MATER BAY SENIORS

Class of 2025



High School Graduation Requirements



- 4 English
- 4 Math
- 4 Science
- 4 Social Science
- 16 Electives
  - 2 Foreign Language*
    - Same Language
  - 1 Fine/Performing Art
  - 1 Personal Fitness
  - 1 DE Course
  - 4 Academy Courses

- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- 100 Community Service Hours
- Pass State Exams
  - ELA (FAST)
  - Algebra 1 (B.E.S.T)
- Participate in End of Course Exams
  - Geometry
  - Biology
  - U.S. History



A Few Reminders!

Uniforms

- Uniform Pants must come from School Store.
- Males should not be wearing any jewelry.
- Hair color should be kept natural.
- Spirit Shirts are to be worn solely on Fridays.
- PE uniforms must be worn on PE/Weight Training Days.
- PE Shorts CANNOT be rolled up!

Privit- School Documents

- Privit Instructions have been emailed to all parents and must be turned in ASAP.
- Forms were due August 28th.
- Students will not be able to attend any activity until forms have been submitted.
- Please ensure to fill out lunch application as well. It can be found on our school website!

Class Fees

- Class fees must be paid in order to participate in activities/athletics.
- All fees are assigned and can be seen/paid through Agavex portal.
- Fees must be paid by Friday, September 20th.

Parent Volunteer Hours

- All families must complete 30 volunteer hours in contribution toward Mater Bay.
- Hours can be met through Parent Meetings, Field Trips, Donations, or assisting events such as Bazaar, Trunk or Treat, etc.
- These hours are separate from the student's community service hours.



MDCPS

Miami Dade County Public Schools advises parents on the importance of speaking to your children about the life-long consequences of hoax threats.

There is a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for this type of activity.

Any threat against a school is deemed a federal crime.

We remind the community that vigilance continues to be the most effective way to prevent dangerous situations. Through the See Something, Say Something initiative, anyone who witnesses suspicious activity is encouraged to report it.

Cyberbullying



What is Cyberbullying?

- Cyberbullying is bullying that takes place over digital devices like cell phones, computers, and tablets.
- It can occur through text and apps, or online in social media, forums where people can view, participate in, or share content.
- This may be sending, posting, or sharing negative, harmful, false, or mean content about someone else. It can include sharing personal or private information about someone else, causing embarrassment or humiliation.

Keep in Mind...

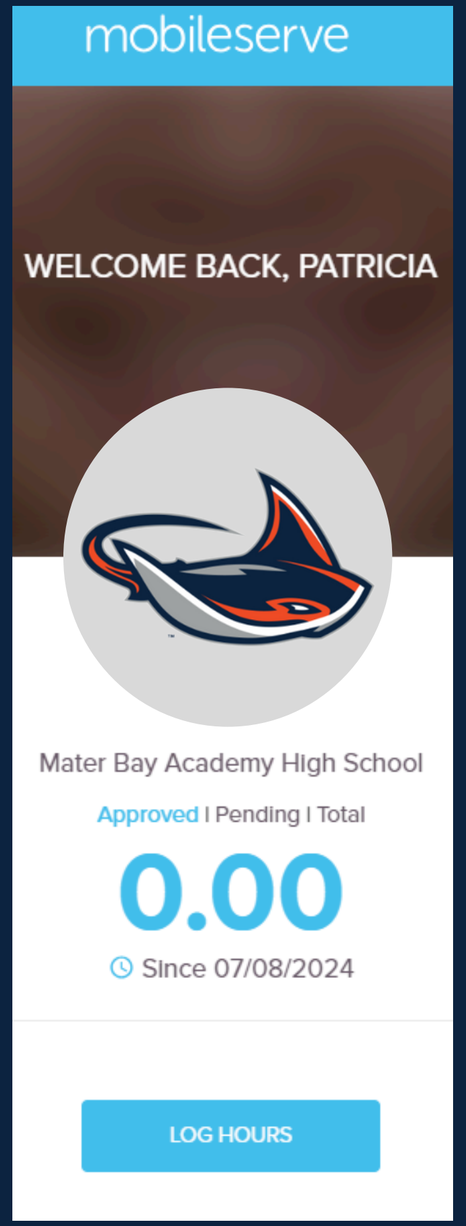
Start a conversation with your child about communication on social media. As you open the subject for discussion, let your child know that if something hurtful is communicated online, it is important that they tell you so that you can work through the situation together.

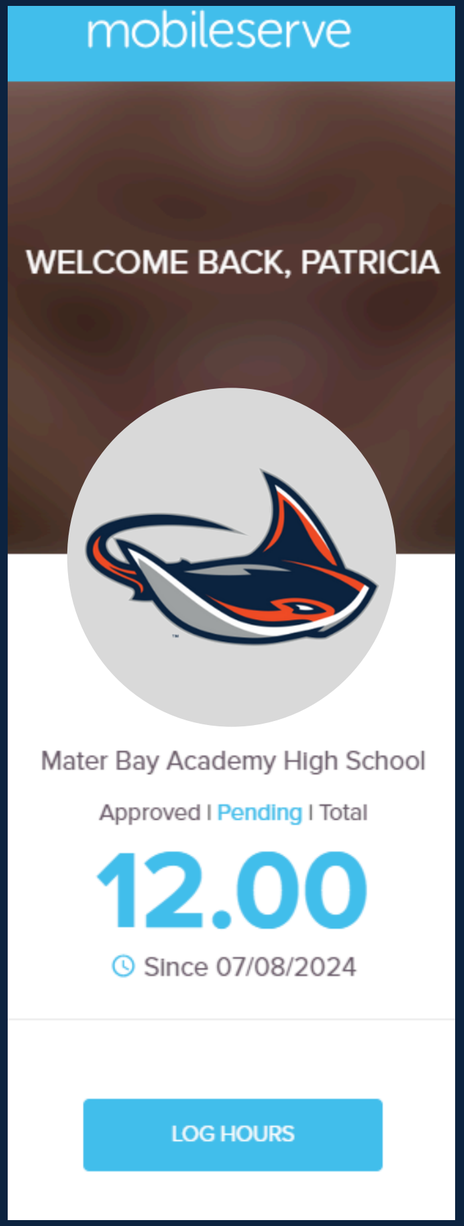
Mobile Serve

Community Service Platform

- No more paper applications!
- Students will submit all completed hours electronically.
- They will require proof of completion through:
  - Supervisor's Signature
  - Photo Proof of Hours
  - Geolocation
- Community Service Hour Opportunities (both in-school & in our Community) will be posted there for you to sign up directly!
- Students will be able to log hours directly after completing them and see an accurate amount of approved hours.

100+ Hours are due by January of the Ray's Senior Year!





Dual Enrollment

What is Dual Enrollment?

Dual Enrollment is an academic program that allows you to take your prerequisite college courses while simultaneously taking your high school courses. Courses are offered on both an online or hybrid format.
*Courses must be taken after school.

What are the Benefits?

- Beginning your college degree earlier
- Saving money towards your college degree
- Increasing your GPA

General Requirements

- High School GPA of 3.0 Minimum
- Recommendation by Academic Advisor
- Evidence of College Readiness (Test Scores- can be met through PSAT, SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer)

For more information on enrollment, contact Mr. Pulido at cpulido@materacademybay.com

College Applications 101



What do Colleges look for?

- Schedule Rigor
- Test Scores (SAT/ACT)
- GPA
- Personal Statement
- Leadership Skills
- Extracurriculars/Community Service
- Letters of Recommendation

Keep in Mind...

Your presence/reputation on Social Media can provide an insight on who you are. What does your social media say about you? Admissions, Scholarships, Sororities, Fraternities, etc. can retract their decision if they find something inapproriate

Searching for Schools

- Reach: Schools where your qualifications are just shy of their requirements
- Target: Schools where your qualifications are within range of their requirements
- Safety: Schools where your qualifications meet their exact requirements

KEEP YOUR FINANCES IN MIND WHEN CREATING YOUR SCHOOL LIST!

State University System (SUS) Matrix

NAME OF INSTITUTION	Summer Semester					
	Total Enrollment	Total Undergraduate Enrollment (2023)	Anticipated class size	Average or middle 50% FTIC GPA	Middle 50% Admit FTIC SAT	Middle 50% Admit FTIC ACT
FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY	9,742	8,011	348	3.47	1025	19.88
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	30,854	23,458	1,150	3.33 – 4.0	1030 – 1090	20 – 24
FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY	16,230	14,243	400	3.16 – 4.21	1030 – 1160	19 – 24
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	54,037	38,715	3,600	3.9 – 4.4	1090 – 1190	21 – 24
FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY	1,618	1,569	200	3.96	1130	23
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	43,234	32,217	2,600	4.1 – 4.5	1280 – 1360	28 – 30
NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA	383	361	8	3.36	1045	23
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	69,316	59,547	3,400	3.91 – 4.38	1180 – 1240	24 – 26
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	60,489	38,347	1,800	4.5 – 4.7	1240 – 1400	27 – 32
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA	16,575	13,897	1,500	3.63 – 3.96	1000 – 1160	19 – 25
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	48,732	36,452	3,211	3.61 – 4.15	1100 – 1190	22 – 25
UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA	14,343	9,646	40	3.51 – 4.1	1000 – 1210	19 – 25

2+2 Programs

The 2 + 2 Enhancement program is a partnership created between local colleges and their neighboring universities. Students will complete their associates at a State College and acquire guaranteed admission into a State University.

FIU Connect4Success

Partnered with Miami Dade College and Broward Community College.

Benefits include:

- Access to FIU Advisors
- Access to FIU Campus (Library, Rec Center, Etc.)
- Access to FIU Athletics, Activities
- Automatic Acceptance

NAME OF INSTITUTION	2+2 ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS
FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY	Ignite Program
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	Link to FAU
FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY	Destination FGCU
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	Connect4Success
FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY	Polk State College
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	Aspire TCC2FSU
NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA	NCF Transform: Daytona State, Florida Southwestern State, HCC, Santa Fe, Lake Sumter, State College of Florida
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	DirectConnect to UCF
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	Gator Engineering@Santa Fe Gator Engineering@State College of FL DCP@Santa Fe
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA	UNF 10/4 Program
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	FUSE
UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA	2UWF

Florida College Tour

$350 per student

Reserve your spot by Sept. 27



Requirements:

- Must be a High School Junior or Senior
- Must have a 3.2 unweighted GPA
- Taken or Enrolled in SLS1101
- Proof of Medical Insurance

College Tour Includes:

- Hotel Stay (2 Nights)
- Bus Fare
- Breakfast
- Team Bonding Activity
- College Tour Tshirt

Coastal College Tour

$550 per student

Reserve your spot by October 4th



Requirements:

- Must be a High School Junior or Senior
- Must have a 3.3 unweighted GPA
- Current PSAT/SAT Test Scores
- Proof of Medical Insurance

College Tour Includes:

- Hotel Stay (4 Nights)
- Bus Fare
- Daily Breakfast
- 2 Dinners
- College Tour T-shirt



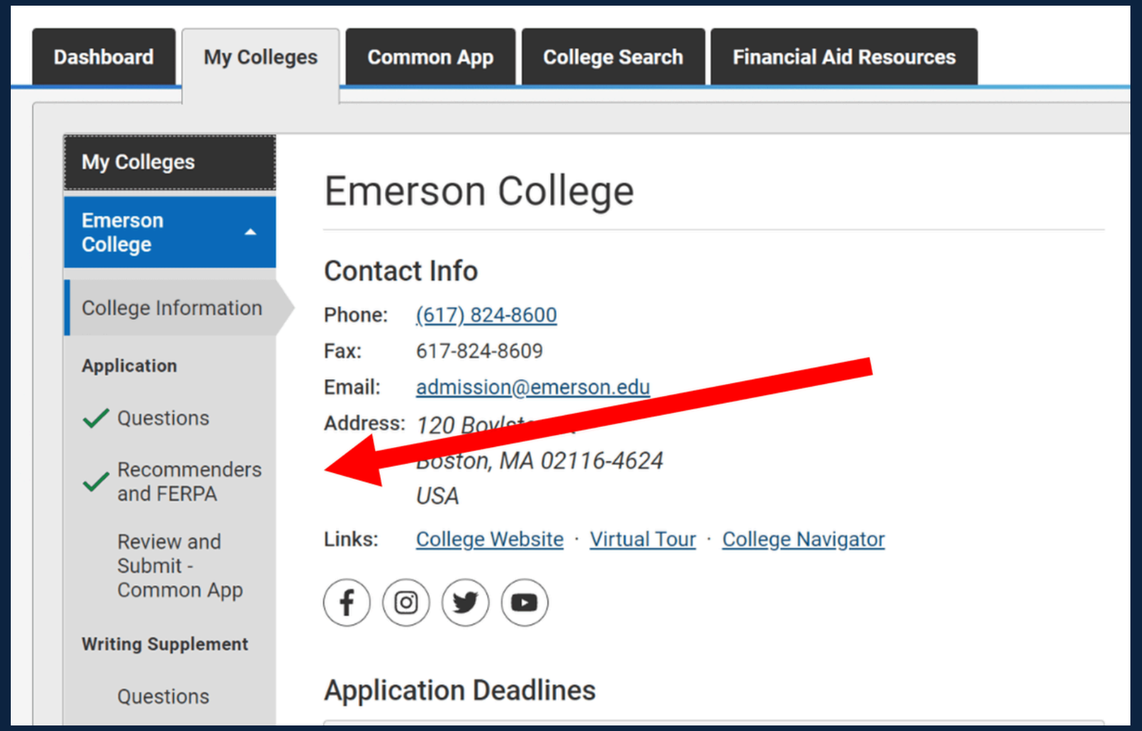
Common App

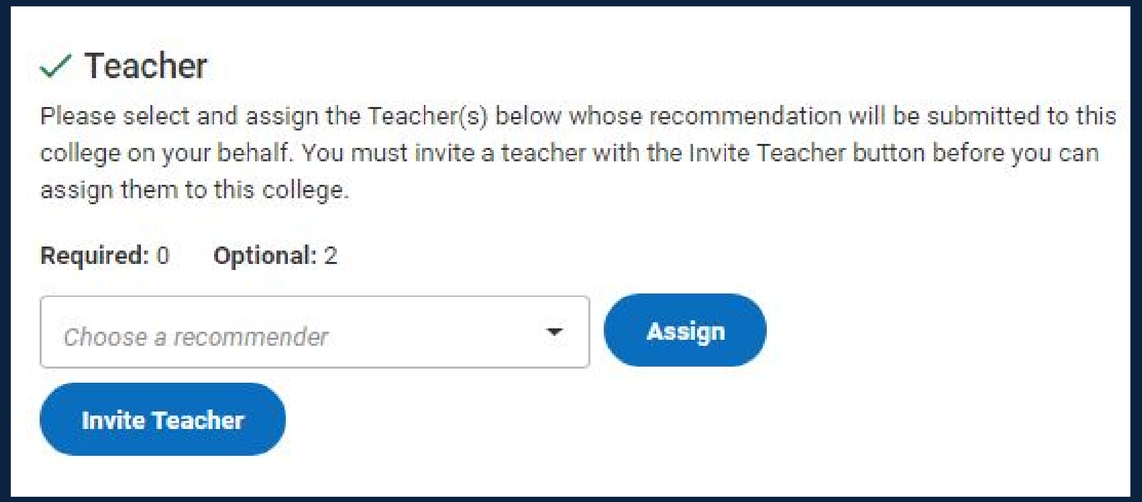
Common App is a one-stop shop for College Applications. Using Common App allows you to request/upload one set of transcripts, scores, essay, and recommendation letters instead of tracking them individually through the institution's applications.

If you qualify for free/reduced lunch, you can use the College Application Fee waiver to waive the $35 fee.

All 12 of our public universities are listed on Common App.

You can create a "following" list of schools similar to Scoir and Raise.Me.

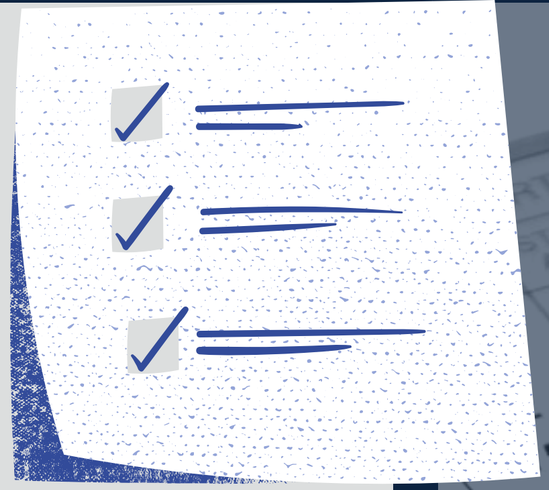




Recommendation Letters

- Click on My Colleges
- Select ANY School
- Click on Recommenders & FERPA
- You must add me as your COUNSELOR
- Each school has their own requirement for recommendation letters
- Please ask for your letters WITH TIME!

Self-Reported Student Academic Record (SSAR)



- You must create an account at **www.ssar.selfreportedtranscript.com**
- You will report all the courses/grades you earned throughout your **high school** years. If you took high school credits in middle school, those must be reported as well.
- Must be accurate! Report what you have earned.
- Even if you self report your SAT/ACT scores, you still must send your scores directly from College Board/ACT.

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2024-2025

SAT Test Dates

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION
Aug. 24, 2024	Aug. 9, 2024	Aug. 13, 2024
Oct. 5, 2024	Sept. 20, 2024	Sept. 24, 2024
Nov. 2, 2024	Oct. 18, 2024	Oct. 22, 2024
Dec. 7, 2024	Nov. 22, 2024	Nov. 26, 2024
March 8, 2025	Feb. 21, 2025	Feb. 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025

SAT Tutoring is being offered in the Fall & the Spring as 5-week sessions for two hours each day.
Sessions cover both Reading & Math. You can sign up on our School Store!

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ACT Test Dates

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION
Sept. 14, 2024	Aug. 9, 2024	Aug. 25, 2024
Oct. 26, 2024	Sept. 20, 2024	Oct. 7, 2024
Dec. 14, 2024	Nov. 8, 2024	Nov. 22, 2024
Feb. 8, 2025	Jan. 3, 2025	Jan. 20, 2025
April 5, 2025	Feb. 28, 2025	March 16, 2025
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025

ACT exams are available on paper format OR digital platform.

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CLT Test Dates

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	SCORE RELEASE
Aug. 15, 2024	Aug. 8, 2024	Sept. 4, 2024
Sept. 21, 2024	Sept. 12, 2024	Oct. 9, 2024
Oct. 16, 2024	Oct. 10, 2024	Nov. 6, 2024
Nov. 7, 2024	Oct. 31, 2024	Nov. 26, 2024
Dec. 7, 2024	Nov. 28, 2024	Dec. 18, 2024
Jan. 25, 2025	Jan. 16, 2025	TBD
Feb. 20, 2025	Feb. 13, 2025	TBD

CLT exams are only available on a digital platform from the convenience of your home.

*Students must test in an isolated room.

What You Need to Know

Types of Financial Aid

Federal

- FAFSA
- Grants
- Loans
- Work Study

State

- FFAA
- Bright Futures
- Grants

Institution

- Determined through each school in your financial award letter once accepted

Other

- Raise.Me
- CSS Profile
- Scholarship Search Engines (See Google Classroom)

FAFSA Applications

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

Stuck filling out the application?

Call the FAFSA Help Line at
1-800-433-3243

Important Info

- Applications open October- December 2024
- FSA ID must be created 48 hours before (See steps on creating ID)
- The Parent/Guardian who claims you on their taxes must create THEIR OWN ACCOUNT
- Your FSA ID is your electronic signature
- Make sure to submit for both 2024-2025 AND 2025-2026
- You must still complete FAFSA even if you think you won't qualify
- The form takes approximately 30-45 minutes to complete
- You can always save the form and return to it.
- Monies given will depend on your SAI.
- More information on FAFSA and our Family FAFSA Night will be posted on Google Classroom

Documents needed to File

- Social Security Number
- Driver's License
- Alien Registration Card (If not a US Citizen)
- Parents Income Tax Returns (2022 & 2023)
- Current Bank Statements
- Current W2 and 1099 Forms

FFAA

Florida Financial Aid Application

- The FFAA will lead you to financial aid provided by the State, which includes the Bright Futures Scholarship.
- All information MUST match your transcripts. Pay attention to the spelling of your name, date of birth, and social security when completing application.
- Follow the steps on our FFAA guide found on Google Classroom. READ CAREFULLY!
- There are many grants FL offers so do not be discouraged if you do not qualify for Bright Futures!

BFS

Bright Futures Scholarship

- GPA is calculated differently than overall high school GPA!
- It is calculated by your 4 English, 4 Math, 3 Science, 3 Social Studies and 2 Foreign Language Credits
- See other requirements to qualify on next slide



Bright Futures

You have until August 31, 2025 to qualify for Bright Futures!

Need help calculating your BFS GPA? Reach out to Mrs. P. Fernandez.

FL Medallion Scholarship

- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- ACT Score: 25
- SAT Score: 1210
- 75 Hours of Community Service

FREE MONEY



FL Academic Scholarship

- Minimum 3.5 GPA
- ACT Score: 29
- SAT Score: 1340
- 100 Hours of Community Service



Raise.Me

The Future of Scholarships

- Create an Account of Raise.Me (Follow Guide on Google Classroom)
- "Follow" Schools you are interested in Attending
- Earn money for grades/Community Service/Extracurriculars/Sports
  - Money can even be earned for Campus Visits!
  - Certain schools award money for completing the FAFSA!
  - Refer a Friend for $100!
- Self-Reporting MUST be accurate or you will lose all microscholarships
- Your Portfolio must have minimum of 15 credits
- Each college/university has their own deadline for earning money
  - Not all Schools on Raise.Me offer Microscholarships
- You will only receive money from the school you ultimately choose to attend.

Other Scholarships

- Review our list of Scholarships on Google Classroom to find which may apply to you
- FastWeb.com is a search engine to filter scholarships to match your strengths
- ALL scholarships have deadlines and some may require interviews/essays/community service

TRACK YOUR MONEY

Establishing your GAP Number



Cost of Attendance

(Tuition, Fees, Books, Room, Board, Transportation, Etc.)

Financial Aid Package

(Federal, State, Institutional, Grants, Loans, Scholarships)

GAP Number (Net Price)

(Money you will Pay Out of Pocket after Financial Aid)

Need help calculating your GAP number?

Mrs. Fernandez

Office E112/ Email: pfernandez@materacademybay.com



Do something today that your future self will thank you for.

Sean Patrick Flanery

SCOIR



SCOIR is an organizational tool for all of your College Applications (Pronounced *Score*)

1. You will receive an invitation link from Scoir.
2. Mrs. Fernandez will be assigned as your school counselor.
3. You will create and build your profile by first ensuring all your personal details are up to date (name, Mater Bay email, FERPA waiver, etc.)
4. You will then begin to "follow" the schools you are interested in.
5. There is a College Search Tool to help guide you towards the right "fit".
6. You will be able to track where you stand with College Applications, for each school, step-by-step.
7. Mrs. Fernandez can also review when you have completed tasks and what you have left to do. (Time Stamped)
8. Advising appointments, communication, transcript requests and recommendation letters will be requested through this platform.



FAQ's

- **How do I know if I am a first generation college student?**
  - You are a first generation student if neither parent or guardian has received a 4-year college degree from the U.S.
- **I don't need to complete the FAFSA Application. I don't think I will qualify for financial aid.**
  - You should still fill out the FAFSA application since colleges/universities depend on your submission to complete your Financial Award package.
- **How can free/reduced lunch help me save money?**
  - By completing and submitting your lunch form application, you will receive SAT & ACT Waivers, and College Application Fee Waivers.
- **What is the difference between Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees?**
  - Undergraduate degrees are Associates and Bachelors. Graduate Degrees are Masters, Specialists, and Doctorates.
- **Should I report my Weighted GPA or Unweighted GPA?**
  - You should report your Weighted GPA, although many schools may calculate your core classes.
- **What does "Deferred" mean?**
  - A university may defer you in the case that you are missing one of their requirements. (GPA, Test Scores, etc.)
- **Do I have to write a new essay for each College Application?**
  - No, you do not. With websites like Common App and Coalition, it will link your essay to your portfolio. You can use the same essay. Devote your time to perfecting your essay by editing and revising.
- **Should I wait to apply for College until I improve my test scores?**
  - No! You can go ahead and apply now and then send them your improved test scores as you receive them. Remember, there is more to you than test scores. Your extra curriculars and academic achievements play an important role in getting accepted.
- **If I was accepted for Summer, do I have to reapply for Fall?**
  - No, once you have been accepted in for a specific term, you would continue to go to the university every semester thereafter.

Accounts you should have created by your Senior Year:

- College Board
- ACT
- Scoir
- Common App
- Raise.Me
- NCAA* (Student Athletes Only- See Mr. Florin)

All website links can be found in Google Classroom.



Google Classroom Code

PLEASE BE SURE TO JOIN THE GROUP TO STAY UP TO DATE ON IMPORTANT INFORMATION, DEADLINES, SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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Senior Activities & School Events

Activities Director

Mrs. Lopez

Activities Team

Ms. Gigi & Ms. Tiffany



Student Services



What We Do

- Academic Advising
- College and Career Counseling

How You Can Help

- Create a Positive and Encouraging Atmosphere
- Communicate
- Stay Involved
- Promote Independence
- Monitor Social Media Platforms

If you need additional resources, please reach out to us!

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