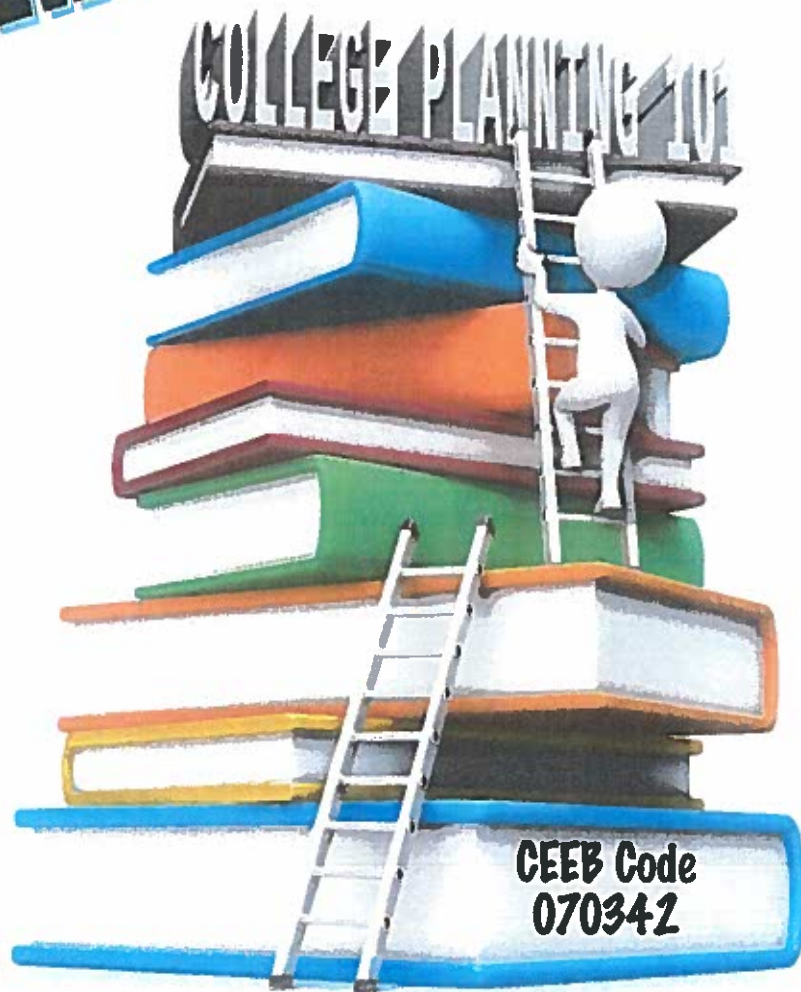


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SAT/ACT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines
(For Saturday administrations)
2018-2019

LHS School Code: 070342

Dates marked with an * and in bold indicate test dates at
 Ledyard High School

SAT

Test Date	Regular Deadline	Online Late Reg. Deadline (additional fee applies)
August 25, 2018	July 27	Aug. 15
October 6	Sept. 7	Sept. 26
November 3	Oct. 5	Oct. 24
December 1	Nov. 2	Nov. 20
March 9, 2019	Feb. 8	Feb. 27
May 4	Apr. 5	Apr. 24
June 1	May 3	May 22

- Registration can be completed on line at www.sat.org

ACT

September 8	August 10	August 26
October 27	September 28	October 14
December 8	November 2	November 19
February 9	January 11	January 18
April 13	March 8	March 28
June 8	May 3	May 20
July 13	June 14	June 24

- Registration can be completed on line at www.actstudent.org

Early Decision & Early Action

The benefits and drawbacks of applying early

Early decision (ED) and early action (EA) plans can be beneficial to students – but only to those who have thought through their college options carefully and have a clear preference for one institution.

Early decision versus early action

Early decision plans are binding – a student who is accepted as an ED applicant must attend the college. Early action plans are nonbinding – students receive an early response to their application but do not have to commit to the college until the normal reply date of May 1. Counselors need to make sure that students understand this key distinction between the two plans.

Approximately 450 colleges have early decision or early action plans, and some have both. Some colleges offer a nonbinding option called **single-choice early action**, under which applicants may not apply ED or EA to any other college.

ED plans have come under fire as unfair to students from families with low incomes, since they do not have the opportunity to compare financial aid offers. This may give an unfair advantage to applicants from families who have more financial resources.

ED applicants

- Apply early (usually in November) to first-choice college.
- Receive an admission decision from the college well in advance of the usual notification date (usually by December).
- Agree to attend the college if accepted and offered a financial aid package that is considered adequate by the family.
- Apply to only one college early decision.

- Apply to other colleges under regular admission plans.
- Withdraw all other applications if accepted by ED.
- Send a nonrefundable deposit well in advance of May 1.

EA applicants

- Apply early.
- Receive an admission decision early in the admission cycle (usually in January or February).
- Consider acceptance offer; do not have to commit upon receipt.
- Apply to other colleges under regular admission plans.
- Give the college a decision no later than the May 1 national response date.

Who should apply early?

Applying to an ED or EA plan is most appropriate for a student who:

- Has researched colleges extensively.
- Is absolutely sure that the college is the first choice.
- Has found a college that is a strong match academically, socially and geographically.
- Meets or exceeds the admission profile for the college for SAT® scores, GPA and class rank.
- Has an academic record that has been consistently solid over time.

Applying to an ED or EA plan is not appropriate for a student who:

- Has not thoroughly researched colleges.
- Is applying early just to avoid stress and paperwork.
- Is not fully committed to attending the college.
- Is applying early only because friends are.
- Needs a strong senior fall semester to bring grades up.

Encourage students who want to apply early to fill out NACAC's Early Decision Self-Evaluation Questionnaire (<https://secure-media.collegeboard.org/digitalServices/pdf/professionals/what-to-know-about-applying-early.docx>), in the Deciding About Early Decision and Early Action handout. You may want to share this with parents as well.

The benefits of applying early

For a student who has a definite first-choice college, applying early has many benefits besides possibly increasing the chance of getting in. Applying early lets the student:

- Reduce stress by cutting the time spent waiting for a decision.

- Save the time and expense of submitting multiple applications.
- Gain more time, once accepted, to look for housing and otherwise prepare for college.
- Reassess options and apply elsewhere if not accepted.

The drawbacks of applying early

Pressure to decide: Committing to one college puts pressure on students to make serious decisions before they've explored all their options.

Reduced financial aid opportunities: Students who apply under ED plans receive offers of admission and financial aid simultaneously and so will not be able to compare financial aid offers from other colleges. For students who absolutely need financial aid, applying early may be a risky option.

Time crunch for other applications: Most colleges do not notify ED and EA applicants of admission until December 15. Because of the usual deadlines for applications, this means that if a student is rejected by the ED college, there are only two weeks left to send in other applications. Encourage those of your students who are applying early to prepare other applications as they wait to receive admission decisions from their first-choice college.

Senioritis: Applicants who learn early that they have been accepted into a college may feel that their goal accomplished, they have no reason to work hard for the rest of the year. Early-applying students should know that colleges may rescind offers of admission should their senior-year grades drop.

Students and parents can use our Pros and Cons of Applying to College Early (<https://secure-media.collegeboard.org/digitalServices/pdf/professionals/what-to-know-about-applying-early.docx>), in the Deciding About Early Decision and Early Action handout, to weigh their options.

Does applying early increase the chance of acceptance?

Many students believe applying early means competing with fewer applicants and increasing their chances for acceptance. This is not always true. Colleges vary in the proportion of the class admitted early and in the percentage of early applicants they admit.

Higher admission rates for ED applicants may correlate to stronger profiles among candidates choosing ED. Students should ask the admission office whether their institution's admission standards differ between ED and regular applicants, and then assess whether applying early makes sense given their own profile.

The ethics of applying early decision

The Common Application and some colleges' application forms require the student applying under early decision, as well as the parent and counselor, to sign an ED agreement form spelling out the plan's conditions.

Make it clear in your school handbook and at college planning events that your policy for early-decision applications is to send the student's final transcript to one college only: anything else is unethical.

Keep in mind

- ED and EA program specifics vary, so students should get information as soon as possible directly from the admission staff at their first-choice college.
- ED and EA applicants must take the October SAT or SAT Subject Tests™ in order for these scores to make it to the college in time.

Print out and share the Early Decision and Early Action Calendar (<https://secure-media.collegeboard.org/digitalServices/pdf/professionals/early-decision-early-action-calendar.docx>) with students and parents to be sure they are aware of all the required steps for applying early.

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~Simple Steps of Applying to College With Naviance~

- 1.) Create a list of colleges you are considering and place them in Naviance under “Colleges I’m thinking about”.
- 2.) Finalize a list of approximately 3 to 5 schools and move to “Colleges I’m applying to” in Naviance. These should be the schools to which you are definitely applying.
- 3.) Request transcripts through Naviance for schools you selected as “Colleges I’m applying to”. Only request a transcript when you are SURE you are applying. (See your counselor for details regarding transcript requests for NCAA.)
- 4.) Respond to the question “Applying via Common App?” on the “Colleges I’m Applying to” list. You must choose yes or no.
- 5.) If you are applying to a Common App (CA) school, you must create an account at commonapp.org and add at least one college.

*****Skip to step 9 if NONE of your schools are Common App**

- 6.) In the education section of the common application, add Ledyard High School.
- 7.) Sign the CA FERPA waiver on commonapp.org under “Recommenders and FERPA”.
- 8.) Go to Naviance, click on “Colleges I’m applying to” and type your common app email address. Click “Match”.
- 9.) Request letters of recommendation in person and through Naviance only.
- 10.) Work on your applications and essays either on the individual college website or the common app website.
- 11.) Log into College Board or ACT website to have your official SAT/ACT scores sent to colleges and NCAA if applicable.
- 12.) When your applications are complete (essays, payment, etc) and submitted, check off “I have submitted my application” in Naviance.
- 13.) ****Schedule an appointment with your School Counselor to officially send the school information. YOUR APPLICATION IS NOT DONE UNTIL THIS STEP IS COMPLETED.** Remember to bring envelopes and stamps for any application materials that need to be sent by mail.
- 14.) Write Thank You Notes to each person that wrote you a letter of recommendation.

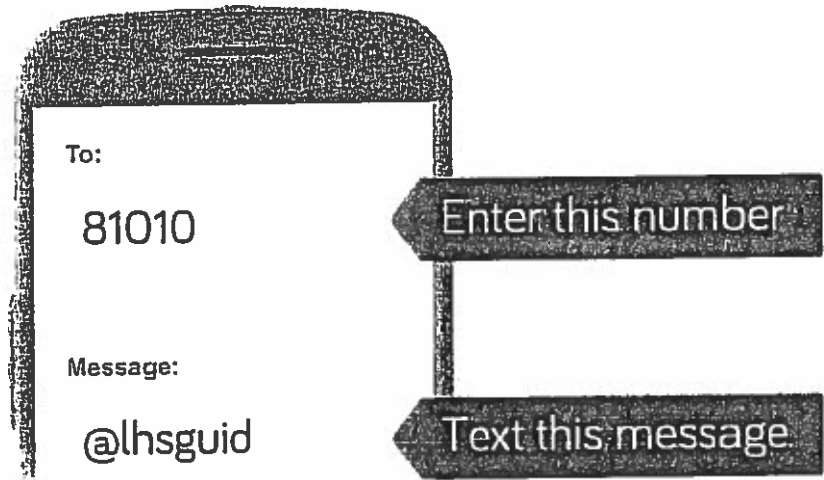
********At any time, if you add colleges to Common Application and/or Naviance, it is important to notify your School Counselor and Teacher writing your letter of recommendation.

LHSGuidance would like you to join Class of 2019!



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INTERNET RESOURCES

For Post-Secondary Planning at LHS

Standardized Tests

www.collegeboard.org

Register for the SATs, send scores, take practice tests, and plan for college

www.actstudent.org

Register for the ACTs, send scores, take practice tests, and plan for college

Exploring College Options

www.princetonreview.com

Use the *Counselor-O-Matic-beta* tool to search for colleges that meet your criteria. Makes suggestions for "Good Match", "Reach", and "Safety" schools.

www.collegeboard.org

Use the *College Matchmaker* to find schools that meet your criteria.

www.campustours.com

Virtual tours of colleges - visit before you visit!

www.petersons.com

Search for college & universities, summer opportunities, post-grad programs, and study-abroad programs.

www.usnews.com

Home to the famous (or infamous) US News rankings of the "best" colleges and universities. Compare up to four colleges at a time.

www.educationplanner.org

One-stop college and career planning website

www.allaboutcollege.com

Links to college & university homepages around the world which offer undergraduate programs. Chat with thousands of other college students on the ScholarStuff Chat Network.

www.collegeview.com

View profiles of thousands of universities with our college finder tool; also find free scholarships, financial aid, career and minority information and more.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

www.fafsa.ed.gov

FAFSA on the web. File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid online. Register with Selective Service. Search for Federal School Codes.

www.fastweb.com

One of the fastest and largest scholarship engines around, this site allows users to create their own personalized profile and directs them to the best scholarship funds for their needs.

www.finaid.org

A free, comprehensive, independent and objective guide to student financial aid

www.cslf.com

Connecticut Student Loan Foundation; nonprofit group that helps students and parents navigate through the financial aid process, will assist with any forms necessary to obtain financial aid.

www.collegescholarships.com

A list of scholarships from around the country

www.salliemae.com

Save, plan & pay for a college education. Private Student Loans, Federal College Loans, PLUS, Stafford, Undergraduate and Graduate College Student Loans.

www.studentaid.ed.gov

The official home page for the federal student aid programs administered by the US Department of Education.

Student Athletes

www.eligibilitycenter.org

Excellent site where you can check to make sure you are on track to meet academic eligibility and core course requirements and get information on Division I, II, and III recruiting rules. Links to the NCAA Clearinghouse site to register for eligibility.

www.collegiatedirectories.com

Information on National Directory of College Athletics; includes database of email addresses of coaches from different schools across the country