

HSAS Naviance College Planning Family Connection for 9th & 10th grade students (UPDATED) March 2018

Naviance is a college planning tool that HSAS subscribes to on an annual basis. This program has a multitude of uses for counselors, students, parents and faculty here, is how HSAS utilizes this service:

- ✓ **Email**-Students are provided with a unique access code in the spring (**June 1**) of sophomore year. When students initially sign on they are asked to provide an email address. We rely on the students to keep their email addresses current, since this is our only method for communication with students via email. Parents may also register an email address on their child's account with their own email address and receive a copy of emails sent to students including college and scholarship bulletins.
- ✓ **Track student usage**-Counselors can view students' accounts to see how often they visit their Naviance account. We can get a clear idea of colleges that students are interested in as they post colleges of interest to their accounts.
- ✓ **Track data**- We keep track of data from each graduating class that can be anonymously viewed by parents and students.
- ✓ **Research colleges**- Naviance has a data base of over **8402** colleges. Students can search for colleges by selecting a variety of options that will narrow down a college list.
- ✓ **Upload test scores and GPA**- Each semester we upload students' high school averages and current SAT and PSAT scores. **AP scores are NOT posted on Naviance.** The students can then compare their academic profiles anonymously with those of other students at HSAS. By viewing the *scattergrams* students can gain an understanding of which students are being accepted to particular colleges from the HSAS community.
- ✓ **Post college visits**- Each fall many colleges come to visit HSAS and meet our students. A schedule of all visits is continuously posted on Naviance. Students can also receive automatic email reminders of college visits.
- ✓ **Submission of college documents** – College documents including transcript, high school profile, counselor recommendations and teacher recommendations are submitted to colleges via naviance.
- ✓ **Careers**- Built into Naviance is an extensive career research tool that students can take advantage of one they have full access to the program at the end of sophomore year including a three-step resume builder.

My child is a 9th or 10th grade student. How can we utilize Naviance and Family Connection?

- Log onto: www.hsas-lehman.org the HSAS website.
- Click on: **Guidance** the click on Naviance
- Click on <http://connection.naviance.com/hsamstudies>
- Click on I am a guest. Enter the password **guest1**
- Click on the colleges tab

A variety of college research options will be available. The following is a description of a few of those options:

College lookup-Look up any college in the Naviance database where you can get a brief overview of the college. For example, all college deadline types are listed here. You can also get to the college's website from here.

From this page you can view "**School Stats**" "**overlaps**" "**graphs.**" This will provide you with information that is exclusive to HSAS. From this area you can also view General admissions information about the college by clicking on the grey admissions tab. A word of advice: always consider the GENERAL acceptance rate at a particular college. **For example: Wesleyan University, Middletown Ct. Percent accepted: 15.43% (Hobson's 2018) Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY percent accepted 59.11% (Hobson's 2018)**

Click "**scattergrams**" Select weighted GPA. This feature will display how many applications HSAS has submitted to a particular college since the first graduating class. You will be able to ascertain the mean SAT/ACT score and mean GPA for students accepted from HSAS.