but there is NO binding agreement.
- Not all schools offer Early Decision and or Early Action. Check the schools you are interested in.
- Rolling Admission – Schools accept and Deny applicants as they come in. There is no official application deadline.

Yippee!! College Admissions Tests

- Many colleges and Universities are still waiving the testing requirement. Please check each school you are interested in to see what their policy is.
- SAT Test Dates @ Lewiston Porter:
 - October 5, 2024
 - Registration deadline Sep 20th
 - Late Registration. Sep 24
 - May 3rd, 2025
 - Registration deadline April, 18th 2025
 - Late Registration deadline April 22nd 2025
- *No admission ticket and photo ID...no admission. See the handouts.

NCAA Eligibility Center

- If you plan to play a Division I or II sport you must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. They determine if you meet the eligibility requirements. You need 16 approved credits to be eligible.
- Register at [NCAA Eligibility Center](#)
- After you register, *you need to let your counselor know so we can upload your transcript.*

What do colleges look for in prospective students?

- Grade point average (GPA)
- Class rank
- SAT and / or ACT scores (if not waived)
- What classes you have taken ALL 4 years (including senior year) of high school (rigor of program)
- Regents exam scores
- Letters of Recommendation
- Extra-curricular activities
- Essays (if requested)
- Social media??!!!

Come On man... More stuff??

- [FAFSA](#) (Free Application For Student Aid)
 - October 1st with a soft opening.
 - Plan to open December 1st for all students.
- Colleges and universities will gladly help you and your family fill out necessary forms!
- L-P Scholarship program:
 - Follow on X!! We will be tweeting out our scholarships as they become available!! @LPHS_Counselors
 - Scholarships are also listed on our [website!](#)
 - Check your LP Email too! We email students when a new scholarship opens.
 - Scholarships are constantly being updated and added. There is a great deal of money at stake so please take advantage of this awesome opportunity!

Senior Reviews

Meet individually with your Counselor

Your credits

Regents exam scores

What type of diploma you will be receiving

Your post graduation plans

Help you get organized!

Some general reminders!!!

- ~Apply to at least 1 safety, reach, and target school
- ~Visit the schools you will be applying to (if this is an option) if you haven't already done so. Virtual tours are also available.
- ~Stay organized!



Questions????