



NPHS Class of 2026

Mr. Daniels- Assistant Principal

PTSO Meeting
October 16, 2025

Senior Dues

- Senior Class Dues are \$140, payable to North Point High School
- Senior dues cover:
 - Graduation attire (gown, cap and tassel)
 - Senior class awards, commencement exercises, diploma, and diploma cover
 - Senior class picnic
 - Yard sign
- We strongly recommend paying your Senior Dues in full online at Gofan.co
- Cash or Checks payable to North Point High School, can be delivered to the main office
- Senior Dues can be paid in full, or you can choose to pay in installments.
- Senior Dues must be paid by January 31, 2026
- All Senior debts must be paid before graduation ceremonies (Questions: See Ms. Garcia)
- All students are issued a receipt for payment of dues; please be sure to retain this receipt

Graduation Cap & Gown Orders

- ▶ All seniors are required to go to [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) and reserve a cap and gown by October 31. Caps and gowns will be delivered to NPHS and each senior will receive their own individual package in May.
- ▶ There is no charge for the cap and gown at check out. This is covered in the senior dues.
- ▶ See flier Mr. Daniels sent out with additional information.
- ▶ Parents may opt to order additional items such as announcements and Class of 2026 memorabilia through Jostens.
- ▶ Orders are due October 31

Graduation

- ▶ Graduation will be May 26-29th (Exact date TBD)
- ▶ Graduation will be held at Regency Furniture Stadium
- ▶ Each graduate will receive 8 tickets
- ▶ Tickets will be electronic and delivered through synergy mail
- ▶ Directions come with the tickets on how to share your tickets with others

Graduation Attire

- ▶ All Graduating seniors must have the cap, gown, and tassel to participate in graduation commencement exercises.
- ▶ Commencement wear is as follows:
 - ▶ Medals, pins, and ropes may be worn with/on the sash
 - ▶ Business casual- slacks/skirts/dress, collared shirt/blouse
 - ▶ Shoes- comfortable, flats and sandals, no heels. Regency Furniture Stadium will not permit heels on the field. Heels are a safety hazard and will sink into the ground. This will also damage the infield.
 - ▶ Hair should permit easy fit of cap.
 - ▶ Caps may be decorated- must be school appropriate. Subject to approval by school administration.

*Additional information will be provided as we get closer to graduation.

Prom

- ▶ When: Saturday, March 21, 2026
- ▶ Where: Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt
- ▶ Time: 7 to 11 pm

Senior Photos

- Lifetouch must photograph all seniors
 - inclusion in the yearbook
 - to obtain a student ID (needed for admission to events such as prom)
- There is no fee to have a simple yearbook photo done
 - Tuxedo/drape are provided. You may choose to bring additional outfits and purchase photos.
- We have added November 4th and 5th as our final dates for senior pictures. Please make sure you schedule your session as this is the last session.
- Lifetouch.com / (800) 445-1191

Memories Last a Lifetime...

A Yearbook lasts forever!

- **Books are \$95:**
- Submit a senior ad for the yearbook - Ads and payments are due by October 31.
 - No student is guaranteed a copy unless he or she preorders
 - Name Personalization is \$6 and only available before the holiday break.
 - **Books have sold out the last few years so don't count on getting a book at the end of the year**
- **Email Ms. Smith at casmith@ccboe.com with any questions and/or concerns**

Senior Exit Portfolios Overview

Ms. Cary Smith

- The portfolio project's purpose is to provide students an opportunity to:
 - Reflect on school experiences
 - Prepare for job or college interviews
 - Showcase talents, learning, and abilities.

The Portfolio and English Class...

- The senior exit portfolio is a county-wide requirement of Senior English classes
- Successful completion of the portfolio and the exit interview are significant test grades in the English IV or AP English course
- Polishing, editing, revising, and updating is to be completed this year in English courses
- All portfolios will be due November 14

Included in the Project:

- A complete portfolio will include:
 - A cover page
 - A table of contents
 - A resume
 - A cover letter
 - A reflective essay
 - Three artifacts, each with a rationale (one each for academic achievement, professional responsibility, and career readiness)
 - Two letters of recommendation

The Exit Interview

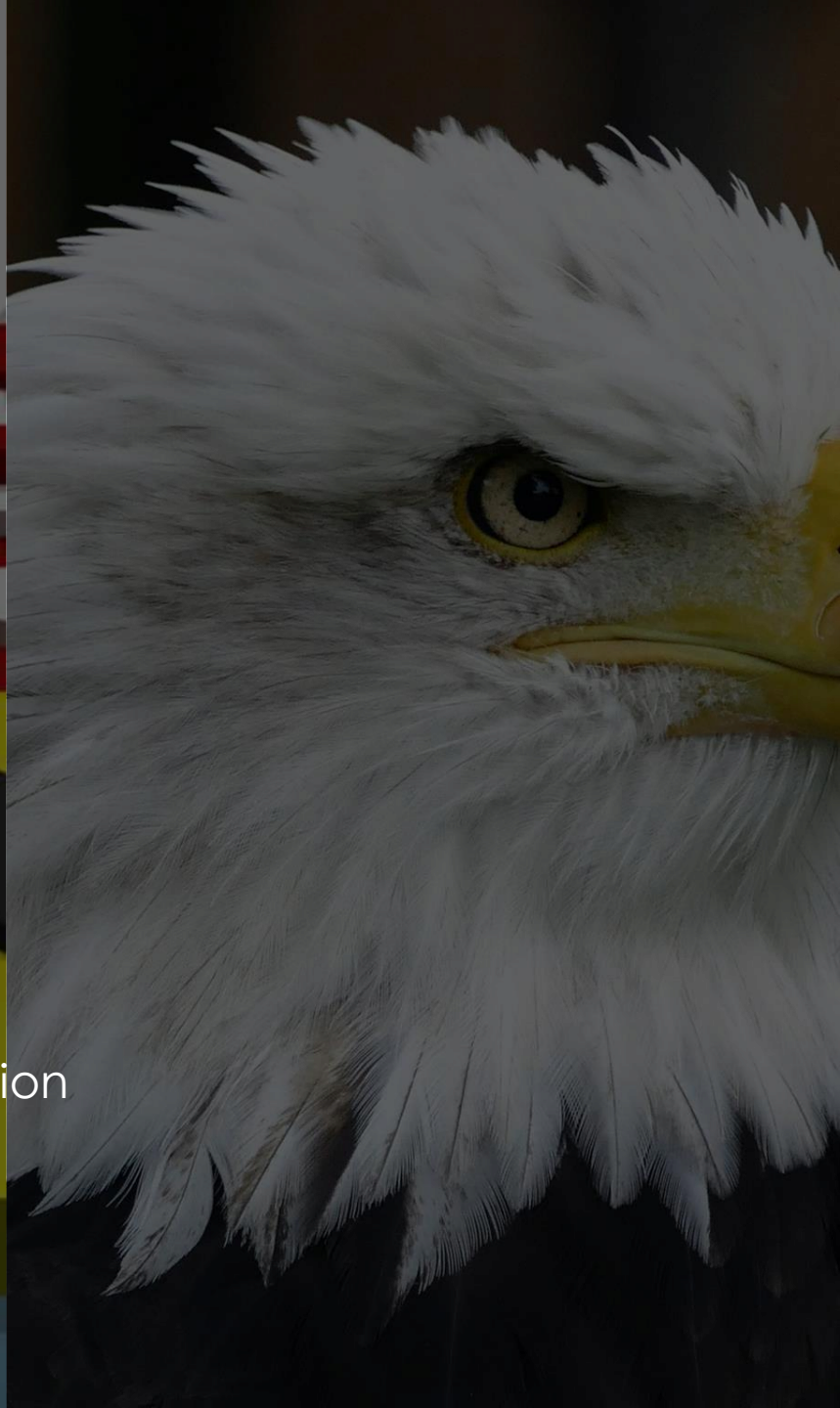
- Exit interviews will be conducted in school the second week of December.
- Students are expected to dress professionally for this experience
- Students are required to bring a fully completed portfolio to the interview on their laptop
- Students who are not dressed professionally or are without a portfolio will not be able to interview and will receive a zero for that part of the project

What parents can do to help...

- Help your student to look over the portfolio and ensure that it appears professional – including grammar, spelling, and overall organization and appearance
- Practice “interviews” with the student before the December interview

Important Dates

- ▶ October 31, 2025- Cap & Gown Orders Due to Jostens
- ▶ First week of December - Senior Portfolio Interviews
- ▶ January 31, 2026- Senior Dues due
- ▶ Saturday March 21, 2026 - Prom
- ▶ Senior Class Trip April 24, 2026
- ▶ Senior Sunset May 14, 2026
- ▶ May 15, 2025- Senior Picnic/Last day of school for Seniors
- ▶ Graduation Practice May three practices before the graduation ceremony @ 8:05 (TBD)
- ▶ Senior Parade @ Diggs ES and Davis MS (TBD)
- ▶ Senior award night (TBD)
- ▶ May26-29th (Exact date TBD) Graduation at Regency Furniture Stadium



Class of 2026: Senior Class Orientation

Student Services Presentation

The Student Services Team

Vice Principal: Asa Daniels

Name	Case Load	Contact Info.
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College and Career Advisor

Ms. Anderson



School Professional
Counselor
Von Della McKithen
Counselor

Maryland State Department of Education Requirements

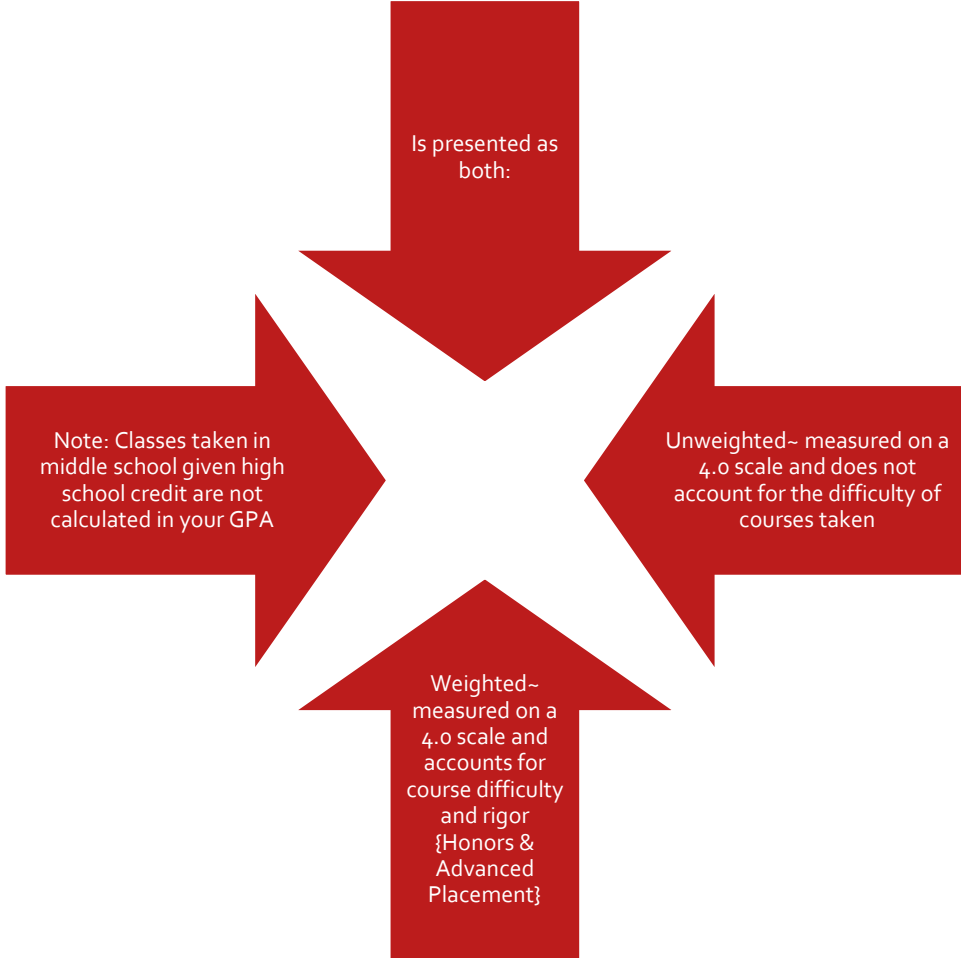
There are (3) types of requirements that students are required to meet Maryland High School requirements for a Diploma:

Credits;

Service Learning;

Assessments

Grade Point Average (GPA)



Class Rank

- Summary of academic record achieved during grades 9-12
- Class rank is based upon the weighted cumulative GPA achieved in all course work
- Class rank is provided twice a year thru your Synergy account
- Senior grades will affect your final GPA rank



Early Action vs. Early Decision

Early action is *non-binding*

- ✓ Apply early
- ✓ Early admission decision
- ✓ Consider acceptance; can wait to commit
- ✓ Apply to other colleges under regular admission
- ✓ Give college decision no later than May 1st

Early decision is *binding*

- ✓ Apply early to first choice school(s)
- ✓ Admission decision received in advance (**Usually December**)
- ✓ If accepted, agrees to attend and offered a financial aid package
- ✓ Apply to only one college early decision
- ✓ Apply to other colleges under regular admission
- ✓ Send non-refundable deposit well in advance of May 1st
- ❖ *Early decision could affect financial aid at other schools*
- ❖ *Carefully research your school and consider ALL pros and cons*
- ❖ *Please check the schools' individual policies in which you are interested*

4 Things to Consider Before Applying to A Test Optional College



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- ▶ These schools look at a student's essays, recommendations, grades, and coursework just as (or more) closely than your test scores.
- ▶ 1. There are different types of Test Optional Schools
 - ▶ Test-Flexible: can submit other scores; ACT/SAT Subject Test, IB Exam, AP Scores
 - ▶ Test Blind: Will not consider scores even if submit
- ▶ 2. Test-Optional Policies Differ from School to School
 - ▶ Restrictions: ex. Out-of-state or International student; Certain Program/Majors
 - ▶ May Use Your Rank, Test Scores, and GPA, Letters of Recommendations
- ▶ 3. Other Parts of Your Application will be Scrutinized
- ▶ 4. Test Scores May be Required for Merit



Senior Guide

Senior Guide

Important Information for the Senior Year At A Glance

School Name: North Point High School
School System: Charles County Public Schools
School Address: 2500 Davis Road
Waldorf, MD 20603

Counseling Phone: 301-934-7470
Counseling Fax: 301-392-5505

School Code/CEEB/ACT/SAT Code: 211061

Principal's Name: Daniel Kaple
Senior Administrator: Carl Pascarella

Counselor's E-mail: Vone McKithen vmckithen@ccboe.com
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- **North Point High School College and Career Center** will keep you up to date with current college visits and scholarship opportunities. Our College and Career Advisor, D. Anderson, updates our Career Center website each month and publishes a monthly newsletter.
- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** www.fafsa.ed.gov or call 1-800-433-3243 8:00am to 12:00 midnight Mon-Friday and 9:00 am to 6:00 pm Saturday. No Sunday Hours. The FAFSA is open for students planning to start college in the academic 2024/25 year. **Federal Deadline 6/30/2024, 11:59 PM (Central Time).** For Maryland State colleges and universities, the deadline is **March 1, 2024.**
- **All Transcript requests are free and require at least (7) business days' notice.** {Transcript request form is required} Transcripts will not be emailed multiple times.
- **All Senior Counselor Letters of Recommendation** require at least (7) business days' notice. {Transcript request form is required}
- Letters of recommendation/transcript(s) needed for **November 1st** deadline must be received no later than **Wednesday, October 11, 2023.** Please check your University/College of choice as most early action application(s) are due by **11/1/2023** this year.
- Letters of recommendation/transcript(s) needed for **December 1st** deadline must be received by **Monday, November 6, 2023.**
- **Student Service Learning (SSL) Contact:** Ms. Wyman Rm. 2312 pwyman@ccboe.com TBA.
- Early Application Deadline for the following school(s) should be submitted to counselor no later than **October 2, 2023. Application Deadline: October 15, 2023**

Service Academy Nomination(s) deadline(s):

- Senator Van Hollen: September 28, 2023
- Congressman Steny Hoyer: Mid-October {Contact office for specifics}
- Senator Ben Cardin: By 5:00 PM on November 2, 2023

All college bound student athletes who desire to participate in collegiate Division I or Division II sports need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at <http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/eligibility-center>. NCAA Code:9999

College Admissions Tests:

- ACT Register online at www.actstudent.org or call 1-319-337-1313.

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration</u>
10/21/2023	09/15/2023	09/29/2023
12/09/2023	11/03/2023	11/17/2023
02/10/2024	01/05/2024	01/29/2024
04/06/2024	03/01/2024	03/15/2024
06/08/2024	05/03/2024	05/17/2024
07/13/2024	06/14/2024	06/21/2024

- SAT and SAT Subject Tests. Some colleges may require SAT Subject Tests. Please check the admissions requirements. Register online at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register> or call 1-866-756-7346.

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration</u>
10/07/2023	09/08/2023	09/26/2023
11/04/2023	10/05/2023	10/24/2023
12/02/2023	11/02/2023	11/21/2023
**03/09/2024	02/23/2024	02/27/2024
**05/04/2024	04/19/2024	04/23/2024
**06/01/2024	05/16/2024	05/21/2024

** DENOTES DIGITAL

- Remember to indicate school codes for any college/university you are applying- Four score report requests are included with registration; Each additional score report request: SAT \$12.00/ ACT \$18.00
- College of Southern Maryland Placement
Test: Spring 2024 *See Ms. Anderson in Career Center for additional info
Practice for the placement test <http://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students>
ACT/SAT college admissions tests are not required for admission to CSM.
- ASVAB: Armed Services Vocational Aptitude and Battery Test
Test Date: **The test will be administered at NPHS (8am-11am) Friday, October 6, 2023.** All interested juniors and seniors can sign up in the Career Center with Ms. Anderson or contact danderson@ccboe.com.

Transcripts: Paper Copy

Students are responsible for picking up transcript(s) from their counselor

Transcript(s) will be in the mailbox outside your counselor's door

It is the student(s) responsibility for mailing transcript(s) to prospective school(s)

Be sure to check your unofficial transcript for accuracy

Unofficial transcripts are available through Synergy accounts

***NORTH POINT HIGH SCHOOL
TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM***

If you are completing this form prior to the school year starting transcripts, supplemental forms and recommendation letters will be completed upon your counselor's return in August. It is the student's responsibility to pick up the requested transcripts from the main office or counseling suite. Students must give the counseling office a minimum of **seven school days** to complete their transcript requests (Request that require additional forms/paperwork may take more time). It is the student's responsibility to pick up the requested transcripts from the main office or Student Services Suite.

Transcript request forms are available for pick up in the Student Services Office or can be downloaded from the school website (northpoint.ccboe.com/academics) - click on "Menu, then "Academics" then "Student Services" then Documents/Links.

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Student ID# _____ Birth Date: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Total # Transcripts Requested: _____

Contact Name & Telephone #: _____

Counselor is to include the following (check all that apply):

_____ **Official Transcript** (includes schedule and/or grades to date)

_____ **Counselor Supplemental Forms**
(If applicable, student is to provide a hard copy)

_____ **Recommendation Letter**
(Student must include current résumé)

_____ **NCAA registered/unregistered** (Circle)

OFFICIAL transcripts may be picked up in a sealed envelope. They become **UNOFFICIAL** if the seal is broken. Note: Unofficial Transcripts can be accessed on Student-Vue or Parent-Vue. Please indicate platform; Common App (CA), Military Academies (MA), Common Black College App (BCA), or Physical Copy (PC).

Name of college/institution/scholarship: _____ Platform _____

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Transcript Request

- Since our return from Covid, changes in admissions policies at universities and colleges resulted in several secondary institutions accepting/preferring electronic transcripts. As a result, CCPS revised the policy for electronic transcripts.
- Electronic transcripts will be sent without charge. Electronic transcript will be sent **one** time only.
- Xello and Common App Integration: after submitting your paper copy of the transcript request form you may send a request via Xello

Letter(s) of Recommendation

- Indicate letter of recommendation request for each school to which you apply, *if applicable*
- The request must be submitted **(7) business days** before the deadline
- Provide a resume 'with your request; **Please Note:** *If resume' is not submitted on time, your request will be delayed*
- It is the student's responsibility to pick up letter(s) of recommendation from your school counselor (mailbox outside their doors)
- Xello and Common App Integration: after submitting your paper copy of the transcript request form you may send a request via Xello



Automatic Emails From Colleges

Most colleges can take up to 21 days to process documents (transcripts, letters of recommendation, supplemental reports, NCAA downloads) after receiving them.

Until then, the colleges will automatically email your child requesting the information.

To verify that they received your child's documents, please check your child's Xello activity to see the date the counselor sent it to Common App, Check Common App to see the date the college downloaded their documents, and call the admissions office to verify.

NCAA



NCAA Information



College Bound Student athletes should register with the eligibility center by their 10th grade year
www.eligibilitycenter.org



It is the athlete's responsibility to provide the NCAA with ACT/SAT scores



Transfer/Alumni Athletes will need to request transcripts through the Board of Education



NCAA evaluates student athletes for eligibility using "Core Course GPA".



Transcript(s)/Athlete academic information is **NOT PROVIDED** to third party sources (Recruiters, Athletic Directors, Coaches, Teachers, etc.,) It is the athletes/parent responsibility to request information



Athletes should review their school's list of NCAA-approved core courses



Transcripts uploaded 3x per school year

How To Pay for College?

- FREE APPLICATION FOR STUDENT AID (FAFSA)
- MARYLAND COLLEGE AID PROCESSING SYSTEM (MDCAPS)
- MUST APPLY TO AT LEAST ONE MARYLAND SCHOOL
- LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS (CREDIT UNIONS, HOAs, CHURCHES, ORGANIZATIONS)
- PARENTS/GUARDIANS, GRANDPARENTS, OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS
- LOANS (FEDERAL/PRIVATE)
- SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

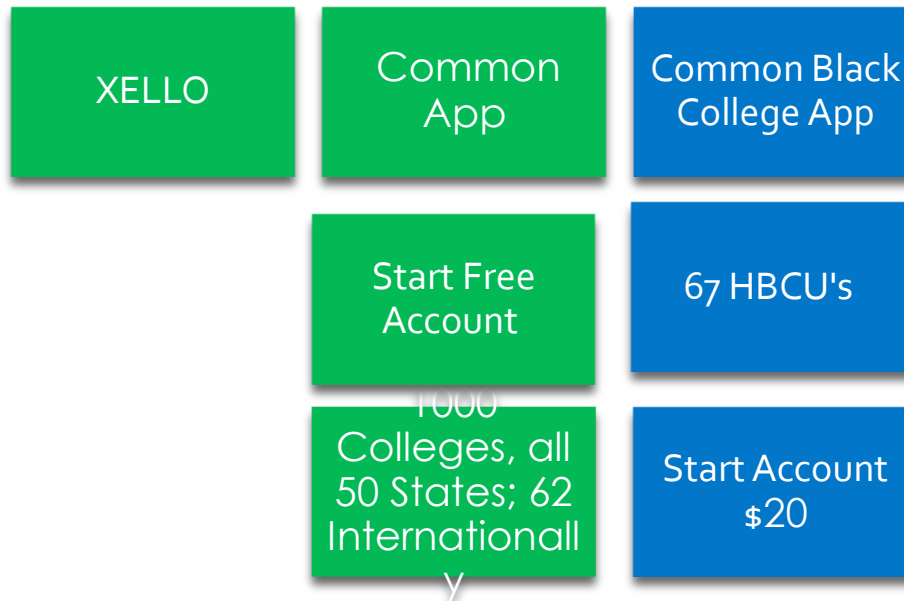




Obtaining Disability Services and Accommodations in College (504 & IEP)

- Any School, Program, or activity that federal assistant cannot discriminate based on disability
- Colleges and Universities Do Not Follow IEPs
- However, they must follow federal and state anti-discrimination laws of the Rehabilitation Act of 1793, Section 504; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- It provides information that can try to assist you
- Provide your documentation to the school Disabilities Office

Online College Application Platforms



Please Note: August 1st Starts Application Cycle

XELLO & COMMON APP Integration

- ▶ Step 1: Create a Common App Account, apply, and pay for the application
- ▶ Step 2: Link your Common App Account in Xello; assign your counselor
- ▶ Step 3: Complete a Transcript Request Form to be given to your counselor to include your resume
- ▶ Step 4: Complete a Transcript Request Form to be given to your counselor to include your resume
- ▶ Step 5: Manage Your College Applications in Xello (after completing in Common App)

College Decision Day: May 1, 2026

- ▶ Please discuss with your child to be prepared to give a school your decision and accept their offer
- ▶ A college Fit worksheet may help your family narrow the choice.



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Get Started: Your Future Awaits You!

