

# SENIOR VOYAGE

## Class of 2024

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# Post Secondary Options

- ★ Enter into the workforce (6%)
- ★ Military (Academy, Enlisted) (<1%)
- ★ Technical school or Two-year college (4%)
- ★ Four-year college (90%)

# College Acronyms

- ★ EA- *Early Action (apply early)*
- ★ ED- *Early Decision (binding contract)*
- ★ REA- *Restricted Early Action*
- ★ ACT- *American College Testing*
- ★ SAT- *Scholastic Aptitude Test*
- ★ CA- *Common Application*
- ★ FAFSA- *Free Application for Federal Student Aid*
- ★ FSA ID- *Fed. Student Aid ID*
- ★ EFC- *Expected Family Contribution*
- ★ CSS- *College Scholarship Service*
- ★ FERPA- *Family Educational Rights Privacy Act*

# College Search Timeline

## Junior Year/Early-fall

### Senior Year

- ★ Consider college majors
- ★ Discuss important factors in a college home (including costs)
- ★ Take college entrance exams
- ★ Research colleges on SchooLinks
- ★ Visit campus & take official tour
- ★ Organize Deadlines

## Fall of Senior Year

- ★ Attend Senior Voyage & Financial Aid Night
- ★ Schedule & attend Senior Meeting
- ★ Create application list in SchooLinks
- ★ Visit campus to take official tour & attend college rep visits @ HHS
- ★ Determine materials needed & request rec letters (if needed)
- ★ Organize Deadlines
- ★ Retake ACT/SAT (if needed)
- ★ Complete Applications

# Common Application

- ★ One application which can be submitted to most universities.
- ★ If you are applying to two or more colleges that participate in the CA, we recommend using this application.
- ★ [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- ★ **Common App Workshop:**  
*8:45-9:15*  
*Wednesday, August 23*  
*HHS Media Center Classroom!*

# Common Application

- ★ Create account
  - Be sure to create only ONE account using the student's professional, personal email
  - Make note of username & password
- ★ Add colleges to which you'll be applying
- ★ Print document showing deadlines & required materials
- ★ Complete FERPA Waiver
- ★ Link with SchooLinks account



# Common Application: Deadlines & Required Materials

Navigation bar: Dashboard, My Colleges, Common App, **College Search**, Financial Aid

College Search

College or City Name

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Separate multiple search terms with a comma, e.g.: Washington, Boston

Application Requirements

Application requirements

Scroll for more information

Search

Download requirements grid

My Colleges Only  
 All Colleges

College name	REA	RD/Rolling	App fees		Common App		Supplements		Minimum standard test required			Recommendations				
			US	Int'l	PE	C&G	Portfolio	WS	Test policy	SAT/ACT tests used	Int'l	TE	OE	MR	CR ↓	Saves forms
Case Western Reserve University		1/15/2024	\$75	\$0	✓		COL		Never required	SAT without Essay or ACT without Essay	IELTS or TOEFL or PTE	2	0	✓	✓	✓
The Ohio State University		2/1/2024	\$60	\$70	✓				Sometimes required	SAT without Essay or ACT without Essay	IELTS or TOEFL	0	0			✓

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# Common Application: FERPA Waiver

The screenshot shows the 'My Colleges' section of the Common App interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', 'College Search', and 'Financial Aid'. The left sidebar lists 'My Colleges' with 'Case Western Reserve University' selected, and 'Application' with 'Recommenders and FERPA' highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Recommenders and FERPA' and contains the following text: 'Recommenders are people who will submit forms to colleges on your behalf. This page shows which recommender types this college needs. Each college will have different requirements.' Below this is a section for 'FERPA Release Authorization' with a warning icon, stating: 'Before you can invite your counselor, teachers, recommenders, parents, or advisors, you must complete the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release authorization process.' A link for 'Learn more about FERPA' is provided. At the bottom of this section is a blue button labeled 'Complete Release Authorization'. A 'Continue' button is located at the bottom right of the main content area. Blue arrows point from the 'Recommenders and FERPA' title, the 'Complete Release Authorization' button, and the 'Recommenders and FERPA' sidebar item to the corresponding elements in the zoomed-in view on the right.

The zoomed-in view shows the 'Release authorization' form. The title is 'FERPA Form'. The first section contains a checked checkbox and the text: 'I acknowledge that every school that I have attended may release all requested records and recommendations to colleges to which I am applying for admission. I also understand that employees at these colleges may confidentially contact my current and former schools should they have questions about the information submitted on my behalf.\*'. The second section is titled 'Please select one: \*' and contains two radio button options: 'I waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.' (selected) and 'I DO NOT waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.'. The third section contains a checked checkbox and the text: 'I understand that my waiver or no waiver selection above pertains to all colleges to which I apply and that my **selections on this page cannot be changed once I sign and click Save below.\***'. Below this are two input fields: 'Signature \*' and 'Date \*'. The date field includes a calendar icon and a note: 'Date uses "month day, year" format (e.g. August 1, 2002)'. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Back' and 'Save and Close'. Blue arrows point from the 'FERPA Form' title, the first paragraph, the radio button options, and the 'Save and Close' button to the corresponding elements in the zoomed-in view.

# SchoolLinks

*\*Icon on your iPad\**

- ★ Explore career and college search information
- ★ Sign in with your school email and password
- ★ Primary site for college guidance-related information
- ★ Will be used to process college application materials sent from HHS
- ★ Communication is essential. Frequent updates are posted in your Guidance classroom. ***It is important to check your email daily!***

HOME SCHOOL ACTIVITIES COLLEGES CAREERS FINANCES PROGRAMS

List

Search for an application by name

+ Add application

Recommendation tracker

Fulfilled Pending

View all requests

common app

Log in →

Application setup

Personal details

Fee waiver eligibility

FERPA waiver

Sign

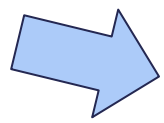
0 Will not complete 0 Withdrawn 0 Denied



# Welcome to College Applications

Track applications and request important documents, like transcripts and recommendation letters, all in one place!

Ready to get set up?



Let's go →



COLLEGES  
College Application Man...

- PERSONAL DETAILS**
- FEE WAIVER ELIGIBILITY
- FERPA WAIVER

### Fill in your home address

Make sure to enter the same address you are using in your college application forms. This is needed for some documents your counselor needs to send to colleges.

Street Address	Apt, suite, etc (optional)
City	
State	Zip/postal code

 When you add or update your address here, SchoolLinks will update the address for your account.

### Fill in your email address

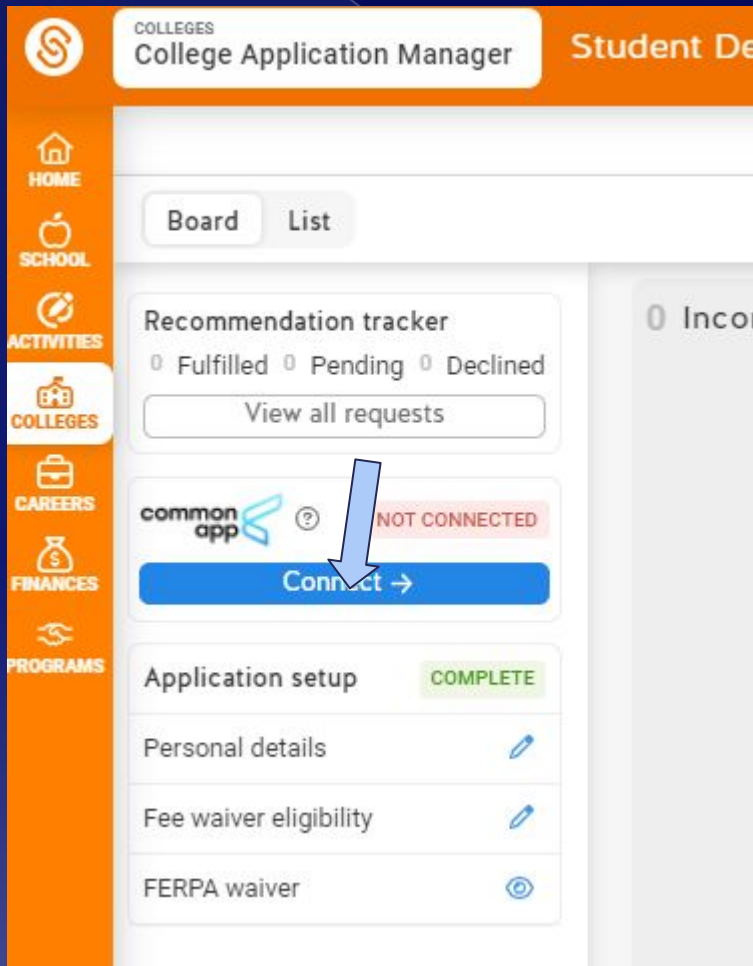
Make sure to enter the same email address you are using in your college application forms.

- 1930304\_115373\_62413\_12@demo.com
- Other

+ Add application



# Linking Common App & SchooLinks



- ★ Once linked, all colleges in CA will load into SchooLinks
- ★ FERPA must be completed in CA before you can link
- ★ Update your application status in SchooLinks
- ★ Request Recs in SchooLinks, NOT CA.

# What to do next...

- ★ Meet with college reps
  - Sign up on SchooLinks
- ★ Explore campus visits opportunities
  - Please check with individual colleges to see if virtual or in-person options are available.
- ★ Attend college fairs
  - Be sure to check SchooLinks and email for virtual college fair opportunities
- ★ Check your HHS email often for updates & other timely information
- ★ **Schedule your senior meeting**
  - Instructions for scheduling will be emailed tomorrow.

# At the Senior Meeting

- ★ Review academic records in order to complete the credit audit
- ★ Discuss post-secondary plans, the college application process and how we can work together to achieve your goals
- ★ Walk through how to utilize SchooLinks in processing your college applications
- ★ Parents are welcome to attend during the student's meeting. If attending, the student should schedule the appointment to match parents availability.



# Teacher Letters of Recommendation

- ★ **Step 1:** Complete the initial college application setup in SchooLinks including the FERPA waiver.
- ★ **Step 2:** ASK your teacher in person if he/she is willing to write a recommendation letter.
- ★ **Step 3:** If the teacher agrees, provide them with personal information sheet (found in your Guidance Google Classroom).
- ★ **Step 3:** Request the recommendation electronically through **SchooLinks** (*no teacher recs should be requested through CA*).
  - *Follow directions provided in senior meeting*
  - You need to specify to which college each letter is being requested. Do **not** select “all colleges”.
  - **This step must be completed accurately in order for your rec letters to be sent with other materials from HHS!!**
- ★ **Step 4:** BE SURE TO THANK YOUR TEACHER!!!

# Counselor Letter of Recommendation

- ★ Check to see if the college requires a counselor's written evaluation
- ★ Provide your counselor with:
  - Personal Anecdotal Sheet AND
  - Parent Brag Sheet
  - Both can be found electronically in the Guidance Google Classroom
- ★ A minimum of 3 weeks advance notice is required for us to write your recommendation letter
- ★ Recommendation will be sent with your other materials from HHS electronically.

# Transcript Request Process

- ★ Students will use SchooLinks for all college transcript requests
- ★ This request lets your counselor know you are ready to have documents sent from HHS
- ★ Transcripts requests can be submitted after attending the individual senior meeting.
- ★ WATCH DEADLINES!! We still need time to do our part.  
Requests must be submitted 10 school days in advance of the college's deadline.

# *Submitting your ACT & SAT scores to Colleges*

- ★ HHS does NOT post test scores on the transcript or send test scores to colleges/universities.
- ★ It is the student's responsibility to request ACT/SAT/AP test scores to be sent to the colleges directly from the student's ACT/College Board account.

# Steps to Help with the Financial Aid Process

- ★ Participate in Financial Aid Night
  - Monday August 21, 2023 at 7:30 PM
- ★ Complete the FAFSA
  - Obtain your Federal Student Aid ID ([fsaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov))
  - Apply as early as December 2023 ([fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov))
- ★ Attend Mandatory Local Scholarship Assembly
  - January 2024
- ★ Use SchooLinks to research local, national, & institutional (#1 source \$) aid

# Special Considerations

# College-Bound Student-Athletes

- ★ Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center
- ★ Audit credits using the list of qualified Hudson classes, worksheets and index posted on the NCAA website – THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!
- ★ Div. I & Div. II Athletes: Send ACT/SAT scores directly to Eligibility Center: Use code#9999
- ★ Send 6<sup>th</sup> semester transcript and final transcript to Eligibility Center
- ★ Questions/concerns? Speak to your coach, athletic director or counselor

# Students with an IEP or 504

- ★ If a student has a documented disability through an IEP or 504 plan, students need to consult individual colleges about specific programs & discuss options with HHS Case Manager.
- ★ A high school IEP or 504 plan does NOT automatically qualify a student for accommodations in college. Colleges require substantial documentation to determine eligibility for specific services.
- ★ Students need to be SELF ADVOCATES. Students must go to the Office of Accessibility on campus once they have been admitted to a college and request these services and provide appropriate documentation.



# Tips for a smooth experience!

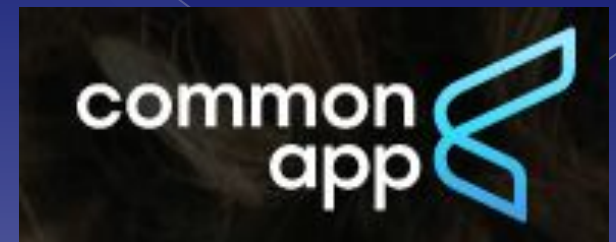
- ★ Submit applications & request required materials early- ahead of deadlines
- ★ Proofread your application and essay (writing lab!)
- ★ Update your voicemail & email in a professional way
- ★ Review your social media presence
- ★ Prepare for your interview & dress for the occasion!
- ★ Maintain strong grades & a rigorous schedule

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# Thank you for attending!

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