



HIGH SCHOOL PROCESS

Dear Parents,

Your child will be entering high school shortly. Here are some guidelines to help you work efficiently and smoothly with the FAA team.

1- The FAA will provide a presentation outlining the different French and American high schools in the area. There are two information sessions every year; one in September and the other in January. If you can't attend, you can find the link on our [website](#). Students will receive information and guidance on the high school process during their Advisory class.

2- Together with your child, please make a list of high schools you want to apply to and send it to [Meena Negandhi](#), our high school coordinator by June 1st of the 7th grade academic year. In September, we will share the deadlines needed for your child's applications. Then, it is the parents' responsibility to monitor the deadlines and submit the items on time.

3- In September of 8th grade, please inform the teachers from whom you will need a recommendation letter. Teachers need at least a 3 weeks notice for any letter of recommendation to be completed.

Letters of recommendation are sent directly to the schools, not to the parents. Keep in mind the program your child is applying for. Choose teacher recommendations that support your child's choice of major, when possible.

4- High school essays will be written by the students, on their own time, at home. Mrs. Karam will spend time giving guidelines and tips for a successful essay. Teachers are happy to give feedback on essay drafts, they will give students due dates and deadlines to help facilitate this. Please help your child to plan carefully, keeping in mind each school's specific deadline. The final essay is the child's responsibility and the submission of the essay is the parents' responsibility.

5- Portfolios will be prepared in October & November during Art class in 8th grade. Portfolios should include the strongest academic and extracurricular achievements of your child and highlight their interests and strengths. This will be an opportunity for them to improve their digital presentation skills.

Even though your child may not need a portfolio for his/her high school application, the reflection involved in this process is important. Therefore, all students will create a digital portfolio.



6- Standardized test

High schools may require a copy of a standardized test. The FAA has chosen MAP Assessments as a standardized test because it measures students' growth and progress and provides the school with information that guides instruction. MAP Assessments are given in September and June.

7- Tests

The FAA provides a well-rounded curriculum and is not focusing on test prep skills. Depending on the high school your child may have to take one or more tests.

- Private Catholic schools, like St. Peter's Prep Boys High School, require incoming freshmen to take the **HSPT Test**.
- Private schools like Hudson School require the **ISEE Test**.
- The **PSAT 8/9** is required by McNair High School, a reputable public school of JCBoE. This test is a useful benchmark for our school. The FAA will give the 8th graders the PSAT 8/9 twice, in November and March. (Parents have the option of declining, if they do not want their child to take this test.)

If your child wants to apply to a school requiring a specific test, it is recommended he/she receives additional support and outside tutoring to be ready for this test. There are private businesses that specialize in test preparation.

8- Transcripts, reports cards, progress reports, and attendance records will be sent directly to the school(s) within the deadlines needed.

9- If you know your child is attending a Public School, please contact your local school to find out the process for placement in their freshman classes. Schools may need the math, science or English teacher to provide a recommendation for placement. You should also contact the school and let them know you would like your child to take the AP French placement test.

Feel free to contact Ms. Negandhi at mnegandhi@faacademy.org for any further questions.

We look forward to a smooth and effective process.
Best regards,

The Middle School FAA Team



Timeline Recap

September of 7th grade	Attend the FAA High School Presentation
From October to December	Research high schools and attend Open-Houses
January of 7th grade	Attend the FAA presentation if you missed it in September. Finalize the list of high schools to apply and find out if there is a test to prepare
January of 7th grade to January of 8th grade	Practice the needed test if any
June of 7th grade	Submit to the FAA and Meena Negandhi the list of high schools your child will apply.
September of 8th grade	Inform the teachers from whom you will need a recommendation letter
October of 8th grade	Attend open-houses and start the application process. Mark your calendar with the deadlines
October to January of 8th grade	Prepare your application: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Questionnaire- Portfolios- Essay- Take the test
Between March and May of 8th grade	Celebrate the acceptance!