



# Somerville High School

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## School Counseling Department

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is time for you and your student to start planning for success after high school. The SHS School Counseling Department is excited to work with you during that process. We are especially pleased to introduce Family Connection by Naviance, a web-based service designed specifically to help students and families with post-high school plans. All 11<sup>th</sup> grade students should have accessed their accounts during Advisory. Students are expected to attend all Advisory lessons or they will miss very important information about the college and career process.

### To activate your parent/guardian account, follow these steps:

1. Go to [student.naviance.com/somervillehigh](http://student.naviance.com/somervillehigh)
2. Click "I Need to Register"
3. Enter your registration code: *your code is your student's 9-digit SHS ID number. If you are unsure what this number is, ask your student, student's counselor, or SHS House.*
4. Complete your profile by entering your email address and choosing a password. Then, accept the terms of service, and complete your registration.

How will SHS use Family Connection by Naviance?

- **College Search:** You can do a national college search based on the criteria you are looking for in a school, find contact information, and application requirements.
- **Career Preparation:** You can use Family Connection to explore your interests, learn about careers that might suit you, find out salary and education requirements for different careers, and more. This is useful information for all students, whether you plan on continuing on to college, trade or technical school, or directly to the workforce.
- **College Applications:** You will request transcripts and recommendations through Family Connection. Family Connection will be linked to your Common App account, which will allow your counselor to track your applications; send school forms, transcripts, and recommendations; and provide support with your college process.
- **Communication:** The SHS Guidance Department will use Family Connection to provide the most up-to-date information to students regarding their post-high school plans. Reminders about deadlines, financial aid, and events at the high school will all be sent through Family Connection.

