

How do I know I need a recommendation?

You do not need a recommendation for the UC and CSU schools. If you are applying through Common Application, you will need a counselor's recommendation along with 2 to 3 teacher recommendations. It is important to double check every institution to find out if recommendation letters are required and exact number required.

Do I have to fill out a recommendation packet?

If you need any recommendation for college, you will need to fill out a recommendation packet for the college counselors. The packet is used to get to know you more.

What is included in the school report?

The school report includes your high school GPA (ECR GPA), class rank, a transcript, a rating system and a letter of recommendation from the counselor.

Can a school report be submitted without a recommendation?

Yes, technically it can be submitted without a recommendation. But it is to your advantage to have a recommendation included in the school report.

Which college counselors will write my recommendation?

Mr. Graham for students last names A-G, Mrs. Yi for students last name H-P, Mrs. Murcia for students last names Q-Z.

Can I ask my regular counselor to submit a recommendation?

Yes, you can but you must ask them before. Letters of recommendations are typically written by college counselors at ECR.

Can someone else (outside private college counselor) complete the school report?

No, they cannot do the recommendation/school report. It must be someone from El Camino. This is the reason why it is important for you to get to know the college counselors so that when they have to write your recommendation, they know you thoroughly to write you a good and relevant recommendation.

Do I need a teachers' recommendation?

You may need at least two additional teacher's recommendations. So, ask your teachers early. Check the college website to see how many you need. Schools prefer 11th grade teachers.

Do I need to do an interview with the college counselor?

You don't have to have an interview, but it is to your advantage to schedule one with the college counselors so that they can get to know you better. If a packet is turned after the last due date, you may not receive an interview time. But the school report and the recommendation will still be written for you using the information from the recommendation packet.

Does the packet need to be complete to schedule an interview?

Yes, it must be completed and everything must be there to schedule an interview. Please use the checklist in the packet to ensure that the packet is complete. Remember to get the proofs. They need to be included in the packet.

The deadline to submit a recommendation packet has past, but I changed my mind and now want to apply to private schools. What do I do?

Please talk to the college counselors. A school report may or may not be submitted on time. It depends on the circumstances. But please remember that they are not available during the winter break to write recommendations. Even if the college counselor can do the recommendation last minute, you will have to arrange for teachers' recommendations to be submitted on time.

The colleges I applied to are asking me to send a mid-year report? How do I do that?

The mid-year report is basically your 7th semester transcript (senior year grades). If the college counselors did your school report through Naviance or SENDedu, they will be automatically uploaded sometime at the end of January. So, you do not need to send a transcript. If no recommendations were needed by them and you still need a mid-year report, see your college counselor and they can help you sort it out.