

Senior Year Planning

4-Year College Bound Students and the Application Process



Why Am I Here?

Post-Secondary Questionnaire:

- ★ 4-Year College Bound
- ★ 2-Year College Bound
- ★ Military / Labor Unions
- ★ Workforce / Undecided

Today, we will...

- ★ General Reminders
- ★ Will I Have Enough Credits?
- ★ Senior Year Timeline
- ★ Applying to Colleges
  - ○ Deadlines - What do they mean?
  - ○ Ways to Apply
  - ○ How to Apply
- ★ Letters of Recommendation
- ★ Scholarships
- ★ Next Steps
- ★ Schedule Your Junior Meeting!

General Reminders

- ★ **JOIN the School Counseling Resource Group on Schoology**
  - Check daily for information pertaining to test dates, college visit schedule, scholarships, internship opportunities, etc.)
- ★ **Selective Service**
  - Each male must register within 30 days of his 18th birthday. Failure to register is a felony. Register at www.sss.gov or at the Post Office.
- ★ **Athletes - NCAA Eligibility**
  - Be sure to register online with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Meet with Coach Evans for support.
- ★ **College Visits**
  - Students are allowed 3 excused absences for college, trade/tech school visits. Request a note at the College Admissions Office during your tour and turn it into Ms. Lucia upon your return.





26 Credits

English - 4 credits
Math - 4 credits
Social Studies - 4 credits
Science - 3 credits

PE - 1 credit (9/10 and 11/12)
Health - 0.5 credit
Freshman Seminar - 0.5 credit
Arts & Humanities - 2 credits
*All other credits are electives



Senior Year Timeline

CLICK ME → Senior Year Checklist

Senior Year Timeline

First Semester

- ★ **Senior Meetings -** Starting in September, you will meet with your School Counselor to discuss all things senior year, graduation, and future planning!
- ★ **Admission Reps -** Continue to meet with college admissions representatives when they visit CMHS.
- ★ **Campus Visits** - Begin or continue campus visitations - these are highly recommended. You are permitted 3 excused absences for college visits!
- ★ **Application Deadlines** - Be aware of deadlines!
- ★ **Financial Aid** - Attend Financial Aid events in the area, virtually and at CMHS to learn about various financial aid opportunities and the FAFSA. FAFSA opens October 1st!
- ★ **SAT/ACT Testing** - Take SAT/ACT in August-December, choose the best date(s) for you! Visit collegeboard.org or act.org to register!
- ★ **Maintain Grades** - Be sure your first quarter grades are strong. Continue to maintain superior academic standards.

Senior Year Timeline

Second Semester

- ★ **Maintain Grades** - Keep working on your grades! Courses and performance continue to count throughout the senior year.
- ★ **Application Deadlines** - Be aware of deadlines! Many deadlines are in January!
- ★ **Mid Year Transcript** - At the end of the semester, your mid-year transcript will automatically be sent to EVERY school which requests it in the Common App. It will not be sent to Direct Application schools unless you or the college/university requests it.
- ★ **Financial Aid** - Compare financial aid packages from colleges and begin making your decision. Complete your FAFSA application if you already haven't.
- ★ **College Athlete? NCAA!** - If you are playing a sport in college, make sure you are registered with the NCAA and transcript is sent (see Coach Evans)!
- ★ **Acceptance Letters & Decision Making** - You will begin receiving your decision letters. May 1-Decision Day! This is the recommended deadline to make your college decision.
- ★ **Senior Survey** - Complete the senior survey to identify your postsecondary plan and where to send your final transcript.



Applying to Colleges

Deadlines, Ways and How

COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES

EARLY ACTION

- apply early, find out early
- can apply elsewhere
- not binding: can still choose another school
- indicates strong interest

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Apps due sometime in Fall (Oct-Dec), decisions sent out December-February

EARLY DECISION

- apply early, find out early
- apply ED to only one school
- binding: obligated to go if admitted & withdraw other applications
- indicates strong interest
- no chance to compare financial aid offers

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Apps due by/before Nov, decisions sent out December

REGULAR DECISION

- apply by deadline & find out in spring
- deadlines vary
- commit by May 1

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Apps due between December and February, decision dates vary

ROLLING ADMISSION

- application open until college meets capacity
- apply when you wish, though there may be priority deadlines
- find out in a few weeks

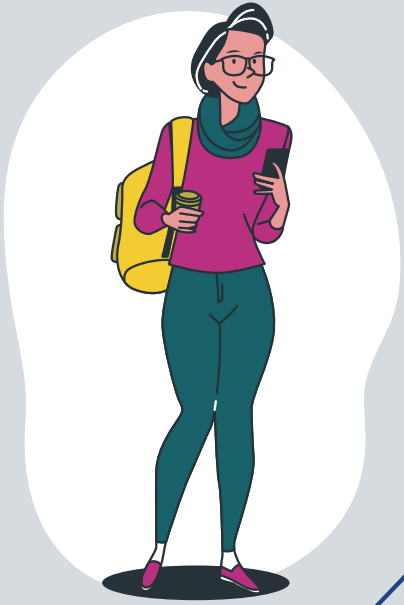
WAYS to Apply

Direct Send

Apply directly on the college/university website.

Common App

Streamlines the application process. Complete one standard app.



HOW to Apply: Getting Started

How to Create an Application Tracker in Xello
(this step is required for EACH school that you're applying to outside of the Common App)

Step 1 - Login to Xello via the Canon-McMillan High School Website

Step 2 - On the Dashboard (the main page), at the bottom right under “Resources”, complete the “Transcript Request Form & FERPA Release”. This will permit us to send your transcript.

Step 3 - Back on your Dashboard, under “Quick Links”, click on “College Planning”.

Step 3 - Add your colleges/universities by clicking on “Create New Application”.

Step 4 - Search and add school, then click “Next”.

Step 5 - Fill in your application details as it pertains to you, (Application Method) Common App or Direct Send. You select “Admission Type” based on when you would like to have your application submitted, then determine your personal deadline. Then click “Create”.

HOW to Apply: Common App

1. Complete the Transcript Request & FERPA Release Form

2. Connecting Common App to Xello (MAKE SURE that you also complete the FERPA release that is on the Common App website)

3. How to Assign Counselor

After completing those two steps, your transcript will be sent and everything else on your behalf to the schools you've applied to through the Common App.

HOW to Apply: Direct Send

For the schools you have applied to using the individual website and NOT the Common App, please complete the following steps to request that your transcript is sent:

1. Complete the FERPA Release Form

2. How to Request that Your Transcript is Sent in Xello

***After you click on "Request Transcript" it will ask you to select "Transcript Type", you will select "Initial".*

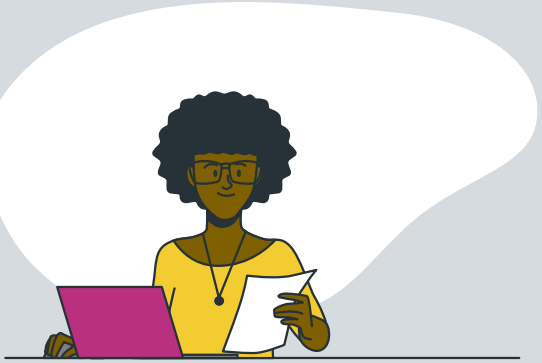
Requesting Letters of Recommendation



- All requests for letters of rec should be completed via Xello for both teacher and counselor!
- Provide your referrer the letter of rec info sheet → CMHS Letter of Recommendation Brag Sheet

Walkthrough Directions: **How to Request a Letter of Recommendation in Xello**

Scholarships



Merit Scholarships

Given based on a student's skill or academic accomplishments. These can include athletic or artistic abilities, high test scores, or excellent grades.

CM ONLY!
Dollars for Scholars!

Grants

A grant is a form of financial aid that doesn't have to be repaid (unless, for example, you withdraw from school and owe a refund.

Loans

A loan is money you borrow and must pay back with interest. If you apply for financial aid, you may be offered loans as part of your school's financial aid offer. When you receive a student loan, you are borrowing money to attend a college or career school. You must repay the loan as well as interest that accrues.

Next Steps



1. Stay focused on academics!
2. Have a meeting with your School Counselor
3. Summer: Visit colleges, start applying, write essays

Schedule Your Junior Meeting!

Mrs. Buncic
A-F

Mrs. DelVitto
G-L

Mrs. Hughes
M-R

Ms. Harvey
S-Z

Ms. Humbertson
CTC & 504s