

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROCESS



Roslyn High School

College Applications: Roslyn Two-Year Overview



| | Class of 2018 (248) | Class of 2019 (260) |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Total Applications Submitted | 2,177 | 2,219 |
| Average Applications per Student | 8.8 | 8.6 |
| Overall Acceptances (All Students) | 1,240 (57%) | 1,331 (60%) |
| Average Acceptance Rate per Student | 65% | 68% |
| Median Acceptance Rate per Student | 67% | 70% |
| Range of Acceptances | 8% - 100% | 14% - 100% |

Where is the Class of 2019 going?



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|--|--|---|---|
| Adelphi University | Fordham University | Northeastern University | The Ohio State University |
| Arizona State University | Georgetown University | Northwestern University | The University of Iowa |
| Barnard College | Georgia Institute of Technology | Pennsylvania State University | The University of Texas, Austin |
| CUNY Baruch | Grand Canyon University | Pratt Institute | Tufts University |
| Baylor University | Harvard College | Princeton University | Tulane University |
| Bentley University | Hofstra University | Providence College | SUNY Buffalo |
| Binghamton University | Hunter College of the CUNY | Purdue University | University of California, Berkeley |
| CUNY BMCC | Raphael Recanati International School | Queens College of the CUNY | University of California, Los Angeles |
| Boston University | Indiana University at Bloomington | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | University of Delaware |
| Brandeis University | Israelian Army | Rhode Island School of Design | University of Florida |
| CUNY Brooklyn | Lehigh University | Rider University | University of Hartford |
| Brown University | Long Island University, Post | Shenandoah University | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign |
| Bryn Mawr College | Loyola Marymount University | Sophie Davis | University of Maryland, College Park |
| California Institute of the Arts | Loyola University New Orleans | St. John's University | University of Miami |
| Carnegie Mellon University | Manhattan College | Stanford University | University of Michigan |
| Cornell University | Marist College | SUNY New Paltz | University of Pennsylvania |
| CUNY-Macaulay Honors College | Massachusetts Institute of Technology | Stony Brook University | University of Pittsburgh |
| Duke University | Millersville University of Pennsylvania | SUNY College at Geneseo | University of Rochester |
| Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University | Molloy College | SUNY College at Old Westbury | University of Southern California |
| Emory University | Nassau Community College | SUNY College at Oneonta | University of Virginia |
| Farmingdale State College | New York Institute of Technology | Syracuse University | University of Wisconsin, Madison |
| Fashion Institute of Technology | New York University | The George Washington University | Washington University in St. Louis |
| | | | Wheaton College MA |

*Bold denotes multiple students attending school

Components of the Admissions Folder:



- High School Transcript
- SAT and/or ACT Scores
- Activities Resume
- College Essay
- Recommendation Letters

High School Transcript



What are colleges considering during senior year:

- Senior-year course selections
- Mid-year senior grades
- Final Grade Point Average upon graduation

”In April we were pleased to offer you admission to the entering freshman class. This offer was extended to you contingent upon your continuing demonstration of the academic and personal qualities that led the committee to offer you admission to the university. A recent review of your final grades showed a decline in your academic performance. Our experience is that students who have a weak final semester in secondary school often have difficulty regaining their motivation for the challenging freshman year at Tufts.”

SAT/ACT Tests



- SAT and ACT scores are sent to colleges by the student. Roslyn does not report any standardized test scores.
- Most colleges, not all, pull highest SAT subcomponent score from different test dates.
- Most colleges, not all, use single ACT test date score for admission.
- Score Choice is available for both SAT and ACT. Roslyn recommends sending all scores.
- Some colleges are Test Optional. View fairtest.org for participating colleges.
- Some colleges accept the ACT (w/writing) as Subject Test requirement.
- Triple check admissions requirements, including subject-based testing (i.e. Engineering majors) and whether schools will permit [self-reporting](#).
- College Board Score Choice List:
<http://professionals.collegeboard.com/profdownload/sat-score-use-practices-list.pdf>

Activities



*****List them on the Common App in order of most important to you – Everything counts*****

- Extracurricular Activities:
(In school and outside of school)
- Community Service
- Athletics/Musical Talents, etc.
- Awards and Recognitions
- Jobs/Summer Experiences
- Educational Programs
- Leadership

College Essay



- Essay provides opportunity for student voice and creativity
- Writing piece must be engaging – What is the reader’s take-away??
- Essay **MUST** be proofread!!
- Be careful of asking for too much advice from too many people
- Watch for supplemental essays on the common application and/or if you are applying to special programs or scholarships.
- Do not be too generic on supplements, if they ask why you are applying to their college give a specific answer for each school.

Available Essay Support



- All SENIORS interested in having their college essay reviewed can do so by seeing Ms. Grgas or Mr. Stamidis. Sign up for a 20 minute appointment during periods 2, 3, 4, or 7. Look for the White Binder on the desk in the English Study Center.
- Period 2: Tuesdays
- Period 3: Mondays
- Period 4: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays
- Period 7: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays

Letters of Recommendation



- **School Counselor:**

Letter written highlights overall high school career. Students and parents are encouraged to share any personal information deemed significant to their lives and its impact on high school career along with anecdotal forms from teachers.

- **School Teacher(s):**

Letter written highlights the student during the duration of the course. Who they are both inside and outside of the classroom.

- **Supplemental Letters**

- Students are encouraged to sign all waiver forms waiving access to recommendation letters. College admissions representatives deem these letters more credible in the admissions process.

Application Terminology



- **Early Decision:**
Binding agreement with college stating student must attend if accepted. Decision made on or about December 15.
- **Early Action:**
Non-binding application. Decisions usually made by mid-December.
- **Rolling Admissions:**
First come, first serve. Applications are processed as they ‘roll’ in and decision is quickly ‘rolled’ back to student.
- **Regular Decision:**
Decisions are made after deadline date has lapsed. Most decisions letters are mailed in early April.
- **Single Choice Early Action/Restrictive Early Action:**
A few of the most competitive colleges offer this non-binding admission policy. Students may apply to a single choice college, however they are not permitted to apply to other schools using the EA/ED option during this period.

Apply Appropriately!



Counseling Office Recommends

- Schools with acceptance rates of 30% or higher
- Does not include special programs or majors with stricter admission
 - Combined Medical Programs, Business Schools, etc.
- Guidance is recommending that students have **AT LEAST 3** of these schools on their college list
- These are schools that students will be happy to attend if accepted.
- If you are applying to a large number of schools, you may want to consider adding more safer options instead of more competitive ones.
- Hail Mary applications.....

Coalition vs Common App



- **Common Application**
 - Over 900 Colleges accept the Common App
 - Supplemental applications – sometimes multi-step essays
 - Links directly to Naviance
- **Coalition Application**
 - 140 Colleges accept the Coalition Application
 - University of Florida, University of Maryland and University of Washington are all Coalition **exclusive**
 - More time consuming to complete as you are required to self report all high school grades
 - Essay sizes vary by institution

Self-Reporting Grades



Self-Reporting Transcripts

SRAR vs. SSAR

| SRAR | SSAR (Florida Schools Only) |
|---|---|
| https://srar.selfreportedtranscript.com/ | https://ssar.selfreportedtranscript.com/ |
| University of Delaware | University of Florida |
| University of Pittsburgh | Florida State |
| Penn State University | Florida Atlantic University |
| Rutgers University | University of North Florida |
| Virginia Tech | New College of Florida |
| Texas A & M | Florida Gulf Coast University |
| Louisiana State University | Flagler College |
| University of Minnesota | |

Websites look exactly the same...so be mindful of the different website addresses for specific schools.

Scholarships & Financial Aid



- **Naviance Account**: List of available national and school-specific scholarships.
- **Fastweb.com, Scholarship.com, Collegeboard.com**: Websites that post various scholarships based on personal questionnaire.
- **Student Initiated VS. Student Nominated Scholarships**
- **Financial Aid Night**: October 16, 2019
- **Fafsa**: Free Application for Student Aid – Calculates Family Expected Contribution.
- **CSS Profile**: College Scholarship Service from College Board. Over 600 colleges require this online document.
 - ✦ Email notifications will be sent to each senior
 - ✦ Updated information will appear in monthly Newsletters

Submitting Applications to Guidance Office



- College paperwork must be handed in directly to the Counseling Center
- **It will take up to 15 school days for all college paperwork requests to be processed. Do not wait until the last minute**
- Naviance and Common Application must be matched and teacher recommendations must be made through Naviance
- Transcript request form must be submitted with student and parent signatures.
- Completed Activity Sheet/Resume must be submitted with first college paperwork request or updated in Naviance.

Things to Remember...



- Seek out your school counselor for advice...and read all emails from Guidance.
- View your Naviance account for the list of colleges visiting Roslyn! – still being updated
- Attend Open Houses and/or visit colleges of interest. Make certain to register for each school visit – many colleges track interest.
- Apply to appropriate colleges
- **Prioritize the ‘right fit’ over the ‘right name’**
- Watch Deadlines!!
- Visit chosen college before depositing
- Share your admissions decisions/results with your counselor

Dates to Remember



- September 16th – period 2 – College Application meeting with counselors
- September 16th & 23rd - College Application workshops – 2:40 p.m. in Room 113 – Please sign up in Guidance
- October 1st - FAFSA forms can be submitted
- October 16th - Financial Aid Night
- November 1st - Early Admissions Deadline for most colleges
- December 1st - All Applications submitted to Guidance
- May 1st - Deposit Due to College of choice

Upcoming College Info Sessions and Fairs



- **Nassau Counselors Fall College Expo** - 9/14 at 12pm at SUNY College of Old Westbury
- **Long Island National College Fair** - 9/15 at 11am at NYCB Live (Nassau Coliseum)
- **Yale Science and Engineering Forum** - 9/12 at 7pm at Roslyn High School
- **Duke University College Night** - 9/24 at 7pm at Roslyn High School
- **An Evening with Binghamton** - 10/7 at 7pm at Roslyn High School
- **SUNY College Fair** - 10/10 at 4pm at the Javits Center, NYC
- **Discussion with George Washington University** - 10/21 at 6pm at Roslyn High School