



Welcome to College Information Night

College Application Process
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Agenda

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- Application Deadlines
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Finalizing the College List

- 6-8 Colleges in a range of selectivity levels
- Identify target, reach and less competitive schools
- Consider GPA, rigor of program, test scores, profile of most recent admitted class
- Consider “culture” and “personality” of the school
- Consider range of majors offered, distance to home, size, professor to student ratio, class size and cost
- Use web-based resources to help narrow your list
 - College Board
 - CollegeConfidential
 - Collegeprowler
 - Cappex



Application Deadlines

- **Early Decision (Binding)**
- **Early Action (Non-Binding)**
 - **UVM Early Action for Vermont students: November 1, 2017**
 - **Application Fee Waived**
- **Regular Decision (Non-Binding)**
- **Rolling Admission (Non-Binding)**
- **Decision Days**



Components of the Common Application

- <https://www.commonapp.org/Login>
- Personal information
- Activities, work, service, awards/honors
- Essay
- Teacher and other recommendations
- Test Scores (direct from testing company)
- Official transcript and mid year report
- Application fee (paid by credit card) or fee waiver

Common Application Tab

The screenshot shows a web browser window with multiple tabs. The active tab is the Common Application website. The address bar shows the URL: <https://apply.commonapp.org/ca4app#lc/0/18?sid=4&t=1507050719805>. The page is titled "Common Application" and has a navigation menu on the left with options: Profile, Family, Education (selected), Testing, Activities, Writing, and Courses & Grades (0 College(s) Require). The main content area is titled "Education" and has a "Preview" button. Below the title is a link to "View Education Tutorial". The section is titled "Current or Most Recent Secondary School" and contains the following information: "Current or most recent secondary school *", "Burlington High School", "52 Institute Rd", "Burlington, VT 05408-2721", "USA", "Public", and "CEEB Code: 460085". There are "Change" and "Remove" buttons. Below this is the "Date of entry *" field with "Month" and "Year" dropdown menus. The "Is this a boarding school? *" field has "Yes" and "No" radio buttons. The "Did or will you graduate from this school? *" field has "Yes" and "No" radio buttons. A "Clear" link is present below each of these fields. At the bottom of the section, there is a note: "Please indicate if any of these options will have affected your progression through or since secondary school. Check all that apply. *" and a checkbox for "Did or will graduate early". On the right side of the page, there is an "Instructions and Help" section with three sub-sections: "No longer in high school?", "School not on list", and "Trouble entering phone number". Each sub-section has a "more" link. The bottom of the browser window shows the Windows taskbar with the date and time: 1:12 PM, 10/3/2017.



Naviance

- Link to Naviance is found on BHS website home page under “Important Links.”
- Log on to Naviance Family Connection at <http://connection.naviance.com/burlingtonshs>
- Match Common App and Naviance
- Request transcripts for each college
- Official transcript, most recent report card, letters of recommendation, Secondary School Report and BHS Profile are sent electronically to colleges
- Signed release form required (white form)



Financial Aid and Scholarships

- Paying For College Night with VSAC Tuesday, October 3
- Vermont Grant Application can be found on VSAC website
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)-October 2017
- CSS Profile for private colleges may be due by December-check websites
- BHS Scholarship (posted in November) and other scholarship opportunities (Finaid.com)



NCAA Requirements for College Sports

- **Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center to be able to play Division 1 or Division 2 college sports**
- **Request your official transcript to be sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center**



Dual Enrollment

- Take TWO free college classes while still in high school. See what college is like, learn what professors expect of students and get a head start on your college degree!
 - Participating colleges; UVM, CCV, VTC, NECI, Champlain College, & Saint Michael's College
- *Early College*- allows high school seniors to take a full year of college-level classes while completing their high school diploma
- Contact Dhyana Bradley- dbradley@bsdvt.org, (802) 238-9453. Available every Monday and Friday



SAT and ACT Information

- Students can take ACT and/or SAT
- Tests are given on Saturday mornings
 - (8:00 - 12:30) about 6 times per year- see dates on handout
Sign up for the test on-line at the ACT or SAT websites
 - Sign up early to insure a spot
- Tests cost approximately \$50.00- Fee waivers are available for students receiving free lunch
- BHS offers SAT on March 10 and May 5 and ACT on Oct 28 and June 9
- Free test prep through Kahn Academy, linked to PSAT



Internet College Search Resources

- Bigfuture.org (College Board search program)
- Vermont Student Assistance Corporation - VSAC
- Cappex.com
- Collegenet.com
- Collegeprowler.com
- Collegeconfidential.com



Final Decision Deadlines

Most colleges will require a decision about your attendance by May 1, 2018.

You will need to pay a deposit to reserve your spot at that college or university.



Upcoming Events

October 7th and 14th-College Fairs: Lyndon State College and Castleton State College

November 8th - VSAC Forms Night, 6:30 pm to 8:00pm

January 16, 2018-Gap Year Fair, TBD

Keynote Speaker 6:00-7:00pm

Fair 7:00-9:00pm

March VSAC Paying for College Night, TBD, 6:30-8:30pm

April CVU College Fair at CVU High School, TBD, 11:00 to 1:00pm,

April 3, 2018 Canada College Fair

Panel Presentation 6:30 -7:00pm

Individual College Reps 7:00-8:30

At South Burlington High School

April 11, 2018 Junior Night at BHS 6:00--8:00



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QUESTIONS?

**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING
OUR PRESENTATION!**