

Senior Class Presentation 2021

Where Do I Begin??

- Working list of schools
- Deadlines: when are things due?
- Essay and additional writing requirements
- Standardized tests (SAT/ACT): Test Optional?
- Recommendation letters (teachers/counselor)
- Open application accounts: Common App, etc.
- Update Scoir account

SET UP A MEETING WITH YOUR COUNSELOR!!!

Application and Decision Options

Common App <https://www.commonapp.org/> (If given a choice between Common App and Coalition- *USE Common App- it's much more straightforward*)

Coalition App <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>

School based App: (ex. Endicott College) go to admission homepage to access their online application.

Application decision options:

Early Decision - binding, if you apply and get in- you are going!

Early Action- non-binding, get a decision a little earlier but no pressure to commit until May 1.

Regular- deadlines are usually a little later (Jan/Feb)- apply and hear back mid- March/Early April

Rolling- apply and hear back as soon as they make a decision. Could be as early as 3-4 weeks

Standardized Exams - SATs/SAT II's/ACT

We know it's hard to truly trust this process but this fall is truly DIFFERENT! Testing policies you'll see this year:

Test Blind: schools will not use any scores in their evaluation process, even if you send them they will NOT consider them.

Test Optional/Test Flexible: if you have scores and want to send them, they will look at them. If you don't have scores, it's OK! You will not be disadvantaged AT ALL in the admission process.

Be sure to check each college's website for specific testing information.

Check out Fairtest for updated testing policies: <http://fairtest.org/>

***** If your school is requiring test scores please see your counselor for submission instructions.*

Common Application (Common App) commonapp.org

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Create Account | Common App

https://apply.commonapp.org/createaccount

common app

Let's get started!

Welcome to Common App! Please tell us how you will use the system so we can prepare your account. If you are unsure, we encourage you to explore each option before you continue.

Already have an account? [Go to the login page.](#)

- First year student ?
- Transfer student ?
- Education professional ?
- Parent or other adult ?

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https://www.commonapp.org

Type here to search

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Senior Packet - Class of 2022 School Counseling

- Senior Questionnaire (in Google Classroom)
- Student Record Release Form (in Google Classroom)
- Materials Request deadlines (in Google Classroom)
- Resume- in Scoir

All of these need to be submitted ASAP. We must have these in place at least **3 weeks prior** to your first deadline in order to write your letter of recommendation and process transcript requests.

Transcript Request Deadlines

**If you application deadline
at the college is:**

October 1

October 15

October 31/November 1

November 15

November 30/December 1

December 15

December 31/January 1

January 15

January 31/February 1

February 15

**Your transcript request
should be listed in Naviance by:**

ASAP

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October 12

October 25

November 12

November 22

December 6***

December 20

January 11

January 22

Scoir

- Go to: <https://www.scoir.com/> to log in. You set the username and password (try your school email for starters)
- My Colleges Tab is where we do all of our work with Seniors
- Most important steps:
 - Add schools to your Applying to list
 - Look at the application documents list and my college checklist to see what you need to do
 - Request teacher recommendation(s) (you **don't** need to request us)
 - Add your decisions when you get them

College Rep Visits

- Rep Visits: Go to Scoir on the home page under Visits and Deadlines (on the right) you'll see a list of reps who will be visiting LHS this fall
- To register for a visit, click on "Count me In"
- You will need to get a College Visit Pass (in our office) and get permission to miss a class for the visit
- Check your EMAIL- schools are hosting tons of virtual events/interviews

Recommendation Letters

- **Check to see what schools REQUIRE...more is not always better**
- Ask a teacher in person whenever possible. Always follow up with your decision- they love to hear your news.
- You then must officially request a letter in Scoir: go to
 - My Colleges tab
 - Add a school you're applying to
 - Go to Application Documents tab
 - Add request and find your teacher
 - Outside recommendations: must be sent separately- not through Scoir. Check with your school on how they want to accept them (email most common)

What if I'm not planning to attend college??

- We are here to help you find OPTIONS!
- Are you thinking about the military? We have contacts for all branches of the armed services. We can also help you navigate the ASVAB if needed.
- Trade School? Are you interested in becoming a plumber/electrician/HVAC/hair-stylist/make-up artist? We can give you resources and programs to check out.
- Thinking about a Gap Year? We have information on how to research various programs
- Thinking about heading into the working world/family business? Let us know.

YOU HAVE OPTIONS! Please work with us to build a personalized plan.

IEP's/504's

- It's your choice to disclose this information- we will only mention it if you want us to and give us permission to do so.
- Check with the Admissions Office on where to send documentation. YOU are responsible for IEP/504 document submission.
- Do your research- college disability offices vary on campuses. Be sure to call and set up an appointment to meet with them and they can go over services they will offer.
- Check out this document for more information [Process for Students with Learning Disabilities](#)

Art Portfolios/Music Auditions/NCAA Clearinghouse

- NCAA.org - you need to register with the Clearinghouse if you are going to play at Division I or II schools and if you need a transcript sent, email Mrs. Corcoran
- With portfolios: check the admissions page to see what platform they are using: Slide Room/mailling pieces. Ms. Johnson and Ms. Hayden are great resources.
- Audition: Check with schools to see what they require- can you send an audio recording...what specifically do they want to hear from you. Be sure to check in with Mr. Hodgkins and Mr. Wagg for help.

Financial Aid/Scholarships

- Check Google Classroom for scholarship information.
- Other sites to check: Fastweb, Unigo, Scholarship Monkey (check the Links section Scoir homepage for more)
- Financial Aid Night- Tuesday, October 5th at 6:30pm
- MEFA: Massachusetts Education Financing Authority) to use their resources for Financial Aid planning. Check out: <https://www.mefa.org/> .

Who sends what?

Student Sends:

- *Completed application
(Common App/Coalition/School app)
- *Application Fee
- *SAT/ACT scores (if required)
- *Resume (if required)
- *Portfolio/audition (if required)
- *Testing/504/Disability Information

Counselors Send:

- *Transcripts (grades)
- *Secondary School Report (SSR)
- *School Profile
- *Recommendation

Teacher Sends:

- *Recommendation
- *Teacher Report Form

Counselor Needs from STUDENT:

- *Record Release Form (in Google Classroom)
- *Senior questions (in Google Classroom)
- *Resume (completed in Scoir)
- *Schools you're applying to listed in Scoir

Teacher Needs from STUDENT:

- *Must request teacher letter in Scoir
- *Schools you're applying to listed in Scoir