THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

Westhampton Beach High School Counseling Department

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

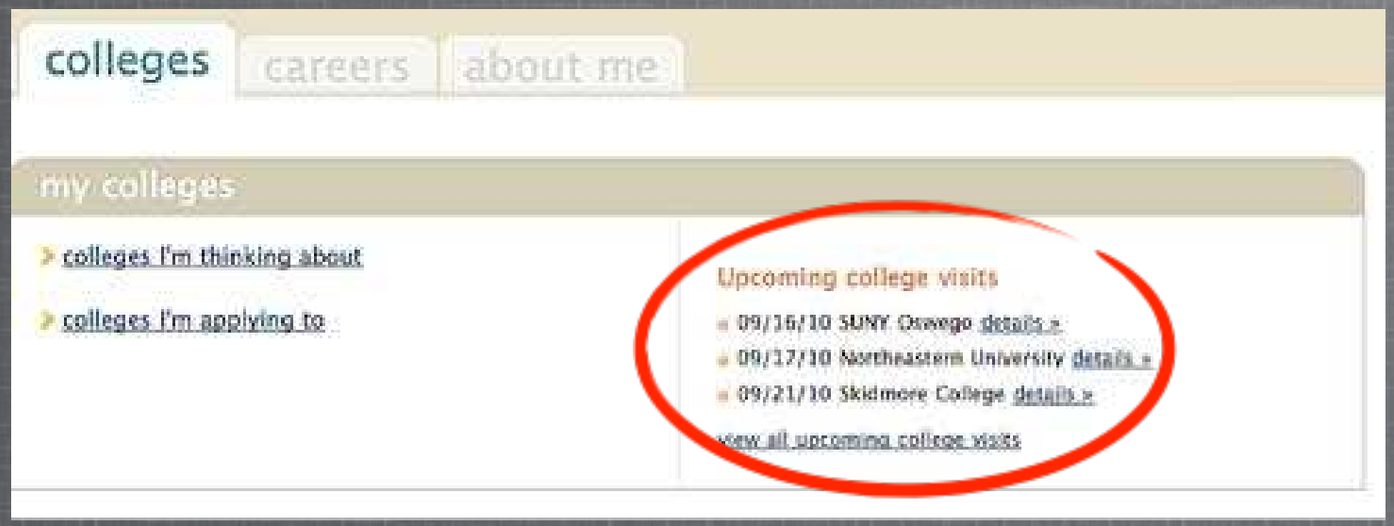
- Finalize list of schools
- Determine what work needs to be done
- Be very aware of deadlines and plan accordingly
- Don’t neglect senior year courses

Finalize list of schools

- Access Naviance from the WHB Schools website.

Naviance: College Research

College Rep Visits @ WHB



Click "View All Upcoming College Visits" to view a complete list.

Click "sign up" to receive a pass

college visits

	College	Date	Time
information | sign up	SUNY Oswego	September 16, 2010	11:15 AM
information | sign up	Northeastern University	September 17, 2010	7:30 AM
information | sign up	Skidmore College	September 21, 2010	11:45 AM
information | sign up	Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus	September 23, 2010	9:05 AM
information | sign up	SUNY Alfred State College	September 27, 2010	10:30 AM
information | sign up	Saint Michaels College	September 27, 2010	1:00 PM
information | sign up	Saint Joseph's University	September 27, 2010	11:45 PM
information | sign up	Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology	September 28, 2010	9:00 AM
information | sign up	Sacred Heart University	September 30, 2010	9:00 AM

Evaluating a College

- Graduation rate
- Sophomore retention rate
- Demographics
  - Mean SAT/ACT scores
  - Location
  - Size
  - Public vs. Private
  - Campus life / School spirit
- Diversity

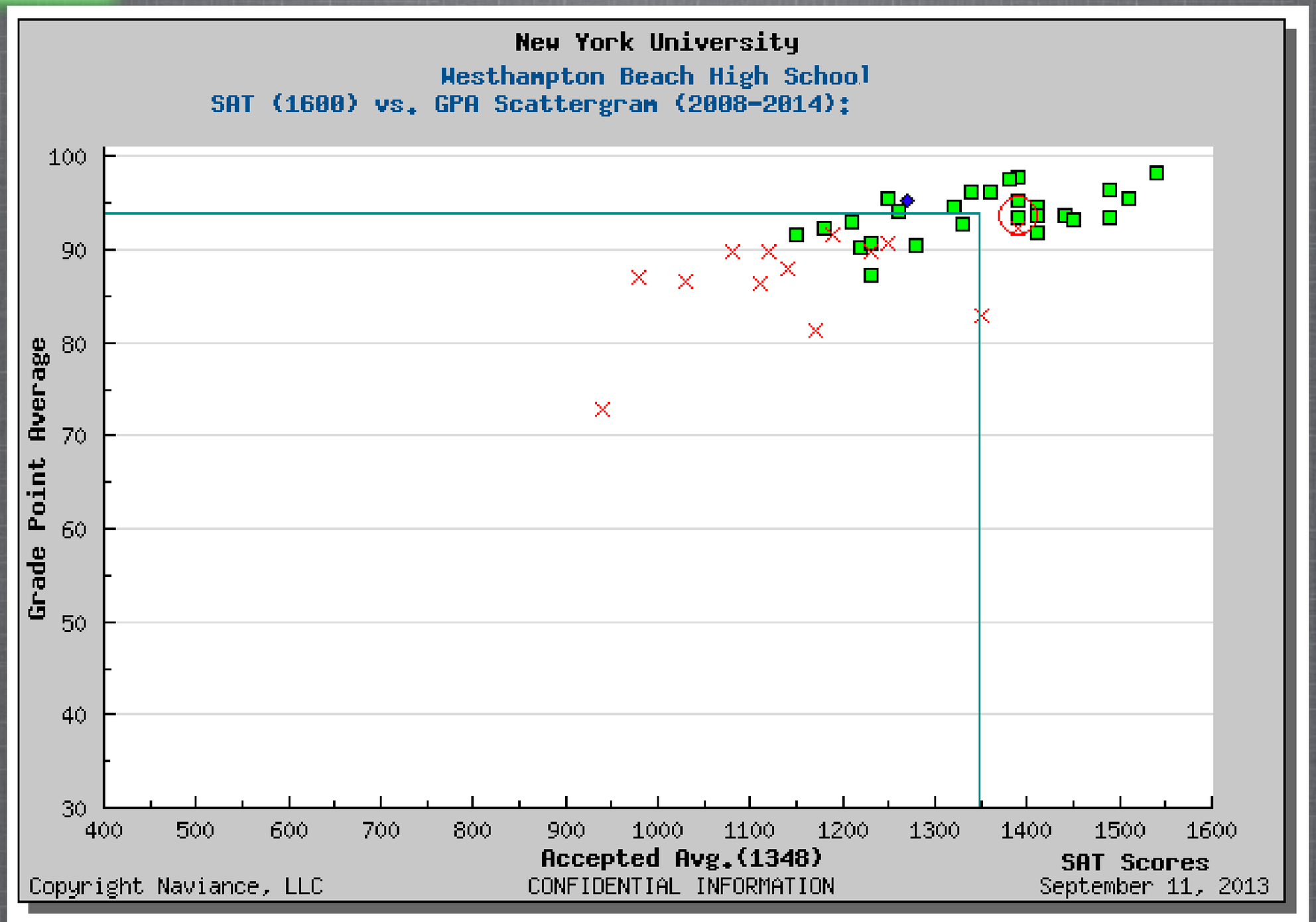
Reach, Target, or Safety?

- Look at profile of freshman class
  - Where do you fall in SAT/ACT range?
  - How many accepts are in top 10% of their class?

- Utilize Naviance:
  - Scattergrams
  - Overlaps

Reach: 100+ higher
Target: within 100
Safety: 100+ lower

Naviance: Scattergram



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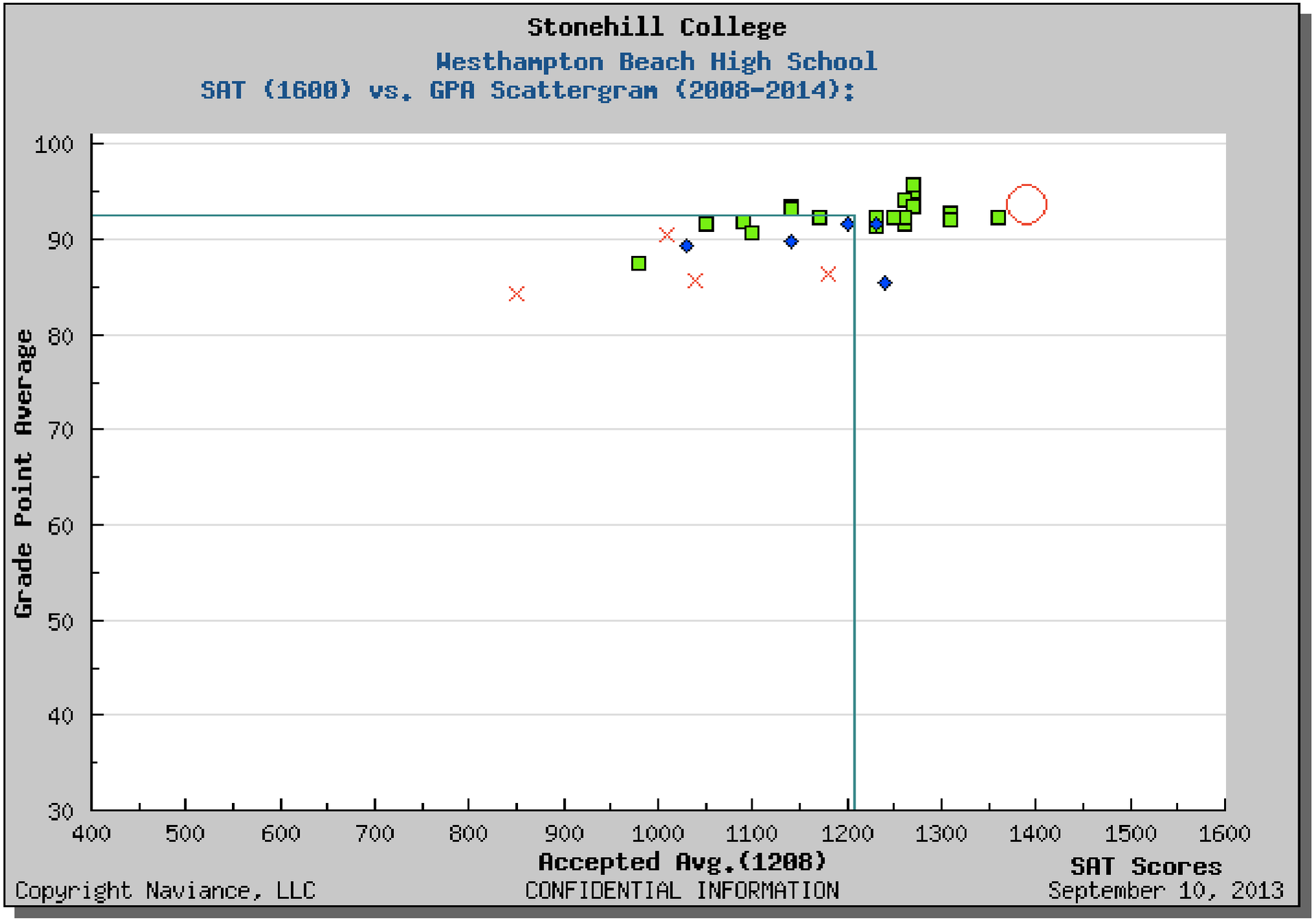

Honors Programs

- Smaller school within the larger university
- More selective (GPA, test scores)
- Admitted students take special courses, complete additional course work, projects
- Often award scholarship money, special housing, priority registration, internships

Visual & Performing Arts

- Performing Arts (theater, drama, music, dance)
  - Audition is often required
- Visual Arts (fine arts, photography)
  - Portfolio is often required
- Be aware of application requirements are special deadlines
  - Time needed to develop a full portfolio or prepare an audition is substantial

Students with Disabilities

- Support services are not guaranteed in college
  - Contact/visit the disability services office to understand what is available

THE COLLEGE APPLICATION

“I read your college application essay. First off, the word ‘COLLEGE’ has two ‘L’s.”

Components of an Application

- Transcript
  - GPA, Class Rank, Courses, Grades, Regents exam scores
- Senior Year Courses (+ mid year grades)
- College Entrance Exam Scores
- Essay(s) and supplemental questions
- Resume
- Letters of Recommendation

Essay

- English classes
- Be creative, but be yourself
- Tell something about yourself not seen in other parts of the application
- PROOFREAD

What have you done outside the classroom?

- Extracurricular Activities: sports, clubs, leadership
- Work experience
- Community service
- Honors, awards, unique achievements

USING NAVIANCE TO SEND COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

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THE COMMON APPLICATION

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Mission

The Common Application is a not-for-profit membership organization that, since its founding over 35 years ago, has been committed to providing reliable services that promote equity, access, and integrity in the college application process. We serve students, member institutions, and secondary schools by providing applications that students and school officials may submit to any of our over 500 members. Membership is open to colleges and universities that promote access by evaluating students using a holistic selection process.

Applicants | Members | Recommenders

Email Address

Password

Forgot your Password? Sign In

HELP CENTER Go

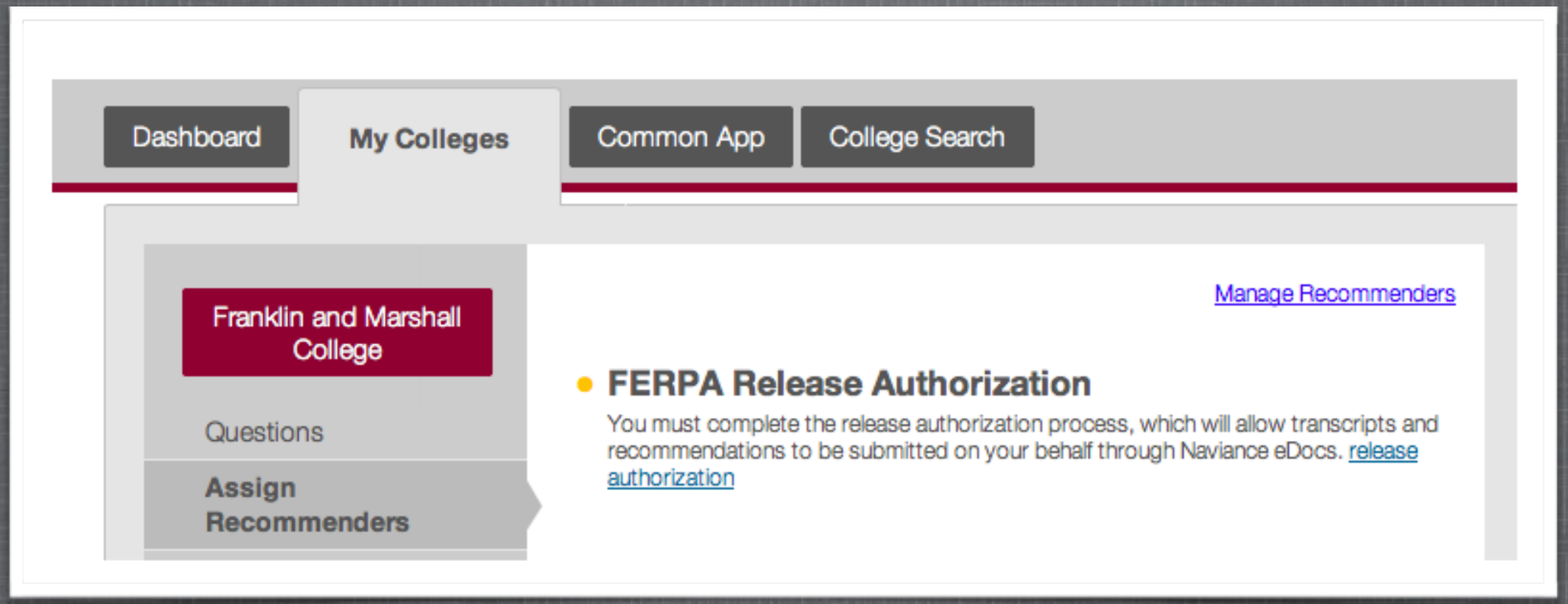
CREATE AN ACCOUNT Go

Search for Colleges

Common App: Add Away!

- Add any schools of interest to “My Colleges” in your Common App account
  - This allows you to:
    - See each college’s supplemental essay questions for planning purposes
    - Let colleges know you are interested well before you submit your application
- You are not required to apply to a college you enter on your Common App!

FERPA Waiver



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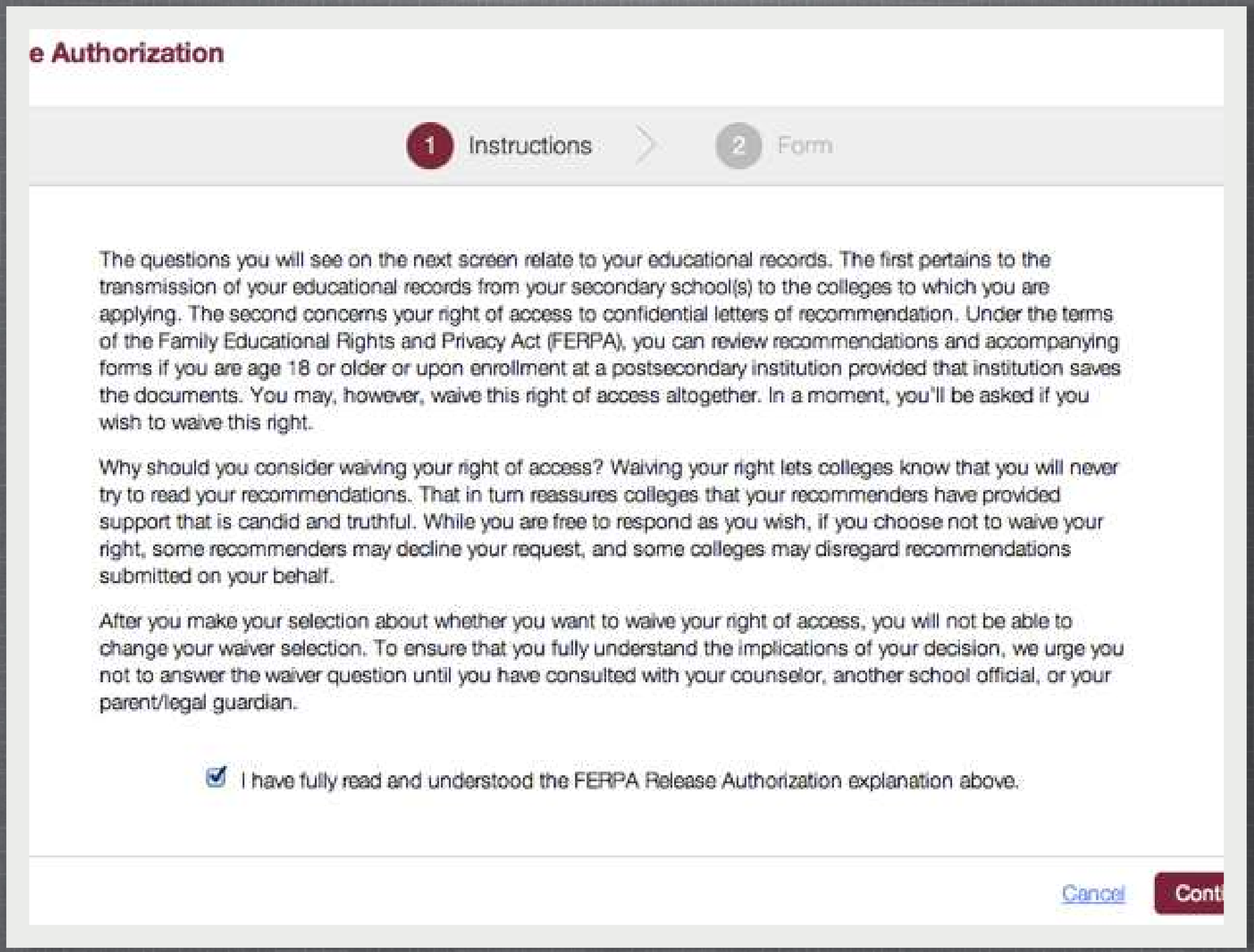

FERPA Waiver

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1 ✓ Instructions > 2 Form

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

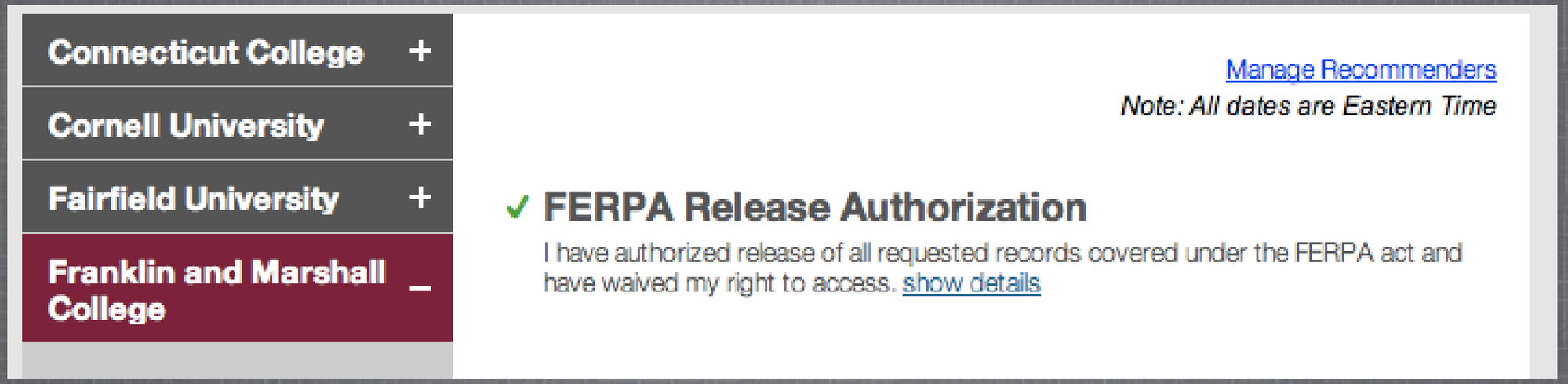
Please select one:

◉ I waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents submitted by me or on my behalf.

○ I DO NOT waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents submitted by me or on my behalf.

☑ I understand that my waiver or no waiver selection above pertains to all colleges to which I apply and that my **selections on this page cannot be changed once I sign and click Save below.**

Signature Erika Habersaat **Date** 09/07/2014


Connecticut College +
Cornell University +
Fairfield University +
Franklin and Marshall College –
Manage Recommenders
Note: All dates are Eastern Time
✓ FERPA Release Authorization
I have authorized release of all requested records covered under the FERPA act and have waived my right to access. show details

Then:

Common App Account Matching – Incomplete
In order to match your Family Connection and Common App accounts, you need to do the following:
Step 1 – Create a Common App account on Common App Online
Step 2 – Sign the CA FERPA Waiver & Authorization on Common App Online
Common App Email Address:
Email used for Common App account
Match
Once you match accounts, your FERPA status can no longer be changed and you cannot unmatch your account.

Not Using the Common App?

Please allow <u>two weeks</u> for processing

Student Name:_____ Counselor:_____

College/University Name & Campus: _____City/State:_____

<u>Student Checklist</u>

Early Decision or EDII Early Action Regular Decision Rolling Admissions

Due Date_____ Due Date_____ Due Date_____

1. Did you apply online: Yes No

2. Application Type: **Common Application** **College Specific Application**
   ED/EA Agreement Online Self reported transcript
   Change Naviance status from Unknown to Yes ("Colleges I'm applying to" screen)

3. Common Application **FERPA waiver completed** on Naviance: Yes No
   <u>If you have applied online using the Common Application, you MUST complete the FERPA waiver.</u>

   FERPA waiver for a ***College Specific*** *Application* or ***SUNY*** *Application*: Yes No
   (You waive your right to read letters of recommendation)

4. Send SAT / ACT scores via testing agency:
   *** IT TAKES 4-6 WEEKS FOR TESTING AGENCIES TO PROCESS, DON'T WAIT!**
   SAT/SAT Subject Tests – <u>www.collegeboard.org</u> **ACT – <u>www.actstudent.org</u>**

5. Have you asked 2 teachers to write you Letters of Recommendation and entered their names into Naviance? Yes No

   Teacher Name_____ Teacher Name_____

6. Have you moved schools in Naviance from "Colleges that I am thinking about" to "Colleges that I am applying to" Yes No

By signing below, I authorize Westhampton Beach High School to release my academic records. Should my course of study for 12th grade change, for any reason, I understand it is my responsibility to notify each college admission office.

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____***Student Signature***: _____
_____

(STUDENT'S SIGNATURE) (PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE)

Letters of Recommendation

- Who?
- When?
- How?
- How Many?

Process:

- Ask teacher verbally
- Log in to Naviance
- Send teacher request
- Add thank you note

Letters of Recommendation

colleges I'm applying to

+ add to this list | request transcripts | view detailed status | compare me

College	Type	Common App	Deadline†	Transcript	Office Status	My Application
Bates Coll	RD	Yes	1/1/11	requested	Pending	app submitted

College that I am attending

N/A

Teacher Recommendations

add/cancel requests

No teachers currently listed.

Letters of Recommendation

NAVIANCE

search for colleges: Go

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >>

my colleges

- colleges I'm thinking about
- colleges I'm applying to
- college visits

college research

- college match
- college compare

request teachers to prepare recommendations

Add New Requests

Teacher	Personal note to teacher (optional)
✓ (select teacher) Paul Bass Carrie Bender Kristen Berdinka Deborah Block Bryan Bookamer John Broich Alison M. Bufalo Patricia Capon Patricia Cardo Ed Colvin	

Please note:

- Trigger to process application is Naviance
- If you mail a paper application, you still need to do Naviance
- Monitor the status of your applications
- Check your Naviance profile for accuracy (spelling of name, address, GPA, etc.)
- Use Common App online whenever possible

Please also note:

- Naviance request for processing
  - (purple cover sheets)
- Allow 2 weeks for processing

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Admissions Policies

- Rolling Admission
- Regular Admission
- Early Policies
  - Early Action
  - Restricted Early Action
  - Early Decision
  - Early Decision II

Acceptance Rates: Early vs. Regular

	Regular Acceptance Rate	Early Acceptance Rate
Bentley University	29%	62%
Boston College	25%	52%
Dartmouth College	15%	30%
Elon University	47%	80%
Lehigh University	30%	65%
Northwestern University	28%	49%
Vanderbilt University	34%	48%

Percentage of Freshman Class Admitted Early Decision

Hamilton College	50%
Franklin & Marshall	49%
Princeton University	48%
Dickinson College	48%
Middlebury College	47%
Univ. of Pennsylvania	46%
Davidson College	45%
Bates College	43%
Columbia University	43%

Early Admissions Policies

- **Pros:**
  - Increased chance of admission
  - Process out of the way early
  - Housing
- **Cons:**
  - Binding (Early Decision)

Student Responsibilities

- **Social networking sites**
  - NACAC (2009), 25% of colleges report using Facebook, Twitter, etc.
    - Students should cancel accounts or change privacy settings
- **Importance of grade 12**
  - "What are you doing when you don't think you have to be doing anything?"

QUESTIONS?