



Applying to College



Breaking it down...

First - Get Organized

- Create a binder (or online file) for:
 - *Each college on your list
 - *Testing information
 - *Financial aid/scholarship info
 - *Forms; important names and contact information



What you'll always be asked

- CEEB and ACT Code: 200055

- John Bapst Address/Phone:

John Bapst Memorial High School
100 Broadway
Bangor, ME 04401
Phone: (207) 947-0313

- Counselor information:

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Great Websites:

- John Bapst: johnbapst.org
- The College Board: collegeboard.org
- FAFSA: fafsa.ed.gov
- The Common Application: commonapp.org
- Naviance: connection.naviance.com

KNOW YOUR LOGIN INFORMATION!



Testing



SAT Reasoning Test

*Register for SAT on your account at

www.collegeboard.org



*Cost: **\$49.50 fee, \$64.50 with essay.**

Fee waivers are available if need exists.



Testing

SAT Subject Tests

*Check with colleges of interest to see if they require/recommend Subject Tests

*Register at www.collegeboard.org

*\$26 registration fee/\$22 per subject test (language with listening \$26)



Testing



ACT

*Check for college requirements. Often accepted as readily as the SAT.

*Register at www.actstudent.org

*Cost is \$52.00 without writing or \$68.00 with writing.

*Available locally at Bangor HS, Husson University, and Bangor Christian School.





Testing



TOEFL - International Students

www.ets.org

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- English Proficiency Test
 - Check **minimum score and subscore** required by each college.
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Testing

- Registration deadlines are firm!
- Additional fees will be charged for late registrations
- Most colleges ask for **official score reports - sent directly from the test center.**
- It could take up to five weeks for scores to arrive
- Fee of \$12 each for every SAT score report and \$13 for each ACT score report beyond the four free reports at registration.
- TOEFL - fee of \$20 each beyond the four free reports



Financial Aid

- Financial Aid Night at *John Bapst* will be on:
- Monday, September 30 at 6:30pm in the Auditorium
- FAFSA can be filed starting October 1



Financial Aid

- FAFSA

- *Can be filed **starting October 1**

- *It is free! Beware of false websites.

- *Determines eligibility for need-based money for college costs.

Web site: www.fafsa.ed.gov



Financial Aid

■ CSS Profile

*Check to see which schools on your list require the CSS Profile in addition to the FAFSA.

*Can be started beginning October 1 at css.collegeboard.org

*\$25 registration fee and \$16 per school



Financial Aid

■ Scholarships

*Check Naviance for scholarship listings and applications.

*Use free scholarship search websites.

*Check college websites for opportunities.

*Need-based and merit-based.

Senior Financial Aid Night:

September 30 at 6:30 pm

in the Auditorium



Creating a College List

■ Resources

- *Counselors schedule individual meetings with all seniors
- *Websites and Naviance
- *College visits and interviews (check websites and Naviance for dates/times).

NEACAC College Fair

Monday, September 23

6:30-8:30 p.m.

University of Maine Fieldhouse

College Visits and Interviews

- Plan in advance
- You may apply before you visit
- Bring questions
- Write down impressions
- Take your time and look thoroughly at places like: dorms, dining commons, library, and student union.



College Types

- **Reach Schools (2-3)**
 - *any school with below 35% acceptance rate
- **Match Schools (2-3)**
 - *any school between 40-70% acceptance rate
- **Safety Schools (2-3)**
 - *academic and financial
 - *greater than 75% acceptance rate



ADMISSION TYPES

- Early Decision
- Early Action/Priority Deadline
- Regular Decision
- Rolling Admission
- Restrictive Early Action

Staying Focused and On Time

- Use the Senior Timetable
- Below are deadlines for Transcript Requests:
 - **October 15** deadlines are due by **October 7**.
 - **November 1** deadlines are due by **October 25**.
 - **December 1** deadlines are due by **November 20**.
 - **December 15-January 1** deadlines are due by **December 9**.

Applications

*Answer all questions

*Edit carefully

*Be sure to check spelling and grammar.



Application Package

■ Transcript Release

- One for each school or scholarship organization that requests a transcript.
 - * Parents sign for students under 18
 - * Include the deadline for timely sending, as well as where it should be sent
 - * We ask students to turn these in as they complete applications, and at least 5 days before the application deadline
 - * Transcript Release Forms are available in the main office, counseling office, and on the website.



Application Package

■ Test Scores

*Research college testing requirements for SAT? Subject Tests? ACT? TOEFL?

*Contact College Board, ACT or ETS (TOEFL) to send official scores by logging in at:

www.collegeboard.org, www.act.org, or www.ets.org



Application Package

- Essay

- *Type, save, and cut and paste or attach to online application.

- *Seek editing help

- *Follow directions

- *Check for misspellings or grammatical errors

- *Provide depth and detail



Application Package

- Resume

- * Usually optional but very helpful
- * Highlights personal accomplishments
- * Keep to one page



Application Package

■ Counselor Recommendation

- * Required by nearly every school.
- * Students must provide counselors with a copy of their resume.
- * Most applications have a counselor form that goes with the letter of recommendation. The Common App form is done on Naviance.
- * Parents are welcome to provide us with a letter of recommendation via mail or email if they wish.

Application Package

■ School Report Form

- * Part of most student applications
- * The Common Application form is on Naviance. Many others are submitted online.





Application Package

- Teacher Recommendation
 - * Ask appropriate people
 - * Ask by October 1st
 - * Provide with request form
 - * Must also request on Naviance
 - * Give thanks



Application Package

- Teacher Recommendation Form
 - * Part of student's application
 - * We recommend the FERPA waiver is checked "yes"
 - * Common App form for teachers is completed through Naviance.



Application Package

- Non-teacher References
 - * Use sparingly
 - * Don't be repetitive
 - * Be sure author addresses qualities necessary for college success.
 - * Can be uploaded directly to Common App under *Invite Recommenders*.



Application Package

- Portfolio or Audition

- * Check school requirements for specific majors: art, theater and music majors.
- * Meet deadlines, travel itinerary.
- * Provide plenty of time to create portfolios.

Staying Calm

- Stay organized
- Know your deadlines and put them in your planners
- Do a little each week
- Take a deep breath
- Contact your School Counselor!



A vertical strip of four images on the left side of the slide. From top to bottom: a clock with a blue background, a clock with a yellow background, a stack of papers with a green background, and a stack of papers with a purple background.

KEEP COPIES!!!

Keep copies or files
of ALL materials you
send!



GOOD LUCK!