

The College Application Process

Applying to colleges involves gathering and organizing necessary information and materials and following a set process described to seniors during their Senior Class meeting in the Fall. To help alleviate some parental stress and answer questions regarding our senior meetings, we provide the following synopsis of the process:

- ❖ Check out college admission requirements and deadlines on the specific college's web site or in literature provided by the college. Seniors are encouraged to apply to colleges of their choice by October 31st. Some colleges have early entry applications.
- ❖ Register for ACT/SAT test as soon as possible if you are hoping to improve your scores from your Junior year testing. The ACT website is, www.actstudent.org and the SAT website is www.collegeboard.org.
- ❖ Complete an official application online or in paper format. Application's can be downloaded and printed from the college's website or applications can be submitted directly online from the college's website. There is usually an application fee which can range from \$20-\$45. If you are on Free/Reduced lunches at school, you may be waived from that fee. See your counselor for more details.
- ❖ Complete or request any additional materials required by the application process such as essays, letters of recommendation, teacher and/or counselor evaluations and application fees. Allow at least one week for teachers or counselors to write recommendation letters. It is helpful if the student provides their teacher/counselor with a **student recommendation form** that can be found on the College Bound Planning main page.