



FHS Seniors and Families ~

We look forward to working with you in the college planning process!

This Quick Guide has been created to provide all the information you should need to complete your college application process.

~ Fairfax HS Student Services



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**Our NOVA Admissions
Outreach Coordinator will
visit FHS regularly starting in
Dec/Jan to help seniors apply
and transition to NOVA:**

Steps to apply to NOVA

If you have questions about NOVA, you can contact:

Ms. Collyn Alford

Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator

Office of Outreach and Recruitment

Northern Virginia Community College –
Annandale Campus

8333 Little River Turnpike

Annandale, VA 22003-3743

Email: calford@nvcc.edu

The pages beyond this section will focus on applying to a four year college. Read on if you are interested.

FHS Student Services

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School Testing Code/CEEB Code: 470785

Graduation Date: June 2024

Class Size: 613

Class Rank: None

GPA Scale: 4.0

GPA Weighting: Weighted

Course Scheduling: Semester

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College Planning Flowchart

The four primary components of a completed college application file include the student's application, high school transcript, test scores (if applicable), and recommendations.

APPLICATION

Student completes online application on one of the following platforms:

- * [Common Application](#)
[Common Application Help Sheet](#)
- * [Coalition Application](#)
- * College-Specific Application

Essay

Activity Record/
Resume

Pay attention to deadlines!

(It is likely you will need to request your transcript BEFORE you are ready to submit your application).

**Completed
College
Application!**

RECOMMENDATIONS

Student determines need for recommendations (either teacher and/or counselor); some colleges do not require or read them.

Students must request a recommendation from their School Counselor/Teacher at least 15 school days prior to application deadline. Students also MUST complete the Counselor Questionnaire on Naviance in order to receive a letter from their Counselor. See transcript deadline page.

***The Counselor Letter of Recommendation Questionnaire can be accessed through your Naviance account. This has a priority deadline of Sept. 30.**

TRANSCRIPT

Student requests high school transcript (which will be sent to the college directly by FHS).

An FCPS Consent [for Release of Student Records Form](#) must be on file in order for FHS to send official transcripts.

[FHS Transcript Request Form](#) can be found on the FHS website in the transcript section.

Students must request their transcripts by the FHS Deadlines (see chart of deadlines).

It is the student's responsibility to monitor the status of their college applications, to make sure the college has received all materials. Check emails or the college's application portal/website.

TEST SCORES

Student requests test scores directly from the testing agency ([College Board](#) or [ACT](#)).

The timeframe for score delivery depends on the way a college chooses to receive scores.

Once colleges receive your scores, processing could take up to a week or more.

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College Application Responsibilities

TRANSCRIPT ASSISTANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Receive FCPS Consent for Release of Student Records (IS-111) and Transcript Request Form from the student.
 - Check for parent signature (for students under 18 years of age)
 - Process information
 - Prepare the transcript packet: Fairfax School Profile and Academic Transcript
 - Give transcript form and packet to the appropriate counselor

COUNSELOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Complete Secondary School Report Form
- Complete letter of recommendation utilizing student's responses from Naviance questionnaire. As a reminder, students have at least 15 school days prior to the application deadline to request a letter of recommendation.
- **Submit Official Transcript, Secondary School Report Form, FHS School Profile and Letter of Recommendation (if applicable) directly to the college/university.**

Students are responsible for having official test scores sent directly from College Board (www.collegeboard.org) or ACT (www.act.org) to their colleges and the NCAA Clearinghouse (if applicable).

FHS does NOT send test scores.

STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Complete your application online and submit it directly to the college/university with your payment.
- Request test scores directly from testing agency (College Board or ACT). FHS does NOT send test scores.
- Complete the [FCPS Consent for Release of Student Records \(IS-111\) Form](#). This form must be on file in order for FHS to release official transcripts to colleges and scholarship organizations. This form must have a parent/guardian signature (if student under 18 years of age). Regardless of your plans, ALL seniors are encouraged to submit this form in the fall of their senior year.
- Complete a [Fairfax Transcript Request Form](#). This form must be fully completed before any transcripts will be released to colleges or universities. (*Refer to "Letters of Rec" section for more details.*)
- **If you are applying to colleges via Common App, you must list all colleges on your Transcript Request Form.**
- Discuss with your counselor the need for a counselor recommendation. Refer to Instructions for Requesting a Letter of Recommendation in the Guide.
 - Some colleges do not ask for, nor read, recommendations.
 - Students should give their recommenders **at least** fifteen school days notice before the college deadline in order to receive a letter.
- Check status of transcript requests ([Naviance](#) > Colleges > Apply to College > Manage Transcripts)
- Monitor applicant portals to confirm receipt of all application materials by your colleges. Check your email on a regular basis!

College Planning Checklist

In order to ensure successful and timely submission of your college applications and supporting documents please complete the following checklist at least 30 CALENDAR DAYS before your earliest college deadline.

Projected Completion Date	Task	Task Completed
College List		
	Update your list of "Colleges I'm Thinking About" in Naviance	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Explore the "Colleges" section of Naviance: Find Your Fit, Research Colleges, College Compare, Acceptance History, Scholarships and Money, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sign up for College Visits held at FHS in Naviance. Ms. Kim posts all visits during the fall.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deadlines		
	Make note of your earliest college deadline here:	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Use the dates listed at the top of the FHS Transcript Request Form to determine the deadline you should submit your FHS Transcript Request Form to Ms. Scibilia. Please note the due date is 15 school days prior to the college application deadline. Make note of the deadline here:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resume		
	Use Naviance to build your resume (About Me > My Stuff > Resume)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Essay		
	Determine how many essays will be required for each college on your list	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Give yourself time to write rough drafts of your essays and to seek helpful feedback.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Counselor Letter of Recommendation		
	Complete the FHS Counselor Letter of Recommendation Questionnaire in Naviance. Be sure to notify your counselor once you have completed and submitted the questionnaire.	<input type="checkbox"/>

College Planning Checklist

Transcripts		
Review the Transcript Request Procedures and follow them carefully to ensure that your transcript is sent to all of the colleges you are applying to.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Determine if any schools are self-reporting. If so, include it on the transcript request form so we know where you are applying. You will need to report all of your courses/grades to a self-reporting school. You can request an unofficial transcripts from your counselor.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete BOTH the FHS Transcript Request Form and Consent for Release of Student Records (IS-111) form and hand deliver or email the forms to Ms. Scibilia (ddscibilia@fcps.edu)		<input type="checkbox"/>
Test Scores		
Students must request for College Board and/or ACT to send official test scores to colleges.		<input type="checkbox"/>
FHS does NOT send test scores.		
College Application		
Complete you college application(s) online with the individual college(s) or use Common App or Coalition if available or required by college/university		<input type="checkbox"/>
Submit your college application(s) directly to the college/university and include your application fee payment. Use Common App or Coalition if required by the college/university.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Fairfax High School will send a school profile, official transcript, counselor recommendation (if required) and an FHS secondary school report to each college that you apply to. We use a custom secondary school form so students do not need to submit college-specific forms with their transcript requests.		
FHS does NOT send SAT/ACT/AP/TOEFL scores.		

Transcript Deadlines

<u>College Deadline:</u>	<u>Transcript Request Due:</u>	<u>College Deadline:</u>	<u>Transcript Request Due:</u>
October 1, 2023	September 8, 2023	January 1, 2024	November 27, 2023
October 15, 2023	September 21, 2023	January 2, 2024	November 27, 2023
November 1, 2023	October 11, 2023	January 15, 2024	December 6, 2023
November 15, 2023	October 23, 2023	February 1, 2024	January 10, 2024
Nov. 30/Dec 1, 2023	November 3, 2023	March 1, 2024	February 9, 2024
December 15, 2023	November 27, 2023	March 15, 2024	February 26, 2024



FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM

Student Name (print neatly: Last, First, Middle Initial) _____ Student ID # _____
 Student FCPS Email Address: _____ Student Cell # _____

I request that Fairfax High School release my official records (my child's official records) to the college(s) listed below. The parent signature is only required once for the initial transcript request. Once this form is on file, students may submit additional requests by submitting page 3 of this document without parent consent. If a student wants to remove a school from their request form, please email Mrs. Scibilia, the Transcript Assistant at ddscibilia@fcps.edu.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____
 Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Please check one:

- Yes, I waive my right to review or have copies of any letters of recommendation written by my counselor
- No, I do not waive my right to review or have copies of any letters of recommendation written by my counselor (colleges will be notified)

Please Note: Fairfax High School does not send Standardized Test Scores (SAT, ACT, TOEFL) to colleges. You must request them online via College Board (www.collegeboard.com), ACT (www.actstudent.org) or TOEFL (<https://www.ets.org/toefl>).

Check the items below before you email this form to the Transcript Assistant at ddscibilia@fcps.edu or ddscibilia@fcpschools.net (please remember to share your Google Docs).

<u>Print neatly or type:</u> Name of College/Scholarship Admissions Office Address City, State, Zip Code	<u>College Deadline Date or Rolling</u>	<u>Application Type</u> Common App Coalition App College's App Scholarship	<u>Counselor Letter of Rec. Needed?</u> If yes, please submit Counselor Questionnaire.	<u>Decision Type</u> Early Action (EA) Early Decision (ED) Regular/Rolling (R) Other (O)
	Deadline: _____ Rolling	<input type="checkbox"/> Common <input type="checkbox"/> Coalition <input type="checkbox"/> College's <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Report <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> EA <input type="checkbox"/> ED <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> O
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Transcript Request Procedures

- An [FCPS Consent for Release of Student Records \(Transcript Release\) Form](#) **must be on file in order for FHS to release official transcripts to colleges and scholarship organizations.** This form must have a parent/guardian signature. Regardless of their plans, all seniors are encouraged to submit this form in the fall of their senior year.
- A [Fairfax High Transcript Request Form](#) must be completed before any transcripts will be released to colleges or universities.
- All transcript requests must either be EMAILED or given directly, in person, to the transcript assistant (**NOT the counselor**). Mrs. Scibilia's hours are Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 12:30pm; she is not here before or after school, so plan accordingly. Mrs. Scibilia will process the request and then pass the request to the student's school counselor, who is responsible for sending the transcript to the college.
- **PLAN ACCORDINGLY!** A minimum of 15 school days is required before the college application deadline.
 - Transcript requests received less than 72 hours from the college deadline are **NOT** guaranteed to be sent by the deadline.
- Complete your college application online and submit it directly to the college/university with your college application fee. NOTE: FHS will send the transcript packet directly to the college/university. FHS does not handle or submit the college application.
- Students are responsible for having official test scores sent directly from the College Board and/or ACT. FHS does not send test scores.

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Student must request their transcripts at least 15 school days prior to the college's application deadline.

Transcript Assistant: Ms. Scibilia ddscibilia@fcps.edu 703-219-2208
Monday - Friday 8:30am - 12:30pm



PLAN AHEAD!

Make sure you have communicated with your school counselor and completed any necessary information (i.e. Counselor Letter of Recommendation Questionnaire) if you are requesting a letter of recommendation.

Instructions for Requesting a Letter of Recommendation

Recommendations take TIME and REQUIRE SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

- Determine whether or not you will need teacher and/or counselor recommendations (some colleges do not ask for, nor read, recommendations).
- Plan ahead and give your recommenders plenty of time and information so they are able to write the best recommendation possible.
- It is expected that you will provide notice to your recommenders at least 15 school days prior to application due date.

Recommendations fall into two categories:

Teacher Recommendation and Counselor Recommendation

- **Teacher Recommendation**

- This recommendation should include information regarding the student's academic strengths, habits, and skills that the academic teacher has **directly** observed.
- The student should ask teachers with whom the student had or has good working relationships if they are willing AND able to write a strong letter of recommendation on the student's behalf.
- The student should provide teachers with information to assist in writing the letter, see [Teacher Recommendation Form](#).
- The student should also confirm with the teacher how the recommendation should be submitted.
- The student should provide teachers with a list of colleges for which recommendations are needed and deadlines for those colleges.

- **Counselor Recommendation**

- This recommendation includes specific comments regarding the student as a person: Individual traits, demonstrated character strengths, activities, etc.
- The student should confirm with his/her counselor the need for a recommendation. The colleges that do not require recommendations do not read them unless there has been extenuating circumstances that address concerns on a student's transcript.
- The student requests recommendation letters for specific colleges by completing the *FHS Counselor Letter of Recommendation Questionnaire* found on Naviance..
- The student should provide the counselor with information to assist in writing the letter. **The priority deadline for completing the Questionnaire is September 30!**
 - The student is **required** to complete the questionnaire at least 15 school days before their first application deadline.
 - The more information and details you provide, the stronger the letter of recommendation the counselor will be able to write.
 - Once completed, the student **must** email their counselor to let them know they completed the survey and would like to request a letter of recommendation. Feel free to also send your resume if you have completed one with your request.

Counselor Letter of Recommendation Questionnaire

The Counselor Letter of Recommendation Questionnaire can be found on Naviance. Please see below for directions on how to locate the questionnaire.

Click on your initials and "Select Surveys from Your School"
Find "FHS Counselor Letter Recommendation Questionnaire"
Complete by September 30!

The screenshot shows the Naviance user interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: "Careers", "Colleges", "Planner", a heart icon, a search bar with "Demo", and a user profile icon with initials "DK". A red arrow points to the "DK" icon. A dropdown menu is open, showing options: "About Me Home", "Account", "My Account", "Documents and Notes", "Document Resources", "Resume", "Goals", "Portfolio", "Journal", "Test Scores", "Documents Shared with Me", "Surveys", "Surveys from Your School" (highlighted with a red arrow), "Game Plan Survey", and "Graduation Survey". Below the menu, there is a section for "Tasks from My School".

My Surveys

Filter by

All progress

FHS Counselor Letter Recomm...

NOT STARTED

Game Plan Survey 12

NOT STARTED

Strengths Explorer Survey

NOT STARTED

FHS Counselor Letter Recommendation Questionnaire

Note: Please save your answers often if you need longer than one hour to complete this form. You will be logged out of the survey after one hour if you have not changed the page.

To request a counselor recommendation, please: -Complete this form by the priority deadline of September 30. -Email your School Counselor once you have submitted. -If after September 30, you must give your counselor at least 15 school days before the college deadline in order to receive a letter. -You may work on it, save it and come back to it as you please.

* 1.

Personal E-mail Address:

Note: Please provide at least one answer.

2.

FHS Teacher Recommendation Form

Fairfax High School Teacher Recommendation Request Form

Student Name _____ Request Date _____

Student Email _____ Earliest Application Deadline _____

Teacher Name _____ Intended College Major _____

Important Reminders:

- Allow at least 15 School Days for your teacher to complete the recommendation.
- Before giving your teacher this form, **ASK THE TEACHER** first if they are willing to be a recommender, some teachers have their own questionnaires and will be used in place of this form.
- Select a teacher who can write about your **ACADEMIC MERITS**.
- Please remember to write **THANK YOU NOTES** to your teachers.

To the Teacher:

I would appreciate a letter of recommendation from you because you know me well as a student. Please include in your recommendation, specific examples from class illustrating some of my academic merits, such as my academic motivation, responsibility, creativity, initiative, leadership, growth potential or other outstanding personal qualities you observed in me. The following is a list of projects, assignments and/or events that I remember from your class or subject area that stand out in my mind as significant and may assist you in writing the recommendation:

**Students feel free to attach an additional page of your list if you need more space.*

Please send a copy of the recommendation to the following schools, agencies, and/or scholarships listed below*:

	Common App School
1. _____	Deadline: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	Deadline: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>
3. _____	Deadline: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>

RECOMMENDATIONS

Student determines need for recommendations (either teacher and/or counselor); some colleges do not require or read them.

Students should give their recommender(s) at least 15 school days notice.

Here is an optional form that you can use to request letters of recommendation from teachers. Students communicate, and work, directly with their teachers on this part of the process.

DON'T FORGET!!

It is common courtesy to write thank you notes to those who have written your letters of recommendation.

College Visits @ FHS

FHS will offer a combination of in-person (and maybe virtual) for the fall of 2023. These visits will allow seniors, juniors and sophomores the opportunity to connect with college admissions representatives, gain valuable information about how different colleges make admissions decisions, and ask questions.

Please note: The Admissions Rep will choose the format of in-person or virtual, not FHS. These visits are wonderful opportunities for seniors to connect face-to-face with Admissions Officers who may read FHS applications.

How to Sign Up for a College Visit in Naviance 2023-24

1. Log into [Naviance](#)
 2. Click on Colleges > College Visits
 3. Click on "Register Now"
 4. Ask your teacher for permission (verbally or through email) to be excused from class **AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE THE VISIT!**
 5. Before heading to the College & Career Center (Room L106) for the scheduled visit, show the Naviance confirmation/registration screen on your laptop or phone to your teacher as a reminder (preferably at the beginning of class).
 6. Attendance will be taken at all visits. Students are responsible for missed assignments.
- Bring your laptop to any virtual visits.

For questions, email Ms. Kim at mhkim@fcps.edu

The complete visit list is available in [Naviance](#)

The screenshot shows the 'College Visits' section in Naviance. At the top right, there is a search bar labeled 'Search for colleges'. Below this, there are three visit entries for Tuesday, September 12th, all taking place in the Career Center, Room L-106. Each entry includes a 'Register Now' button and a 'View Details' link.

Month	Day	Time	College	Location	Actions
SEPTEMBER	Tue 12	09:00AM	University of Maryland Eastern Shore	Career Center, Room L-106	Register Now View Details
SEPTEMBER	Tue 12	10:15AM	Bridgewater College	Career Center, Room L-106	Register Now View Details
SEPTEMBER	Tue 12	11:30AM	University of Mary Washington	Career Center, Room L-106	Register Now View Details

The visit list is available in [Naviance](#). Only students will have the option to "Register Now." Parents have "view only" access to [Naviance](#).

College Visits @ FHS

Scheduled College Visits

College	Representative	Location	Date
University of Maryland-College Park	Matthew Leichman	Career Center, Room L-106	9/8/23 1:30 PM
University of Maryland Eastern Shore	Phillip Vinson	Career Center, Room L-106	9/12/23 9:00 AM
Bridgewater College	Nathan Douglas	Career Center, Room L-106	9/12/23 10:15 AM
University of Mary Washington	Amanda Hart	Career Center, Room L-106	9/12/23 11:30 AM
Washington and Lee University	Leslie Sparling	Career Center, Room L-106	9/12/23 12:30 PM
The George Washington University	Lisa Anthony	Career Center, Room L-106	9/13/23 9:00 AM
DePauw University	Jennifer England	Career Center, Room L-106	9/13/23 12:30 PM
Roanoke College	Emily Pilat	Career Center, Room L-106	9/14/23 11:30 AM
Randolph College	Scott Cooper	Career Center, Room L-106	9/14/23 2:15 PM
University of Richmond	Reginald Barnette	Career Center, Room L-106	9/15/23 2:15 PM
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology	Jerry Jarding	Career Center, Room L-106	9/18/23 9:00 AM
Utah State University	Camille Gledhill	Career Center, Room L-106	9/18/23 11:30 AM
Heidelberg University	Suzanne Sauter	Career Center, Room L-106	9/18/23 2:15 PM
Furman University	Victoria Egan	Career Center, Room L-106	9/19/23 9:00 AM
Northwestern University	Bryce Wilcoxson	Career Center, Room L-106	9/19/23 10:15 AM
Mary Baldwin University	Brooklyn McLain	Career Center, Room L-106	9/19/23 1:30 PM
The Catholic University of America	Katherine Paiva	Career Center, Room L-106	9/19/23 2:15 PM
Alvernia University	Max Horn	Career Center, Room L-106	9/20/23 10:15 AM
University of North Carolina at Greensboro	Latori Gregory	Career Center, Room L-106	9/20/23 12:30 PM
West Virginia University	Mandy Weaver	Career Center, Room L-106	9/26/23 11:30 AM
University of Maryland-Baltimore County	Evan Nugent	Career Center, Room L-106	9/26/23 2:15 PM
Greensboro College	Kayla Rohr	Career Center, Room L-106	9/27/23 12:30 PM
Lawrence University	Emilia Keenan	Career Center, Room L-106	9/28/23 9:00 AM
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	Jordan Lock	Career Center, Room L-106	9/28/23 11:30 AM
York College of Pennsylvania	Mady Sharp	Career Center, Room L-106	9/28/23 2:15 PM

These are the scheduled visits as of August 24, 2023. More will be added! For the most updated visit list, go to [Naviance](#) - Colleges - College Visits

University of Virginia-Main Campus	Jeannine Lalonde	MPR, Room C105	9/29/23 10:15 AM
James Madison University	John Pulley	MPR, Room C-105	9/29/23 11:30 AM
University of Rochester	Luis Portillo	Career Center, Room L-106	9/29/23 1:30 PM
Randolph-Macon College	Amy Barnes	Career Center, Room L-106	10/3/23 2:15 PM
William & Mary	Ella Knight	Cafeteria	10/5/23 9:00 AM
Georgetown University	Nick Norton	Career Center, Room L-106	10/5/23 1:30 PM
Virginia Tech	Mario Cruz	MPR, C-105	10/6/23 10:15 AM
University of Kentucky	Stacey Thomas	Career Center, Room L-106	10/6/23 2:15 PM
The University of Alabama	Elizabeth Dugas	Career Center, Room L-106	10/10/23 9:00 AM
Centre College	Hailey Small	Career Center, Room L-106	10/12/23 10:15 AM
Butler University	Emma Pace	Career Center, Room L-106	10/12/23 12:30 PM
American University	Beth Dragone	Career Center, Room L-106	10/12/23 1:30 PM
University of Rhode Island	Sarah Kelly	Career Center, Room L-106	10/16/23 9:00 AM
Belmont University	Mary Byars	Career Center, Room L-106	10/16/23 10:15 AM
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	Amanda Wolk	Career Center, Room L-106	10/16/23 11:30 AM
Pace University, New York City Campus	Megan Mummey	Career Center, Room L-106	10/16/23 12:30 PM
Stony Brook University	Catherine Bittlingmeyer	Career Center, Room L-106	10/16/23 1:30 PM
Richard Bland College	Kyle Dobry	Career Center, Room L-106	10/16/23 2:15 PM
Hofstra University	Claire Desio	Career Center, Room L-106	10/19/23 10:15 AM
Binghamton University	Douglas Harrington	Career Center, Room L-106	10/19/23 11:30 AM
University of Southern California	Tyler Swartout	Career Center, Room L-106	10/19/23 2:15 PM
Lafayette College	Brianna Braswell	Career Center, Room L-106	10/24/23 11:30 AM
Ithaca College	Tiffanee Charles	Career Center, Room L-106	10/24/23 1:30 PM

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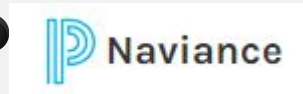
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[Naviance](#) is a comprehensive, [online](#) resource. Naviance supports students in creating their [Academic and Career Plan](#) and post-secondary plans. Students find and track [service learning opportunities](#) through the use of x2VOL which is accessed through Naviance.

Students access Naviance online at www.fcps.edu/naviance

Naviance allows students to...

- ❖ **RESEARCH COLLEGES:** Explore college possibilities, view FHS college admission statistics, match to best-fit colleges, identify college majors. Add colleges to your “Favorites” list to stay organized and informed!
- ❖ **COLLEGE VISITS:** View the schedule of college visits and register to attend. These visits will allow students the opportunity to connect with college admissions representatives, gain additional information and ask questions.
- ❖ **RESEARCH CAREERS:** Explore career pathways, take career assessments and interest inventories.
- ❖ **SCHOLARSHIPS:** Access the scholarship list, which includes school-based, county, and local scholarships.
- ❖ **x2VOL:** Find local volunteer opportunities and track your service learning hours.



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x2VOL is the tool that FCPS middle and high schools use to support students with finding, tracking, and verifying service hours electronically. Students login to x2VOL through [this Naviance link](#) on the FCPS website.

- ✓ Students should track their hours in [x2VOL](#)
- ✓ Students are able to earn a diploma in the Commonwealth of Virginia without completing service hours
- ✓ 40 hours = black service learning cord to wear at graduation
- ✓ 50 hours with additional criteria = apply for [The Board of Education's Seal of Excellence in Civics Education](#)
- ✓ 50 exclusive hours related to science service with additional criteria = apply for [The Science & Environmental Seal](#)
- ✓ Students who do not complete yearly service hours or who complete fewer than 40 hours over the course of high school will still be able to graduate

HOW TO ACCESS x2VOL:

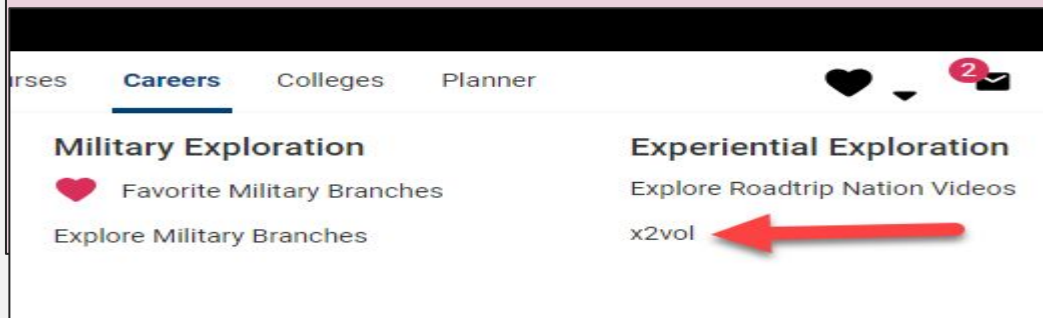
1. Go to the Naviance login page, www.fcps.edu/naviance

Naviance Student

Students: Use FCPS Student ID and Password

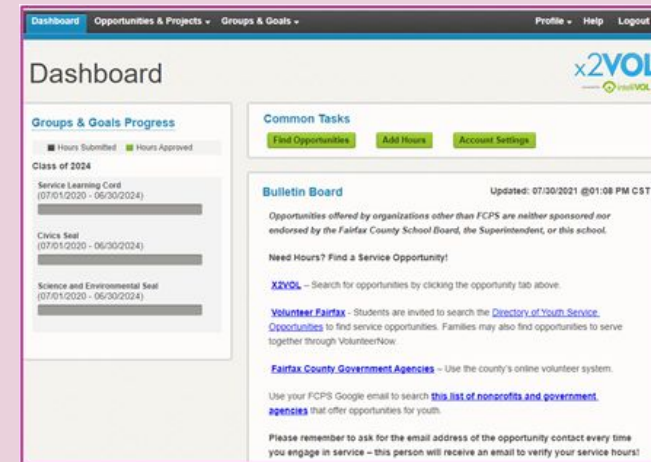
Student Naviance Login

2. Click on "Careers" and select "x2VOL."



3. If you have never signed into x2VOL, follow the prompts and complete your profile. ****Assign yourself to the Class of (year you will graduate)**** and this information will be verified by FHS.

4. x2VOL Dashboard is where you will Add Hours, Find Opportunities, View Groups & Goals Progress.










Students must use x2VOL to get credit for their service learning hours.

Additional places to look for volunteer opportunities:

- ★ [FCPS Service Learning website](#), [FCPS Work-Based Learning Google Site](#)
- ★ [Volunteer Fairfax Directory of Youth Service Opportunities \(2021-22\)](#)
- ★ [Volunteer Fairfax](#)
- ★ [Fairfax County Volunteer Opportunities](#)
- ★ Volunteer Binder - In FHS Career Center, under Ms. Kim's SmartBoard
- ★ [FHS College and Career Center Newsletters](#)

Comparing the ACT[®] with the SAT[®]

ACT		SAT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Math Reading Science Optional Writing Test 	 SECTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence-based Reading and Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading Writing and Language Math Optional Essay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Composite score: 1-36 Section scores for English, Math, Reading and Science: 1-36 each Writing Test: 2-12 	 SCORING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total score: 400-1600 Section scores for Math and Evidence-based Reading and Writing: 200-800 Essay: 2-8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 hours, 55 minutes (without Writing Test) 3 hours, 35 minutes (with Writing Test) 	 LENGTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 hours (without essay) 3 hours, 50 minutes (with essay)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	 PENALTY FOR WRONG ANSWERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two sections (English, Reading) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passage-based grammar—including punctuation Four reading passages in 35 minutes that are drawn from Fiction, Social Sciences, Humanities and Natural Sciences 	 READING AND WRITING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two sections (Reading Test, Writing and Language Test) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more sentence completions; focus on multiple-meaning words Five reading passages in 65 minutes that are drawn from significant historical or scientific documents—may include informational graphics, such as charts Passage-based grammar—including punctuation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One 60-minute section Calculator allowed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arithmetic Algebra I & II Geometry Trigonometry 	 MATH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two sections totaling 80 minutes Calculators are only allowed on one of the two sections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arithmetic Algebra I & II Geometry Trigonometry
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Writing Test is optional (40 minutes, timed) Students will need to write about perspectives on an issue relevant to high school students and evaluate and analyze multiple perspectives on that issue; they will be scored on ideas and analysis, development and support, organization, and language use 	 ESSAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The essay is optional (50 minutes, timed) Students will be provided with a substantial passage (600-700 words) and asked to analyze how the author built his or her argument; students will need to understand the techniques the author used to write persuasively

DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

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

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll and withdraw all other applications. 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.

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There are BIG changes to the 2024-25 **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**, which is being called the "Better FAFSA."

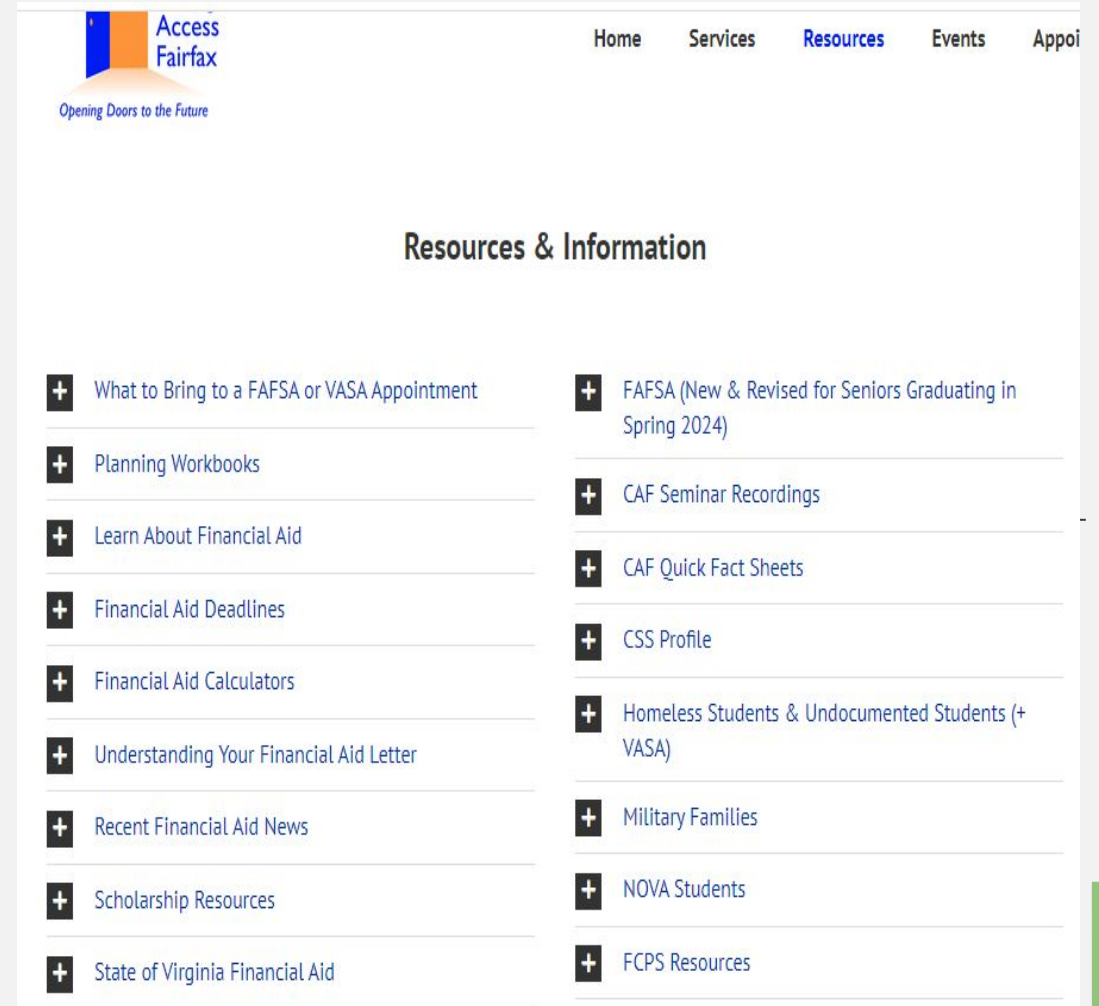
Federal Student Aid has announced that the new FAFSA will open in December 2023, but no specific date has been announced.

For more information on these changes, see [College Access Fairfax](https://collegeaccessfairfax.org) website. College Access Fairfax will provide free workshops for FCPS families once the new FAFSA is released.

Look out for Ms. Kim's emails for details!



See College Access Fairfax website - Resources page for helpful guides to this year's FAFSA and previous recordings of their Paying for College Workshops/Seminars.



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FHS-Exclusive Scholarships for Seniors

These scholarships, **once they become available**, will be advertised to students with eligibility requirements, additional details and application due dates. **These scholarships are based on the previous school year, please note that any changes will be reflected when the scholarship application is available for the current school year.**

City of Fairfax School Board Janice Miller Scholarship \$2,000: Graduating senior with GPA of 3.0 or better, attending a 2- or 4-year college or university, community service and leadership as demonstrated by curricular or extracurricular activities, and community-based service, and an essay of 500 words or less describing your personal goals and reasons for pursuing your chosen field of study and/or career and a statement of financial need.

Fairfax Rotary Club Pat Laing Memorial Scholarship \$8,000: Open to FHS seniors planning to attend a Virginia in-state, public, 4-year university in the fall. Must be US Citizen or permanent legal resident to apply. Selection based on financial need, character, and scholastic performance. Additional requirement will be to include an essay of 2-3 pages on "How I see myself five to ten years from the present."

Fairfax Rotary Memorial Scholarship \$5,000: Open to FHS seniors planning to attend a Virginia in-state, public 4-year university in the fall. Must be US Citizen or permanent legal resident to apply. Selection based on financial need, character, and scholastic performance. Additional requirement will be to include an essay of 1-2 pages on "Why I am proud to be an American."

Fairfax Rotary Club's Setty Family Scholarship \$5,000: Open to FHS seniors planning to attend a Virginia in-state, public 4-year college university in the fall. Must be US Citizen or legal permanent resident to apply. Selection based on financial need, character, and scholastic performance. Additional requirement will be to include an essay of 1-2 pages on the following: "The Rotary Club's Motto is: Service Above Self. Describe a group, organization or community that you are involved in and how you have served this group."

For the complete FCPS database of Scholarships, go to Naviance,
[https://www.fcps.edu/Naviance:Colleges - Scholarship Search](https://www.fcps.edu/Naviance:Colleges-ScholarshipSearch)

FHS-Exclusive Scholarships for Seniors (continued)

Fairfax Rotary Paul J Brown Community Service Award \$500: This award will go to an FHS senior with at least a 3.0 GPA who is a US Citizen or permanent legal resident. The student must have strong moral character and have participated actively in serving the community through service hours or by establishing or participating in service projects.

M2 Solutions Inc. \$1500: For seniors with 3.0 GPA or higher who are pursuing community college, technical school or a 4 year college or university and plan to pursue a career in the STEM field.

Justen and Carolyn Pitches Scholarship \$2,000: Open to FAIRFAX CITY RESIDENTS graduating from Fairfax High School and planning to attend NOVA in the Fall. Selection will be based on financial need, community service and/or extracurricular activities, Please answer the following essay question: Describe a person or event that impacted your life.

Loretta Khayam Scholarship \$1,500: For a graduating senior from Fairfax High School who has attained a Grade Point Average of 2.5 or below, and, by graduation, has completed math courses no higher than Algebra II. Candidates should plan on pursuing further education at a two- or four-year accredited institution or technical school. This scholarship is managed by College Access Fairfax each year: <https://collegeaccessfairfax.org/scholarships/> and usually due in February.

Scholarships that Require FHS Nomination

Ms. Kim will advertise the requirements and deadlines for the following nomination-required scholarships in both Naviance and "Scholarships for Seniors" emails.

UVA Jefferson Scholars (full scholarship to UVA): <https://www.jeffersonscholars.org/> FHS can nominate one senior who best exemplifies excellence in the Jeffersonian ideals of leadership, scholarship, and citizenship.

UVA Walentas Scholars for First Generation Students (full scholarship to UVA):
<https://www.jeffersonscholars.org/> FHS can nominate one senior who best exemplifies excellence in the Jeffersonian ideals of leadership, scholarship, and citizenship, and are the first in their families to earn a bachelor's degree from a four-year college or university.

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Scholarships that Require FHS Nomination (continued)

VHSL Allstate Achievement Scholarship, \$1,500: <https://www.vhsl.org/scholarships/> is awarded to seniors who have excelled in the classroom and in athletic and academic activities. FHS can nominate one male and one female athlete.

VHSL Savedge Award, \$500: <https://www.vhsl.org/scholarships/> is awarded to a senior who has participated and excelled in school publications (magazines, newspapers, yearbooks) and for at least two years demonstrated outstanding personal qualities such as leadership, writing proficiency, design aptitude, creativity, teamwork, and character.

W. Harold Ford Scholarship Foundation, Teaching Scholarship, \$2,000: This is a local scholarship for students with at least at 2.7 GPA who plan to attend a four-year college which offers a teacher education/certification program, major in education and plan to teach after college graduation. FHS can nominate two seniors for this award. Visit <https://www.fcre.org/scholarship/> for details.

Virginia Tech Pamplin Leadership Award: A one-year, merit-based \$5,000 Virginia Tech tuition scholarship. The scholarship is open to students applying to all majors. Pamplin Leaders are students who demonstrate superior intellectual promise and academic performance, dedication to their communities, interest and success in physical fitness and health, and unimpeachable integrity. *Students who accept this award must also agree to join the University Honors and work toward an honors diploma.* FHS can nominate one senior for this award.

For the complete FCPS database of Scholarships, go to Naviance, [https://www.fcps.edu/Naviance: Colleges - Scholarship Search](https://www.fcps.edu/Naviance:Colleges-ScholarshipSearch)

Some Local Scholarships

College Access Fairfax: <https://collegeaccessfairfax.org/scholarships/> College Access Fairfax offers several scholarships exclusively to FCPS students.

Optimist Club of Central Fairfax \$1000: One scholarship awarded to a graduating senior from one of the following schools: Fairfax, Lake Braddock, Robinson, or Woodson. Criteria: scholastic achievements (20%), extracurricular activities and achievements, including community service activities and after school work (30%), a written essay (20%) and a personal interview (30%).

Federal Water Quality Association (Environmental or Engineering), \$2,000: Three scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors who plan to pursue environmental careers: <http://www.fwqa-dc.org/scholarships.php>

Northern Virginia Athletic Directors, Administrators and Coaches Association (NVADACA) Scholarships \$4,000 : Seniors who have participated in a Virginia High School League sanctioned sport, cheerleaders or those who served as team managers or athletic trainers. Visit <http://www.nvadaca.org/scholarship-applications/> for details.

Apple Federal Credit Union Scholarships \$4,000: <https://www.applefcu.org/Appleweb/AppleScholarships>
Awards are given to students whose individual accomplishments demonstrate a distinguished impact on their family, school or community. Consideration is given to students who have overcome obstacles or encountered unique life experiences.

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FCPS Facilitated Scholarships

These scholarships are typically submitted to the FHS College & Career Center. From the applicant pool, FHS will forward selected nominees to FCPS for consideration.

Laura Ashley Piper Scholarship, \$1,000: Demonstrated integrity, leadership, service to school and community, academic excellence, athletic merit. FHS will submit one application to FCPS.

Vulcan Materials Scholarship, \$2,000/renewable: FHS can nominate ONE senior for this award. Must be US citizen and must have resided in Northern Virginia for at least 4 years immediately preceding his/her nomination. Preference is given to students planning to attend a college in Virginia. Criteria: financial need, academic accomplishment and ability, extracurricular activities and an essay

William J. Foreman Memorial Scholarship, up to \$2,000: Open to graduating high school seniors from Fairfax County who demonstrate academic achievement and potential; an ability to overcome significant adversity; and a financial need. Priority will be given to those who have experienced homelessness, foster care, or a lack of substantial family support during their high school career.

Michell Merhige Scholarship \$1,500: This scholarship is to provide recognition and financial assistance to a graduating senior of FCPS with academic strength and potential, ability to overcome adversity and demonstrated financial need. Priority will be given to those who have experienced homelessness, been in foster care, or lacked substantial family support.

For the complete FCPS database of Scholarships, go to Naviance, [https://www.fcps.edu/Naviance: Colleges - Scholarship Search](https://www.fcps.edu/Naviance:Colleges-ScholarshipSearch)

Academic Common Market

Students seeking a major/program not offered by a college in Virginia may qualify for in-state tuition rates at an out-of-state school. [This website](#) lists the agreements established between states and schools for particular programs. Students must be accepted to the school in that specific program in order to qualify for in-state rates. Agreements are updated annually but there are currently 161 separate agreements for VA residents for bachelor's degree programs.

Non-Resident Scholarships for Virginia Students

There are some out of state colleges/universities that award scholarship money and/or tuition discounts to reduce the cost of tuition. This information should be verified with each institution. Below are some examples. Questions should be directed to the institution.

[University of Alabama](#)

[Kent State University](#) (OH)

[Rider University](#) (NJ)

[Auburn University](#)

[University of Kentucky](#)

[University of South Carolina](#)

[Clemson University](#) (SC)

[University of Mississippi](#)

[University of South Florida](#)

[Colorado State University](#)

[University of Missouri](#)

[Michigan State University](#)

[University of New Hampshire](#)

[Ohio State University](#)

[Miami University of Ohio](#)

Websites worth checking out: These are not endorsed by FCPS, simply a few examples of websites you can check out: [Cappex](#) [CollegeBoard](#) [FastWeb](#) [FinAid](#) [Niche](#) [RaiseMe](#) [SallieMae](#) [Unigo](#) [GoingMerry](#)
Reminders: Never pay to be considered for a scholarship and be mindful when sharing personal information. Never share your bank account details.

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