



COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT

**Monday, April 6th
6:30PM**

Featured College Representatives





Application Timeline

September

(senior year)



- Individual senior conference with unit counselor - review **College Application Guide**
- Continue to work on applications
- Ask teachers for letters of recommendation
- Request official transcript be sent to colleges
- Join Scholarship News [ParentSquare](#) group



November

(senior year)

- **May be time to submit application!**
- Popular deadline for Early Decision and Early Action- **November 1st**
- Look for additional scholarships through colleges, CHS Scholarship News, etc.

Spring of Junior Year - Summer

- Research potential colleges and programs
- **Visit campuses**
- Research application process and prepare application materials
- Take the ACT/SAT if needed
- **August 1st** – Common Application Opens
- Be aware of application deadlines - *Early Decision, Early Action, Rolling Admission*



October

(senior year)

- Finalize applications & make sure all requirements are completed by the deadlines
- Work on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - each college has their own deadline
- Attend CHS's Financial Aid Info Night and FAFSA workshop if needed



Application Timeline continued



December - Spring (senior year)

- Admission decisions may be sent to students
- Request 7th semester transcript to colleges who will consider them
- Financial Aid reports are sent to students from colleges



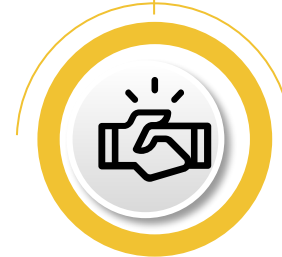
May (senior year)

- Make final decision on where senior wants to go to college
- Follow all next steps with the college



March - April (senior year)

- Apply for Local Scholarships



June (Graduated!)

- Final high school transcripts are sent to colleges in mid-June
- CCP transcripts must be requested from specific college where CCP credit was earned



Important Dates

Sept

- **Greater Dayton College and Career Fair**– Usually in September or October (location varies)
- **Senior College Planning Night at CHS** – mid September

Oct

- **Financial Aid Night at CHS** – early October
- **Practice SAT (PSAT) at CHS** – mid October

Nov

- **NCAA Info Night at CHS** – early November

March

- **College and Career Fair at CHS** – early March
- **Free ACT for Juniors at CHS;**
- **Service, Job Shadowing, College Visit Day**
– mid March





“We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we’re curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.”

- *Walt Disney*

How can I support my child?



- ✓ Attend **college planning events** with your child
- ✓ Sign up for ParentSquare for school announcements and scholarships (and have your kids sign up, too!)
- ✓ Prioritize **learning** and a **variety of experiences**
- ✓ Make a plan for **ACT/SAT prep** and **registration**
- ✓ Consider **potential careers and programs** that align with your child’s interests and skills
- ✓ Schedule **college visits** and talk about what they liked/didn’t like
- ✓ Provide opportunities for them to **practice independence** and taking care of **responsibilities**



The School Counselor's Role in the College Application Process

- **Individual Junior Conferences** in spring; **Senior Conferences** in the fall
- **College Application Guide** with all instructions (available senior year)
- **Send official transcripts** to colleges through Common Application, Slate, or the college's portal
- If given permission from the student, **provide additional information to the college** about the student in the case of **extenuating circumstances** or **additional hardships**
- Connect student with an **admission representative**
- Send a **mid-year transcript** after first semester, if requested
- We CANNOT send ACT or SAT scores – student's responsibility

"You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, So... get on your way!"

– Dr. Seuss





How to Apply Using Common Application



- Starting August 1st of Senior year, students can start to apply using Common Application or the colleges' websites
- Create Common App account (use a personal email; NOT the school email), add colleges, answer application questions from colleges, complete FERPA information
- Under the recommenders section on Common App, students must invite their unit counselor (to send their transcript) and teachers (for letters of recommendation)
- Talk to teacher FIRST to request the letter of recommendation prior to adding their contact information on Common App
- Seniors may submit the application once their portion is completed - do NOT have to wait for transcript and letter of rec to be uploaded

“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.”

— Anthony J. D'Angelo



Summer before Senior Year To Do List:

□ Create a Brag sheet/Resume

- Share with teachers and counselors to write a letter of recommendation
- Resource:

[Tips for asking for a Letter of Recommendation](#)

□ Start college essay

- Common App (search for prompt on application)
- College essay resources:

-[How to Write a College Essay:](#)

[The Ultimate Step-by-Step Guide](#)

-[College Essay Format:](#)

[Top Writing and Editing](#)

[Tips for 2026](#)





Links to Resources

- [YouScience](#) - career interest surveys, college information, and more!! Use student's school login through the Clever Dashboard
- US Department of Education's [College Scorecard](#)
- CollegeBoard's [BigFuture](#)
- ACT's [Start Your Journey](#)
- [CHS Guidance Department](#)
- Montgomery County Educational Service Center (MCESC) [College Access](#)
- [The Common Application](#) and the [Common Application Essay Prompts 2026-2027](#)

"Let us make our future now, and let us make our dreams tomorrow's reality."

– Malala Yousafzai





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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Tell us what is unique or special about your university. Why should students choose your school?
2. Centerville HS is very fortunate to have many course options available to students including Honors Advanced Placement level and College Credit Plus courses through local universities. Our students often ask - what is better to take: AP courses or CCP courses?
3. Does your school require the ACT or SAT as part of general admission or scholarships? Do you superscore?
4. Centerville HS offers Career Tech programs in our building, as well as at Fairmont HS in Kettering. These programs are sometimes 2 class periods on a student's schedule and provide hands-on learning and experiences in the field that they're considering. There are times that students have to make a choice and possibly drop other courses, like upper level language, music classes, or other electives in order to be in the program. How does your university view those Career Program classes on a student's transcript?
5. Centerville HS no longer ranks students. Do you have an average GPA, test score, or other recommendations for students wanting to get accepted into your school?
6. What is the most important factor you look for in a student applying to your school?
7. Are you major blind in your review for admissions? How are some majors more competitive than others if you are major blind?
8. Do you require letters of recommendation and if so, who do you recommend they be written by? Is it better to have a classroom teacher, a coach, church leader, or someone that knows that student outside of school?
9. What are you looking for in an essay on the application? How does AI factor into your review of essays on the application?
10. How do you communicate to students about your application deadlines and when they'll hear back from you on the acceptance decision?
11. What do you recommend parents and students do for scholarships and financial aid? Is there a process to discuss or appeal financial aid decisions?

