

# Senior College Application Process Information



**A Presentation on the College Application Process**

## **We are here to help!**


Counselors are available, to help you with the college process:

- ▶ Discuss your college criteria and the list you've been working on
- ▶ Talk over any questions or concerns you might have

Review the logistics for submitting  
application materials

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# **Be Realistic about Acceptance**

- Use Naviance to look at parameters for each school's acceptance
  - **List of schools should include: clear admits, probables and reaches**
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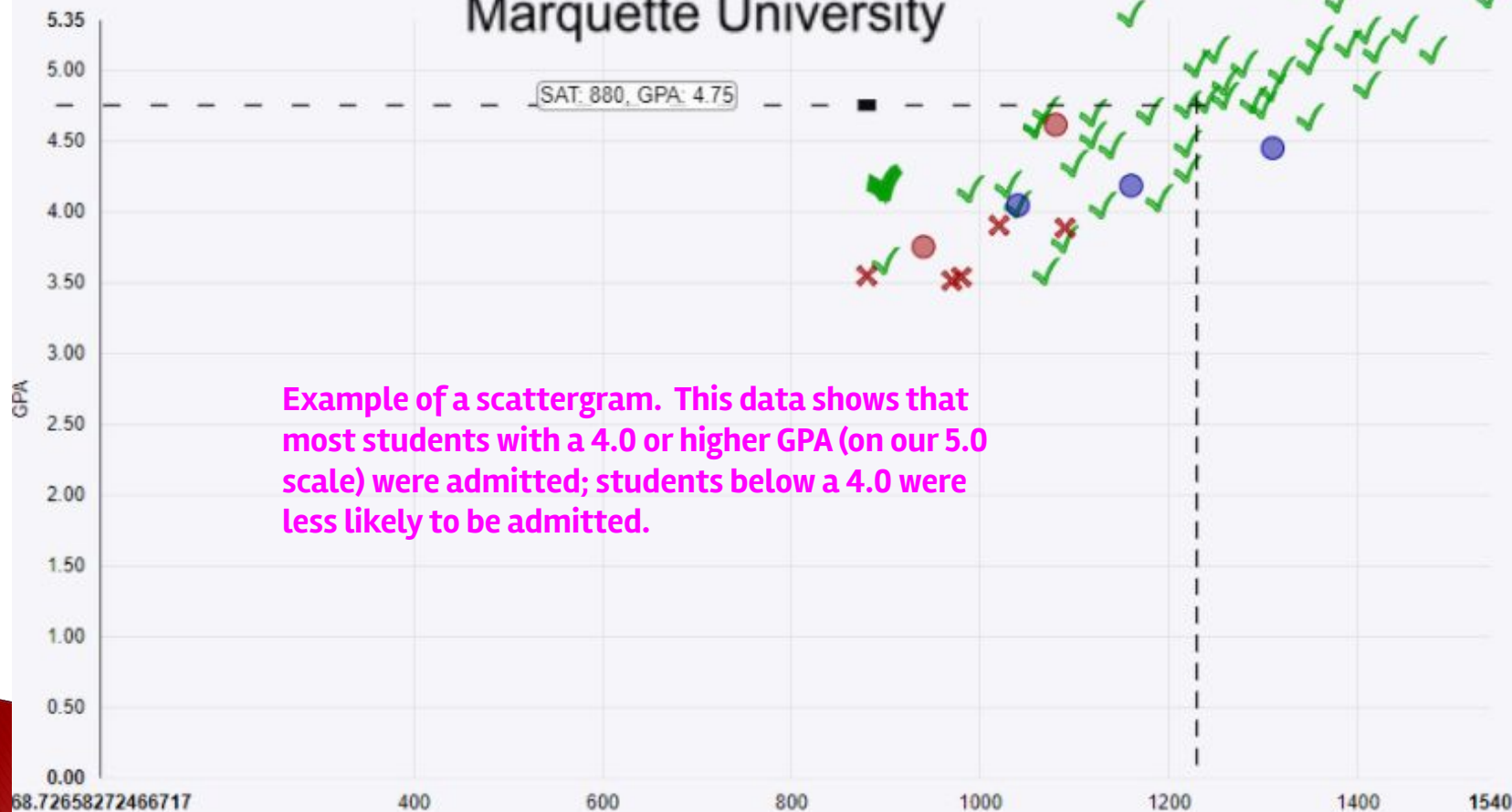
Comparing

Weighted GPA ▾

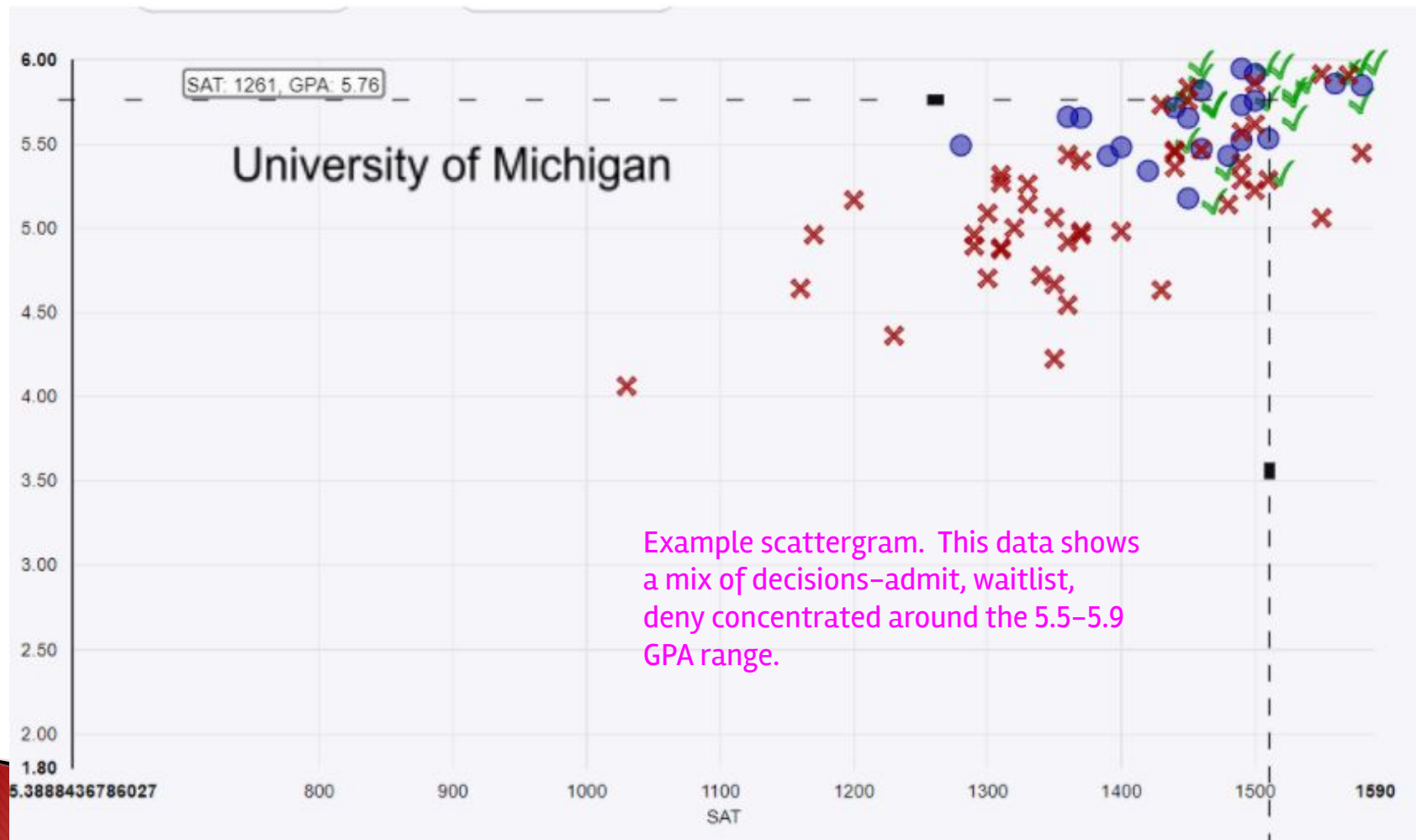
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SAT (1600) ▾

## Marquette University



Example of a scattergram. This data shows that most students with a 4.0 or higher GPA (on our 5.0 scale) were admitted; students below a 4.0 were less likely to be admitted.





# DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION



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College Admission Counseling  
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## STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

### Non-Restrictive Application Plans

#### **Regular Decision**

##### **DEFINITION:**

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

##### **COMMITMENT:**

NON-BINDING

#### **Rolling Admission**

##### **DEFINITION:**

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

##### **COMMITMENT:**

NON-BINDING

#### **Early Action (EA)**

##### **DEFINITION:**

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

##### **COMMITMENT:**

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

### Restrictive Application Plans

#### **Early Decision (ED)**

##### **DEFINITION:**

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

##### **COMMITMENT:**

BINDING

#### **Restrictive Early Action (REA)**

##### **DEFINITION:**

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

##### **COMMITMENT:**

NON-BINDING

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

# ***Completed Application File includes:***

**APPLICATION**

Submitted by  
**STUDENT**

**Test Scores**

Some schools are test optional

Students request  
scores be sent  
from test agency

**TRANSCRIPTS &  
REC. LETTERS**

Submitted by  
**Counselor**

- Check [fairtest.org](https://fairtest.org) for list of test optional schools
- Use the table on Compass website [Compass Prep College Profiles](#)
- Check university websites to confirm what is required



# ***Online Application***

## **Common Application** [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

- Nearly 900 schools accept Common App
- 650 word limit on essay; possible supplemental essays
- 20 college applications maximum
- FERPA Waiver: colleges recommend that you waive your rights

## **School Specific applications**


- Can be found on each school's website

# Common App Essay Prompts

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1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

# Ready to have your supporting documents sent?

- ▶ **Schedule an appointment with your counselor using Calendly**
  - ▶ Complete the transcript request form (available on the counseling webpage) – explained on upcoming slides
  - ▶ Using Common App? **Sign** the FERPA waiver and **Match** your Common App in Naviance – explained on upcoming slides
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\*\*\* All students MUST make an appointment with their counselor to review this request form and to have transcripts sent.

### Transcript Request Form

Student's Name:	Holly Hinsdale	Student's ID #:	888888
Student's Counselor	Mr. Red Devil	Date of appointment with Counselor:	Sept. 20

**\*\* Important\*\*** Confirm you have completed the following:

☐ I have added my schools to the "My Colleges" tab in Common Application

☐ I have completed matching my Naviance and Common App accounts ([Click here to view directions for matching your accounts](#))

Place an "X" for all items that need to be sent

College Name	Application Type Used	Deadline	Transcript (only if not self-reporting)	Teacher Letter 1	Teacher Letter 2	Counselor Letter	ED Agreement (1 school ONLY)
<i>Example: XYZ College</i>	Common App	11/1/2021	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
University of Illinois	Common App	11/1/2021	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saint Louis University	Common App	11/1/2021	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
University of Texas	School Specific	11/1/2021	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Standardized Test Scores:**

If official test scores are required, students must contact the test agency to have their scores sent directly to their colleges.

**Teacher Recommendation Letter:**

If a recommendation letter is required, it is the student's responsibility to communicate with a teacher to ensure it is uploaded into Naviance.

Indicate **Common App** or **School Specific App**

Let us know what each college on your list requires:

**Official transcript?** Or do you self-report grades? (ex. U of IL; U of California)

**Teacher Recommendation**  
0? 1? 2?

**Counselor Letter**  
Required or not?

If you are applying Early Decision, check **ED Agreement**

# **Recommendation Letters**

- ▶ Check to see if your schools require recommendation letters
- ▶ Maximum 1 – 2 teacher letters for any school
  - **Teacher Recommendation Request Form** or other questionnaire provided by your teacher
- ▶ Counselor letter may be required
  - **Complete Self-Survey**

**Forms can also be found here:** [HC Counseling Webpage](#)

# Matching Common App in Naviance


Colleges I'm applying to

 Search for colleges

 It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools.  
Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started.

[Match Accounts](#)

 [Compare Me](#)

 = extended profile available

College that I'm attending:

N/A



# Sign the FERPA Waiver on Common APP

THE COMMON  
APPLICATION

Welcome, Holly!  
First Year | CAID 14424638  
dwheeler@hinsdale86.org



Sign Out

Dashboard

My Colleges

Common App

College Search

Financial Aid Resources

DePaul University

## Application

(0 of 3 Completed)

- ☐ Questions
- ☒ Recommenders and FERPA
- ☐ Review and Submit - Common App

## For All Colleges

### • FERPA Release Authorization

You must complete the release authorization process, which will allow transcripts and recommendations to be submitted on your behalf through Naviance eDocs.

Release Authorization

### Invite Recommenders

Recommenders are people who will submit forms and information to colleges on your behalf. Check out our [video about recommenders](#).

Invite and Manage Recommenders

## Instructions and Help

### What happens if I do not waive my FERPA rights?

Under the terms of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), after you matriculate you ... [ + ]

[\[more\]](#)

### What is the FERPA Waiver?

Since FERPA is a complex law, we want to provide some key information before you respond to the FER ... [ + ]

[\[more\]](#)



Type here to search



8:00 AM  
8/22/2018



# **More Questions? Attend Virtual Visits hosted by College Admissions Reps**

- ▶ Check the schedule in Naviance
- ▶ Sign up in Naviance to get a reminder about the event

# Where to find the College Visit schedule

you are viewing Naviance Student as Holly Hiasdale

**NAVIANCE**  
BY POWEREDUPLEARNING

Welcome, Holly!

Search for Colleges

Home Self-Discovery Careers **Colleges** Planner

College Home  
Find Your fit  
SuperMatch College Search  
Advanced College Search  
College Lookup

Research Colleges  
Colleges I'm Thinking About  
**College Visits**  
College Compare  
College Resources  
Acceptance History  
College Maps

Apply to College  
Colleges I'm Applying to  
Test Scores

Scholarships & Money  
Scholarships I'm Applying To  
Scholarship List

SEARCH

Senior Fall Rem

Attention Seniors!

Consider Appointments

Please use the calendar link (below) to schedule a college meeting with your counselor to go over your final list, complete the "matching" process, and learn how to submit transcript requests.

Calendar Link for counselor appointments: <https://dhs.hiasdaleff.org/donals191>

Read more

Important To-Dos and Tasks

Relax, you have no overdue or upcoming to-dos and tasks. However, you can get ahead by going to My Planner to see what's next or create a goal or to-do.

COLLEGES  
I'm thinking about

COLLEGES  
I'm applying to

CAREERS AND CLUSTERS  
I'm thinking about

What's New

University of Colorado Boulder will be visiting your school on Tuesday, September 7th, 2021

In the College menu, select “College Visits” Scroll through the list to view the list of colleges and the date/time for virtual visits.

This is an example of what you will see. Check Naviance for actual dates/times.

SEPTEMBER Thu 16 04:00PM	Bucknell University Virtual; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)	OCTOBER Thu 14 04:00PM	Bryn Mawr College Virtual; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)
SEPTEMBER Thu 16 05:00PM	Purdue University-Main Campus Virtual; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)	OCTOBER Thu 14 05:00PM	Michigan State University Virtual; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)
SEPTEMBER Thu 16 06:00PM	Miami University-Oxford Virtual; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)	OCTOBER Thu 18 04:00PM	Colgate University Virtual; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)
SEPTEMBER Thu 16 07:00PM	Indiana State University Virtual; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)	OCTOBER Fri 15 05:00PM	University of Connecticut Virtual; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)
SEPTEMBER Fri 17 04:00PM	Suffolk University Virtual; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)	OCTOBER Mon 18 07:00PM	Fairfield University Virtual; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)
SEPTEMBER Fri 17 05:00PM	St. John's College Virtual; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)	OCTOBER Tue 19 04:00PM	The University of Tampa Virtual; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)
SEPTEMBER Mon 20 04:00PM	University of Rochester Virtual; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)	OCTOBER Wed 20 04:00PM	Saint Johns University Virtual; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)
SEPTEMBER Mon 20 05:00PM	Illinois Institute of Technology Virtual; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)	OCTOBER Thu 21 04:00PM	Beloit College Virtual; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)

EXAMPLE

## ***And again...We are here to help!***

Make a Calendly appointment with your Counselor to

- Discuss your college list
- Get help with your essay
- Get answers and clarification about any questions you still have

Here's how to schedule a meeting...

## 2021-2022 Counselors

Counselor	Counselor
<b>Rob Aurich</b> raurich@hinsdale86.org 630-570-8259 For student appointments: <a href="https://calendly.com/raurich">calendly.com/raurich</a>	<b>Renee Koziol</b> rkoziol@hinsdale86.org 630-570-8265 For student appointments: <a href="https://calendly.com/rkoziol">calendly.com/rkoziol</a>
<b>Maureen Drown</b> mdrown@hinsdale86.org 630-570-8267 For student appointments: <a href="https://calendly.com/mdrown">calendly.com/mdrown</a>	<b>Michael Litton</b> mlitton@hinsdale86.org 630-570-8269 For student appointments: <a href="https://calendly.com/mlitton">calendly.com/mlitton</a>
<b>Gia Georgeow-Maniscalco</b> ggeorgeo@hinsdale86.org 630-570-8263 For student appointments: <a href="https://calendly.com/ggeorgeo">calendly.com/ggeorgeo</a>	<b>John Marinier</b> jmarinie@hinsdale86.org 630-570-8256 For student appointments: <a href="https://calendly.com/jmarinie">calendly.com/jmarinie</a>
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<b>Cindy Kasten</b> ckasten@hinsdale86.org 630-570-8261 For student appointments: <a href="https://calendly.com/ckasten">calendly.com/ckasten</a>	<b>Donna Wheeler</b> dwheeler@hinsdale86.org 630-570-8257 For student appointments: <a href="https://calendly.com/dwheeler-4">calendly.com/dwheeler-4</a>

# Students can schedule appointments by

- Using the Calendly link on the website
- Scanning the QR codes posted in the cafeteria or outside the Counseling Office
- Seeing an Administrative Assistant in the Counseling Office





Mr. Red Devil

## Counselor Meeting

15 min

Counselor's Office

You will not receive a pass for this meeting. Make your teacher aware of the appointment and come to my office during your scheduled time. Do not schedule a meeting that conflicts with a test, quiz or other important classroom activities.

### Select a Date & Time

September

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Central Time - US & Canada (7:45pm) ▼

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Calendly

Choose a date/time that is NOT during a test or other important activity

Give your teacher advance notice and show them the confirmation

Set a reminder for yourself; you will not get a pass

**Seniors...**

