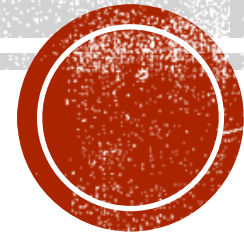


# **COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS**

**ALLDERDICE STUDENT SERVICES**




# IMPORTANT DEMOGRAPHICS

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# COMPONENTS OF A COLLEGE APPLICATION



APPLY

DEMOGRAPHICS - MAJOR/MINOR  
ESSAY(S)


Student's Responsibility



SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

TRANSCRIPT  
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Shared Responsibility  
between Student and  
School



TEST SCORES

SAT  
ACT

Student's Responsibility



# WHERE TO APPLY

- The Common Application - <https://www.commonapp.org>
  - 1000+ Colleges and Universities
- The Coalition - <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org>
  - 150+ Colleges and Universities
- Common Black College Application (CBCA) - <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com>
  - 67 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's)
- The School's Website





# Official Transcript

PITTSBURGH ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL

Pittsburgh Public Schools

2409 SHADY AVE  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15217

Student: [REDACTED] Birth Date: [REDACTED]

Student ID: [REDACTED] Grade: 12 Gender: M Graduation Date: [REDACTED]

Parent/Guardian: [REDACTED]

Year:	Term:	Grade:	Year:	Term:	Grade:
2017-18	Term 1	09	2017-18	Term 2	09
Building: PITTSBURGH ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL			Building: PITTSBURGH ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL		
Course			Course		
English 1 CAS	FQ1	B	English 1 CAS	FQ3	C
Spanish 1 CAS	FQ2	A	Spanish 1 CAS	FQ4	A
Alg 1 PSP	SM1	A	Alg 1 PSP	SM2	A
Biology 1 PSP	Credit	0.5	Biology 1 PSP		B
Civics CAS		A	Civics CAS		B
Health 1 (.50)		A	Jewelry 1A		B
Bus Econ (Sem)		A	Intro Cul Arts 1		B
PE/Lab Year		A	PE/Lab Year		A
GPA: 3.8670	Credit: 3.750		GPA: 3.2000	Credit: 3.750	
2018-19	Term 1	10	2018-19	Term 2	10
Building: PITTSBURGH ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL			Building: PITTSBURGH ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL		
Course			Course		
World Hist AP	FQ1	C	World Hist AP	FQ3	A
Personal Finance	FQ2	A	Health 2 (.50)	FQ4	A
Homeroom	SM1	0	Homeroom	SM2	0
Chemistry 1 CAS	Credit	0.5	Chemistry 1 CAS		A
Geometry CAS		A	Geometry CAS		A
English 2 CAS		B	English 2 CAS		A
PE/Lab Year		A	Intro Cul Arts 2		A
Child Develop I		A	PE/Lab Year		A
Spanish 2 CAS		B	Spanish 2 CAS		B
GPA: 3.4670	Credit: 3.750		GPA: 3.8670	Credit: 3.750	
2019-20	Term 1	11	2019-20	Term 2	11
Building: PITTSBURGH ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL			Building: PITTSBURGH ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL		
Course			Course		
PE/Lab Year	FQ1	A	PE/Lab Year	FQ3	A
Algebra 2 CAS	FQ2	B	Bus Law (Sem)	FQ4	A
Eng 3 CAS w/AP Prep	SM1	A	Algebra 2 CAS	SM2	B
Spanish 3 CAS	Credit	0.5	Eng 3 CAS w/AP Prep		A
US History AP		A	Spanish 3 CAS		A
Comp Fundamental		A	US History AP		A
Psychology AP		A	Psychology AP		A
Homeroom		0	Homeroom		0
Physics 1 CAS		A	Physics 1 CAS		A
GPA: 3.8670	Credit: 3.750		GPA: 3.8670	Credit: 3.750	
2020-21	Term 1	12	2020-21	Term 2	12
Building: PITTSBURGH ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL			Building: PITTSBURGH ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL		
Course			Course		
Spanish 4 CAS	FQ1	0	Spanish 4 CAS	FQ3	0
TV Production	FQ2	0	TV Production	FQ4	0
Pre-Calculus CAS	SM1	0	Pre-Calculus CAS	SM2	0
Chem 2 AP	Credit	0	Chem 2 AP		0
Homeroom		0	Homeroom		0
US Gov AP		0	US Gov AP		0
PE/Lab Year		0	PE/Lab Year		0
Eng AP Lit/Comp		0	Eng AP Lit/Comp		0
GPA: 0.0000	Credit: .000		GPA: 0.0000	Credit: .000	
Type	GPA	Rank			
Unweighted GPA	3.689	113 / 336			
Weighted GPA	4.356				
Credits Earned:	22.500				

- **A high school transcript** is like an official and thorough report card. It's a record of your academic performance and accomplishments throughout **high school**, making it one of the most important factors in college admissions decisions, **if not the most important.**



# THE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

- A transcript tells a story
- What Information is Included:
  - Grades – Some schools may re-compute GPA
  - GPA - weighted and unweighted
  - Rank
  - Rigor of Curriculum
- School Profile
- Requesting a Transcript
  - 1. Transcript Request Form (required)
  - 2. Request in Naviance



# STANDARDIZED TESTING

## SAT COLLEGEBOARD.ORG

- 3 hrs (no essay)
- Reading, Writing & Language, Math (no calculator section)
- Question Difficulty: Easy, Medium and Hard/More time per question
- No penalty for wrong answer

## ACT ACTSTUDENT.ORG

- 3 hrs and 35 min (with essay)
- Reading, English, Math, Science
- Optional Essay (40 minutes)
- Question difficulty: Equally challenging/Less time per question
- No penalty for wrong answer



# TEST OPTIONAL

- When is it beneficial to report your scores?
  - Strong scores
  - School mandates
  - Scholarships
  - Specific schools/majors
  - Adds to the application
- Which schools are test optional?
  - <https://fairtest.org/test-optional-list/>





# LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Who to Ask?
  - Two teachers
  - Start with Junior year teachers
  - Teachers for classes that align with major/strength OR classes that student showed improvement
  - Approach teacher before leaving for summer break of junior year
- Naviance
  - Request letters in Senior Year
  - Have resume ready for recommenders (required for counselors and many others)
  - Ask in person before requesting!



# TIMELINE OF PROCESS AND SUPPORT

- Freshman and Sophomore years
  - Focus on grades
  - Get to know your counselors
  - Get involved!
  - Variety of classroom presentations from student services
  - Naviance tasks
  - Visit campuses at any opportunity
- Junior Year
  - Visit campuses at any opportunity and make an SAT/ACT testing plan
  - September/October – Admissions Visits at Alderdice
  - October – PSAT/NMSQT
  - Fall 2021 – Jr. Year Timeline/Naviance Counselor Presentation
  - March – SAT School Day
  - Spring 2022 – College Search Counselor Presentation and Individual Student Planning Sessions
  - Spring 2022 – Visit campuses, if possible. Use Naviance to help narrow down your options.
  - Summer 2022 – Finalize college list; Create Common App account, if not yet created
  - August 1, 2022 – Common Application opens for 2022-2023 seniors



# TIMELINE FOR PROCESS AND SUPPORT

- Senior Year
  - August/September – Take SAT/ACT again, if absolutely necessary
  - September – College Application Counselor Presentation
  - September/October – Admissions Visits at Allderdice
  - Fall 2022 – Pittsburgh Promise – Update Portal once login info is received
  - October 1 – FAFSA application goes live
  - November 1 and 15 – Early Action/Decision Deadlines
  - January 1 – Regular Decision Deadlines
  - February – Scholarship Night
    - Scholarship List – Check Naviance continually all year long
  - May 1 – College Decision Day



# Q & A

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