

Welcome to SME.....

# College Planning Presentation



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# College Planning Timeline

See SME Student Services/Counseling Website:


<https://smeast.smsd.org/students/counseling>

Carefully check admissions websites of colleges for requirements & deadlines



# Process in SME's Counseling Center

Every senior should request a copy of their unofficial transcript when school starts

- Check it for accuracy (grades and test scores)
  - Use it when completing applications online
  - Pick up a transcript release form from the SME Registrar, Melanie Lowe, and return it completed with signatures (parent's signature required if student is not yet 18).
  - Mrs. Lowe is available in the Student Services / Counseling office from 7:00-3:00. Her email is [melanielowe@smsd.org](mailto:melanielowe@smsd.org).
  - Submit a transcript request in person.
  - For counselor recommendations, you should see SME registrar Melanie Lowe first. She will explain the process and next steps.
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# Info on Transcripts

Weighted and Unweighted GPA appear on transcript

SMSD no longer includes class rank

ACT/SAT test scores are on transcript if they were sent to SME at time of test

You must request in writing to have them removed

All or nothing

Permanent

AP Scores are NOT on transcript



# Letters of Recommendation

- Counselors: Not all require...be sure to check on Common App and College's Admissions Page first.
- Process starts with Mrs. Lowe, the registrar.
- Teacher Recommendations: same, be sure to ask far in advance



# Common App or SEND EDU

- Websites allow you to enter your information online once and have it sent to multiple schools. So if you are applying to more than two or three schools, it might make sense to use one of them.
- Check each college's website to determine which application methods are available (this varies a lot from school to school). Keep in mind that not all schools use Common App.
- If you are using the Common App or SendEdu, you do not need to wait for your counselor or teachers to submit their recommendation materials. As soon as you submit your application, the college can download it.
- An individual college or university cannot download your transcript and recommendations from Common App until you have submitted your application to that specific college.

See the [Common App](#) or ask your counselor for more information about which method is best for you.







COLLEGE CLINIC

@ SME October 10 6:30-8:30

# Scholarship Searches

College Websites

Use the internet: Watch out for Scams

SME Counseling Website

SME Scholarships in announcements in Spring



# Financial Aid

SMUSD Financial Aid Night

Financial Aid/FAFSA presentation @ JCCC

NOVEMBER 8, 2018, Regnier Center

6:30-8:30

Financial Aid Offices

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Every students should file

Opens Oct 1



# FINANCIAL AID NIGHTS

Johnson County Library is offering two programs in September:

1. [College Financial Aid Basics](#)

[Central Resource Library](#)

**Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

2. [Step-by-Step Through the FAFSA](#)

[Shawnee Library](#)

**Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30p.m.**





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