

COLLEGE CHECKOFF – CLASS OF 2027

► **Creating your college list.** It is recommended you have an average of six colleges on “your list”:

- two safety schools,
- two target schools,
- and two reach schools. For more information, refer to <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search?navid=gh-cs> and Xello

Please do your research. Look at the college’s website, and conduct an in-person or virtual tour, if possible.

► **Send transcripts** - Create an account at <http://www.parchment.com>. If you do not have a Parchment account, all Parchment account information has been sent to your Gmail account. If you have any questions, please contact our registrar, Catherine Henne at 248-203-3754 or chenne@birthingham.k12.mi.us.

► **Send ACT scores** - Create an account at <http://www.actstudent.org>

► **Send SAT scores** - <http://collegeboard.com>

NOTE: Many schools have moved to test-optional. Please refer to the school’s website for updated admission information. Additionally, the National Center for Fair & Open Testing (FairTest) is keeping a database of schools that have moved to test-optional. To learn more, visit <http://www.fairtest.org/university/optional>

► **Complete Student Brag Sheet** - Available on the Counseling Dept website or click on the link below. Please email your responses to your counselor by October 9th. <https://forms.gle/5Ft8TZV5RgNiutGn8>

► **Applications** – many colleges have multiple ways to apply. Please refer to their website. If you choose to use the Common App, create an account at <http://www.commonapp.org> In Common App, Invite the counselor AND teacher(s) by October 10th.

- **Common App link to videos**

How to invite your counselor or teacher to the Common App. [How do I assign my recommenders? \(commonapp.org\)](#)

► **Essays** – Many colleges require an essay(s)/personal statement. Check out Seaholm's College Essay Writing 101 Presentation - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8vBlkCmJCgM&t=74s>

► **Secure 1 – 2 letters of recommendation.** Many colleges do not require a teacher and/or counselor recommendation. Please check the school's admission requirements. Letters of recommendation are sent directly to the college. Teachers and counselors will upload their letters to the institution by the application deadline.

► **Athletes** - If you plan to play a competitive sport at the college level, you may need to register with the NCAA Clearinghouse <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/> or the NAIA <http://www.PlayNAIA.org>