



HELP! MY CHILD'S A SENIOR

Grafton's Procedures for
College Applications

SENIOR MEETINGS

- Open for booking late August–November
- Check Email for Microsoft Bookings Link (Early August)
- Graduation Requirements & Transcript Reviews
- Diploma Track Confirmation
- SOL/Verified Credit Review
- Graduation Seals
- Post High School Plans

Advanced Studies Diplomas (26 Credits)

Discipline Area	Standard Credits Required	Verified Credits Required
English	4	2
Mathematics ¹	4	1
Laboratory Science ²	4	1
History & Social Sciences ³	4	1
World Languages ⁴	3	
Health & PE	2	
Fine Arts or Career/ Technical Education ⁵	1	
Economics & Personal Finance	1	
Electives ⁶	3	
Virtual Course ⁷	✓	
First Aid/CPR/AED ⁸	✓	
Total	26	5

Standard Diplomas (22 Credits)

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English	4	2
Mathematics ¹	3	1
Laboratory Science ²	3	1
History & Social Sciences ³	3	1
World Language, Fine Arts, or CTE ^{5,9}	2	
Health & PE	2	
Economics & Personal Finance	1	
Electives ⁶	4	
Virtual Course ⁷	✓	
First Aid/CPR/AED ⁸	✓	
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THE COLLEGE SEARCH

KEY FACTORS:

- Location
- Type (4 year/2 year)
- Degree Offerings (Majors/Minors)
- Size
- Acceptance Rate
- Affordability
- Student Activities

Big Future College Search

The screenshot displays the BigFuture College Search interface. At the top, there are navigation links: "Plan for College", "Pay for College", "Explore Careers", and "Communities & Events". The main heading is "College Search" with a search bar containing "Search by college name" and a heart icon with "0". Below the search bar are filter buttons: "Location: VA", "Type: 4-Year", "Majors", "Affordability", "Campus Life", "Credit", "Clear All", "Admissions", and "Reach, Match, Safety". The section "Explore Colleges" states "Results are based on your filters and sorted by graduation rate." It shows "50 Colleges Found" and a dropdown for "Highest Graduation Rate". Three college cards are visible:

- University of Virginia** → Charlottesville, VA
4-year • Public • Very Large • Suburban
95% graduation rate
\$18K average per year after aid
SAT 1340–1520
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University** → Blacksburg, VA
4-year • Public • Very Large • Suburban
86% graduation rate
\$18K average per year after aid
SAT 1180–1390
- James Madison University** → Harrisonburg, VA
4-year • Public • Very Large • Rural
84% graduation rate
\$10K average per year after aid

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search/>

COLLEGE CREDITS

AP Credit Policy Search

Your AP scores could earn you college credit or advanced placement (meaning you could skip certain courses in college). Use this tool to find colleges that offer credit or placement for AP scores.

Virginia Commonwealth University

Exam Name	Min Score Required	# of credits	Equivalent course
AP 2-D Art and Design	4	1	ARTF 139
AP 3-D Art and Design	4	1	ARTF 139
AP Art History	3	6	ARTH 103, ARTH 104
AP Biology	5	8	BIOL 151, BIOZ 151, BIOL 152, BIOZ 152
AP Biology	4	4	BIOL 152, BIOZ 152
AP Biology	3	4	BIOL 101, BIOZ 101
AP Calculus AB	3	4	MATH 200
AP Calculus BC	5	8	MATH 200, MATH 201
AP Calculus BC	3	4	MATH 200
AP Chemistry	3	4	CHEM 101, CHEZ 101

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies>

TransferVIRGINIA

Get Started Transfer Steps Transfer Tools Resource Center Contact an Institution

Your credits. Your degree. Your move.

Four-Year Transfer Partners

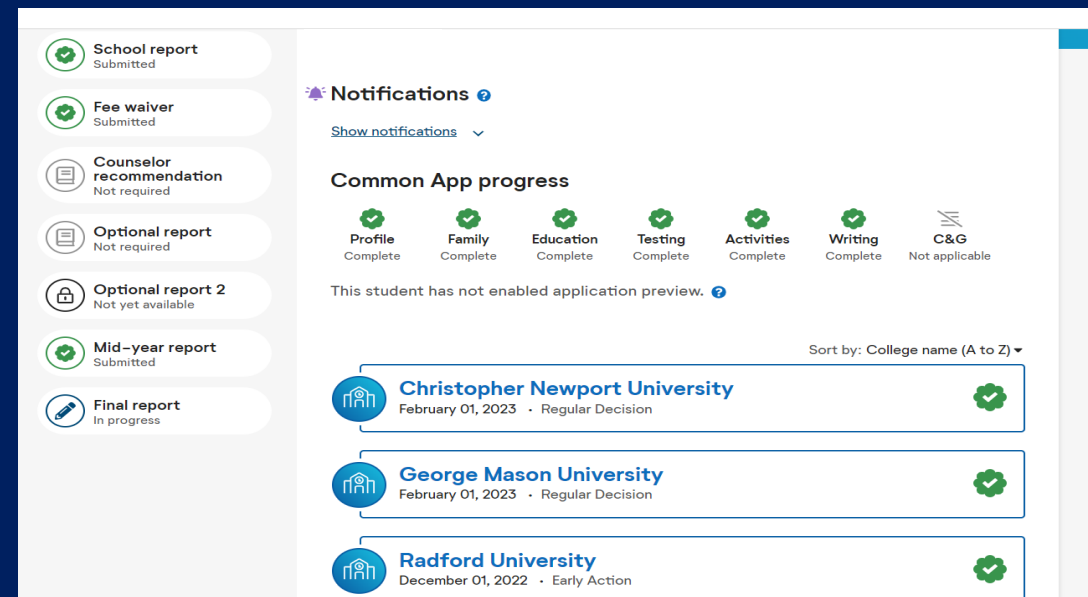
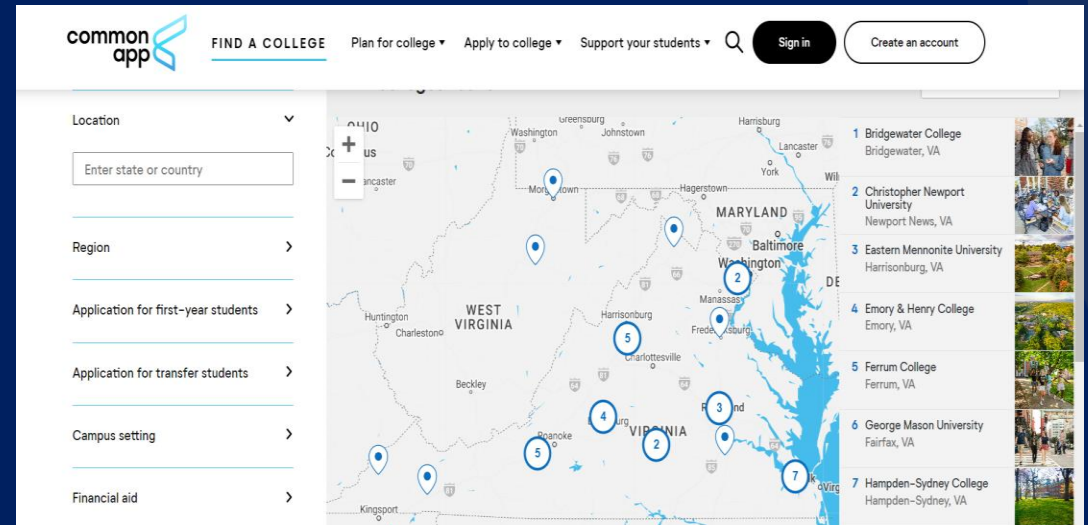
Explore these partners throughout the portal and connect with them through College Connect.

A grid of 18 university logos, each in a grey box with the university name below it. The logos include: Appalachian College of Pharmacy, Bluefield University, Eastern Mennonite University, George Mason University, Hollins University, James Madison University, Longwood University, Marymount University, Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University, Radford University, Randolph College, Roanoke College, Shenandoah University, The George Washington University College..., The University of Virginia's College at..., University of Mary Washington, and Virginia Commonwealth University.

<https://www.transfervirginia.org/>

THE COMMON APPLICATION

- 1 Application for over 1000 College/Universities
- Transcripts are Uploaded by Counseling Staff
- Letters of Recommendation are Requested & Uploaded
- Deadlines, Requirements, & Status Updates
 - Early Decision
 - Early Action
 - Regular Decision
 - Rolling Admission
 - Deferment
 - Denial



LETTERS OF REC & ESSAYS

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

- Not always required
- 1 counselor, 1 teacher, 1 personal
- Utilize Senior Info Sheet
 - Quality over Quantity
- Request *at least 2* weeks in advance

ESSAYS

- Not always required
- If optional, write it!
- Be specific, but be honest
- Have English teacher proof drafts
- Save essays for scholarships

COMMON APPLICATION 2024-2025 ESSAY PROMPTS

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

COMMON APPLICATION FAQS

When should I create my Common App?

- Common App opens August 1st every year
- You can create an account and save answers to Common App tab questions at any time
- Responses to questions in your My Colleges tab do not remain year over year and should only be started if you intend to apply this school year

Can schools see to which other colleges I've applied?

- Your application data is private and will not be shared with other colleges

If I make a mistake, can I delete or start a new Common App account?

- You may delete your account, but deleting your account is permanent and will delete *all* application data
- Before deleting your account, contact Common App for help to common problems

Which email address should I use?

- Use a personal email address that you check regularly and will have access to after you graduate

REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS

- Seniors may request an official transcript online through Scribbles on the GHS Counseling Website.
- Transcripts may be sent directly to colleges and universities, scholarship organizations, or to the student directly.
- For colleges and universities not linked to the Scribbles network, students will be asked to provide a stamped envelope so that the transcript may be mailed.
- Fall '24 Transcripts will have GPA/Rank through end of 11th Grade AND Senior Classes around Mid-September of 2024

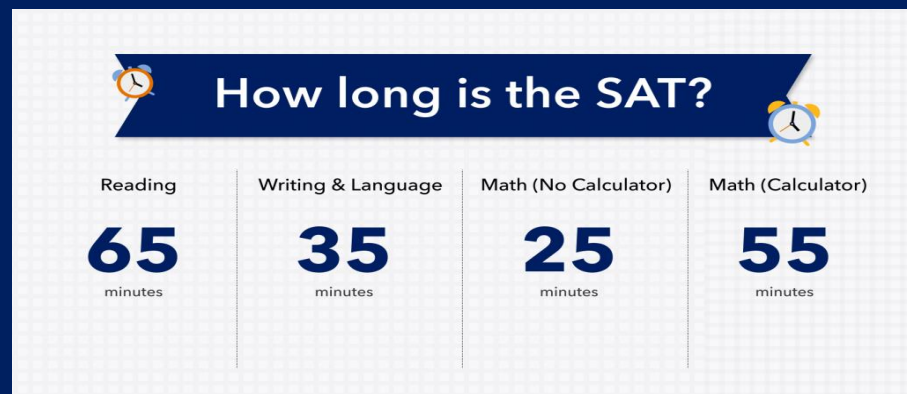
The screenshot displays the 'York County School Division Records Request' website. A modal window titled 'Add An Address' is open, allowing users to specify a delivery address. The form includes the following fields:

- Address Type:** Educational Institution (dropdown menu)
- Agency, College, Employer, or Student Name:** Christopher Newport University (text input with a green checkmark)
- Attention:** Admissions (text input)
- Address Line 1:** 1 Avenue of the Arts (text input)
- Address Line 2:** (empty text input)
- City:** Newport News (text input)
- State: (region):** Virginia (text input)
- Zip Code: (postal code):** 23606-3072 (text input)
- Country:** United States (text input)
- Number of Copies:** 1 (text input)

Buttons at the bottom of the modal are 'Add Additional Address' and 'Save And Close'. The background shows the main form with fields for Driver's License, Email, and Special Instructions, along with a table for 'Documents Will Be' and a total amount of \$0.00.

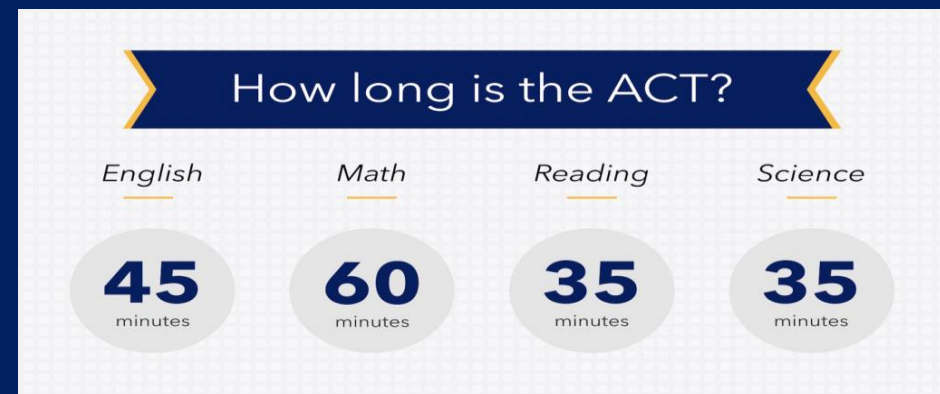
COLLEGE (OPTIONAL) TESTING

SAT



- Ask about Super Scoring
- <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/dates-deadlines>

ACT

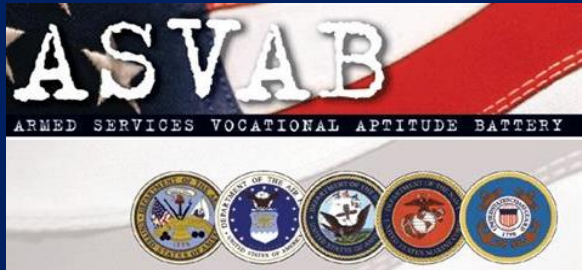


- Ask about SAT/ACT Score Conversion
- <https://www.act.org/>

OTHER IMPORTANT INFO



Eligibility Center



VIRGINIA PENINSULA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



- College Athletics with NCAA Eligibility Center
- Service Academies & ROTC Scholarship Deadlines
- ASVAB Test Dates (at GHS)
- FAFSA Application (Open 10/1/2023)
- VPCC Application & Transfer Options
- Vocational Certifications & Apprenticeship Opportunities
- Scholarships on the GHS Counseling Website

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

Save this Presentation By Scanning Here:

