

SENIOR POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING

Brookline High School

COLLEGE COUNSELOR: LENNY LIBENZON



College-related presentations to parents and students. Work with challenging situations.

Please contact your counselor first.

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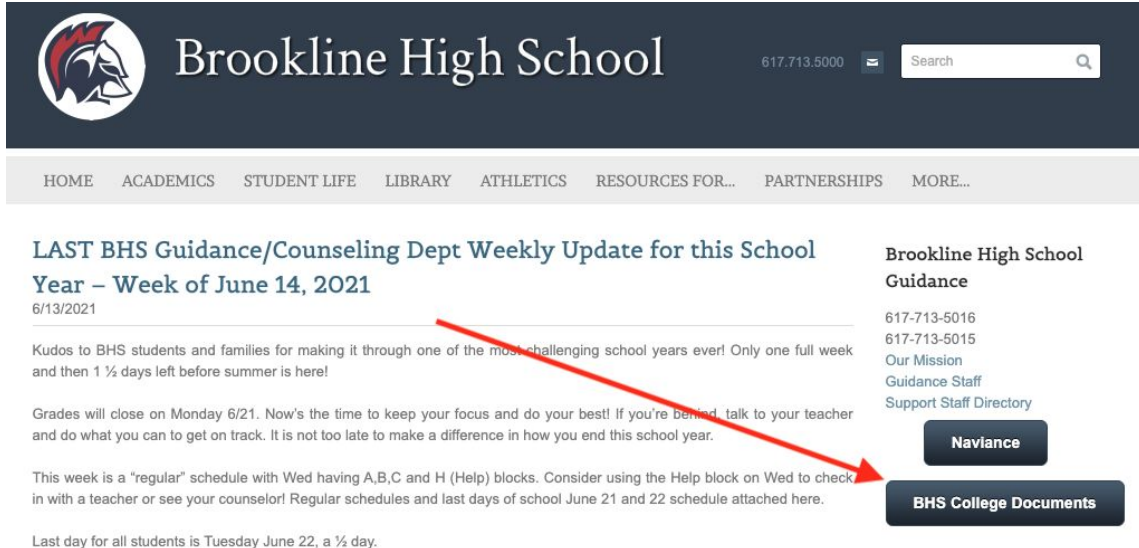
CAREER COUNSELOR: KATE KENNEDY



Career exploration & information;
interviewing; job shadows; supporting students with alternative post grad plans, such as trades

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[HTTP://BHS.BROOKLINE.K12.MA.US/GUIDANCE](http://bhs.brookline.k12.ma.us/guidance)



The screenshot shows the Brookline High School website. At the top left is the school's logo, a Spartan helmet. To its right is the text "Brookline High School" and the phone number "617.713.5000". A search bar is located on the right side of the header. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for HOME, ACADEMICS, STUDENT LIFE, LIBRARY, ATHLETICS, RESOURCES FOR..., PARTNERSHIPS, and MORE... The main content area features a large heading: "LAST BHS Guidance/Counseling Dept Weekly Update for this School Year – Week of June 14, 2021" with a sub-date of "6/13/2021". Below this heading are three paragraphs of text. The first paragraph congratulates students and families. The second paragraph discusses the school's closing on Monday 6/21. The third paragraph provides information about the "regular" schedule for the week. On the right side of the page, there is a sidebar titled "Brookline High School Guidance" containing contact information and links to "Our Mission", "Guidance Staff", and "Support Staff Directory". At the bottom of the sidebar are two dark blue buttons: "Naviance" and "BHS College Documents". A red arrow points from the "BHS College Documents" button to the third paragraph of the main text.

Brookline High School
617.713.5000

HOME ACADEMICS STUDENT LIFE LIBRARY ATHLETICS RESOURCES FOR... PARTNERSHIPS MORE...

LAST BHS Guidance/Counseling Dept Weekly Update for this School Year – Week of June 14, 2021

6/13/2021

Kudos to BHS students and families for making it through one of the most challenging school years ever! Only one full week and then 1 ½ days left before summer is here!

Grades will close on Monday 6/21. Now's the time to keep your focus and do your best! If you're behind, talk to your teacher and do what you can to get on track. It is not too late to make a difference in how you end this school year.

This week is a "regular" schedule with Wed having A,B,C and H (Help) blocks. Consider using the Help block on Wed to check in with a teacher or see your counselor! Regular schedules and last days of school June 21 and 22 schedule attached here.

Last day for all students is Tuesday June 22, a ½ day.

Brookline High School Guidance
617-713-5016
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Our Mission
Guidance Staff
Support Staff Directory

Naviance

BHS College Documents

BHS COLLEGE APPLICATION GUIDE

<https://bit.ly/3B2Irlq>



SENIOR SEMINARS

Seminar 1: starts week of September 18

Seminar 2: starts mid-Oct



CLASS OF 2024 OUTCOMES

<u>Outcome</u>	<u>% of students</u>
4 Yr College (incl non-us)	87.00%
2 Year College	3.0%
Employed	2%
Non-U.S. College	1%
Year Off	3%
Military	0.0%
Other (Prep, etc)	4%

COMMUNITY COLLEGE & MASS TRANSFER

<https://www.mass.edu/masstransfer/>

Commonwealth Commitment to Students:

- ✓ **Freeze on all tuition & mandatory fees on program entry**
Valid until student successfully completes or leaves Commonwealth Commitment program
- ✓ **A 10% rebate off tuition & mandatory fees**
Payable at the end of every successfully completed semester
- ✓ **Additional MassTransfer Tuition Credit on bachelor's program entry**
- ✓ **Guaranteed admission**
Space permitting in the major and college
- ✓ **Guaranteed transfer of credits**
- ✓ **No application fee or essay**
MassTransfer Application required by deadline

GAP YEAR

[TEENLIFE.ORG](https://www.teenlife.org)

[HTTPS://WWW.GOOVERSEAS.COM/GAP-YEAR](https://www.gooverseas.com/gap-year)

[HTTPS://WWW.OMPRAKASH.ORG/](https://www.omprakash.org/)

[HTTPS://WWW.CITYYEAR.ORG/](https://www.cityyear.org/)

BHS GAP YEAR FAIR IN JANUARY

MANY SELECTIVE COLLEGES
REPORT THAT AT LEAST HALF OF
ADMITTED STUDENTS WERE
ACCEPTED TEST-OPTIONAL

2000+ COLLEGES ARE TEST-OPTIONAL.

FOR THE COMPLETE LIST, GO TO [FAIRTEST.ORG](https://www.fairtest.org)

REQUIRING TESTS: MIT, GEORGETOWN, BROWN, HARVARD,
DARTMOUTH, MILITARY ACADEMIES, FLORIDA STATE, GEORGIA,
ETC + SOME SCHOLARSHIPS

On June 29, 2023, the U.S. Supreme Court announced its ruling holding that the use of race in admissions policies applied by the University of North Carolina and Harvard College violates the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Harvard: The Court also ruled that colleges and universities may consider in admissions decisions “an applicant’s discussion of how race affected his or her life, be it through discrimination, inspiration, or otherwise.”

New Supplemental Essay: Harvard has long recognized the importance of enrolling a diverse student body. How will the life experiences that shape who you are today enable you to contribute to Harvard? * (150 words)

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

- RESEARCH SCHOOLS
- RELEASE TRANSCRIPTS
- MATCH COMMON APP & NAVIANCE
- GIVE SELF-DESCRIPTION FORM & PARENT BRAG SHEET TO COUNSELOR
 - REQUEST TEACHER REC
 - RELEASE YOUR TEST SCORES

SOURCES OF COLLEGE INFORMATION

- YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR
- RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO WENT TO COLLEGE
- COLLEGE TOURS
- FISKE GUIDE TO COLLEGES
- COLLEGE REPS VISITING BHS



BHS COLLEGE VISITS

9/ 16 - 11/ 4



BHS Calendars

bhs.brookline.k12.ma.us/calendars.html

Students need to register on Naviance and bring the signed [permission form](#)

SEPTEMBER

Fri 13

09:22AM

[University of Southern California](#)

📍 Not Specified

SEPTEMBER

Mon 16

09:25AM

[Loyola Marymount University](#)

📍 Not Specified

SEPTEMBER

Mon 16

10:25AM

[University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth](#)

📍 Not Specified

SEPTEMBER

Mon 16

11:30AM

[University of Colorado Boulder](#)

📍 Not Specified

SEPTEMBER

Mon 16

01:00PM

[Brown University](#)

📍 Not Specified

SEPTEMBER

Mon 16

02:00PM

[Scripps College](#)

📍 Not Specified

<https://student.naviance.com/colleges>

Find Your Fit

 SuperMatch®

 College Match

 College Events

Scattergrams

Advanced College Search

College Lookup

SuperMatch College Search

[Choose Fit Criteria](#)
[Location](#)
[Academics](#)
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[Student Life](#)
[Athletics](#)
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Your Fit Criteria

3 selected criteria

To refine your results, use the arrows to move your criteria into the "Must Have" and "Nice to Have" boxes.

Must Have

✕ Location [7] →

✕ Major [Any] →

✕ Campus Surroundings [1] →

Your Results

Your results include **43 institutions** with a fit score of 90% or above.

	Fit Score	Academic Match	Highlights									
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YOUR GPA ⓘ

GPA (4.0 scale)

3.2

YOUR SAT SCORES ⓘ

SAT Composite

1360

YOUR ACT SCORES ⓘ

ACT Composite

ACCEPTANCE RATE

- 25% or Lower
- 26%-50%
- 51%-75%
- 76% or more
- Open Admissions

REGULAR APPLICATION DEADLINE

I want institutions with a regular application deadline on or after:

- Accepts AP Credits ⓘ
- Accepts IB Credits ⓘ
- Test Optional ⓘ
- Common App Member ⓘ
- Coalition App Member ⓘ
- No Application Fee ⓘ

APPLY TO

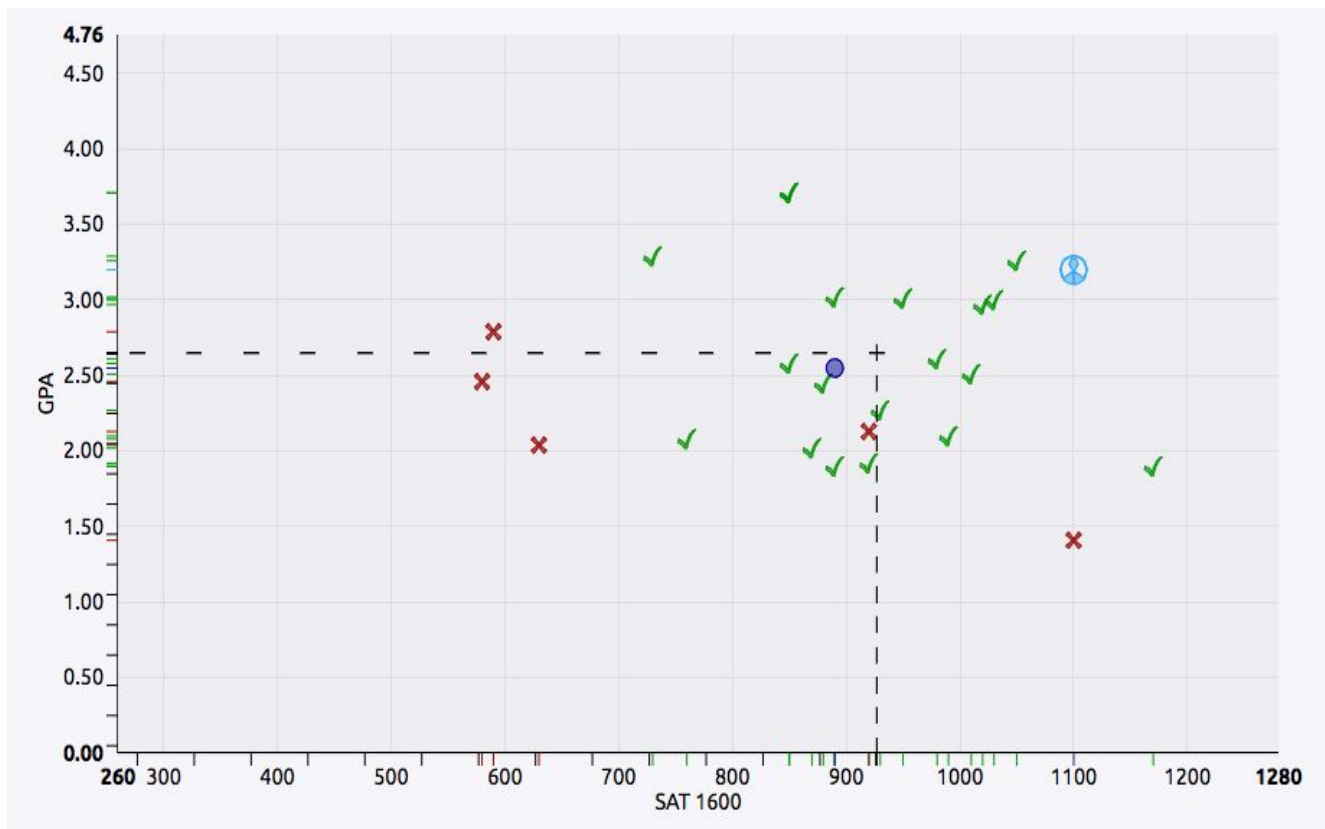
SAFETY

MATCH

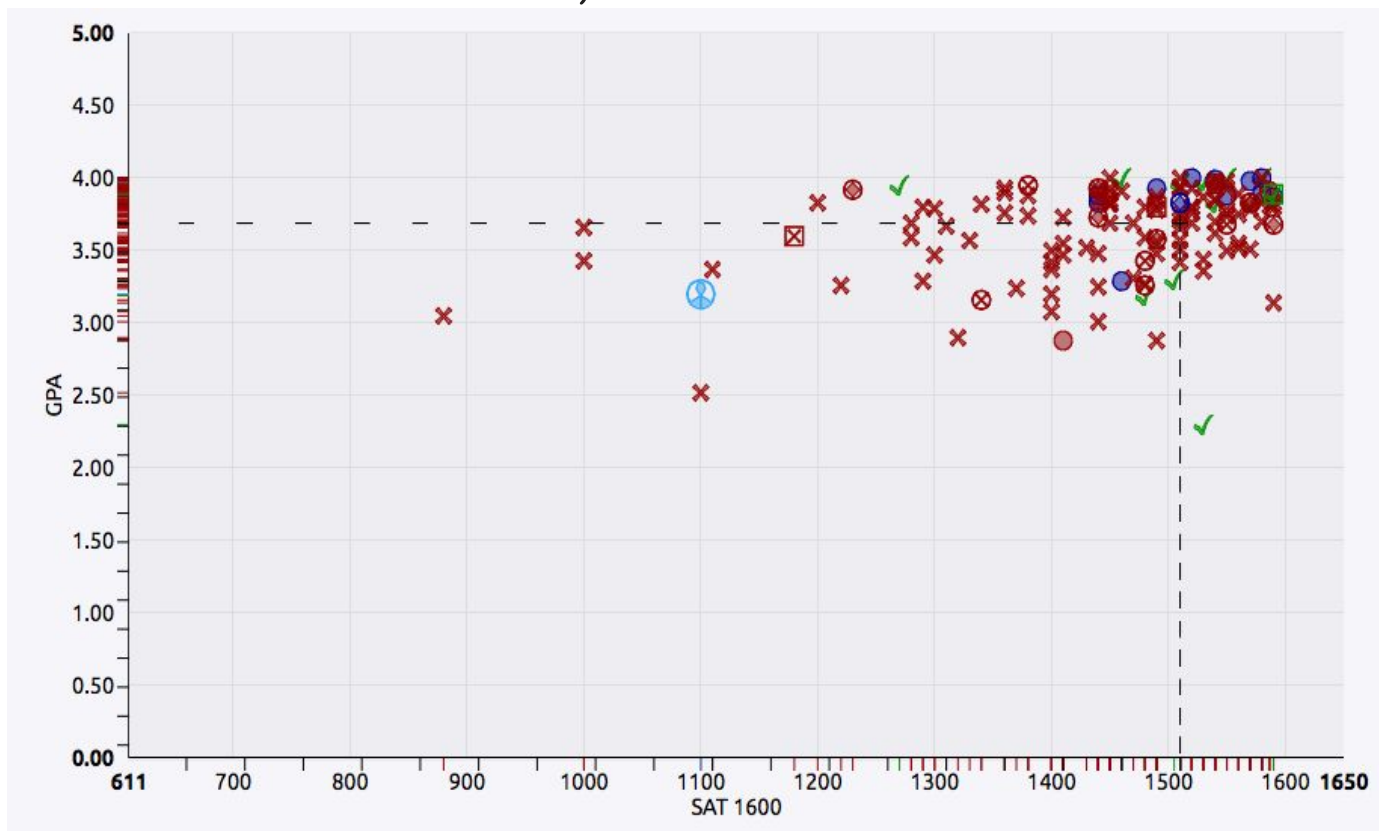
REACH



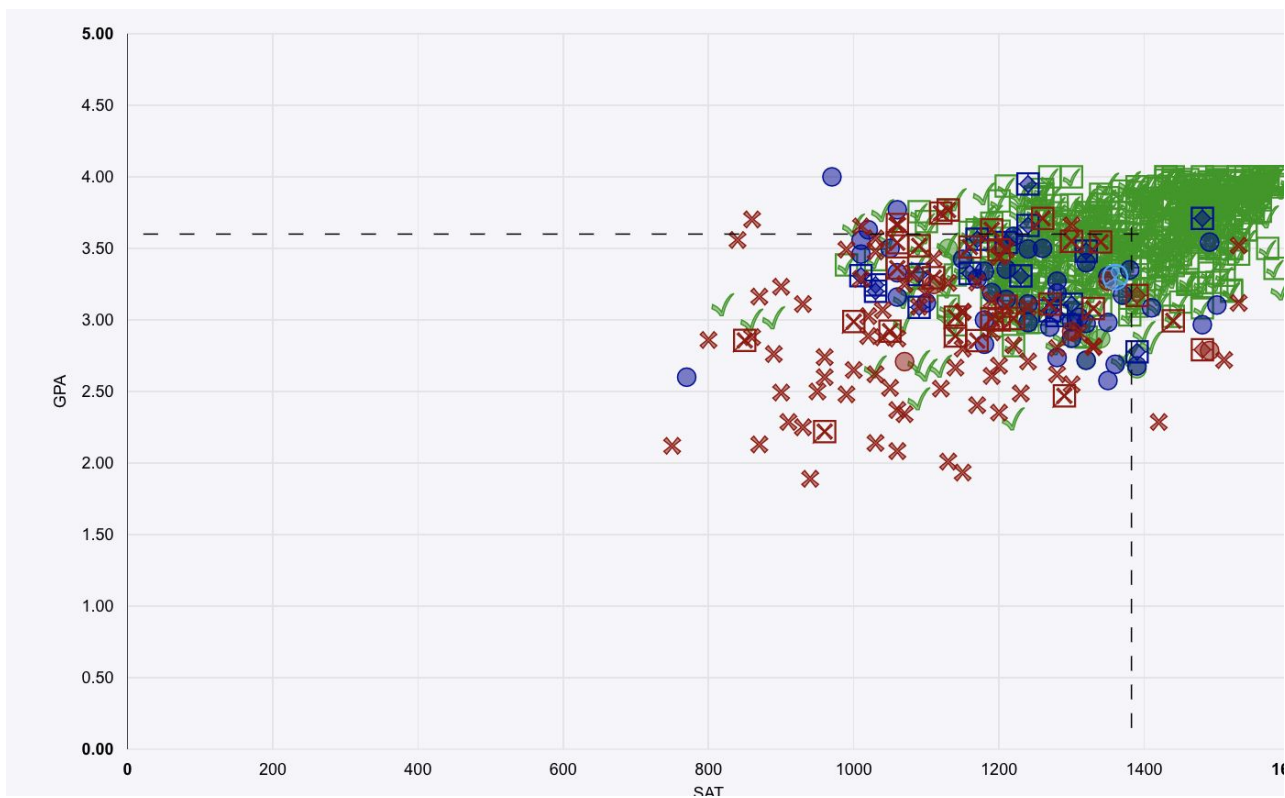
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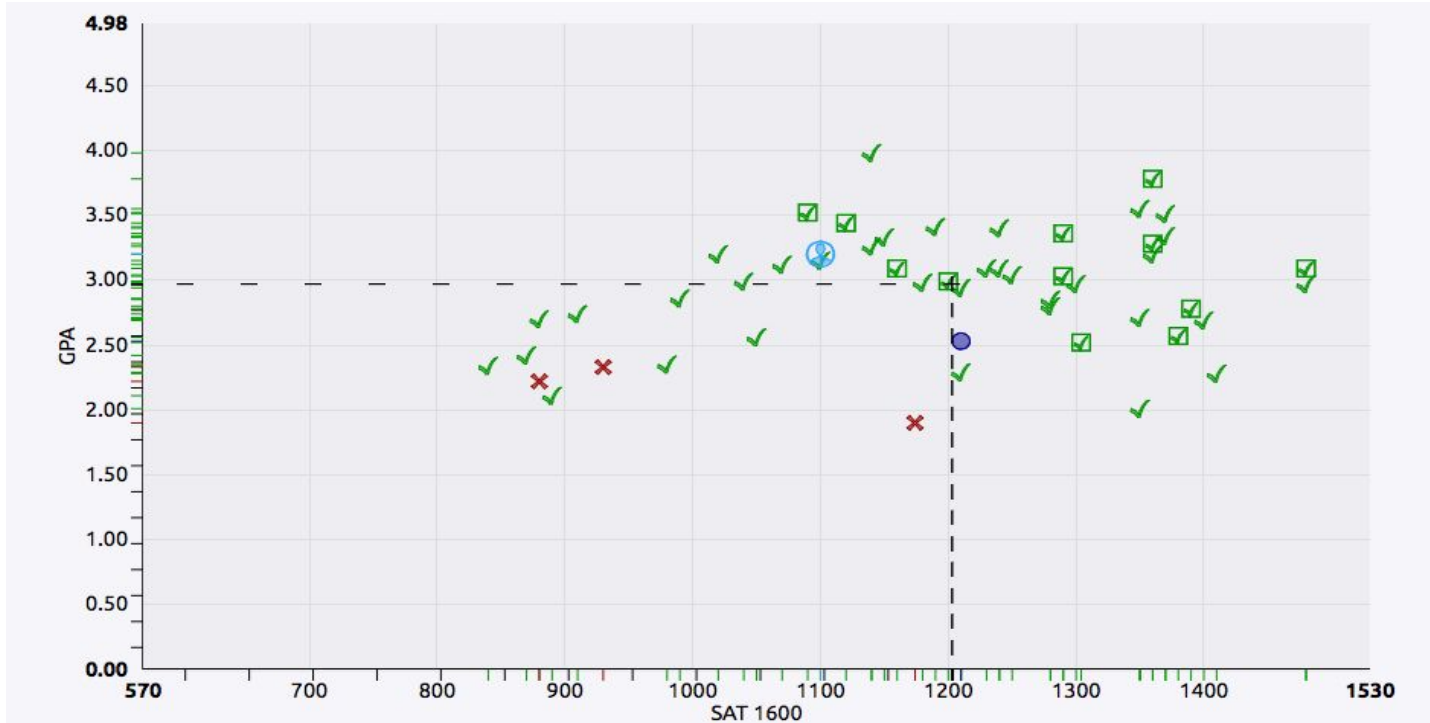
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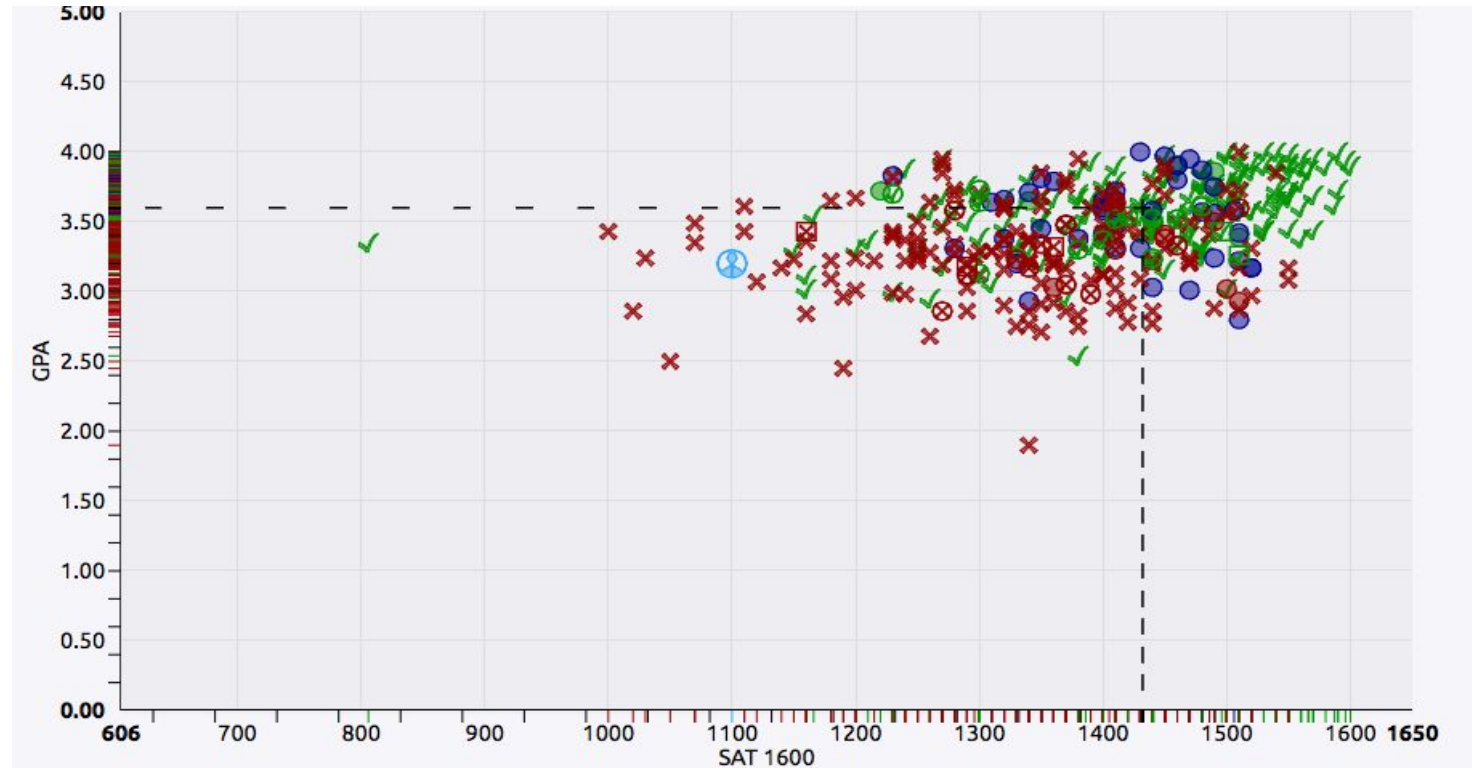
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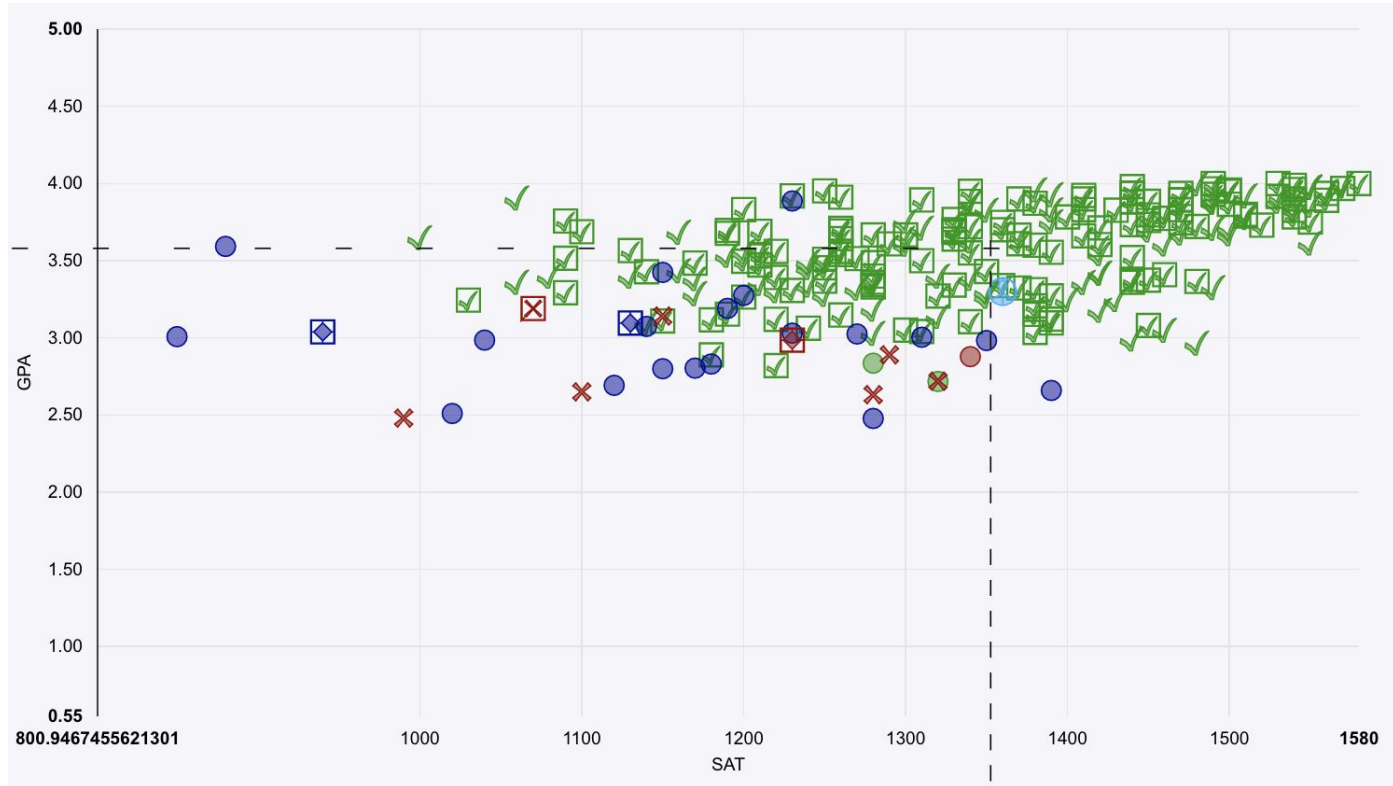
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE



NEW YORK UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT



UMASS AMHERST UPDATE

Early Action Admit Rates

Overall: 74%

Nursing: 15%

Computer Science: 49%

Finance: 56%

Reg Decision Admit Rates

Overall: 51%

Nursing: 4%

Computer Science: 20%

Finance: 37%

GPA

BHS GPA has been updated on Naviance (Go to About Me:: Profile)

Note that most admission offices calculate their own GPA

BHS reports unweighted GPA only

BHS does not rank students

WE SEND ONLY YOUR FINAL GRADES FOR
GRADES 9-11.

WE SEND 1ST AND 2ND TERM SENIOR
YEAR GRADES TO COLLEGES

IT IS IMPORTANT TO TAKE A BALANCED
LOAD OF CLASSES AND DO WELL,
ESPECIALLY AFTER THE PANDEMIC YEAR

REGULAR DECISION

Apply by January 1 or 15

Decision by April 1

Choose by May 1st

Check the college website for specific deadlines!

EARLY ACTION

Apply by November 1 or 15

Decision by mid-December

Choose by May 1st

You can apply to several schools Early Action. UMass Amherst deadline this year was Nov 05.

EARLY DECISION

Apply by November 1 or 15

Decision by mid-December

Choose by YOU HAVE TO GO TO THIS SCHOOL

You can apply to only ONE (1) school Early Decision. Since you have to go if admitted, you might get less financial assistance.

[HTTPS://APPLY.COMMONAPP.ORG/LOGIN](https://apply.commonapp.org/login)

[First Year Students](#) [Transfer Students](#)

Sign In

First year student? Great! Enter your email and password below to sign in, or [create an account](#) to get started.

* Indicates required fields.

Email *

Password *

[Forgot password?](#)

[Sign in](#)

Need help?
[Visit the Applicant Solutions Center.](#)

[Common App](#)[Profile](#)[Family](#)[Education](#)[Testing](#)[✓ Activities](#)[Writing](#)[Courses & Grades](#)
1 college(s) require

Profile

[Preview](#)

✓ Personal Information ^

✓ Address ^

✓ Contact Details ^

✓ Demographics ^

✓ Language ^

Geography and Nationality ^

Common App Fee Waiver

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You are eligible for application fee waivers if you meet one or more of the following criteria:

- You are enrolled in or eligible to participate in the federal free or reduced price lunch program.
- You have received or are eligible to receive an SAT or ACT fee waiver.
- Your annual family income falls within the income eligibility guidelines set by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service.

My Colleges

[Boston College](#) ▲[College Information](#)

Application

[Questions](#)[Recommenders and FERPA](#)[Review and Submit - Common App](#)

Writing Supplement

[Questions](#)[Review and Submit - Writing Supplement](#)

Boston College

Contact Info

Phone: [\(800\) 360-2522](tel:(800)360-2522)

Fax: 617-552-0798

Email: bcapplicant@bc.edu

Address: *140 Commonwealth Ave
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467
USA*

Links: [College Website](#) · [College Navigator](#)



Application Deadlines

September 2020

First Year

Early Decision - 11/01/2019

Early Decision II - 01/01/2020

Regular Decision - 01/01/2020

January 2020

First Year

Regular Decision - 11/01/2019

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Recommenders & FERPA

⚠ FERPA Release Authorization

Before you can invite your counselor, teachers, recommenders, parents, or advisors, you must complete the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release authorization process.

[Learn more about FERPA](#)

[Complete Release Authorization](#)

FERPA Form

- I acknowledge that every school that I have attended may release all requested records and recommendations to colleges to which I am applying for admission. I also understand that employees at these colleges may confidentially contact my current and former schools should they have questions about the information submitted on my behalf.*

Please select one: *

- I waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.
- I DO NOT waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.

- I understand that my waiver or no waiver selection above pertains to all colleges to which I apply and that my selection

Back

Save and Close

Colleges I'm Applying To

Search for Colleges



! It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools. Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started.

Match Accounts

Application Milestones

Compare Me

YOUTUBE VIDEO SHOWING THE MATCHING PROCESS: [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/-HGTPB5CNQI](https://youtu.be/-HGTPB5CNQI)

ONCE YOU'VE APPLIED

MAKE SURE YOU CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR THE APPLICANT PORTAL

MAKE SURE YOU LOG IN TO YOUR PORTAL

MAKE SURE YOU CHECK YOUR PORTAL FOR ANY MISSING INFORMATION,
ETC.

RELEASE YOUR TRANSCRIPTS 4 WEEKS BEFORE THE DEADLINE

College Deadline	BHS Deadline
October 15	Sept 17
November 1	October 2
November 15	October 17
December 1	November 1
December 15	November 15
January 1	December 2
January 15	December 11
February 1	January 3
February 15	January 17

MEETING WITH YOUR COUNSELOR

- STUDENT SELF-DESCRIPTION FORM
(NAVIANCE: ABOUT ME: SURVEYS FROM YOUR SCHOOL)
- ONLINE: FILLED OUT AND SIGNED RELEASE FORM

PARENT BRAG SHEET



TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- ASK IF THE TEACHER WILL "WRITE A GOOD RECOMMENDATION"
- PROVIDE A LIST OF COLLEGES TO THE TEACHER
- DO NOT ASK MORE THAN 2 TEACHERS FOR A RECOMMENDATION
- AT BHS, YOU CAN NOT ADD TEACHERS TO YOUR NAVIANCE. TEACHERS ADD YOU THEMSELVES AFTER YOU TALK TO THEM

TEST SCORE RELEASE

- RELEASE YOUR SAT & AP SCORES FROM COLLEGEBOARD.COM
- RELEASE YOUR ACT SCORES FROM ACT.ORG

ESSAYS

PTO COLLEGE ESSAY WORKSHOP, SEPTEMBER 28, 8:30AM
-12:30. SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/2024-BHS-COLLEGE-ESSAY-WRITING-WORKSHOP-TICKETS-990647592617](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-bhs-college-essay-writing-workshop-tickets-990647592617)



ESSAYS

- WRITE SEVERAL “ROUGH” ESSAYS, CHOOSE ONE TO EDIT
- COLLEGES ARE CHAT-GPT AWARE
- BE MINDFUL OF THE SHORT “SUPPLEMENTAL ESSAYS”
- NOTE THAT SOME APPEAR ONLY AFTER YOU INDICATE YOUR MAJOR

2. Established in 1978 in a renovated gas station in Burlington, VT, Ben and Jerry's is synonymous with the ice cream business. The company's success and unique brand identity are due in part to their one-of-a-kind flavors. Which Ben & Jerry's ice cream flavor (real or imagined) best describes you?

QUICK COLLEGE COST ESTIMATOR

[HTTPS://MYINTUITION.ORG/PARENTS-STUDENTS/](https://myintuition.org/parents-students/)



SCHOLARSHIPS

[HTTPS://WWW.FASTWEB.COM/](https://www.fastweb.com/)

[HTTPS://WWW.GOINGMERRY.COM/](https://www.goingmerry.com/)

BHS SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION WILL BE OPEN LATER IN THE YEAR. THE COMMITTEE WILL REQUIRE CSS PROFILE.

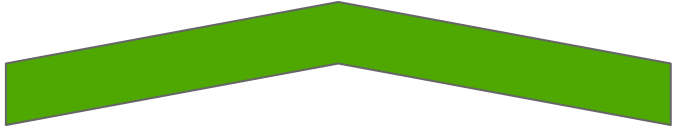
FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS

FILL OUT THE FAFSA FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RELEASE DATE (APPROX. MID-DECEMBER IN 2023)


[HTTPS://STUDENTAID.GOV/](https://studentaid.gov/)

IF THE SCHOOL IS ON THE PROFILE LIST FOUND ON COLLEGEBOARD.ORG FINANCIAL AID SITE, COMPLETE ALL THE REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED ON THE PROFILE SITE FOR YOUR SCHOOL AND/OR FROM YOUR COLLEGE.

[HTTPS://CSSPROFILE.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG/](https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/)



**A nonprofit
501(c)(3)
organization built
to help families
reduce the cost of
college, minimize
debt and increase
higher education
choices.**



MEET THE STAFF

Gregg Cohen



Lynette O'Leary



Brian Gardiner



Pamela Martinetti



Alison Garcia



Affordability Crisis: Why are students overpaying?

**Inaccurate
Upfront Family
Budgeting**

**Confusing
Financial Aid
Forms**

**Misleading
Award Letters
and Failure to
Appeal**

**Missed
Opportunities
for Merit Aid**

**Predatory
Lenders in
Student Loan
Market**





At *no cost* to families, College Affordable can help you *confidentially*:

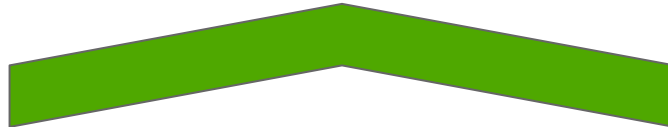
- Create a realistic family budget to measure affordability
- Optimize scholarship and grant opportunities at target colleges
- Assist with completion of aid and grant applications
- Review and interpret award letters to allow for fully informed decisions
- Review potential lenders to select the best opportunity

Program Highlights


Confidential – we do not share your information. We do not sell your information.

We understand unique family circumstances – the financial aid application process is very personal to you and will likely be different college to college.


No cost or fee – sponsored through different organizations and funding sources.



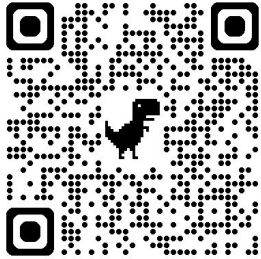
IMPACTS



College Affordable has positively impacted each and every aspect of our family's understanding of the financial piece of college. From your webinars, to your free one hour consultation for our family, to the email support, and capped off with guidance for our student's merit support appeal - which resulted in an additional \$40K of support over the four years - we cannot thank you enough! I just wish every family had this guidance and support!



Parent Class of 2024



New to College Affordable:

1. Visit Your Landing Page
<https://collegeaffordable.org/brooklinehs>
1. Complete the Family Registration Form

Previously Registered with College Affordable:

1. Visit Your Landing Page
<https://collegeaffordable.org/brooklinehs>
1. Review the Webinar Schedule and register





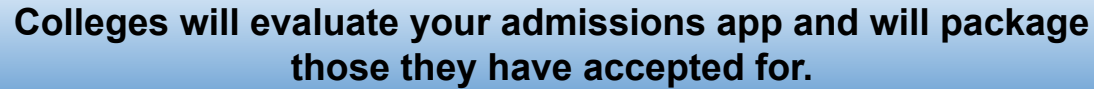
All Program Participants:

1. Explore: utilize the tools and resources available to you through the program
 - a. SAI Calculator
 - b. Loan Estimator
 - c. Preliminary Financial Aid Assessment
 - d. Budget Review
 - e. Offer & Appeal Review
2. Contact Us - email, phone, & text message
 - a. Questions regarding FAFSA, CSS Profile, ED and finances, types of aid

APPLICATION TIMELINES



10/1/2024 - 1/1/2025 Apply for Admissions & Financial Aid



Colleges will evaluate your admissions app and will package those they have accepted for.



Receive acceptance and financial aid offers will be sent by April 1st.



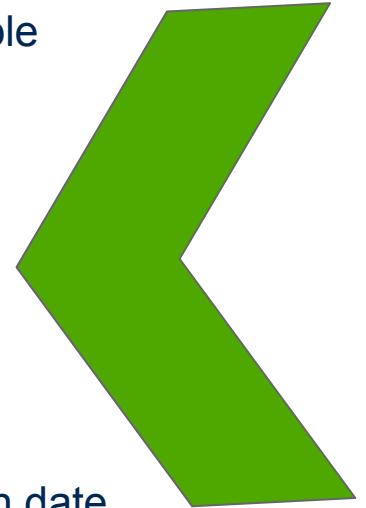
**Review and compare award letters.
Pursue avenues for appealing.**



Deposit by May 1, 2025 for most decisions (not including ED)

Main Applications: CSS Profile & FAFSA

- The 2025-2026 FAFSA will NOT be FULLY available until December 2024
- Current FAFSA is for THIS academic year and is NOT transferable
- Last year the FAFSA is experienced a major overhaul.
 - Delays from continued issues
- Everyone applying for aid is required to complete the FAFSA.
- Create Studentaid.gov Usernames/FSA IDs Now
 - <https://studentaid.gov/>
 - Select Create Account
 - Student and Parent(s) should request
- CSS Profile Available October 1st (may have different application date than FAFSA)
 - Required by ~ 250 Private and a handful of public colleges.



September & October Events

Thursday, 9/12/2024 6:30 PM

Part 1: Errors are costly - completing the CSS Profile

Thursday, 9/26/2024 6:30 PM

Part 2: Errors are costly - completing the FAFSA

Thursday, 10/17/2024 6:30 PM

Why is this required? Understanding how your family dynamic affects the financial aid process.



*Recording will be emailed to all registrants the next day.



financialaid@collegeaffordable.org

CALL or TEXT: 781-343-1941

