Please sit in the middle section.

Please take out your laptops. Log in and go to 1Link/Clever.

If you want to take notes you can use your laptop or pen and paper.

Post-Grad Planning

The steps you need to take, when you need to take them

Mrs. Jakubik, College and Career Readiness Advisor

What do you want to do?

- College?
- Military?
- Trade school?
- Workforce?
- Still thinking about it?



There is a place for everyone!

All Roads Lead to SchooLinks (or vice versa)

- SchooLinks is the FBISD software platform that supports students as they navigate their college and career planning process
- Students access SchooLinks through Clever (1Link)
  - Parents can also access SchooLinks with a claim code from their student
- First time users:
  - Log in and click on Colleges/College Applications (colleges, trade schools)
  - Set up your application page/click get started
  - Enter your personal information
  - Toggle on to share your rank letter
  - Enter your fee waiver eligibility
  - Complete the FERPA waiver (if over 18)

Admissions Testing Requirements

- Does your college, university, military branch or trade school require a standardized test?
  - It could be any of these: SAT, ACT, ASVAB
- Sign up to take your exams in plenty of time to meet your deadlines
  - The SAT and ACT are offered about once a month
  - The ASVAB will be given here in November
  - The TSI will be given here in November, April and May
- Which one should you take?
  - Plan to take two SAT or two ACT tests

Admissions vs. Enrollment

- Students attending public Texas schools have to demonstrate college readiness in order to *enroll*
- Enrollment is **different** than admissions
  - Admissions is getting in to your university and will happen first
  - Enrollment is actually picking your classes and will happen next spring/summer
- How do you show this? Any combination of these test scores will do it

TSI	ACT	SAT
Math 950+ or 910-949, diag 6 English 945+ Essay 5+ or 910-944, diag 5 Essay 5+	Math 22 Reading & Writing 40	Math 530 English 480

Complete your applications

- Plan to apply to three to five colleges
  - Two safety schools
  - Two target schools
  - One reach school
- Determine where you want to apply – do your research!
  - SchooLinks has a lot of great info
- Complete your applications
  - ApplyTexas, Common App, university websites
  - Only apply on ONE platform per school. Multiple platforms are OK for different schools
- Application sites have different essay requirements
  - Essay questions available on the CCR website
- Don’t wait – some schools have rolling admissions!

Using Common App

- Common App can be used for most schools in and outside of Texas
- If you use Common App, you will have to link your CA account to your SchooLinks account
  - Create a Common App account
  - Add at least one college to your Common App account
  - Sign the FERPA authorization form in Common App
  - Log in to your SchooLinks account
  - Go to Colleges/Colleges I'm Applying To
  - Complete the link to Common App on the left hand side of the screen
- You cannot request a transcript or letter of recommendation until you link your Common App account

Using ApplyTexas, UC, CBCA, websites

- ApplyTexas can be used for all schools in Texas except for Rice
- If you use ApplyTexas you will need to manually update your College Applications area of SchooLinks
  - Go to Colleges/College Applications
  - Click on the blue Add Application button in the top right
  - Search for your college and select the application status
  - Select the application type (ApplyTexas) and deadline
- Follow the ApplyTexas steps if you have applied on your school's website, or are using the CBCA or UC app
- You cannot request a transcript or letter of recommendation until you do this step

Sharing Your Rank

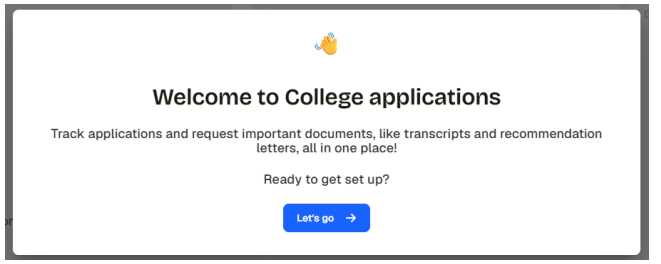
- Whether you share your rank with colleges is YOUR decision.
- I will show you how to do this in SchooLinks in just a moment.
  - Once you make this decision, you cannot unmake it.
- IF you want your rank shared, unless you tell me otherwise, I will send your September rank
- Before I will share your June rank, you must have completed the following:
  - Selected the “share my rank” option in SchooLinks
  - Submitted your college applications
  - Completed the form that I will share later today in the senior Remind
  - All of these steps must be completed by Friday, September 4 or the September rank will be shared

Let’s Do This in SchooLinks!

- Get out your laptops
- Everyone should be in SchooLinks (1Link/Clever)
- You should have already completed the Find Your Path questions and career assessment
- Go to College/College Applications



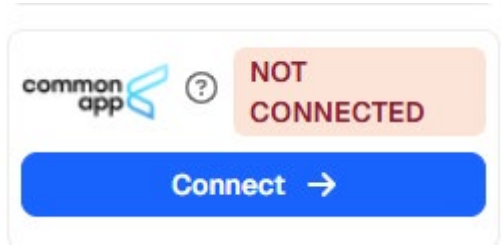
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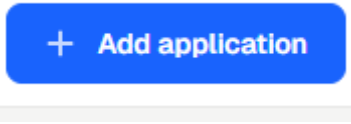
- You will see the Welcome to College applications screen
- Please click the blue button to start the setup process
  - Email should be your personal email, NOT your FBISD email
- On the Academics screen, decide if you want to share your rank
  - Remember that once you select this you CANNOT change it
- On the Fee Waiver screen, indicate your eligibility
- On FERPA authorization, type your name and click the blue button. On the next screen make sure that you select I WAIVE MY RIGHT, which gives me permission to send your documents.
  - If you’re under 18, your parents must also sign too so that I can send your docs. I have emailed them about this but follow up with them!

Let’s Do This in SchooLinks!

- If you have applied/are applying using Common App
  - Click on the Common App Connect button on the left
  - Log in to Common App to connect your accounts
  - You will see your applications start to populate in SL. As you add more in CA, they will be automatically added to SL

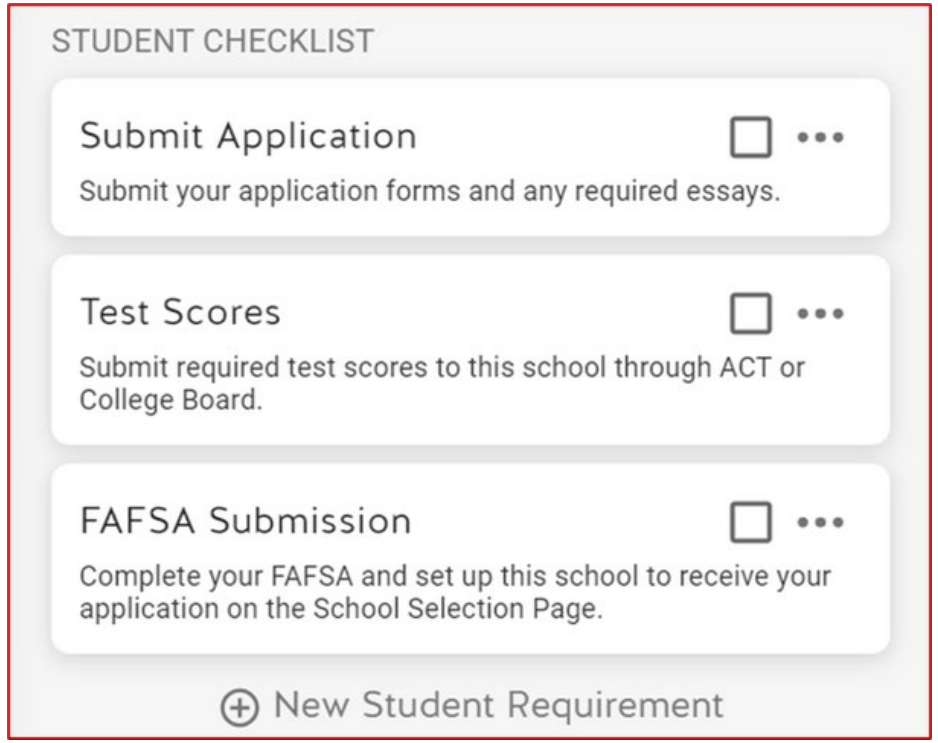


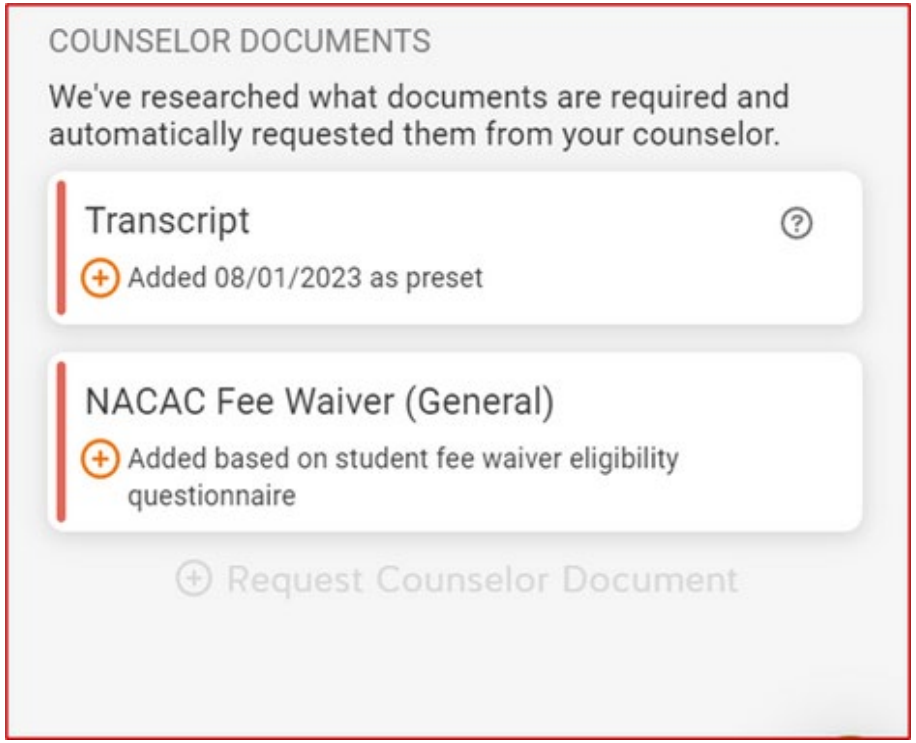
- If you are applying using ApplyTexas or any other platform, you will need to manually add your applications
  - Click on the blue Add Application button on the top right and follow the prompts
  - You will need to do this for each application as they do not automatically populate in SL



SchooLinks Next Steps

- Once your college is added, you will be able to see what is on your checklist for this school. Some are your responsibility, and some are ours





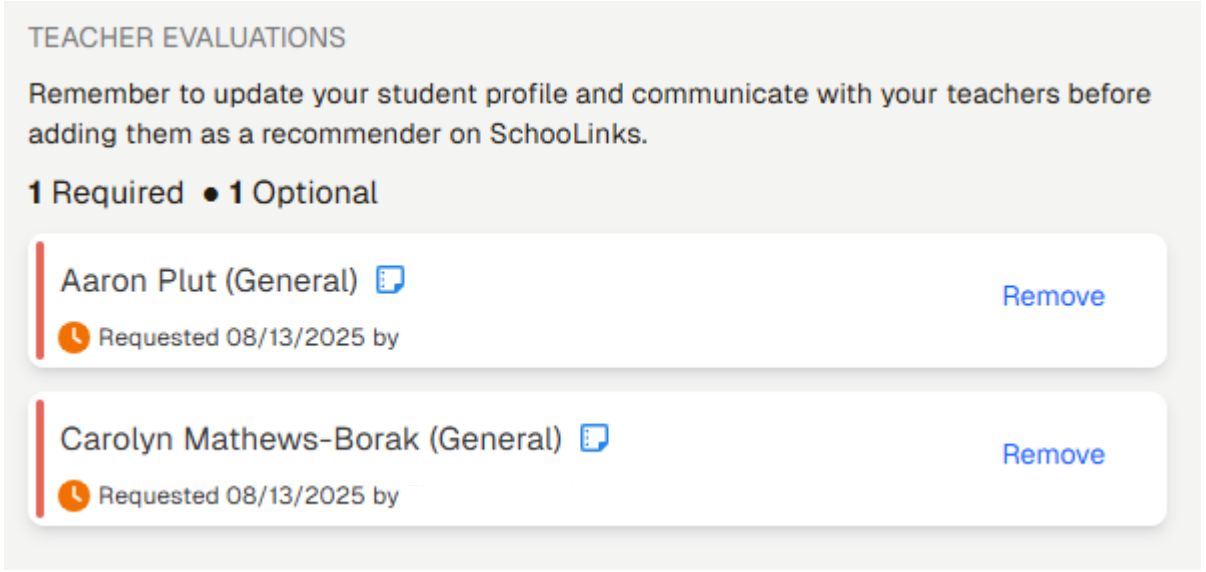
Requesting Transcripts

- Official transcripts are automatically requested in SchooLinks when you add a college application (there is no official transcript request form)
- Unofficial transcripts can be found in your Skyward Portfolio or in SchooLinks under School/Record Requests
- Need a transcript for a scholarship or a coach? Go to School/Record Request and select “Send official transcript” at the top
- Need a dual credit or OnRamps transcript? Request directly from HCC or UT for each school you’re applying to

FBISD Policy: A student/parent cannot request an *official* transcript to be handed to them. They may only receive *unofficial* ones.

Letters of Recommendation

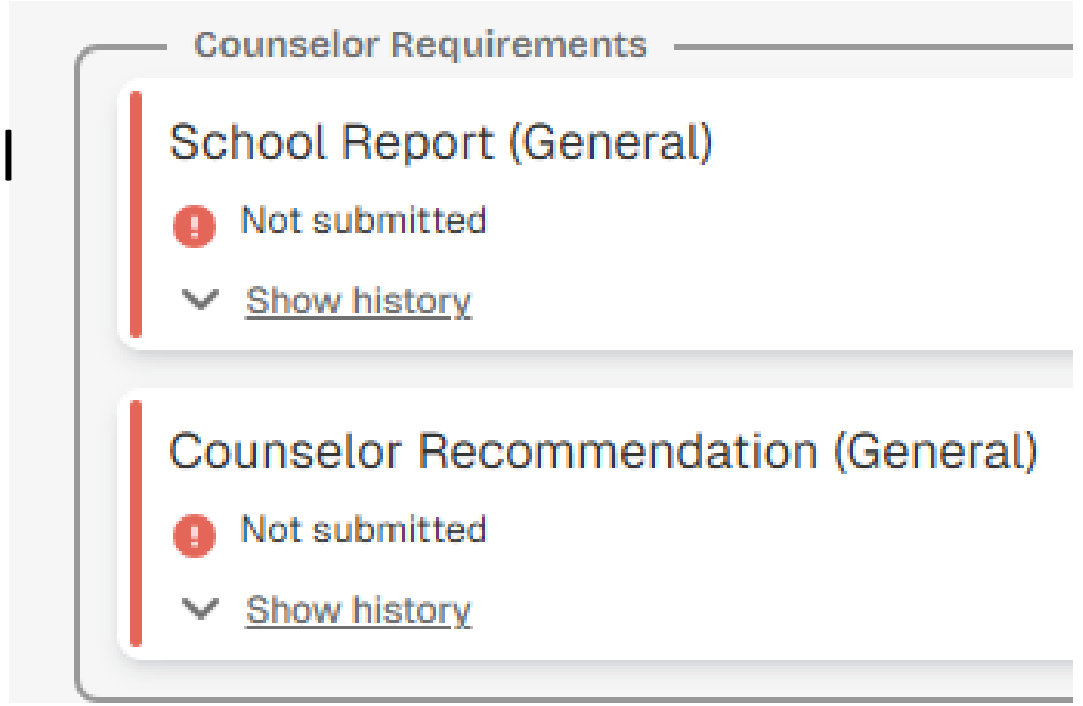
- In SchooLinks, when you add a college to your application list, it will show you if you need one and how many are allowed
- Be courteous and talk to your teacher or counselor before you make the online request



You CANNOT make a request until you apply.
Give your recommenders 2-3 weeks before your deadline!

Counselor Recommendations/School Reports

- If you use Common App, a counselor recommendation is required or optional (SL will tell you)
- Reach out to your counselor like you would another recommender and ask them to write you one
- I will also complete your School Report, which includes your senior schedule, transcripts, ratings, etc.



You will be able to see our progress on your behalf in your College Applications screen.

What Else Do I Do In SchooLinks?

Update Your Information!

Click on the Gear (upper right) and select Account Settings, then select Notifications. Click on Add or Edit emails and add your personal email address (not your FBISD one!). Also add your phone # to receive SMS text messages

Review your College Visit Opportunities

- Click on the Home icon in SchooLinks
- Click on Events to expand the schedule
- Sign up for the ones you wish to attend

Review your Required To-Do's

- Click on the Home icon in SchooLinks
- Click on To Do List to expand your list
- Some are optional, some are required by me
  - I will let you know which ones are required

So How Do I Pay For All of This?

- There are many ways to earn scholarships or grants:
  - Grades/test scores
  - Essays
  - Volunteer activities
  - Need
- There are several listed in SchooLinks
  - Go to Finances/Scholarship Matching
- Follow RPHS CCR on social
- Don’t wait! The earlier you apply the better
- The FAFSA will open on October 1
  - More information to come

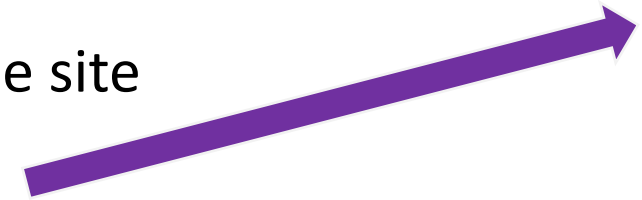
- Subscribe to or check out these websites:
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  - My Scholly
  - College for All Texans
  - Fast Web
  - College Guidance Consultants
  - Bold.org
  - Scholarships360
  - Raise.me
  - Unigo.com

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- Also known as FAFSA
- Enables students to apply for
  - Loans
  - Grants
  - Scholarships
  - Work-study programs
- Opens on October 1
- District Financial Aid/College Fair Night Wednesday, September 30
- All seniors are required to complete the FAFSA, TASFA or opt-out form and provide proof to Mrs. J in SchooLinks by Monday, February 7
  - IT'S A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT!
- Visit studentaid.gov now and create your account. You will need your social security number before you can create your FSA ID

Free and Reduced Lunch: More Than Meals!

- If you qualify for Free and Reduced lunch your SAT and ACT fees, along with many college admissions fees, could be waived
  - If you're taking four admissions tests at about $50 each, that's $200
  - Admissions fees are between $0 and $95, so applying at 10 colleges could cost nearly $1000
- How do you apply for a fee waiver?
  - Review the qualifications on the CCR website
    - Look for "fee waivers"
  - Complete the SchoolCafe form on the site



Items for Later: Plans, Scholarships, FAFSA

- All seniors will report the following items before graduation
- College/military/trade school/workforce acceptances
  - **DUE**: Friday, May 14
- Scholarships/grants received (if any) – we will list them in the graduation program.
  - The class of 2026 earned $60 million: let's beat 'em!
  - **DUE**: Friday, April 23
- FAFSA/TASFA/opt-out status
  - **DUE**: Monday, February 1
- More info and instructions to come!

Your Homework

- Create your Common App or ApplyTexas account and submit your applications
- Sign up for your SAT/ACT tests if you still need one
- Enter your personal email and cell in SchooLinks for direct notifications
- Ask teachers and counselors early if you need a letter of rec
- Check all deadlines and set reminders in your calendar (Outlook, Google, paper)
- Sign up for free/reduced lunch if you qualify
- Research scholarships and know what you're eligible for

Do you still have questions?

- That's OK!
- How do you get them answered?
  - Review Mrs. J's website
  - Come visit Mrs. J in the CCR Center (K145)
  - Email Mrs. J
  - Follow RPHS CCR on Instagram and Twitter
  - Read my weekly newsletters that I post on Remind

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