Navigating the College Application Process

Class of 2024

Upcoming Events:

- Senior Parent College Information Night (with Transeo demonstration): Thursday, September 21st @ 6 pm in Cafeteria

- Financial Aid Night: Monday, November 13th @ 6:30 pm in Cafeteria

College Application Timeline:

1. Wrap up college exploration (September-October)

2. Apply, request letters of recommendation and transcripts, send test scores (if sending them) (September-December depending on deadlines)

3. Apply for Financial Aid (FAFSA) (December)

4. Apply for scholarships (September-May)

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Wrap Up College Exploration and Testing

College Rep Visits at FHS:
- Schedule in Transeo
- All take place in room 138 (unless otherwise noted)

College Campus Visits:
- Schedule online on college website
- Get form from Mrs. Lockwood and return with signature from college admission staff

Fall ACT and SAT Test Dates

ACT

Test Date: 10/28
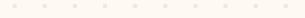Register by: 9/22
Late Reg. by: 10/6

Test Date: 12/9
Register by: 11/3
Late Reg. by: 11/17

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SAT

Test Date: 10/7
Register by: 9/7
Late Reg. by: 9/26

Test Date: 11/4
Register by: 10/5
Late Reg. by: 10/24

Test Date: 12/2
Register by: 11/2
Late Reg. by: 11/21

collegeboard.org

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Get Organized

Decision Deadlines:

- **Early Action**
  (Apply early. Get decision early. No commitment. More scholarships)
- **Early Decision**
  (Apply early. Get decision early. BINDING commitment to the college---you can only apply to one school ED)
- **Regular Decision**
  (Later application deadline. Usually Jan. or Feb. Less scholarship opportunities)
- **Rolling Admission**
  (No set deadline. Applications accepted until spots are full)

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Apply

Ways to Apply

Common App

You can apply to multiple colleges using one common application

You MUST at least create an account in Common App to move forward with TRANSEO

commonapp.org

College Website

You can apply to an individual college via their website

Some schools don't use Common App

Considerations

If you are applying to schools with competitive admissions, here is what is considered:

- GPA and Strenght of Transcript
- Test Scores (if submitting)
- Essay
- Work Experience or Extracurriculars
- Leadership and volunteer experience
- Recommendations (if using)

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Set up Transeo and Send Documents

Application Documents to Send to the College

- HS Transcript (request in Transeo, sent by high school)
- CCP Transcript (request from college, sent directly from college)
- Test Scores (if sending, MUST Send through test agency website)
- Letters of Recommendation (request in Transeo, sent by high school)
- Essay(s) (submit in Common App or attach to application)

Letters of Recommendation

Things to consider:

1. Are letters of recommendation required? If so, how many?
2. Pick someone familiar with your work ethic and character (If more than one required, choose at least one teacher in a subject area similar to your major)
3. Always ask IN PERSON FIRST
4. Request a letter in TRANSEO and allow plenty of time (at least two weeks)
5. Outside Recommenders are allowed (coach, manager, youth pastor, etc.)

What should you write about?
- Something that matters to you
- Something that makes you uniquely you!
- Challenges and Strenghths
- Something that you have overcome

Have someone PROOFREAD it!!!
Again, allow plenty of time if asking a teacher to proofread it!

Essays

Transeo

Go to Clever.com to login to Transeo

➔ Go to College
   Options available:
   - Explore Colleges

   - My List

   - Progress--this is where you will handle apps

   - Visits

   - Scholarships

Steps for Applying w/Common App:

1. Complete Common App Checklist and Sign FERPA waiver (You must do this even if you are not using Common App to apply)
2. Add Deadlines (in college questions in Common App, select term and admission plan)
3. Add Recommenders (you must choose at least one school for the recommender to be assigned to)
4. Verify and acknowledge that test scores must be sent directly from the testing agency (if sending scores).
5. Complete the application process for each school in Common App.

Steps for Applying to Non-Common App Schools:

1. You must still compete the Common App Checklist and sign the FERPA waiver
2. Add Deadlines--verify the date you are applying by on the school's official admissions website
3. Verfiy that you are sending the application forms directly to the school(s).
4. Verify and acknowledge that test scores have been sent directly from the testing agency.
5. Create Document Bundle--click CREATE to start compiling your document bundle (you can include letters of recommendation, transcripts, essays)

Tips for Success:

❖ Get organized (keep all of your college info in one place)
❖ Know your deadlines and ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME for items to get completed on our end!
❖ Don't Procrastinate!!!
❖ Stay Calm...You've got this!!!

Questions? See Ms. Parente!