

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

## What does College Advising send to colleges? What does a student send to colleges?

### College Advising

“Counselor” (college advisor) recommendation  
Teacher recommendations  
Transcript  
“Midyear” transcript (after end of first trimester)  
“School profile”  
Other forms  
Final transcript (only after graduation)  
*We do not send testing, attendance, or service details*

### Student/family

Proofed application  
Application fee  
Financial aid forms by colleges’ deadlines  
Test scores (if sending; ask College Advisor first)  
In some cases, art portfolio or audition material  
Determine early whether what is/required  
Checks receipt of all application materials  
(allow processing time)  
Checks receipt of all financial aid materials

## Student task list (we will continue to talk about the following):

- By the first day of school, turn in homework outlined in year-end 1:1 meetings. In short, that homework is:
  - Main part of Common App and send college advisor log-in credentials
  - Revised draft of main essay (650 words); see weekly email archive for links to Mike’s essay multi-part essay workshop: [www.seattleacademy.org/academics/college-advising/11th-grade](http://www.seattleacademy.org/academics/college-advising/11th-grade)
  - Balanced college list *with relatively equal weight to the categories we assigned in Maia*
  - Summer survey (Maia / Assignments / Surveys / Senior Summer Survey) - available August 1
  - Sign up on college websites for virtual information sessions/interviews especially at likelies and targets
  - Identify any extra “supplement” 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, schedule a 1:1 with your College Advisor
  - Please don’t delete any colleges from your Maia list
- Plot out a calendar of what to work on first (whatever is due soonest, regardless of interest).
- If applicable, determine for your colleges the specific visual or performing arts requirements and how to send.
- The UC application opens August 1. In August, we will post a video tutorial to Schoology.
- The UW application opens September 1. We will post a video tutorial to Schoology.
- Students, check weekly email for in-person/virtual college visits or visit colleges’ websites for the equivalent.
- Find interview policies for each of your colleges and sign up if available. Tips for interviewing are in Schoology.
- By October 1 make sure the 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 decisions from, and is sometimes preferred by, colleges.
- Well ahead of application deadlines, review your transcript in the Maia drive to make sure it’s accurate, emailing [registrar@seattleacademy.org](mailto:registrar@seattleacademy.org) with any questions or changes. Once your fall classes are set, we will post to Maia a new transcript that includes them (usually in September). You need an accurate transcript to fill out Courses and Grades (sometimes called Self Reported Academic Record or SRAR) on the Common App.
- Check each college’s website for financial aid requirements. Early Decision and Early Action applications sometimes have very specific (early) deadlines.
- Write and send long/short answers to your College Advisor with at least one week’s notice (no exceptions).
- Work ahead on applications even if you are applying somewhere Early Decision.
- Exactly one week before 11/1 is the deadline to share 11/1 writing with your College Advisor (no exceptions).
- Most students are not submitting test scores. If you think you might submit scores, talk to your College Advisor about only submitting scores if they fall at or above the middle 50% range for each of your colleges: [www.compassprep.com/college-profiles/](http://www.compassprep.com/college-profiles/)
- 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. Do this 7-10 days before your deadline(s) to allow for processing.
- Often, after submission, applicants receive email access to portals to check application status. Register for these portals and check them for missing materials or admission decisions.
- Friday, December 8 is the last date to request feedback on any application writing due anytime during winter break, regardless of whether you have heard back about Early Decision. Plan well ahead for this. After December 8, we will return any received writing after 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.
- Stay focused on and try not to deviate from a sound, strategic plan in partnership with College Advising.
- Caregivers, ask your student how you can support them and reinforce that you love them no matter what.