

Naviance Family Connection

Family Connection from **Naviance**, a Web-based service designed especially for students and parents. It is a comprehensive website that you can use to help make decisions about courses, colleges, and careers. Family Connection also provides up-to-date information that's specific to our school. It also lets us share information with you about up-coming meetings, news, and events, as well as other Web resources for college and career information.

Activate Your Account

Use the personalized registration code to logon to <http://connection.naviance.com/pahs> and set up your Naviance account as a new user. You can also access Naviance from www.paly.net. Remember to enter your email address and change your password.

Selected Software Features to Explore

Feature	Description	How to Access
<i>Résumé</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record your high school activities, awards, volunteer experience, etc. Rearrange your information into multiple printable versions of a résumé that you can use to present to potential employers or colleges in the future 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click the <i>About Me</i> tab Click the <i>Résumé</i> hyperlink under the <i>Interesting Things About Me</i> section
<i>Explore Interests</i>	A career interest survey about interest in types of work activities. Use the results to explore suggested occupations; examine the education, training, and skills required [and where to obtain them], as well as wages typical for these occupations.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click the <i>Careers</i> tab Click the <i>Career Interest Inventory</i> hyperlink under the <i>What Are My Interests?</i> section
<i>Do What You Are</i>	A personality survey. Use the results to explore suggested college majors and careers based on your preferences and strengths.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click the <i>About Me</i> tab Click the <i>Personality Type</i> hyperlink under the <i>Interesting Things About Me</i> section
<i>College Search</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set search criteria to yield a list of colleges to explore. Save your search to access/modify later. Click on the various tabs of the college profile (<i>general, admissions, financial aid, majors and degrees, and student life</i>) to learn more information. Add colleges you're interested in to your <i>My Colleges</i> list for future reference. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click the <i>Colleges</i> tab Click the <i>College Search</i> hyperlink under the <i>College Research</i> section
<i>Maps</i>	Groups of types of colleges by location. Click on a college to view its profile.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click the <i>Colleges</i> tab Click the <i>College Maps</i> hyperlink under the <i>College Research</i> section
<i>Document Library</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> CSU and UC (GPA calculation, min. reqs, etc.) Paly specific information (e.g. school profile) Other college-related information (essays, College Tracking chart used to estimate chances of admission, etc.) 	From Home, click the <i>Document Library</i> hyperlink from the right-side navigation panel.
<i>Scholarship List</i>	College and local organization-sponsored scholarship opportunities updated weekly. Database lists entries by name, deadline, award amount, merit or need-based, and application requirements; click on a column header to sort entries. You can also browse by category to yield a search list relevant to your interests.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click the <i>Colleges</i> tab Click the <i>Scholarship List</i> hyperlink under the <i>Scholarships & Money</i> section
<i>Summer Enrichment Opportunities</i>	This database not only lists entries by type (international, college-sponsored, high school-sponsored, & special interest) but also allows you to browse by special interest as well as search by keywords like the name, location, etc. Learn about program dates and costs (if available), any requirements, and the sponsor's website for more information and the application.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click the <i>Colleges</i> tab Click the <i>Enrichment Programs</i> hyperlink under the <i>College Research</i> section

SAT & ACT "Prep Me"	SAT and ACT <i>Prep Me</i> is an adaptive learning platform that helps students build their math, reading, writing, and SAT/ACT test prep skill by identifying each student's individual strengths and weaknesses to create a customized study plan based on their needs and timelines. As students progress through the course, the program adapts to their needs. With <i>Prep Me</i> , students maximize every minute of their time spent studying for exams.	From Home, click the <i>Prep Me</i> hyperlink from under the <i>Resources</i> section in the left-side navigation panel.
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College Application Statistics

College application statistics for the classes of 2010 – 2013 are available in Naviance. To protect student privacy, if fewer than 4 students applied to a college, the statistics are not available.

It has come to our attention that a bug in Naviance corrupted data in some of the application results that were collected via the senior Graduation Survey for the Class of 2013. When some students added colleges to their application list, the "final decision" result from the first college was carried to any subsequent colleges; therefore, some of the application results are incorrect in the Naviance database. Naviance gave us the names of the 162 students whose accounts might have been affected and we have contacted them, requesting they confirm their college application results and correct any errors so that we have accurate information.

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<i>Application History</i>	Summary of Paly application results (admit, deny, enroll), by year.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click the <i>Colleges</i> tab 2. Click the <i>College Lookup</i> hyperlink under the <i>College Research</i> section 3. After looking up and selecting a college, the <i>Application History</i> table appears in the middle of the page.
<i>School Statistics</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical summary of Paly application outcomes (number admitted, denied, etc.) by application decision plan (i.e. regular and early decision) by college. • Historical average GPA and SAT scores for admitted applicants, by college. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click the <i>Colleges</i> tab 2. Click the <i>College Lookup</i> hyperlink under the <i>College Research</i> section 3. After looking up and selecting a college, click on <i>School Stats</i> hyperlink located beneath the college's contact information. Two tables are displayed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Outcomes</i> • <i>GPA and Test Scores</i>
<i>Graph</i>	<p>Historical application results (admit, deny, waitlist) represented in a scattergram (i.e. graph); applicant average GPA appears on the y-axis and applicant average SAT scores on the x-axis.</p> <p>N.B.: For an applicant to be represented on a scattergram for a given college, three things must be present:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. an application result (accepted or denied) 2. a GPA 3. a test score 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click the <i>Colleges</i> tab 2. Click the <i>College Lookup</i> hyperlink under the <i>College Research</i> section 3. After looking up and selecting a college, click on <i>Graph</i> hyperlink located beneath the college's contact information.
<i>College Compare</i>	Compare your GPA and test scores to the average GPA and test scores of PAUSD admitted students for colleges you are considering. School averages are displayed in green when your numbers are higher and in red when your numbers are lower than those of past admitted students.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click the <i>Colleges</i> tab. 2. Click the <i>Colleges I'm Thinking About</i> hyperlink from the <i>My Colleges</i> section. 3. Click the <i>Compare Me</i> hyperlink above the table.

We hope that you will find this resource helpful. If you have further questions about Family Connection, please contact the College and Career Center.