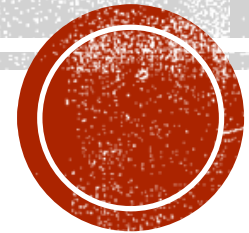


# **COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS**

**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>
  - 65 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's)
- The School's Website





Pittsburgh Public Schools

Official Transcript  
PITTSBURGH ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL  
2409 SHADY AVE  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15217

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Student: [REDACTED]

Birth Date: [REDACTED]

Student ID: [REDACTED]

Grade: 12

Gender: M

Graduation Date: [REDACTED]

Parent/Guardian: [REDACTED]

Year: 2017-18 Term: Term 1 Grade: 09					Year: 2017-18 Term: Term 2 Grade: 09				
Building: PITTSBURGH ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL					Building: PITTSBURGH ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL				
Course	FQ1	FQ2	SM1	Credit	Course	FQ3	FQ4	SM2	Credit
English 1 CAS			B	0.5	English 1 CAS			C	0.5
Spanish 1 CAS			A	0.5	Spanish 1 CAS			A	0.5
Alg 1 PSP			A	0.5	Alg 1 PSP			A	0.5
Biology 1 PSP			A	0.5	Biology 1 PSP			B	0.5
Civics CAS			A	0.5	Civics CAS			B	0.5
Health 1 (.50)			A	0.5	Jewelry 1A			B	0.5
Bus Econ (Sem)			A	0.5	Intro Cul Arts 1			B	0.5
PE/Lab Year			A	0.25	PE/Lab Year			A	0.25
GPA: 3.8670 Credit: 3.750					GPA: 3.2000 Credit: 3.750				
Year: 2018-19 Term: Term 1 Grade: 10					Year: 2018-19 Term: Term 2 Grade: 10				
Building: PITTSBURGH ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL					Building: PITTSBURGH ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL				
Course	FQ1	FQ2	SM1	Credit	Course	FQ3	FQ4	SM2	Credit
World Hist AP			C	0.5	World Hist AP			A	0.5
Personal Finance			A	0.5	Health 2 (.50)			A	0.5
Homerom				0	Homerom				0
Chemistry 1 CAS			A	0.5	Chemistry 1 CAS			A	0.5
Geometry CAS			A	0.5	Geometry CAS			A	0.5
English 2 CAS			B	0.5	English 2 CAS			A	0.5
PE/Lab Year			A	0.25	Intro Cul Arts 2			A	0.5
Child Develop I			A	0.5	PE/Lab Year			A	0.25
Spanish 2 CAS			B	0.5	Spanish 2 CAS			B	0.5
GPA: 3.4670 Credit: 3.750					GPA: 3.8670 Credit: 3.750				
Year: 2019-20 Term: Term 1 Grade: 11					Year: 2019-20 Term: Term 2 Grade: 11				
Building: PITTSBURGH ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL					Building: PITTSBURGH ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL				
Course	FQ1	FQ2	SM1	Credit	Course	FQ3	FQ4	SM2	Credit
PE/Lab Year			A	0.25	PE/Lab Year			A	0.25
Algebra 2 CAS			B	0.5	Bus Law (Sem)			A	0.5
Eng 3 CAS w/AP Prep			A	0.5	Algebra 2 CAS			B	0.5
Spanish 3 CAS			A	0.5	Eng 3 CAS w/AP Prep			A	0.5
US History AP			A	0.5	Spanish 3 CAS			A	0.5
Comp Fundamental			A	0.5	US History AP			A	0.5
Psychology AP			A	0.5	Psychology AP			A	0.5
Homerom				0	Homerom				0
Physics 1 CAS			A	0.5	Physics 1 CAS			A	0.5
GPA: 3.8670 Credit: 3.750					GPA: 3.8670 Credit: 3.750				
Year: 2020-21 Term: Term 1 Grade: 12					Year: 2020-21 Term: Term 2 Grade: 12				
Building: PITTSBURGH ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL					Building: PITTSBURGH ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL				
Course	FQ1	FQ2	SM1	Credit	Course	FQ3	FQ4	SM2	Credit
Spanish 4 CAS				0	Spanish 4 CAS				0
TV Production				0	TV Production				0
Pre-Calculus CAS				0	Pre-Calculus CAS				0
Chem 2 AP				0	Chem 2 AP				0
Homerom				0	Homerom				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 Allderdice
  - 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
  - November 1 and 15 – Early Action/Decision Deadlines
  - December 2023– FAFSA application goes live
  - 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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