

# Information to support college applicants and families between now and January

## What does College Advising send? What does the student send?

### College Advising

"Counselor" (college advisor) recommendation  
Teacher recommendations  
Transcript  
"Midyear" transcript (after Thanksgiving)  
"School profile"  
Other forms  
Final transcript (only after graduation)

### Student/family

Main application itself (for Common App, this can be "main" application and then writing supplement)  
Application fee  
Financial aid forms by colleges' deadlines  
Standardized test scores (if sending)  
Checks receipt of all application materials (allow processing time)  
Checks receipt of all financial aid materials

## We continue to remind students to please do the following, also in Maia:

- ☐ By first day of school, turn in homework outlined in June and late July messages. In short, that homework is:
  - Complete summer survey (Maia / Assignments / Surveys / Senior Summer Survey)
  - Complete main part of Common App and send college advisor log-in credentials
  - Send College Advisor revised draft of your main Common App essay (650 words); see past weekly emails for links to Mike's essay multi-part essay workshop from last spring
  - Share your balanced college list with relatively equal weight to the categories we assigned in Maia
  - Sign up for information sessions and interviews where available especially at likelies and targets
  - Identify any [extra questions](#) your colleges want you to answer (on Common App, search colleges and find questions embedded under My Colleges)
  - Once your fall schedule is 100% set, email your College Advisor to set up a start of school 1:1 meeting
  - Please continue not to delete any colleges from your Maia list
- ☐ By October 1 make sure college list and deadlines are accurate in Maia/Universities/Applying. It is each student's responsibility to confirm colleges and deadlines. Please choose Early Action where offered. This non-binding plan helps ensure some earlier notifications from and is sometimes preferred by colleges. All colleges receive your fall grades and nearly all factor them in to Early Action review.
- ☐ Check each college's website for financial aid requirements. Early Decision and Early Action applications sometimes have very specific (early) deadlines. These can be as early as your application deadlines.
- ☐ Beginning October 1 and until the colleges' financial aid deadlines (check these), begin completing online financial aid materials [here](#) (FAFSA) for all colleges and [here](#) (CSS Profile) for colleges that require it.
- ☐ Plot out a calendar of what to work on first (due soonest, regardless of interest).
- ☐ Continue to write and send long and short answers to your College Advisor with at least one week's notice before any deadline (no exceptions).
- ☐ Work ahead on applications even if you are applying under a binding Early Decision plan. .
- ☐ Students, check weekly email for in-person/virtual college visits or visit colleges' websites for the equivalent.
- ☐ Look up interview policies for each of your colleges and sign up for them if available. Tell your College Advisor who can send you information about interviewing.
- ☐ Sunday, October 24 is the last date to share any November 1 writing with College Advisor (no exceptions).
- ☐ Most students are not submitting test scores. If you plan to submit scores you are responsible for [determining](#) whether your colleges allow you to self-report scores on the Common Application. Talk to your College Advisor about generally only submitting scores if they fall at or above the middle 50% range for your colleges [here](#).
- ☐ If sending test scores to any colleges directly through ACT or SAT, log in to your account, choose the college destinations, and pay to send scores. If available, do this 7-10 days before deadline to allow for processing.
- ☐ Often, after submission, applicants receive email access to portals to check application status and to follow-up on requests. Take action on these portals and check them for missing materials or admission decisions.
- ☐ The Coalition application, required by UW, is due to UW on 11/15. [Video tutorial here.](#)
- ☐ The University of California application is due to the UCs on 11/30. [Video tutorial here.](#)
- ☐ Monday, December 13 is the last date to request feedback on any application writing due anytime during winter break. Writing review will resume after winter break. College Advising is closed over winter break.
- ☐ Send College Advisor questions anytime! Most questions can be answered quickly and even outside a meeting. If you or your family needs a live meeting, reach out.
- ☐ Try to stay focused on and not deviate from a sound, strategic plan in partnership with College Advising.
- ☐ Parents/caregivers, ask your student how you can support them and reinforce you love them no matter what.