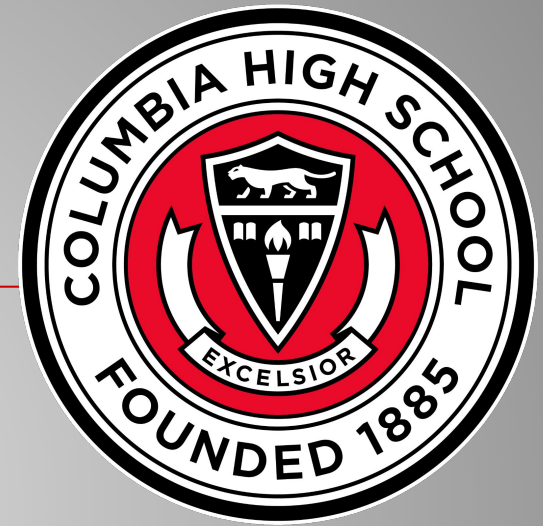


Columbia High School

Senior Parent Night

Tuesday, September 9th, 2025 7:00 pm



Welcome!

Seniors, this is your time! Senior year is both an exciting and challenging time. We hope our presentation leaves you feeling well informed and ready to navigate the months ahead.

Tonight's Panelists...

- ☐ Mr. Frank Sanchez, Principal
 - ☐ Dr. Jennifer Antoni, Director of Guidance, Counseling & Social Work
 - ☐ Mr. Phil McCormick, Assistant Principal (Seniors)
 - ☐ Ms. Kate Facto, School Counselor
 - ☐ Mrs. Danielle Mooney-Chavez, School Counselor
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Quick Note on Upcoming Meetings

CHS Junior Parent Night: 9/30/25 at 7:00 PM

CHS Sophomore Parent Night: 10/7/25 at 7:00 PM

CHS Freshman Parent Night: 9/16/25 at 7:00 PM

Financing College Night: 10/14/25 (WebEx link to follow)

CHSSF SCHOLARSHIP INFO

Intro from our CHSSF Scholarship
rep!

www.chssf.org

Special Senior Considerations

Senior Privilege

Senior Student Parking

Attendance Reminders



CHS COUGAR CARES

Senior Fund, Food Support, Prom Shop

**Provides funds to ensure every senior can participate
in grade-level activities**

Snacks throughout CHS for all students

Free prom attire in our annual shop

**Contact Chscougarcares@gmail.com for more
information**

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



- *No Membership Dues!*
- Weekly Newsletter
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Cougar Cares
- Midnight Madness
- Teacher Appreciation Events

EVERYONE is a member of the CHS HSA!

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



columbiahsa.com



presidents@columbiahsa.com



@chshsasomsd



@columbiahsassociation

SUBSCRIBE

columbiahsa.com/register

EVERYONE is a member of the CHS HSA!



Powerschool/Canvas Help

Contact eanderso@somds.k12.nj.us

Need your gmail account reset? Don't know your PowerSchool login?

STUDENTS (grades 6-12) have THEIR OWN PowerSchool credentials and should be using those accounts. Contact Esther Anderson at eanderso@somsd.k12.nj.us to get your credentials (x1139). Ms. Anderson is also available for Google/Canvas related concerns.

PARENTS - need to contact parentportalhelp@somsd.k12.nj.us for assistance. **Librarians only have access to student accounts.**

Graduation Status & Senior Meetings

Your counselor will be reaching out regarding graduation needs

We encourage students to review transcript and self audit

Senior meetings start times and sign up procedures will be forthcoming.

Postsecondary Options

- ☐ 2 year college
- ☐ 4 year college
- ☐ Career & Technical Programs
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Work
- ☐ Gap year

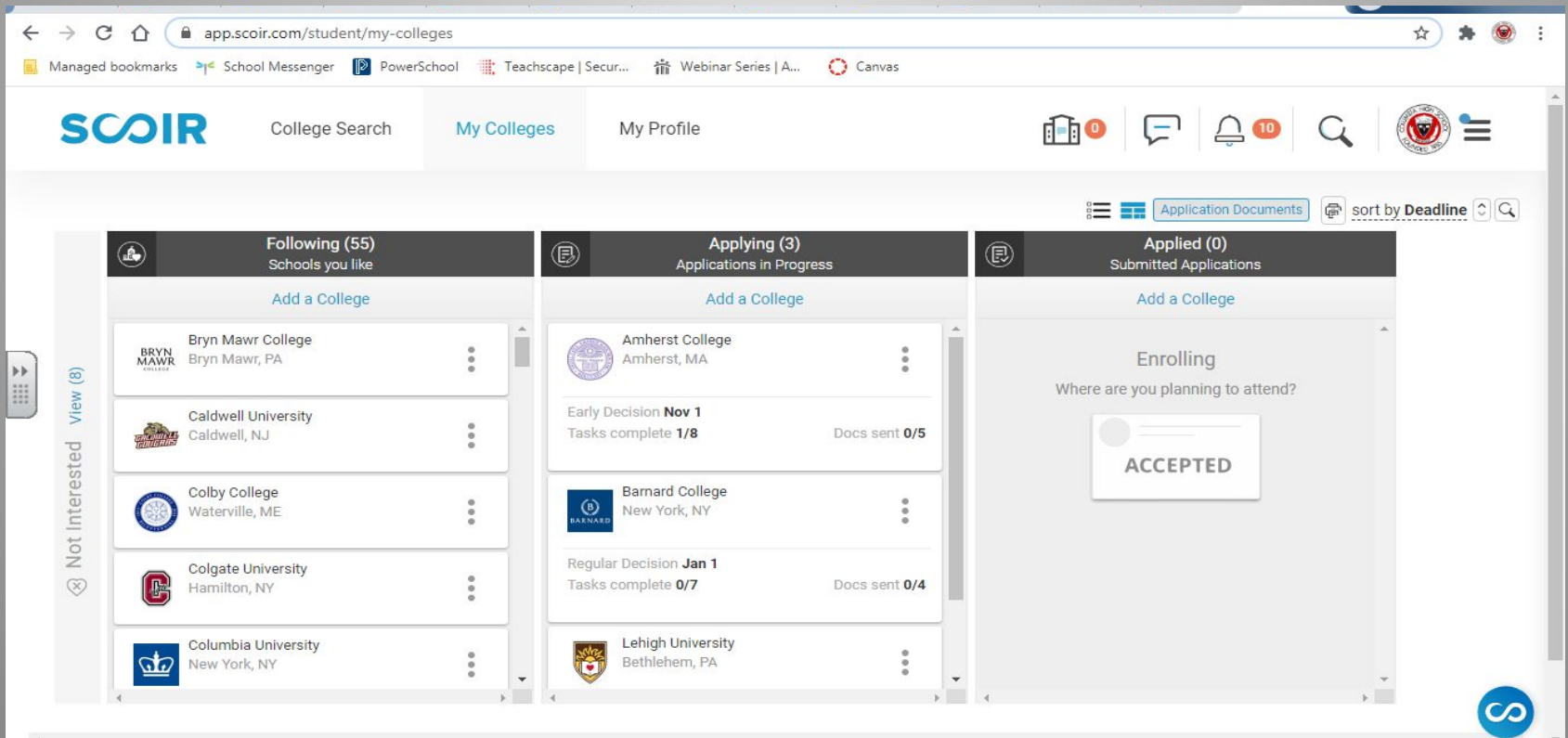


Various Platforms for College Apps

- **Common Application** (where the student applies to college/completes essay; counselor does not have access)
 - **Scoir** (where students communicate to counselor where they're applying and deadline; counselor sends supporting documents like letters of rec & transcripts (note that for this year, Common App and Scoir do not "talk" to each other))
 - **College Board or ACT** -where student registers for a test/asks scores to be sent (student/parent access only)
 - **FAFSA**-application to apply for financial aid
 - **SRAR** (Self-Reported Academic Record); required by some schools to self report grades/courses
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Preparing to Apply College Selection

- ❑ Review “My Colleges” page in SCOIR
- ❑ Sign up for virtual or in-person tours / information sessions!
- ❑ Check out our SCOIR calendar of rep visits and events!



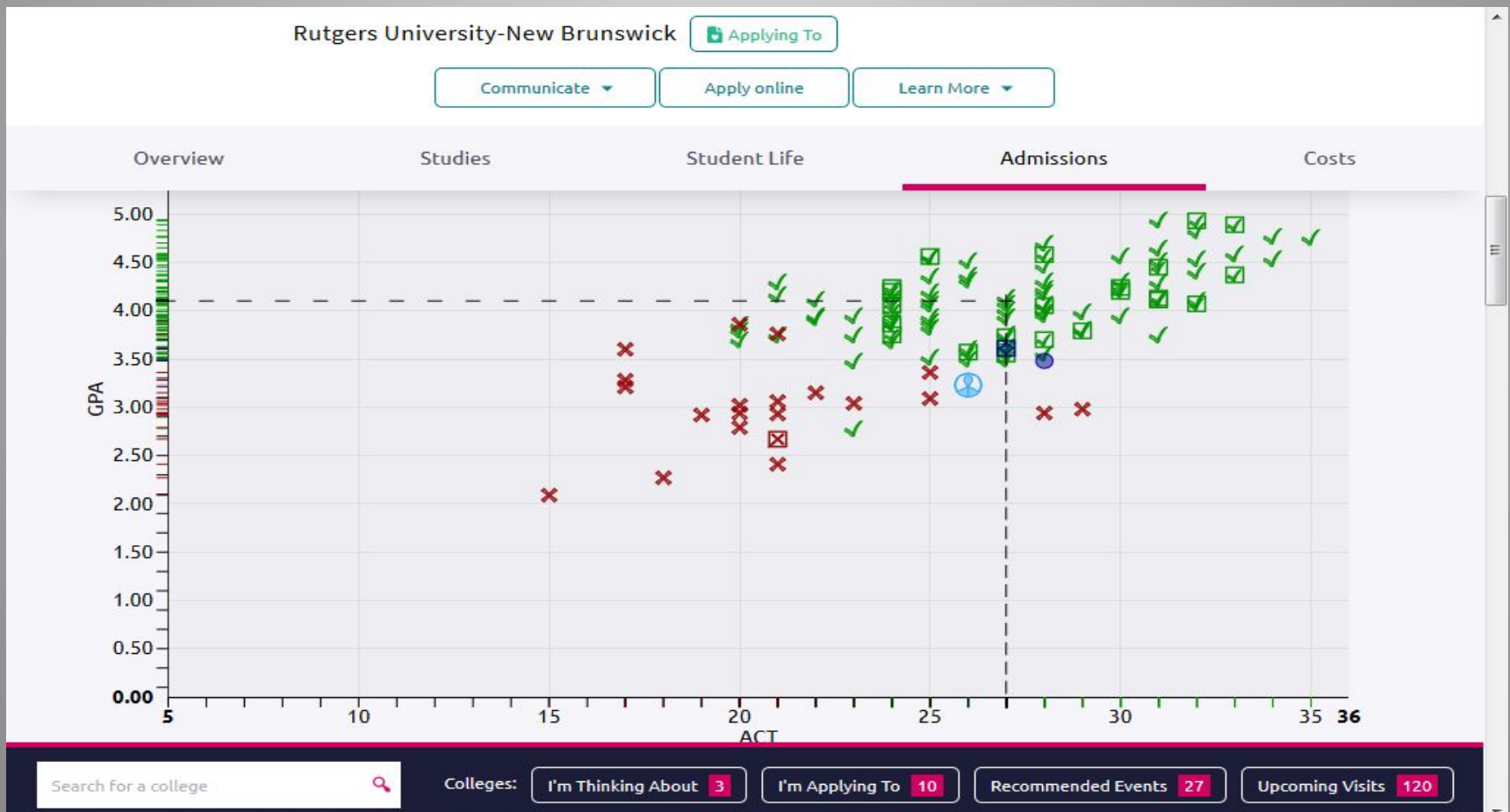
The screenshot shows the SCOIR 'My Colleges' page. The browser address bar displays 'app.scoir.com/student/my-colleges'. The page features a navigation bar with 'SCOIR', 'College Search', 'My Colleges' (active), and 'My Profile'. On the right, there are icons for a calendar, chat, notifications (10), search, and a profile menu. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for 'Application Documents' and 'sort by Deadline'. The main content area is divided into three columns:

- Following (55) Schools you like:** This column lists five colleges: Bryn Mawr College (Bryn Mawr, PA), Caldwell University (Caldwell, NJ), Colby College (Waterville, ME), Colgate University (Hamilton, NY), and Columbia University (New York, NY). Each entry includes a college logo and a 'Not Interested' button on the left.
- Applying (3) Applications in Progress:** This column lists three colleges: Amherst College (Amherst, MA) with Early Decision on Nov 1 and 1/8 tasks complete; Barnard College (New York, NY) with Regular Decision on Jan 1 and 0/7 tasks complete; and Lehigh University (Bethlehem, PA). Each entry includes a college logo and progress indicators.
- Applied (0) Submitted Applications:** This column is currently empty, showing a placeholder for 'Enrolling' with the text 'Where are you planning to attend?' and a large 'ACCEPTED' button.

A sidebar on the left contains a 'View (8)' button and a 'Not Interested' button. The bottom right corner features the SCOIR logo.

Preparing to Apply Utilizing SCOIR

Reach vs. Level vs. Likely



The College Application Process

The Applications

- Check if your school uses:

COMMON APP @

<http://www.commonapp.org>

COALITION APP @

RU

<http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org>

COMMON BLACK COLLEGE APP @

<http://www.commonblackcollegeapp.com>

THE COLLEGE'S OWN WEBSITE

The College Application Process

The Applications

- ❑ Identify any colleges to which you wish to apply Early Action or Early Decision
- ❑ Strategize a realistic timeline for completing all application work by deadlines
- ❑ What requires the biggest time commitment?

THE ESSAYS!!!

What would you like the colleges to know about YOU that isn't already on your applications?

- ❑ Some schools also require additional **supplemental essay questions**; not a full blown additional essay, but healthy open-ended response (i.e. Why is UVM the right “fit” for you?)
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The College Application Process

The Essays



Welcome, Dee!
CAID 24326381
dmooney1983@aol.com[Sign Out](#)

[Dashboard](#)[My Colleges](#)[Common App](#)[College Search](#)[Financial Aid Resources](#)

Common Application

✓ Profile

✓ Family

✓ Education

Testing

✓ Activities

✓ Writing

Courses & Grades
0 college(s) require

Writing

Video Tutorials

Personal Essay

Some colleges require submission of the personal essay with your Common Application. You may submit a personal essay to any college, even if it is not required by that college. If not required by a college, you will be given the option during submission to include your essay or not for that college.*

✓ I understand

Here is the current list of colleges on your Dashboard and whether they require the Personal Essay.

Required	Not Required
The College of New Jersey	

The essay demonstrates your ability to write clearly and concisely on a selected topic and helps you distinguish yourself in your own voice. What do

Instructions and Help

I already submitted, can I change some of my answers?
You can return at any time and change your answer to any question in the Common
[Read more](#)

The College Application Process

The Essays

Dashboard

My Colleges

Common App

College Search

Financial Aid Resources

Howard University

Application
(0 of 3 Completed)

Questions

Recommenders and FERPA

Review and Submit - Common App

Kean University

Muhlenberg College

New York University

Ramapo College of New Jersey

SUNY Binghamton University

The College of New Jersey

University of Miami

For All Colleges

FERPA Release Authorization

You must complete the release authorization process, which will allow transcripts and recommendations to be submitted on your behalf through Naviance eDocs.

Release Authorization

Invite Recommenders

Recommenders are people who will submit forms and information to colleges on your behalf. Check out our [video about recommenders](#).

Invite and Manage Recommenders

Advisor

An advisor can be anyone who is assisting you with your application process. You may invite an advisor using the 'Invite Advisor' link below. An advisor can view your application information and give you personalized feedback. An advisor does not submit any forms on your behalf.

Required: 0 Optional: 3 Total: 3

[Invite Advisor](#)

Instructions and Help

What is an Advisor

An Advisor is a new type of recommender for your Common Application. If you receive support from ... [+]

[more]

Recommender Information does not change

Once a recommender has been added and invited, the name and title you entered cannot be changed ... [+]

[more]

Adding and assigning recommenders for Naviance schools

If your school uses Naviance, you will not be able to assign Counselor or Teacher recommendation ... [+]

[more]

Don't forget to assign your teacher

The College Application Process

Counselor Recommendations & Transcripts

- **Update for 2025-26 school year:** Scoir “retired” Surveys end of Summer 2025. Surveys are now called “**Forms.**”
 - students should be able to still access surveys for this year if they haven't already.
 - completed surveys are still there
 - Surveys/forms must be completed in Scoir (teacher & counselor surveys that the student does; parent has a counselor survey also to complete)
 - let counselor know if you/student cannot see survey
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The College Application Process

Counselor Recommendations & Transcripts (cont'd)

- ☐ support@scoir.com
- ☐ Moving your colleges to the “Applying” or “Applied to” column in Scoir signals to your counselor that you need your documents (letter & transcript) sent
- ☐ Some colleges require you to report your own transcript via SRAR or Common App

*****Request via SCOIR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS prior to the application deadlines*****

The College Application Process

Requesting Teacher Recommendations

- ☐ Request in-person FIRST!!! Ask if they are using SCOIR. If so...
- ☐ Log onto your Scoir account and click on the “Colleges” tab.
- ☐ Click on “Application Documents”
- ☐ Add recommenders and request!
 - Don't see your teacher listed as a recommender? Let counselor know.
 - Are you sure they are using SCOIR? Double check with them...

*****Request via SCOIR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS prior to the application deadlines*****

The College Application Process

Requesting Teacher Recommendations

The screenshot displays the app.scoir.com student dashboard. The browser address bar shows the URL. The dashboard is divided into three main sections: 'Following (55) Schools you like', 'Applying (3) Applications in Progress', and 'Applied (0) Submitted Applications'. The 'Following' section lists Bryn Mawr College, Caldwell University, Colby College, Colgate University, and Columbia University. The 'Applying' section shows Amherst College (Early Decision Nov 1) and Barnard College (Regular Decision Jan 1). The 'Applied' section shows a large 'ACCEPTED' button. The dashboard also includes a sidebar with 'Not Interested View (8)' and a top navigation bar with 'College Search', 'My Colleges', and 'My Profile'.

app.scoir.com/student/my-colleges

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SCOIR College Search My Colleges My Profile

Application Documents sort by Deadline

Following (55)
Schools you like

Add a College

- Bryn Mawr College
Bryn Mawr, PA
- Caldwell University
Caldwell, NJ
- Colby College
Waterville, ME
- Colgate University
Hamilton, NY
- Columbia University
New York, NY

Applying (3)
Applications in Progress

Add a College

- Amherst College
Amherst, MA
Early Decision **Nov 1**
Tasks complete 1/8 Docs sent 0/5
- Barnard College
New York, NY
Regular Decision **Jan 1**
Tasks complete 0/7 Docs sent 0/4
- Lehigh University
Bethlehem, PA

Applied (0)
Submitted Applications

Add a College

Enrolling
Where are you planning to attend?

ACCEPTED

Not Interested View (8)

7:41 PM 9/1/2020

The College Application Process

Requesting Teacher Recommendations

The screenshot shows the Scoir application portal interface. A modal window titled "Application Documents" is open, displaying the "Teacher Recommendation Status" section. The table below lists three teacher recommendations:

TEACHER	DATE	STATUS	ACTIONS
Matthew Borkowski	Mar 3, 2020	Created Mar 3, 2020	
Carole Anne Bucher	Mar 3, 2020	Created Mar 3, 2020	
Cougar Teacher	Feb 12, 2020	Created Feb 12, 2020	

Below the table, there is a "Request a Recommendation" button. The modal also displays the "Fee Waiver Request" section, which shows a "Requested Jul 28, 2020" status. The "Early Decision Contract Status" section for Amherst College indicates that the user can start an E-Sign process for their early decision contract, with a "Sign Agreement" button.

The background shows the Scoir portal with a list of colleges, including Bryn Mawr, Caldwell University, Colby College, Colgate University, and Columbia University. The browser address bar shows the URL "app.scoir.com/student/my-colleges".

The College Application Process

Requesting Recommendations & Transcript

The screenshot displays the app.scoir.com student dashboard, which is organized into three main columns: 'Following (55) Schools you like', 'Applying (3) Applications in Progress', and 'Applied (0) Submitted Applications'.

Following (55) Schools you like: This column lists colleges that the student is considering. A 'Not Interested' sidebar is visible on the left. A context menu is open over the list, showing options: 'Applying', 'Applied', 'Not Interested', and 'College Overview'. The colleges listed include Bryn Mawr College, Caldwell University, Colby College, Colgate University, and Columbia University.

Applying (3) Applications in Progress: This column shows colleges where the student has submitted an application. The colleges listed are Amherst College (Early Decision Nov 1, Tasks complete 1/8, Docs sent 0/5), Barnard College (Regular Decision Jan 1, Tasks complete 0/7, Docs sent 0/4), and Lehigh University.

Applied (0) Submitted Applications: This column shows colleges where the student has been accepted. A large 'ACCEPTED' message is displayed, along with the text 'Enrolling' and 'Where are you planning to attend?'.

The dashboard includes a top navigation bar with the SCOIR logo, 'College Search', 'My Colleges', and 'My Profile' links. A right sidebar contains icons for a calendar, messages, notifications (10), search, and a profile picture. A bottom sidebar shows 'Application Documents' and a 'sort by Deadline' option. The bottom of the screen shows a Windows taskbar with various application icons and a system clock indicating 7:43 PM on 9/1/2020.

The College Application Process

Considering Special Programs

- ☐ Financially eligible for EOF?
 - Visit <http://www.nj.gov/highereducation/EOF> for more information
 - ☐ Interested in athletic recruitment?
 - Visit <http://www.ncaa.org> and register for the eligibility center
 - Pursue a college search independent of athletics
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The College Application Process

Admission Deadlines

- ☐ Early Decision (ED)/ED II
- ☐ Early Action (EA) / Priority
- ☐ Restrictive Early Action (REA)
- ☐ Rolling
- ☐ Regular



The College Application Process

Standardized Test Scores

- ❑ **Your counselor does NOT register you for the test or send SAT or ACT scores to colleges.**
- ❑ **It is the student's responsibility to send official scores through either College Board (<http://www.collegeboard.org>) and/or ACT (<http://www.actstudent.org>).**

*****Request that your scores be sent AT LEAST TWO WEEKS prior to application deadlines!*****

The College Application Process

Standardized Test Scores

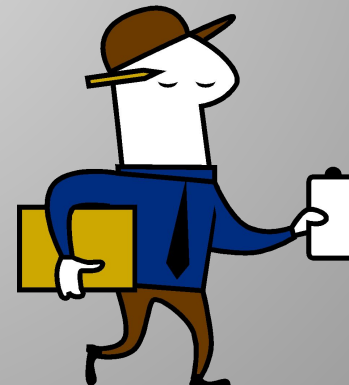
- ❑ **Double check your colleges' superscore policies**
- ❑ **Some colleges accept self reported test scores**
- ❑ **Many colleges are still test optional!**
 - **View the list at fairtest.org**
 - **test blind**

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The College Application Process

Admission Decisions

- ☐ Accepted
- ☐ Deferred to Regular Decision
- ☐ Waitlisted
- ☐ Denied



NOTE: Merit scholarship offerings in your acceptance letter are not indicative of your full financial aid package

Financial Aid



2 forms:

- FAFSA (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>)
- CSS Profile (<http://www.collegeboard.org>)

Plan to attend Financing College Night for CHS Students: October 14th; registration info will be forthcoming. Check Sanchez's emails/Canvas

- completing FAFSA graduation requirements; waivers can be found online and turned into counseling office
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But let's not forget all that really matters...

SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

SELF-CARE

MENTAL HEALTH

Thank you for tuning in!



LIVE Q&A
Starts Now!
