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THE COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

COLLEGE SEARCH

Scoir	We encourage our students and parents to use the college search resources and tools through their Scoir account
College Kickstart	Each junior receives a College Kickstart account during the winter term. CK has search engines as well as direct links to research tools.
Big Future	College Board's search engine with information about over 2000 colleges and universities
Campus Pride Index	National listing of LGBTQ-friendly colleges and universities
Cappex	College search and scholarship guide for first generation and under- represented students
Colleges That Change Lives	Website based off of the book, *Colleges that Change Lives*, CTCL recognizes distinctive liberal arts colleges offering personalized, student- centered college experiences
College Guide for Students with Disabilities	College search engine, information and scholarship guide for students with
HBCU Resource Guide	Information regarding historically black college and universities including: key facts about HBCU's, scholarships, and college planning tools
Hillel	Information regarding Jewish life at various colleges in the United States including a college guide and information about Hillel scholarships
UCAS Guide	College and university search engine and application guide for British schools based in the United Kingdom
Virtual College Campus Tours YouVisit Virtual Campus Tours	Virtual college tour websites

TESTING

College Board	SAT
ACT	ACT
TOEFL	Test of English as a Foreign Language
Fairtest	Search engine and listing of colleges and universities which are test- optional or test blind

APPLYING TO COLLEGES

Common Application	College application accepted by majority of colleges and universities LA students apply to (over 900 colleges/universities)
Coalition Application	College application and planning tool for Coalition member schools (~140 colleges/universities)

ATHLETIC RECRUITMENT

NCAA Eligibility Center NCAA Initial Eligibility Course Standards Worksheet	Prospective Division I or Division II athletes should register with the NCAA Eligibility Center by the end of their junior year (or third year) of high school

FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIP

FAFSA	'Free Application for Federal Student Aid' – all families applying for financial aid must fill out this form in order to be eligible for federal grants and/or loans
CSS Profile	Additional financial aid form that many private colleges require – more specific to institutional aid. Sponsored by College Board and families must pay for the CSS Profile.
FAFSA4caster	Provide basic financial information and FAFSA4caster will estimate your eligibility for federal student aid
MyinTuition Net Price Calculator	Every US college and university is mandated by law to provide a net price calculator on their website so that prospective students and families can enter basic financial information to receive a rough estimate of their eligibility for financial aid at that college. Fill out a few net price calculators on individual school's financial aid webpages to get a sense of what you might qualify for in aid.
MEFA	'Massachusetts Education Financing Authority' with valuable resources and tools to help prepare for the future and navigate the college planning process
SmartTrack College Funding	Financial advisory specific to funding for college; Lawrence Academy families have access to free resources as well as an initial, individualized meeting and assessment
FastWeb	Connection to resources for: scholarships, college search, and financial aid information
Student Scholarship Search	Scholarship search website

GENERAL RESOURCES ON COLLEGE ADMISSION

Georgia Tech Admissions Blog
Tulane Admissions Blog
Forbes – Brennan Barnard
'Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be: An Antidote to the College Admissions Mania, Frank Bruni
'Who Gets In and Why: A Year Inside College Admissions', Jeffrey Selingo