



Overbrook High School

Family Resource Guide



Overbrook High School's Commitment

Overbrook High School is committed to ensuring that all of our students, regardless of the economic conditions in our geographic area, are provided with all necessary resources to succeed. We are also committed to ensuring that each student is able to fully participate in Overbrook's extracurricular activities regardless of economic status. **Overbrook encourages all families that are eligible to apply for participation in the federal free and reduced lunch program. Participation in this program not only provides your student with a free or reduced cost breakfast and lunch, but also determines their eligibility for SAT, ACT, AP and college application fee waivers.**

Accordingly, we have prepared this guide of resources that are available to our students and families:

Free and Reduced Lunch

Overbrook High School participates in the federal free and reduced lunch program. Families may apply for participation in this program at any time during the year if their economic status has changed. Program eligibility is based upon the current month's family income including unemployment benefits and severance. A family's income in the months prior to the date of unemployment is not considered. Below is a link to Overbrook High School's free and reduced lunch program application.

[Free- Reduced Lunch Application0001.pdf](#)

Completed applications should be sent to the attention of Mrs. Gwen Ulatowski, Overbrook High School 1200 Turnerville Rd Pine Hill, NJ 08021. You may also send a signed and scanned copy of the application to gulatowski@pinehillschools.org or drop-off a signed and completed application at the High School Main Office to be forwarded to Mrs. Ulatowski. ***If you do not apply now and your circumstances change, please do not hesitate to apply at a later date. *****

Please be assured that there is no stigma to receiving free and reduced lunch. Once a student is approved, s/he will simply let the cashier know his/her student number when purchasing food. Because we permit all students to pre-fund school lunch accounts, many students regardless of their payment status, purchase meals by this method.

**In the event that your student is not eligible for free and reduced lunch and would like to be considered for a hardship waiver for Overbrook sponsored programs and events, please make an appointment with your student's School Counselor listed below or at (856) 767-8000 ext. 3013 or bmyers@pinehillschools.org

Mrs. Israel (student last names A-G) ext. 3064 pisrael@pinehillschools.org

Ms. Lewis (students last names H-P) ext. 3066 hlewis@pinehillschools.org

Ms. Braxton (student last names Q-Z) ext. 3063 mbraxton@pinehillschools.org

College Testing

The SAT, ACT and other aptitude or achievement testing is often a prerequisite to applying for colleges and universities. The College Board (the sponsor of the SAT and SAT II tests) and the ACT have fee waivers available for those that meet certain guidelines, including receipt of free and reduced lunch. Below are links to information and applications for both SAT and ACT fee waivers.

SAT Fee Waiver

<http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-fee-waivers>

ACT Fee Waiver

<http://www.actstudent.org/faq/feewaiver.html>

In addition, the College Board permits students who have received testing fee waivers, to send their SAT scores to up to four colleges/universities free of charge. This process is also explained via the link provided above for the SAT Fee Waiver.

College Applications

Almost every college and university permits students that meet certain eligibility requirements the ability to apply without payment of an application fee. These requirements are unique to each college and university. Information regarding college application fee waivers can also be explained by your school counselor.

Apply to College for Free (The College Board)

If you apply to more than one or two colleges – and you should! – Application fees can really add up. For eligible students, the College Board is providing four college application fee waivers. Many four-year and two-year colleges accept application waivers – view a list of schools that participate in the college application fee waiver process, or use our online search tool. If you registered for the SAT with a fee waiver, then you're automatically eligible to receive the college application fee waivers.

The Common Application is a not-for-profit membership organization that is committed to providing reliable services that promote equity, access, and integrity in the college application process. The Common Application serves students, member institutions, and secondary schools by providing applications that students and school officials may submit to any of over 500 member institutions. Membership is open to colleges and universities that promote access by evaluating students using a holistic selection process. A link to The Common Application is provided below.

Common Application

<https://www.commonapp.org/Login>

Scholarships

All of our students and their families are affected by the high cost of post-secondary education. Students may be eligible for various scholarships to help defray some or all of these costs. Many, but not all scholarships, are needs based. Students may be eligible based upon their overall grades or grades in a particular subject, community involvement, athletic ability, extracurricular interests, etc. It is imperative that students apply early and often for various scholarship opportunities. Overbrook High School utilizes the Naviance Family Connection portal to assist students and their families in planning and preparing for college. Below is the link to the Naviance Family Connection portal. Once logged in to Naviance, click or select the College tab and scroll down to review local and national scholarship opportunities. In addition to the scholarships offered through Naviance, students should check other on-line resources and the scholarships available from their desired colleges and universities.

Naviance Login

<https://connection.naviance.com/overbrook>

Advanced Placement (AP) Testing

Students enrolled in an Advanced Placement course receiving free and reduced lunch are automatically exempt from payment for Advanced Placement (AP) exams. If you do not qualify for free and reduced lunch, but are concerned about paying for an Advanced Placement examination, please contact:

Mrs. Nicole Kerber at (856)767-8000 ext. 3042 or nkerber@pinehillsschools.org

Transcripts

Overbrook High School will provide an unlimited number of transcripts free of charge to colleges and universities for all of our current and former students. In addition, if a current or former student needs a transcript for purposes of scholarship or employment, Overbrook High School will provide them free of charge. Please contact Mrs. Brandi Myers, at (856) 767-8000 x. 3013 or via email at bmyers@pinehillsschools.org in the event that you need a transcript printed.

Academic Tutoring

Overbrook High School provides Project Success – an afterschool tutoring program for students run by highly qualified subject based teaching staff. This program runs Monday through Thursday and students may sign up for tutoring at the Guidance counter. In addition, students can sign-up for free National Honor Society tutoring with their school counselor. NHS tutoring is provided by members of our National Honor Society.

Camden County College 21st Century Scholars Program

A unique after-school program in academic subjects such as science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and cultural education designed to provide academic enrichment opportunities after-school hours for students through project based learning. The 21st Century SCHOLARS Program aims to advance student achievement by promoting knowledge, skills, and understanding through enriching, hands-on and creative opportunities that complement the school day curricula. Applications are available in the counseling office.

Special Assistance for Overbrook Events & Activities

Overbrook High School is committed to ensuring that all of our students are able to participate in the Overbrook experience. Students and their families may request special assistance due to financial hardship for attendance at our sporting events, participation in field trips, or any other programs or Overbrook events. We are working with other organizations, to subsidize or pay for the costs of the Prom and the purchasing of yearbooks. To request special assistance, please contact your child's school counselor.

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Social Services

Overbrook High School's Counselors, Social Workers, School Psychologists, and Student Assistance Counselor (SAC) are available to assist all of our students. For an appointment or referral please contact Mrs. Nicole Kerber, Counseling Director- (856) 767-8000 ext. 3042 or nkerber@pinehillschools.org
Ms. Kim Seifring, Child Study Team Director – (856) 767-8000 ext. 3020 or kseifring@pinehillschools.org

In addition, you will find links to useful contacts and resources listed below in the Resource Guide for Youth and Families in Camden County and Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services.

[Resource Guide for Youth and Families](#)

[Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Camden County](#)