

# CRITICAL INFORMATION FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS FOR EGRHS SENIORS

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We are pleased to continue to offer **Family Connection**, a service designed especially for students and families. Family Connection is a comprehensive website that you can use to research colleges and careers, electronically request transcripts for college applications, request teacher recommendations from your teachers, and manage your college applications. Family Connection is linked with Naviance Succeed™, a service that we use in our guidance office to track and analyze data about college and career plans, so it provides up-to-date information that is specific to our school. Family Connection will allow you to:

- **Research careers** – Research hundreds of careers and career clusters, and take career assessments like the Do What You Are® test.
- **Research colleges** – Compare GPA, standardized test scores, and other statistics to actual historical data from our school for students who have applied and been admitted in the past.
- **Request Transcripts and Teacher Recommendations** – Family Connection enables each student to electronically request transcripts and teacher recommendations for all of the colleges and universities to which they apply.
- **Track College Applications** – Track the sending and receipt of transcripts and teacher recommendations, as well as the application status. Manage timelines and deadlines for making decisions about colleges.

Family Connection also lets us share information with you about upcoming meetings and events, scholarship opportunities, and other resources for college and career information. To visit our school's Family Connection site, use your browser to connect to: <http://connection.naviance.com/egrhs/>. **Your Skyward Student Access username and password also serve as your username and password for Family Connection.** Your parent/guardian has access to Family Connection; however, they will have their own user name and password different than your own. Last year you had a chance to use Family Connection in your English class. **Please remember to enter a valid email address so that the school can communicate to you important information regarding college applications, testing, and critical deadlines.**

**You will NOT apply to colleges through Family Connection, but all transcript requests and teacher recommendation requests must be electronically submitted through Family Connection.** Such requests are not completed on paper to the Guidance Office or through the Common Application website.

We have created a short instructional document which outlines the steps you will need to take to learn how to sign up for the Common Application, to request transcripts, and to request teacher recommendations through Family Connection. **This Family Connection Instructional Document is located on the Guidance web page under Registering for Family Connection. It is critical that you review this document prior to applying to college.**

***NOTE: The ability to request transcripts through Family Connection will not be available until August 26<sup>th</sup>. EGRHS will begin processing transcript requests after September 9, 2016.***

We hope that you will find Family Connection helpful. If you have further questions about Family Connection, please contact the Guidance Office at 616-235-7594.