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College Application Process

Senior Parent Meeting 2024



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Counselor Website & Instagram



- ★ The Guidance Department has a Schoology Course called Counselor Corner: OLHS - all students have access to this course
- ★ Use the site to access up-to-date important information, student services forms, links, resources, seminars, announcements, etc.
- ★ Follow us on Instagram @olhs_counselors



Presentation Goals

- ★ Application process
- ★ ACT/SAT Testing
- ★ Scholarship & Financial Aid
- ★ SchoolLinks



APPLICATION PROCESS



Where Do We Start?

- ★ Help your child narrow down their top choices
- ★ Have a list of schools to not limit options
 - The list should include a combination of reach, match and safety schools
 - Do not go overboard - applying to 10 or more schools can be excessive and expensive
- ★ Schedule campus tours either virtually or in-person

Application - Required Items:

- ★ Submit the online application for each school
- ★ The High School Transcript
- ★ Test Scores (if applicable)
- ★ Letter(s) of Recommendation (if applicable)
- ★ Personal Statement/Essay

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE



The Application

- ★ First visit the university website for application instructions
- ★ School Specific Application
- ★ Common Application www.commonapp.org
- ★ Coalition Application www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org

KEEP TRACK OF DEADLINES



Transcript

- ★ Must be sent from Liberty High School to be official
- ★ Transcripts will be posted in SchooLinks for students to view
- ★ We will send transcripts through SchooLinks for each college/university on a student's Final Application List - **10 DAYS PRIOR TO DEADLINES**
- ★ Includes all courses taken/currently taking, GPA, and credit information
- ★ Does NOT include class rank



Test Scores

- ★ Many schools are now test optional
- ★ Arrange to have scores sent at the time of registration (free)
- ★ Must be sent from the testing agency
 - ACT - act.org
 - SAT - collegeboard.org
- ★ Counselors do NOT send test scores
- ★ AP Exam scores are NOT used for admissions purposes



Recommendations

- ★ Teacher Recommendation - 1-2 teachers (varies by college/university)
 - Do they want a core teacher? Elective? Coach?
- ★ Counselor Recommendation - all counselors will complete the Common App counselor forms - please be sure the school specifically states a LETTER of RECOMMENDATION from the school counselor prior to requesting
- ★ All requests for letters of recommendation will be made in SchoolLinks - **10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE**



Personal Essay

- ★ Required by most colleges
- ★ Can be a vital component of the application
- ★ Shed light on what's behind the GPA and test scores
- ★ Reveal personality, passion and values



Admission Plans

★ **Early Decision**

- Student has a clear top choice
- Can only apply to 1 school ED
- BINDING - the student must commit if accepted

★ **Early Action**

- Student can apply to as many schools EA
- Usually linked to academic scholarships
- NON-BINDING

★ **Regular Admission/Decision**

- Varies by school - apps are usually due by early-to-mid January

★ **Rolling Admission**

- Colleges assess application as they receive them
- No firm deadline - sooner the better



NCAA

- ★ Students planning to participate in Division I and Division II athletics are required to register with the NCAA eligibility center (ncaa.org)
- ★ Submit necessary documentation according to NCAA Eligibility Center requirements
- ★ Students will request an official transcript (SchoolLinks)
- ★ Work with your counselor and coach to be sure you are taking eligible courses



Rank

- ★ Due to the competitive nature of Liberty High School, students are not ranked for college admissions purposes
- ★ Our school profile accompanies every transcript and details the rigor of our school and the GPA deciles so a school can see where a student would fall in comparison
- ★ Very select schools may request rank and a student can request their rank be posted to the transcript (form in student services) - would only recommend to top 10% of students



ACT/SAT Testing



ACT

- ★ Most students have taken the ACT at least once by now
- ★ September will be the last test students can register and still meet most early deadlines
 - Student **MUST** select to send scores during registration
- ★ Test Optional Information



ACT 2024-2025 Test Dates (National) & Registration Deadlines

2024-2025 National Test Dates Schedule

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline
September 14, 2024	August 9	August 25
October 26, 2024	September 20	October 7
December 14, 2024	November 8	November 22
February 8, 2025	January 3	January 20
April 5, 2025	February 28	March 16
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 26
July 12, 2025*	June 6	June 20



SAT

- ★ Students can take ACT OR SAT - they do not need both
- ★ SAT Subject Tests have been discontinued
- ★ Test Optional Information



SAT 2024-2025 Test Dates (National) & Registration Deadlines

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration**
Aug 24, 2024	Aug 9, 2024	Aug 13, 2024
Oct 5, 2024	Sept 20, 2024 Register	Sept 24, 2024
Nov 2, 2024	Oct 18, 2024 Register	Oct 22, 2024
Dec 7, 2024	Nov 22, 2024 Register	Nov 26, 2024
Mar 8, 2025	Feb 21, 2025 Register	Feb 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	Apr 18, 2025 Register	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025 Register	May 27, 2025

Scholarship & Financial Aid



Scholarships

- ★ Merit/Talent Based
 - application/audition
- ★ Primarily awarded by colleges/universities
 - upon admissions
- ★ SchoolLinks - list updated regularly
- ★ Local Scholarships
 - <https://www.delawarecf.org/> Delaware County Foundation

MANY COLLEGES HAVE EARLIER APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATION!



Financial Aid

- ★ Need Based
- ★ Must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- ★ Grants
- ★ Scholarships
- ★ Student Loans
- ★ Work-Study



Financial Aid/FAFSA

- ★ OLHS is planning to host another Financial Aid/FAFSA informational presentation this year. Information about this event is forthcoming.



SchoolLinks



SchoolLinks



- ★ What is SchoolLinks?
 - College and Career Readiness Platform to prepare students for what comes after graduation

- ★ How do I log into SchoolLinks?
 - Students have a SchoolLinks icon on their myOLSD portal and will be automatically logged in
 - On September 5th, parents will receive a personalized login to view their student's SchoolLinks page via InstaConnect



SchoolLinks



★ What can SchoolLinks do?

SchoolLinks helps students discover their interests and strengths, explore colleges and careers, and create a personal graduation plan that best reflects their post-secondary goals.

- Access career interest, strength and mindset surveys
- Explore 2-year and 4-year colleges
- Take virtual reality college campus tours
- Search for scholarships
- Learn about financial aid
- Explore traditional, emerging and military career fields
- Create digital portfolios/resumes
- Log volunteer hours
- Track college applications
- Request transcripts
- Request letters of recommendation



SchoolLinks



- ★ Want more information?
- ★ There is a SchoolLinks parent webinar on Wednesday, October 23rd
- ★ Additional details are coming and will be shared closer to the webinar.



Important Dates

- ★ October 18, 2024 - Transcript request deadline for November 1st
- ★ November 13, 2024 - Transcript request deadline for December 1st college application
- ★ December 9, 2024 - Transcript request deadline for January 1st college application
- ★ May 1, 2025 - National College Declaration Day
- ★ May 18, 2025 - Graduation Day @ 6PM



Final Thoughts

- ★ Counselors are here to help!! Please have your student talk to their counselor when they have questions!
- ★ Seniors will have seminar and work on SchoolLinks on September 6th
- ★ Transcripts will not be ready to send until the 2nd week in September at the earliest
- ★ College Application Boot Camp
 - Tuesday/Thursday during 11th/12th period - October
 - In Student Services





THANK YOU