



COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT

CLASS OF 2025

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9, 2024





Class of 2025 Team

Angelo Petrino

Assistant Principal - 12th Grade

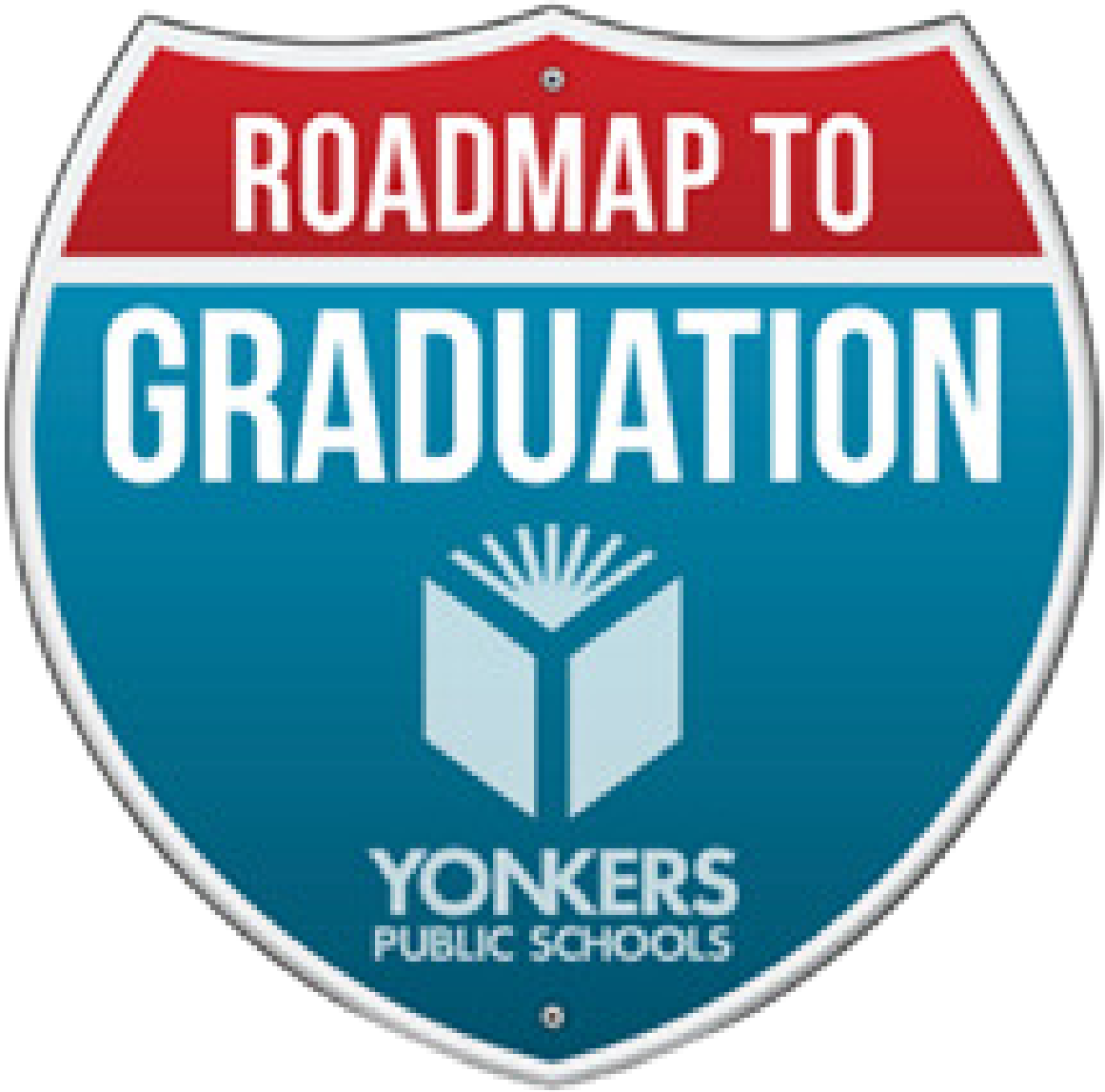
Anne Talone

School Counselor - 12th Grade

YPIE Counselors



FALL	WINTER	SPRING
<p>SAT: Take the SAT exam in October. Send scores to colleges from your College Board account.</p> <p>Grades: If necessary, students may need to attend a fall credit recovery program.</p>	<p>College decisions and acceptances: Acceptance letters and financial aid offers will start to arrive. Review your acceptances, compare financial aid packages, and visit your final choices. Enter into Naviance and alert your School Counselor.</p>	<p>College Commitment Day: May 1 is typically the date when the college you plan to attend requires a commitment and deposit. When you've made your college decision, notify your counselor & enter it into Naviance. Send in your deposit by the postmark date of May 1.</p>
<p>College Fairs & Visits: Attend the YPS Districtwide College Fair & college open houses in the area.</p>	<p>Senior Projects/Internships: continue to work on any senior projects, internships, etc., if applicable.</p>	<p>Notify Colleges: notify any college which you decided not to attend, as well as their financial aid office if you were offered a financial aid package.</p>
<p>Financial Aid: FASFA opens 10/1. Complete CSS profile, if required.</p>	<p>Mid-Year Grades: Ask your counselor to send mid-year grades if requested by the college.</p>	<p>College acceptances and financial aid offers: hand copies to school counselor.</p>
<p>Letters of Recommendation: request from 1-2 of your teachers. Complete resumes & "brag sheets".</p>	<p>Senioritis: Don't slack in the classroom. Colleges can rescind acceptances if your grades drop.</p>	<p>Letters of Recommendation: it is good practice to give thank you letters to teachers that provided letters of recommendation.</p>
<p>Be mindful of deadlines: early action, early decision, priority, regular, rolling, etc. It is the students responsibility to submit applications before all deadlines.</p>	<p>Scholarships: research all scholarship opportunities and eligibility requirements. Use the Yonkers Public Schools Scholarship Book & Naviance Scholarship List.</p>	<p>Final transcript: request to be sent to the college you will be attending.</p> <p>Follow up with your college: on financial aid and orientation.</p>
<p>Common Application: create account & start completing. Make sure your college essay has been properly edited.</p>	<p>Senior Projects/Internships: continue to work on any senior projects, internships, etc., if applicable.</p>	<p>Graduation! Congratulations & good luck!</p>



SENIOR YEAR

NYS Graduation Requirements

English	4
Social Studies	4
Mathematics	3
Science	3
World Language* ^	1

Art/Music	1
Health	0.5
Physical Education	2
Electives	3.5
TOTAL	22 credits

GRADUATE FROM SAUNDERS HS



Courses

**all academic courses & program
courses for assigned magnet**

Exams

**Academic: pass required Regents.
Magnet: take & pass industry exam.**

Senior Exit Project

**Complete and pass the Senior Exit
Project.**

STAY ON TRACK

sen·ior·i·tis

n.

1. decreased motivation towards studies displayed by students who are nearing the end of their high school or college careers

2. symptoms include: slowness, procrastination, apathy regarding school work, and a tendency toward truancy.

TIPS FOR BEATING SENIORITIS

1. Take care of yourself.

2. Stay organized.








3. Get motivated.

4. Be realistic.



GRADUATION CORD GUIDE



	White	<u>Graduation Cord:</u> completed Magnet program & passed CTE exam.
	Purple	<u>CTE Technical Honor Society Cord:</u> completed Magnet program with 85% for all years & passed CTE exam.
	Gold	<u>National Honor Society Cord:</u> Selected as a member of the Saunders High School chapter of the National Honor Society
	Blue/Gold	<u>Seal of Biliteracy Cord:</u> attained a high level of proficiency in 2 languages one of which must be English.
	Blue/White	<u>Seal of Civic Readiness:</u> attained a high level of proficiency in terms of civic knowledge, civic skills, civic mindset and civic experiences.
	Red/White/ Blue	<u>U.S. Military Honor Cord</u> students that will be or have enlisted in the U.S. Armed Forces
	Light Purple	<u>"Her Honor Mentoring Program" Honor Cord</u> students that have been selected and participated in the Her Honor Mentoring program. This program consists of unique learning opportunities and resources for young women.

SAUNDERS TRADES & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

DIGITAL SAT EXAM



- Testing started Oct 9, 2024.
- Exam is 2 hours, 14 minutes.
- **Shorter questions.**
- Adaptive exam: difficulty of questions will change depending on how students performed in prior sections
- **Still must be done at a school or test center.**

09

WED

ECC & CULINARY

Report to the LIBRARY at the beginning of 6th PERIOD.

10

THURS

COSMETOLOGY & HVAC

Report to the LIBRARY at the beginning of 6th PERIOD.

11

FRI

ARCHITECTURE & GRAPHICS

Report to the LIBRARY at the beginning of 6th PERIOD.

15

TUES

BIO-ENVIRONMENTAL & AUTO

Report to the LIBRARY at the beginning of 6th PERIOD.

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WED

FASHION & CARPENTRY

Report to the LIBRARY at the beginning of 6th PERIOD.

17

THURS

EXTENDED TIME

Report to the LIBRARY at the beginning of 1st PERIOD.

**SAT
EXAM**

OCTOBER 10-18

TEST OPTIONAL?



(IT'S COMPLICATED)


SUNY	temporarily suspended their testing requirements
CUNY	test optional until Spring of 2025.
PRIVATE	Check with individual colleges about their testing policy.

**TEST
OPTIONAL
COLLEGES
AS OF
FALL 2024**

FairTest

The National Center for Fair & Open Testing





CHOOSING

YOUR

COLLEGE

HOW TO RESEARCH COLLEGES

Identify your priorities:

Programs, size, location, budget

Start research, start preparing a list:

College fairs, college visits, online research

What do you want to study?

Consider classes, hobbies, and extracurriculars you enjoy most. Then, you can try to align a major with your interest areas.

Location of the school:

Stay close to home or move far away?
Rural or urban setting? Small or large?



Reach

- Academically challenging – you may not quite fit the college's academic profile
- Selective admissions
- Potentially high cost of attendance

Target

- You are likely to be admitted based on your academic profile
- You would be happy attending that college
- Would not be financially overwhelming to attend

Safety

- Schools where you are almost certain to be admitted
- You would be happy and get a good education there
- Affordable with reasonable effort

Non-Restrictive Application Plans

Regular Decision

Submit an application by a specified deadline and receive a decision by a designated date

Non-Binding!

Rolling Admission

Submit when ready. Schools review applications as they “roll-in”. They make admissions decisions throughout the admissions cycle

Non-Binding!

Early Action (EA)

Apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the school’s regular response date

Non-Binding!

Restrictive Application

Restrictive Early

Apply to a school and receive a decision early. You may be restricted from applying ED, EA, or REA to other schools. If offered, you have until May 1 to confirm

Non-Binding!

Early Decision (ED)

Make a commitment to a first-choice school where, if admitted, you will definitely enroll. The application & decision deadline occur early

Binding!

You are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider your options and confirm enrollment

You are responsible for following all restrictions

MAJORS, COLLEGES, CAREERS

Identify your priorities:

Programs, size, location, budget

Start research, start preparing a list:

College fairs, college visits, online research

Start research, start preparing a list:

Naviance, College Board

Occupational Outlook Handbook

for info about careers.

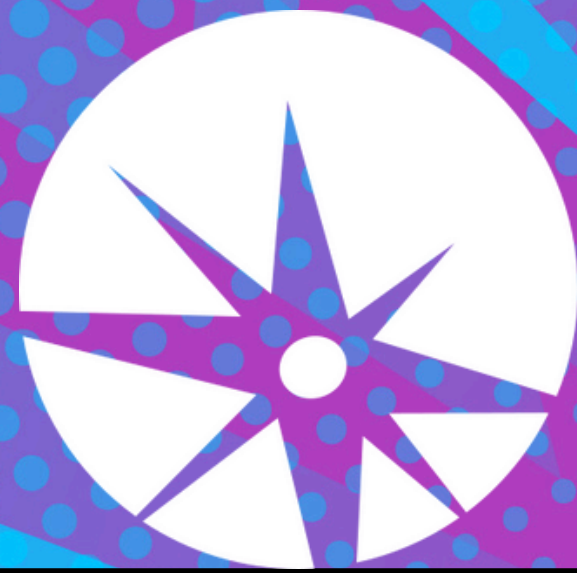
<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>



NAVIANCE



- a platform used to keep track of students' applications.
- Supporting documents such as the **transcript** and **recommendation letters** are sent electronically to schools through Naviance.



NAVIANCE

- To log in to Naviance, go to:
<https://student.naviance.com/saunders>
- Click on Student, **SINGLE SIGN ON** and log in with your **Office 365 account**.
- Please **DO NOT** log in through **CLEVER**.

NAVIANCE



NAVIANCE & COMMON APP



common
app



- if you are applying to colleges through the Common App you will need to **link your Common App and Naviance accounts.**
- When creating a Common App account, **please use your personal email, NOT your school email.**

NAVIANCE & COMMON APP



common
app



LINKING ACCOUNTS

1. Log into your Naviance account
2. Click on Colleges at the top of the page
3. Click on Colleges I'm Applying To in the drop down menu
4. In the blue box at the top of the screen click "match accounts"
5. Enter your login information for the Common Application
6. After entering your login information, your accounts should match and you should be redirected back to Naviance

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION



- **Be sure to read college application requirements. How many, and who they want to write the letters.**
- **Personally ask a teacher for a letter of recommendation letter and add request to Naviance.**
- **Use the Brag Sheet from Guidance**

WRITING THE COLLEGE ESSAY



Be authentic:

- **They want to know about you, not ChatGPT, AI, etc.**

Grab the reader from the start:

- **poignant moments & reflection.**

Show, don't tell:

- **Use anecdotes, examples, and descriptions. Trim the fat.**

Focus on deeper themes

Revise early and often

**WEBINARS:
COLLEGE ESSAY GUY**

**College
Essay
Guy**



OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS

academic support and retention programs for qualifying
low-income students in NY State

Each system has an opportunity program that will help you realize your potential and pay for your education

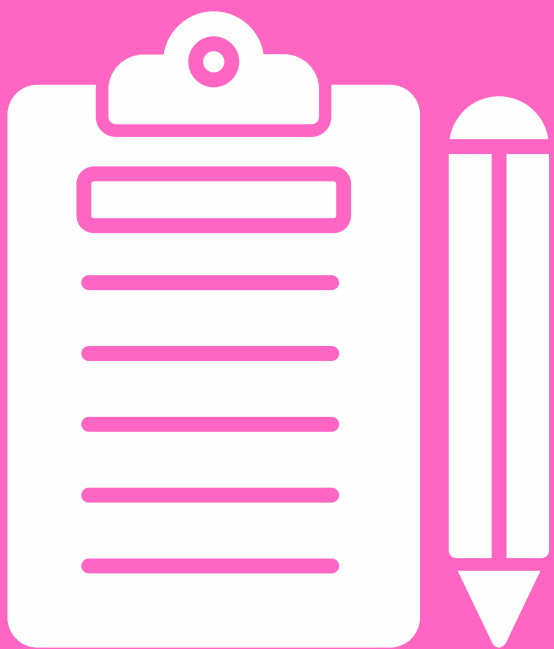
- **CUNY = SEEK**
- **SUNY = EOP**
- **Private Schools = HEOP**

OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS

**The NYSED Office of Higher Education
administers or assists in the
administration of a number of
opportunity programs aimed at helping
NYS students access and succeed in
their postsecondary education
experiences.**



THE PINK FORM



Once you submit your college application:

you must complete a pink form and submit it to Ms. Talone in guidance.

What is the PINK FORM:

a transcript request form. This signals to me that you have applied to a school and you're telling me where the transcript and other supporting documents need to be sent.

How to submit the PINK FORM to Guidance:

Pink Forms cannot be emailed. They must be hand-written and submitted in person.

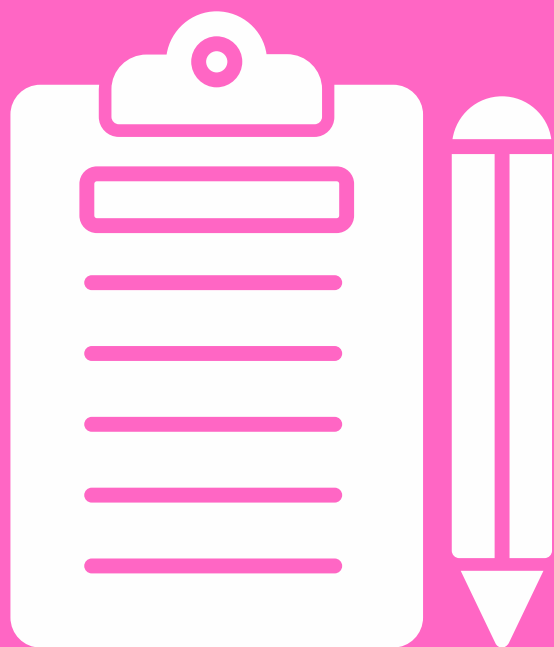
THE PINK FORM

Student Responsibilities:

It is the students' responsibility to complete the form and submit it in a timely manner.

Please meet deadlines

If the Pink Form is not submitted within the deadline, I cannot guarantee that your transcript and supporting documents will be sent to the school before the deadline.





FAFSA[®]

Federal Student Aid

An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION



WHAT IS THE FAFSA?

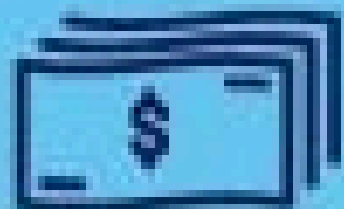
The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is an application that helps determine a student's eligibility for financial aid.

**FREE TO
APPLY**

FAST & EASY

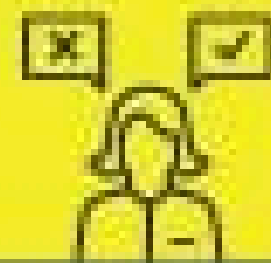
complete your application in
less than 60 minutes

PLAN YOUR
FINANCES FOR THE
UPCOMING YEAR



AUTOMATICALLY
SEND APPLICATION
RESULTS TO YOUR
CHOSEN SCHOOLS

MAKE INFORMED
COLLEGE
DECISIONS



- **Application**: You will be completing the **2025-2026 application**, which is expected to be available on **December 1st**.
- **FSA ID**: Create your FSA ID now. Your parent will need to create one for themselves unless they already have one created for an older sibling's application.
- **YONKERS FAFSA Day**: Saturday, December 7
- **TAP**: is the state aid application for NYS residents applying to NYS colleges.
- **CSS Profile**: is a separate financial aid application in addition to FAFSA. It is used by certain colleges. It is the student's responsibility to determine whether or not they will need to complete that form.



YOU NEED THE FOLLOWING:

- **Student's FSA ID** (visit <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>)
- **Parent's FSA ID** Username & Password
- **Parent's Full Name & Date of Birth**
- **Identification:** Your Social Security card or number, driver's license, Alien Registration number, or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)
- **Tax returns:** Copies of your IRS 1040, 1040A, or 1040 EZ, W-2s, and 1099s
- **Financial records:** Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts, records of investments, businesses, and farms, and records of child support paid or received
- **Demographic information:** Your legal name as it appears on your Social Security card
- **Schools:** A list of up to 20 schools you're interested in attending

Steps for Filling out a FAFSA

Before Starting A FAFSA

Get organized.

- Determine your dependency status..
- FAFSA on the web worksheet.
- Search for school codes.
- Students and parents apply for a PIN.
- Check application deadline dates.

Filling Out A FAFSA

Fill out the application.

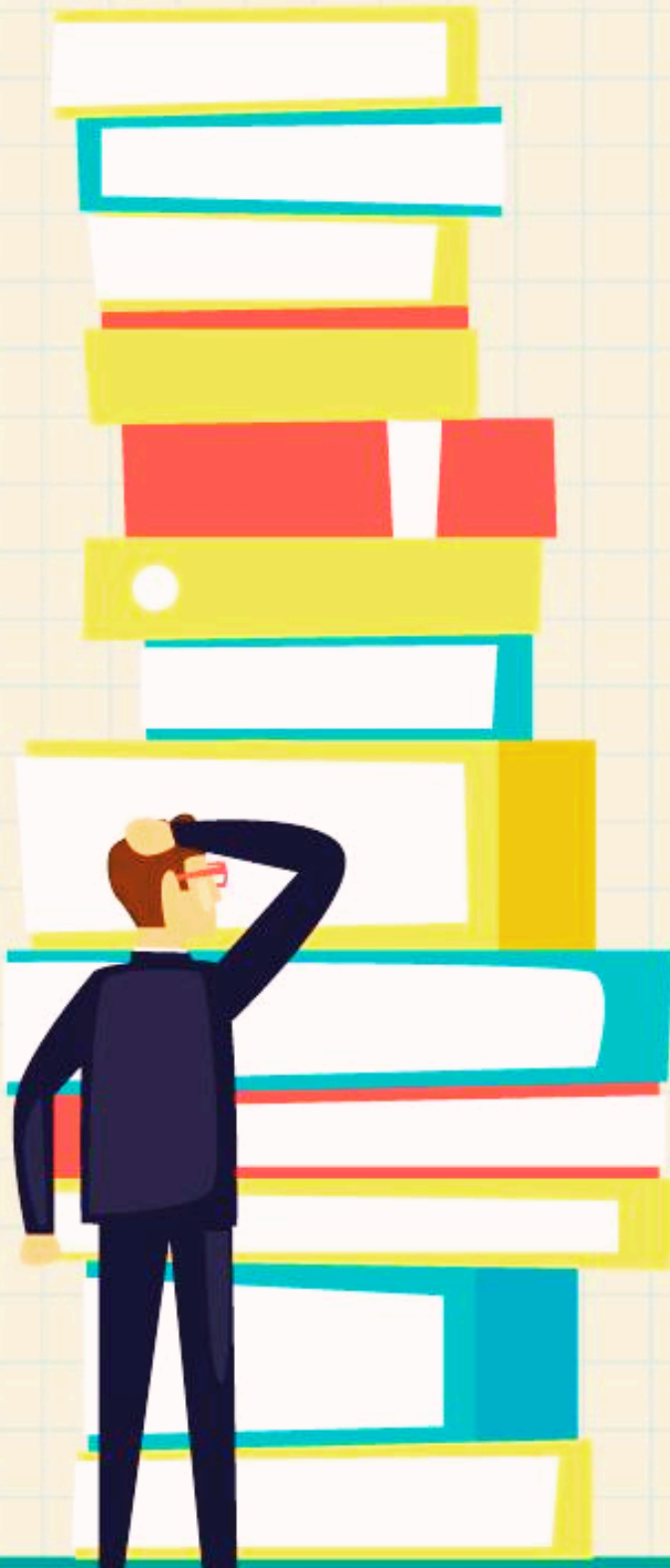
- Fill out your FAFSA.
- Open your saved FAFSA or correction application.
- Sign electronically with your PIN.

FAFSA Follow-Up

View your results online.

- Check status of a submitted FAFSA or print signature page.
- Make corrections to a processed FAFSA.
- Add or delete a school code.
- View and print your student aid report.

FAFSA Tips For Parents



Fill It Out

Many students and parents think that you must have difficult financial circumstances to qualify. Income plays a role, but it isn't the only one used to determine aid.



Fill Out The Correct Form

Make sure to only use the official FAFSA form. All the documentation you need to use is found at fafsa.gov.



Act Immediately

Don't wait too long to fill things out. Many organizations that provide financial aid operate on a "first come, first serve" basis.



Include All Schools Of Interest

When filling out the FAFSA's form, you'll notice it only allows for 10 schools of interest. If you're interested in more schools, don't worry. Submit them in batches instead.



Don't Give Up

According to the National College Access Network, 63% of high school students who complete the FAFSA are more likely to successfully attend college than those who don't file.

College Research Links



**Ms. Talone's
Webpage**



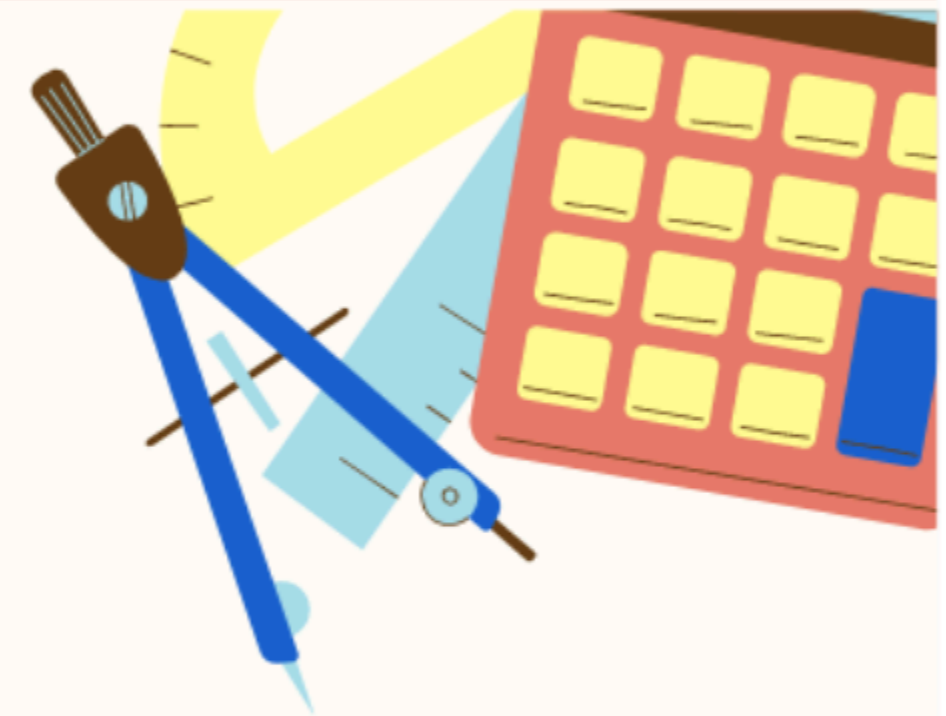
**Campus Visits
Worksheets**

MARKING PERIOD 1

SEPTEMBER 5 - NOVEMBER 8

PROGRESS REPORT: WEEK OF OCTOBER 14

REPORT CARD: WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18





YONKERS COLLEGE FAIR

Thursday, October 17, 2024

Yonkers Middle/High School
150 Rockland Avenue • Yonkers, NY 10705

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM • 11th & 12th GRADE STUDENTS
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM • 9th & 10th GRADE STUDENTS

*Meet representatives from various colleges
& universities to answer all of your questions.*

Learn how to get FREE money to go to college.
Come work with Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE)
to get started on your college financial aid
paperwork to help pay for college.



**YPS
DISTRICT
COLLEGE FAIR**

**THURSDAY
OCTOBER 17**

OCT 21

MONDAY

Multicultural Monday

CULTURAL DRESS / REP YOUR FLAG!

OCT 22

TUESDAY

Twin Tuesday

PARTNER UP TO CREATE A DYNAMIC DUO!

OCT 23

WEDNESDAY

Anything But a Backpack Wed

USE ANYTHING TO CARRY YOUR BOOKS!

OCT 24

THURSDAY

Character Thursday

CAN BE FROM A MOVIE, SHOW, MEMES, ETC (NO MASKS)

OCT 25

FRIDAY

School Spirit Friday

EVERYONE WEAR BLUE!

PEP RALLY & SENIOR PARADE OF CURRICULUM

**SPIRIT
WEEK**

**OCTOBER
21-25**

SENIOR DUES - \$180

WHATS INCLUDED:

SENIOR BREAKFAST

SENIOR BBQ

CLASS OF 2025 T-SHIRT

GRADUATION CAP AND GOWN

GRADUATION HONOR CORDS

DIPLOMA COVER

2025 YEARBOOK

ALUMNI DUES

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

OCT 1: \$45	DEC 2: \$45
NOV 1: \$45	JAN 2: \$45

SENIOR DUES



SENIOR PROM

SENIOR PROM: \$150 PER TICKET

Payments: Students can pay in 2 installments of \$75

Due Dates: 1/13/25 (first payment) & 2/10/25 (final payment)

Payment brought to: Coach Kemp in the gym. Keep receipts!

Prom Location: Mulinos at Lake Isle in Eastchester – 6PM

Prom Date: June 17, 2025

Guests: All guests from outside of Saunders require an in-person meeting with and approval from Mr. Petrino.

Please note: seniors who are not on track to graduate, or who have been suspended from school may be barred from the Senior Prom.