

SENIOR MEETING

COUNSELING UPDATES

*Schedule your
graduation
progress and post-
high school
planning meeting*

- ☐ Appointment selection email coming out later today
 - ☐ [Mr. Depompei A-G](#)
 - ☐ [Mrs. Rion H-O](#)
 - ☐ [Mr. Lemke P-Z](#)
- ☐ Meetings are available throughout September and October
- ☐ Meetings are typically 30 minutes but may be shorter or longer depending on needs
- ☐ Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are welcome to attend, but this is not required
- ☐ Everyone must meet with his/her counselor at least once, but you are welcome to stop in as needed for application help after the initial meeting
- ☐ Review graduation progress - Credits, Competency, Seals
- ☐ Discuss Post-High School Plan - Employ? Enlist? Enroll?
- ☐ We can help connect you with each option. Enroll in college steps are detailed below

*If applying to
multiple colleges,
develop a balanced
list of schools*

- ☐ Safe
- ☐ Target/Match
- ☐ Reach

Research schools using SchooLinks

*Create an account
with Common App
and add your
colleges*

*(if applying to
multiple Common
App Schools)*

- ☐ Most schools use Common App - Commonapp.org
- ☐ Some schools only use applications directly on their websites
- ☐ Add the schools you are applying to in Common App through the School Search section
- ☐ There are school-specific questions here - some have additional essays in their specific school section
- ☐ When you go to submit your app for a specific school it is through this part of the Common App

*Common App:
Complete the
“Education”
Portion of the
Common App*

- ☐ Click on the “Education” tab of the Common App

Current/Most Recent High School Section:

- ☐ Add Revere High School
- ☐ If you’ve been here since 9th grade, Date of entry is August 2023. If you transferred in later, then you’ll add that date of transfer
- ☐ We are not a boarding school and you will graduate from Revere
- ☐ Graduation Date: May 2027
- ☐ If you have not had a change in progression at Revere, select “No change in progression”
- ☐ Click “Continue”

Other High Schools Section:

If you attended another high school, you can enter this here. CVCC is part of Revere - do not select another school for CVCC.

- ☐ Click “Continue”

Colleges and Universities section

- ☐ Any CCP? Add the number and name of those schools here
- ☐ Select “Dual Enrollment with High School”
- ☐ Add the CCP Dates - if you are taking CCP until the end of this year, then “College 1 to date is May 2027”
- ☐ Most people will not earn a degree through CCP, so skip this part and click “Continue”

Grades Section

- ☐ Approx. Graduating Class Size: 235
- ☐ Class Rank Reporting: None
- ☐ GPA Scale Reporting: 4
- ☐ Cumulative GPA - pull from your transcript on SchoolLinks -
 - ☐ In SchoolLinks, Click “Student”
 - ☐ Select “Record Request”
 - ☐ Select “Download Unofficial Transcript” then view the download for your Cumulative GPA
- ☐ GPA Weighting: Weighted

Current or Most Recent Year Courses

- ☐ Select the total number of unique classes you are taking (some might be semester long, some might be year long classes)
- ☐ Select “Semester” for the course scheduling system
- ☐ Complete the questions for each course you are taking this year
- ☐ Click “Continue”

Honors Section

- ☐ This is the spot to add any academic honors - it could include honors such as honor roll, merit roll, scholar athlete awards, or academic club honors. You can add up to 5 honors here

Community Based Organizations Section

- ☐ These are nonprofit organizations that may provide college application mentoring

Future Planning Section

- ☐ “Most will select ”Applying as a first-year student and plan to start college in 2026 or 2027”
- ☐ Highest degree intended
- ☐ Career Interest - you are not held to this - it is just to provide a general idea

Complete the other sections of the General part of the Common App

Ask more detailed questions at your senior meeting

- ☐ Profile
- ☐ Family
- ☐ Testing - can list ACT, SAT, AP scores. Some schools require tests, some are test optional - in addition, many schools require that you send official scores directly from the testing company - login to MyACT.org or CollegeBoard ASAP to send these scores if you are sending them
- ☐ *MUST send scores 3 weeks prior to application due!
- ☐ Activities - up to 10 activity spaces available
- ☐ Writing - writing lab is available periods 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7

Sign the FERPA waiver in Common App

- ☐ Click on the “My Colleges” section on the left side of CommonApp
- ☐ Select any college and scroll to Recommenders and

FERPA

- ☐ Select “Complete Release Authorization”
- ☐ Please note that your parent will need to log-in to Schoolinks to sign-off on your FERPA! This is NEW this school year.

*****Please tell parents to check their emails from Schoolinks to complete FERPA! You must have this done so that we can send out transcripts and rec letters.**

This will enable your recommenders to send their rec letters directly to the school (this is the preference of colleges)

Once you complete the FERPA release for one school in CommonApp, it will apply to all schools

- ☐ You will add any non-Revere staff recommenders here. All Revere recommenders go through Schoolinks

Add Schools in Schoolinks

- ☐ Login to Schoolinks.com
- ☐ Click on “College” on the left side
- ☐ Select “College Applications”
- ☐ Click “Connect” on the left side to connect your Common App. You should see all the schools you added in CommonApp populate here
- ☐ If you are not using Common App for some applications, you can manually add your schools through the blue “Add application” button on the top right side
- ☐ If you aren’t using Common App for one or more schools, you can sign a FERPA waiver on the left side of Schoolinks

Requesting

In “College Applications” in Schoolinks

Recommendation Letters and Transcripts

- ☐ Complete the Brag Sheet - all questions are optional, but the more info you complete, the better

(Left side of College Application Page in SchooLinks)
- ☐ View your College Applications in SchooLinks either through the progress board or the list (toggle at the top left)
- ☐ Click on the pencil next to a school to edit the application
- ☐ Click the edit pencil in the 2nd white block to edit application dates and method (Common App or Direct to Institution & EA, ED, EDI, EDII, REA, RD, Rolling)
- ☐ The right column includes the materials that counselors will submit. This is auto requested when you add your school.
- ☐ On that school's application summary page, the middle column on the bottom half of the page is where you add your recommenders.
- ☐ Determine how many teacher/other recommendations the school will accept and/or how many are required.
- ☐ Check the recommender spot for each school to determine who you will add to each school's application.
- ☐ **Ask your recommenders in person if they would be willing to write you a positive letter of recommendation.**
- ☐ Once you get confirmation that someone can write you a rec letter, go into each school's application page on SchooLinks by clicking the pencil and then click the plus for each school to request the teacher recommendation.
 - ☐ Select "General", Find the recommender's name, then select next and "Add recommender"
 - ☐ Repeat this process for each school

YOU DO NOT NEED TO WAIT FOR YOUR
RECOMMENDER TO ADD THE LETTER TO SUBMIT
YOUR PORTION OF THE APPLICATION.

Submit your application on Common App or on the school's
website whenever you are ready.

Note: If you initially indicated the one method for your
application and then changed to another method of delivery,
you must update this in SchoolLinks or else the transcripts
and rec letters will not reach the school. For instance, you
initially planned to apply via Common App then changed
your mind and applied directly to the university on their
website - change this in Common App.

Financial Aid/Scholarships

- ☐ FAFSA will open October 1st - go to studentaid.gov to
create a FSA ID for yourself and a FSA ID for a parent
- ☐ Some schools require the CSS profile. This is on the
CollegeBoard website
- ☐ Scholarships are posted on SchoolLinks - Regional and
National ones are available now, local scholarships are
posted throughout the year - with most posted in
January/February of senior year
- ☐ Most college-based scholarships are connected with
Early Action/priority deadlines. Research each
college's scholarship and aid websites

Internship Timeline

- ☐ Internships are in May
- ☐ 20-30 hour requirement
- ☐ presentation at the end of your internship
- ☐ log experiences in SchoolLinks
- ☐ Can begin thinking about this now, but more

information will be available in January

