School Counseling Website

http://www.leepublicschools.net/lmhs/schoolcounselors
Website - Features

→ Headlines

- Emails sent to students and parents when new headlines are posted
- Also sent to Twitter feed
Website - Features

→ **Twitter (@leecounselor)**
  - Tweets embedded on website
  - All tweets are relevant to academic, college and/or career planning

→ **School Way**
  - Mobile application (app) for smart phones through which you can receive push notifications
Website - Features

→ Links

- Quick access to relevant college and career planning information and other school counseling resources
Website - Features

→ Calendar

- College visits, SAT/ACT test dates, college fairs, etc.

- All events sync to LMHS main page calendar
College and Career Center

➔ Designated space for students to work on college applications and other college and career related tasks

➔ Chromebox, Chromebooks and Wifi available for students

➔ Flyers and information posted and updated regularly
Upcoming College Fairs

➡️ Springfield National College Fair
   ✷ Sunday, April 12th, 1-4pm and Monday, April 13th, 9-11:30am
   ✷ Eastern States Exposition (The Big E)

➡️ Monument Mountain Regional High School College Fair
   ✷ Monday, April 13th, 6:30-8:30pm
   ✷ Monument Mountain Regional High School
If you don’t have an appropriate email address, you should create one.

97% of colleges/universities use social media in their online recruitment efforts.

A 2013 survey found that 31% visited an applicant’s Facebook or other social media profile – of those, 30% reported finding something that negatively impacted a student’s admission chances.

Source: http://blog.linkedin.com/2013/12/04/the-role-of-social-media-in-college-admissions/
Naviance is an online platform that helps students and families connect what students do in the classroom to their life goals, including finding colleges and careers based on their personal skills and areas of interests. Students already have Naviance accounts, and parents can set one up simply by requesting an access code.

Naviance will be used as part of the college application process in the following ways…

- Search for colleges and build a list of college you will apply to
- Manage college applications
- Send and track transcripts
- Send and track letters of recommendation
- Sign up for upcoming college visits
Naviance Family Connection

family connection

what's new

☑️ You received an e-mail: College Planning Night - April 8th, 6pm in the library from Dan Korte.

Lee Middle and High School

Welcome Lee Middle and High School students!!!

Your Naviance Family Connection account will be a valuable resource to you as you go through the career and/or college planning process. Here you will receive important messages from your counselor, take assessments to help you find career areas that may be a good fit for you, develop your resume, research colleges and careers, learn about scholarship opportunities, manage college applications, request transcripts, and so much more.

If you have any questions about your Naviance account, please see your guidance counselor.

JUNIORS: Below you will find quick links to many college planning resources.

College Quest - A Guide for College Planning
College Application Timeline
College Admissions Plans Explained
WWW College 2014: Understanding College Requirements
Naviance Family Connection - Colleges Tab
Early Decision
- A formal understanding between the student and the college that, if admitted, the student plans to enroll.

Early Action
- Students may submit an application and receive a decision before the spring of senior year. The student is NOT committed to enroll.

Early Action Single Choice
- Similar to early decision, different name.

Regular Decision
- Students complete their applications prior to a deadline and are notified of decisions within a time frame specified by the college.

Rolling Admissions
- Colleges review applications as they are received and offer decisions to students when review is complete.
Application Components

- Application and fee (submitted by the student)
- Essay/Personal Statement (submitted by the student - see College Quest, page 9)
- Transcript (submitted by the counselor at the student’s request)
- Standardized test scores (sent directly from College Board or ACT at the student’s request - fee = $11.25 for SAT, $12 for ACT per report)
  - SAT - 4 free reports available up to 9 days after the test date
  - ACT - 4 free reports requested before exam (can be updated until the Thursday following the exam)
- Counselor recommendation (submitted by the counselor at the student’s request - please give at least two weeks notice)
- Teacher Recommendation (uploaded to Naviance by the teacher, submitted to colleges by the counselor at the student’s request - see College Quest, page 7)
- Personal Interview (arranged by student/family - see College Quest, page 12)
- The best way to request transcripts and letters of recommendation to be sent to colleges is via email - dkorte@leepublicschools.net
Application

➔ Pay close attention to deadlines!

➔ Ask your college counselor about the possibility of a fee waiver.

➔ Some colleges waive application fee if you attend an open house or have the application signed by an alumnus.
Common Application - [http://www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
Common Application

➔ Find out which of the schools you want to apply to accept the Common App – list available on Common App website.
➔ Create an account – FREE
➔ Link your Common App and Naviance account.
➔ Fill out one application that gets sent to all Common App colleges.
➔ Complete any necessary supplements.
SAT and ACT Scores

› SAT and ACT scores will need to be sent to all colleges that require them.

› You need to have them sent directly from the College Board and/or ACT.

› SAT – 4 free reports available up to 9 days after the test date, additional reports cost $11.25 each.

› ACT - 4 free reports requested before exam (can be updated until the Thursday following the exam), $12 for additional reports.
Essay

➔ Make sure your response answers the question being asked.
➔ Common Application essay will not be useful at all schools.
➔ Ask your English teacher to proof your essay.
➔ Write from the heart…not formally.
➔ Use peer review.
Transcript

- Contains academic information from grades 9 – 12
  - Coursework
  - Level of difficulty
  - Grades earned
  - GPA
Teacher Recommendation

➔ Teacher’s direct experience with the student
➔ Student’s achievement relative to peers in the class (i.e., middle of an honors section vs. top of regular section)
➔ Qualities of mind: intellectual curiosity, critical thinking and writing, consistency of achievement, class participation, daily preparation, and originality of ideas
➔ Qualities of personality that may affect the classroom environment and learning experience for other students
Counselor Recommendations

➔ The whole student
➔ Academic and intellectual potential
➔ Academic and personal development over time
➔ Relative strengths and areas of concern
➔ Evidence of leadership
➔ Extraordinary accomplishments
➔ Circumstances or situations in the student’s life that have affected achievement or participation
➔ Limitations or disabilities (with permission)
➔ Reaction to setbacks and challenges
➔ Reputation among faculty, staff, and students
Student Self-Assessment

This form assists your college counselor and teachers in writing your recommendations. The more specific details you can give, the more thorough your college recommendation will be. This form will also help you with the entire college application process, especially in preparing for interviews and writing admissions essays. Plan to spend a couple of hours on this, and take it seriously.

Please update your answers periodically if you need longer than one hour to complete this form. Your session will expire after one hour if you have not changed the page.

1. List the activities you have participated in, the number of years, and the amount of time per week you spent, and what you have gained or learned from each activity. Consider artistic, athletic, literary, community service, and leadership positions. Include both school activities and outside of school activities.

2. Which activity has been most important to you? Why?
Parent Questionnaire

LMHS - Parent Questionnaire for College Recommendations

Please answer the following questions about your son or daughter. This form assists your college counselor in writing your child's recommendation.

* Required

Name of student:* 

Name of person submitting this form:* 

Do you have a preference for how far from home your child's college is located?
Interview

➔ Dress to impress
➔ Be armed with questions
➔ You’ll ask as many questions as you answer!
➔ Great way to put a “personal stamp” on your application file
➔ Send a thank you note to the interviewer and the tour guide
Decisions

➔ Decisions are made based on all submitted credentials (both academic and personal).
➔ Some decisions come in the mail, although many are emailed or posted in college accounts.
➔ DO NOT WAIT for an admission decision before applying for financial aid.
➔ Don’t jump at the first school that admits you. Chances are there will be more acceptances coming!
Financial Aid

➔ FAFSA
  ◆ www.fafsa.ed.gov

➔ CSS Profile
  ◆ www.collegeboard.com

➔ Individual School Forms
The Big Decision

➔ Weigh all of your options.
➔ Trust your gut...you know what is best for you!
➔ Send in enrollment deposit to school of choice.
➔ Send notes to other schools indicating that you won’t be attending.
➔ PACK YOUR BAGS...and get ready for the best four years of your life!