



What Is College Application Week?

College Application Week or CAW was designed to assist high school seniors with the college application process. During CAW week students will be able to complete online applications to colleges during the school day with the help of school counselors!!

Newport News was the first Virginia school division to implement this valuable opportunity. That first year we contacted all Virginia Colleges and invited them to participate asking them to waive the application fee for all our seniors during that week. A few years after CAW was initiated in Newport News the state department of education recognized the value of CAW and has more recently implemented the program state wide. We now are speaking of thousands of students instead of hundreds of students - the state and the Colleges & Universities decided to work with schools with the most need - those that meet certain economic guidelines - which do not include all NNPS high schools.

However, as the flagship CAW district Newport News made the request to all Virginia colleges to continue to extend free applications to all NNPS high schools. In *most* cases the colleges have agreed to do so.... Students may apply to as many schools as they like from the 13th to 17th of November, however, only Virginia Colleges are part of CAW.

Students are responsible for following all guidelines and requirements set forth by each individual college and if the school has not agreed to accept CAW fee waivers it is the student's responsibility to follow guidelines for paying for the application. (Colleges *that accept* SAT or ACT waivers will always accept SAT or ACT college application waivers that are provided to students that qualify. To qualify student must have 1st qualified for and taken a test with a fee waive.)

Every senior will have a chance to visit the computer lab with their English class during the week and will be given an entire period to work on applications with counselor assistance.

Students that have completed all applications or who are not looking toward college will also have scholarship, SAT, ACT, FAFSA, and Career Exploration information available.

****Transcript Request Cards are also Free instead of \$2.00 the week of 11/13 – 11/17.***