

NAVIGATING COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

Class of 2022

Communication Outlets



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Counseling Office Grade Level Google Classrooms

College Planning Steps:

- 1. Students should complete a **Transcript Review** to make sure all courses and grades are correct before it is sent to the colleges/universities.
- 2. Make a list of your **College Search** for your requirements (application process, testing, financial aid requirements).

College Planning Steps:

- 3. **Recommendations:** Request a **Teacher Recommendation** (most colleges only require one). **Counselor Recommendation:** Upload your <u>Senior Questionnaire</u> to the College Admissions Google Classroom we made for the Class of 2022.
- 4. Start the **Application** using the college website to see which virtual platform they use to submit applications (Examples: Common Application, Sendedu, through their own website, etc.)
- 5. Write Your **Essays.**

College Planning Steps:

- 6. Request Your **Transcript & Test Scores** to be sent through your Parchment Account. (instructions have been provided in your student email)
- 7. Submit A Stand Out Application.
- 8. Search for Financial Aid/Scholarships: Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) this opens October 1. (instructions can be found on the Counseling Website). Search for Scholarships (resources are available on our website)



STEP 1: TRANSCRIPT REVIEW

Transcript Review



Check to determine that all courses are reported accurately (name of course, grade, and credit).



Make sure you have all required courses for graduation or you have requested those courses for your senior year.

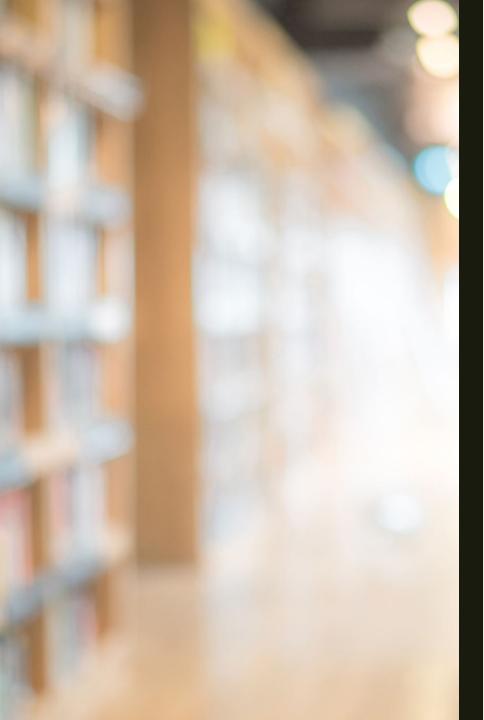


Email questions/corrections to your counselor immediately.

Check the Graduation Requirements

Grad Requirements - Class of 2022

English English, I, II, III, IV. English must be take each year of high school.	4
Mathematics Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2. A math course or equivalent will be taken each year of high school and students must successfully complete the math credit taken in 12th grade.	3
Science Biology, Chemistry and Physics	3
Social Studies World History, U.S. History and one of the following: Geography, Economics, Government or African American History.	3
Health/Physical Education Students can also fulfill their PE requirement by taking Fundamentals of Dance at YPAS.	1
History & Appreciation of Visual & Performing Arts (HAVPA) Students can fulfill this requirement by completing HAVPA course, Spanish Humanities, AP Art History, 3-VA courses or 3-YPAS courses in one concentration area.	1
Electives: -Academic/Career/Magnet courses -World Language (2 credits are recommended)	7



Check Graduation Requirements for Out of State Colleges

Some state universities have different high school graduation and college entry requirements than Kentucky. Some common out-of-state requirements are as follows:

- 4 years of Social Studies
- 4 years of Science
- Pre-calculus



STEP 2: COLLEGE SEARCH

Finding the Best Fit

The importance of the college fit

A number of factors contribute to fit – some questions to ask yourself:

- What are your academic interests?
- How do you learn best?
- What activities outside of class matter most to you?
- How important is prestige to you?
- Do you want a diverse college?
- What kind of social and cultural environment would you like best?
- Where do you want to live for the next four years?

The College search

- Conduct your search with an open mind
- Start investigating college websites
- Visit colleges when you can or take the virtual tours
- Read the information colleges send you
- Admissions is not a "Trophy" or a "Prize" look for a good fit
- Avoid Rankings found in magazines and guides they can be misleading
- It is not the college you attend, but what you do once you get there that counts
- Colleges require a good deal of independent initiative and personal responsibility in order to be successful It should be you applying to college, not your parents

Resource: https://blog.collegeboard.org/5-ways-to-start-your-college-search

Wish List Items to Consider: When researching colleges and universities, students often say these opportunities were the deciding factors in their decisions.

- Honors Colleges (Honors Housing, Honors Seminars, Honors Advantages – networking, etc.)
- Travel/Study Abroad
- Renewable Scholarships
- Research at the Freshman Level
- Study Communities Housed by Majors/Areas of Interest
- Rock Star Effect One of the top students on a public school campus vs. one of the top students on an ivy/competitive campus with other top students.
- Freshman level courses taught by full professors, not graduate assistants

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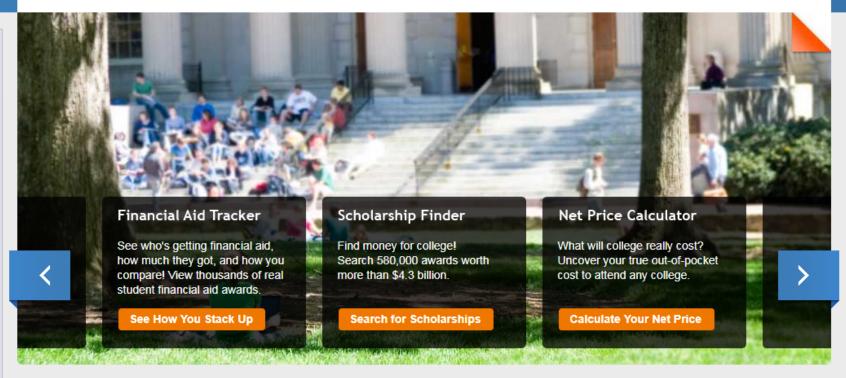
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For Students Age 18 or Older:

If you have already received a Personal Invitation to apply for a Student Credit Card CLICK HERE

To learn how you can qualify for a Personal Invitation to apply for a Student Credit Card CLICK HERE



Admissions Tracker Newsfeed

6xHrs added University of Minnesota, Twin Cities for class of 2022 - 0 minutes ago

Z4RqX applied to Auburn University - 9 minutes ago

College 411

Fit is important. Learn how to

Prepare & Apply > Strengthen your chances. See

Pay Your Way

Invest in your future. See how
to pay for college, get financial

Quick College Finder

Enter College Name

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Your Guide to the 2021 College Fairs

College Fair Guide

Use College Fair Guide to gather information about upcoming Regional & National College Fairs. Search below for locations, dates, times, workshops and attending colleges and universities.

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STEP 3: RECOMMENDATIONS

Teacher & Counselor

Recommendations Provide:

Counselor and Teacher Recommendations

- Character
- Civic and cultural awareness/diverse perspective/tolerance
- Commitment
- Intellectual independence/Enthusiasm for learning/Risk taking
- Creativity/Artistic talent
- Concern for others/Community
- Motivation/Determination/Grit/Effort/Initiative/Persistence/Tenacity
- Leadership potential/Maturity/Responsibility

Counselor Recommendation Process:

- 1. Join Class of 2022 College Admissions Google Classroom (Code:
- 2. Complete the **Senior Questionnaire** (available as an assignment on the Google Classroom) –upload it to the Class of 2022 College Admissions Google Classroom before August 15.
- 3. Complete the **Red Folder Google Form**: This google form is available on our website and through the google classroom above and will be sent to your counselor notifying them on your college choices and deadlines.

Complete the Red Folder Google Form <u>at least 10 school days</u> notice from the date the recommendation must be submitted. An even more prior notice would be especially appreciated.

MANUAL'S CLASS OF 2022 COLLEGE ADMISSIONS GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Join Using the following Code:

Teacher Recommendation Process:

- Most applications only request one teacher recommendation. Be sure to check each school's requirements.
- Ask teachers early the deadline to request a teacher's recommendation list is September 1.
- Make a 'college admissions' email for each teacher in the email include the following:
 - * SUBJECT LINE: Student Last Name, Student First Name SENIOR COLLEGE APPLICATION MATERIALS
 - * attach the student completed teacher questionnaire
 - * include a list of the schools where you are applying
 - * include the deadlines for each school
- Remember to give teachers <u>at least 10 school days</u> notice from the date the recommendation must be mailed/submitted.

Your complete college application guide

It's go time — and we'll be with you every step of the way. Here's where you'll find what you need to take that next step towards a brighter future.

STEP 4: COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Applying to Your Colleges/Universities:

(Please look at the school's website to see which virtual platform is used for their application.)

- Common Application (Used when you are applying to several schools over 890 colleges/universities use this platform)
- Coalition Application
- Sendedu
- Applyweb
- School Specific Application (MIT, Georgetown University, etc.)

How many applications should you submit?

"Safety" colleges (1-2)

Institutions with flexible admission standards are often treated as "safety" colleges. This term refers to colleges whose requirements mean little chance of rejection for that applicant. Students want to opt for an academic safety and a financial safety.

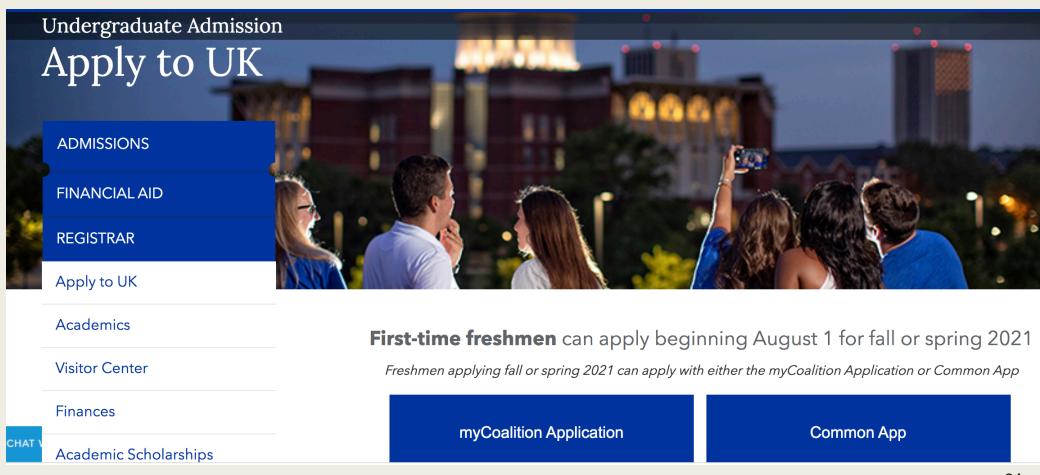
"Probable" colleges (2-4)

A "probable" college is one that the student feels will fulfill needs and desires; one the student could happily attend, even though it may not be the first choice. The student should fit the general admission criteria in academic and social arenas.

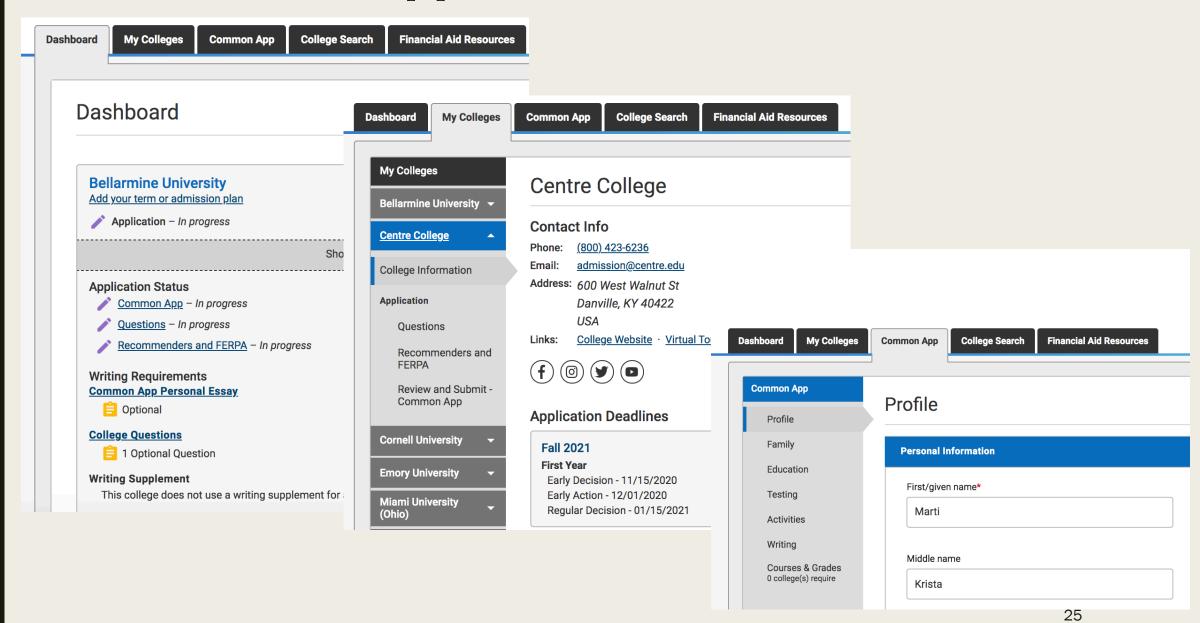
"Reach" colleges (1-2)

These are the top choices, but ones that are less likely to accept the student. This may be because the student's qualifications match or fall slightly short of the college's average, and the competition for the limited places in the freshman class is intense.

Example: University of Kentucky's Application Platforms



The Common Application www.commonapp.org



Suggested Date for College Application Submission

- November 1, unless the date the college lists is earlier.
- Is the scholarship application separate from the application for admission?
- Check college <u>scholarship deadlines</u> many December (or sooner) deadlines.
- If applying to an **Honors College**, is there a separate application?
- The Manual counseling office strongly recommends that all seniors try to submit applications for admission by Nov. 1. This will place your application in an earlier window while also allowing you to focus on end of semester exams and scholarship applications. BE AWARE: This is only a suggested deadline. Check each specific school for their deadlines for admission and scholarships as the date may be earlier.

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Non-Restrictive Application Plans

Regular Decision

DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Rolling

DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Action (EA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Restrictive Application Plans

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

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Restrictive Early Action (REA)

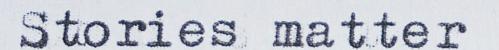
DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.





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Application Essays



Scholarship Essays



May be able to use same essays for both. Be sure to check.

College Essays

College Essay Writing Tips: (Part 1)

- Be honest write about something small in scale; a story only you can tell in your own words.
- Let your voice be heard.
- If there is something strange about your record, you should explain it (e.g., academic trends primarily).
- You should write about something that's important to you.
- Don't try to guess about which topic they want to read.
- Content, style, originality cautiously humorous, risk taking.
- Discuss unique talents.
- How would you describe the strength and weaknesses of the topic your point of view regarding the essay question?

College Essay Writing Tips: (Part 2)

- Interesting or unique insights about a particular topic are welcome.
- Something that will enlighten us about yourself as it relates to the chosen topic.
- Use language with which you are familiar.
- Don't try to borrow someone else's phrases.
- The essay should show your character and personality not just bragging about your list of accomplishments.
- Answer the question when you choose a topic follow the directions, length, and format.
- Most readers look for essays that are persuasive and somewhat argumentative.

How do you write a college application essay?

Colleges have different essay prompts, but typical questions include the "you" question, the "why us" question, and the "creative" question.

The "you" question is based on the classic interview question "tell me about yourself." This type of essay gives you a chance to introduce yourself to colleges. Here's a tip: Don't use this prompt to tell everything about yourself. Instead, pick a notable experience you've had in your life, and expand on it.

The "why us" question works well if you're passionate about a specific school. That's because these essays are tailored to one college. Writing an essay for a single college is useful in another way. It gets you to think about whether the school is in fact a good choice.

The "creative" question is a way for you to demonstrate your knowledge, education, and creativity. Don't risk being obscure when trying to be creative. Ground your essay. Use common sense.

An expert shares how students can get inspiration for their application essay in an unusual way—one that may have been furthest from their minds: Ask friends and families what memories and stories they have about them.

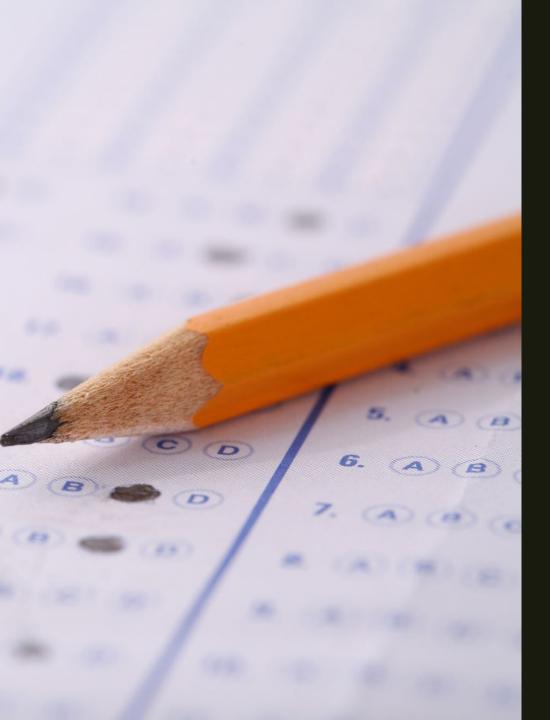
7 Tips for Crafting Your Best College Essay

Ready to start? Here are some tips to come up with an A+ college application essay:

- 1. Although many consider starting their essay to be the hardest part, you can make things easier by brainstorming your strengths.
- 2. Take notes and sketch out an outline of what you want to write about. Now that you have an outline, don't worry about making your first draft perfect. Get your ideas down on paper. Correct mistakes as you improve your essay in later drafts.
- 3. Develop a three-part essay: introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion.
- 4. Take a specific angle on how your personal qualities relate to the essay question. Make sure everything you write supports that viewpoint.
- 5. Be honest. Don't write what you think admissions officers want to hear.
- 6. Show the first draft to family, friends, and teachers for feedback. Ask them if the essay reflects your personality and strengths.
- 7. Fix errors. Have someone else proofread your essay as well.

Common App Essay Prompts 2021-22

- 1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
- 2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
- 3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
- 4. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
- 5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
- 6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
- 7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.



STEP 6: TRANSCRIPT/ TEST SCORES

Requesting Transcripts – www.parchment.com

- The simple way to Request, Send, and Store Transcripts.
- Includes tools to research colleges and find the right fit for you.
- Step 1 Log in and register at <u>www.parchment.com</u> your registration code has been sent to your JCPS student email account.
- Step 2 Add your high school to your profile.
- Step 3 **Provide consent** authorize the release of these materials and forms.
- Step 4 Add destinations colleges, common application, yourself, etc.
- Step 5 Payment There is no fee for JCPS students to send transcripts to colleges/universities.
- Step 6 Track your order the status of your request will be emailed and updated in your Parchment.com account.

The Transcript

Once your Parchment account is created, you may order a self-view transcript and review it regarding the items listed here that colleges and universities seek.

Courses

- Lists all courses taken
- Demonstrates rigor, or lack thereof
- Shows diverse interests
- Colleges like to see 4 years of:
 - Math, Science, English, Soc. Studies and a foreign language

Grade Point Average

- Unweighted vs. Weighted
- Weighted is usually AP or IB
- Colleges look closely at the Junior year and the first semester of the Senior year to see grade improvement, academic maturity, and college level coursework.

Sending ACT/SAT Scores

- ACT scores are listed on the Parchment transcript.
- If your college/university requires official scores: Official scores must be sent directly from The College Board (for SAT) and ACT for ACT scores.
- You may have previously selected colleges to receive scores when you took the ACT/SAT.
- If not, log on to the College Board website at www.collegeboard.com; or the ACT website at www.actstudent.org and send them.
- There is a fee.

Is the college you like TEST OPTIONAL*? Find a list at FairTest.org

- FairTest The National Center for Fair and Open Testing.
- Colleges and Universities that do not use the SAT/ACT scores for admitting substantial numbers of students in bachelor degree programs.
- Includes institutions that are "test-optional", "test-flexible", or de-emphasize the use of standardized tests.
- As a substitute for standardized test scores, the institution may look at other criteria, such as GPA and Class Rank or other factors in the admissions process (such as work samples or portfolios).

COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19

- For the most recent updates, check the individual college/university website.
- Many colleges/universities are now test optional for admission
- They may ask you to specify which way you will apply: test optional or test included
- While a test score may not be required for admission, the school may require a test score for competitive/selective scholarships.
- Check individual college/university admissions website for more info on test optional policies.



STEP 7: SUBMITTING A STAND OUT APPLICATION

College Admissions Criteria By Importance

- Academic Rigor, Talent, and/or
 Mastery of Special Skills
- Cumulative GPA
- Grades in AP Courses
- Grades in College Prep Courses
- Grades in all other Courses
- *ACT and SAT Test Scores
- Class Rank (JCPS does not rank.)
- Quality of Senior Year Program of Study
- *Optional for some

- Essay and Writing Samples
- Special Talents, Honors, Awards, etc.
- Counselor Recommendations
- Teacher Recommendations
- Interviews (if required)
- Leadership impact of student's involvement on school/community
- Community Service Impact
- Work and Extra Curricular Activities,
 Internships, Participation in Summer
 Enrichment and Outreach Programs

Other College Admissions Criteria Considered

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

- Alumni Connection / Legacy*
- Cultural Awareness/Experiences
- First generation to go to college from the immediate family
- Economically disadvantaged
- Underrepresented Minority
- Personal Disadvantage
- Diversity
- Faculty/Staff Connection
- Military Veteran/Peace Corps, America Corps, etc.

- Overcoming Personal Adversity/Hardships
- Language Spoken at Home/ESL
- Frequent Moves/Many Different Schools
- Demonstrated Interest in the College Good Match
- Strong Personal Statement

GEOGRAPHIC CONSIDERATIONS

- In-State vs. Out of State/Country Resident
- From state with few or no previous applicants
- Economically Disadvantaged Region
- From a school with few or no previous applicants

Find detailed admissions data at these sites:

- College Kickstart ED admit info for top 30 schools
- Common Data Set i.e. 'Vanderbilt Common Data Set Gives ED #'s in order to calculate ED admit rates
- College Raptor Can pull a school's admitted students profile – i.e. 'Notre Dame Admitted Student Profile' – calculates odds of admission. Also a college match tool.
- IPEDS Find data from all colleges *geographical opportunities how many students from KY are on campus



STEP 8: FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS

Types of Financial Aid

MERIT BASED AID

- Awarded solely on the basis of academic record or outstanding ability in many areas (such as the performing arts).
- Usually academic merit starts with a certain GPA and Test Score.
- The amount of aid increases with higher scores or advanced ability in an area needed by the college/university.
- Each college sets its own criteria for granting merit based aid search the scholarship section of their website to see this information.
- Usually, there is a separate application for financial aid (including scholarships), but some colleges are now automatically granting this aid based on your transcript and test scores you list on your application for admission,

NEED BASED AID

- Need is the difference between what it costs to attend a school and what you and your family are expected to pay.
- You might think of this as a formula:Total Cost of Attendance
 - Expected Family Contribution
 Need
- The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is calculated through the use of the FAFSA Form.
- In order to receive any financial aid, your family must fill and submit the FAFSA.

- The form requests your financial information for the previous calendar year.
- Colleges use the FAFSA to determine eligibility for financial aid, including scholarships, grants, loans, and work study programs.
- The State and Federal government will use the FAFSA to determine eligibility for federal and state grants and loans.
- The FAFSA itself does not award financial aid it just serves as a calculation and reporting service that provides documentation to colleges and universities that they in turn use to determine eligibility for the awarding of financial aid.
- The FAFSA application window opens October 1

FAFSA (Free Application For Federal Student Aid)

Net Price Calculator

As a result of the student loan crisis, colleges/universities are required to place net price calculators on each school's website providing transparency about the cost to attend college.

Net price is the difference between the "sticker" price (full cost) to attend a specific college, minus any grants and scholarships for which you may be eligible. Sticker price includes direct charges (tuition and fees, room and board) and indirect costs (books and supplies, transportation and personal expenses).

http://studentnpc.collegeboard.org/what-is-a-net-price-calculator

AP Credit at the University Level

- AP classes are college level courses taught in a high school setting.
- Each college/university has an AP policy regarding credit awarded.
- Credit is based on test scores.
- Type 'AP Policy' in the college website search engine.
- AP demonstrates the most rigor on a transcript.
- Schools use AP scores for to determine placement in freshman (or higher) level courses.
- AP exam scores do not appear on transcript. They must be self-reported. You may self-report scores for free before a certain deadline each year.

Search college and university AP policies at one stop here:

https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies

Then check...General Core Requirements at Your College/University of Choice: (Example UL)

		Minimum Number of Credit Hours
Skills	Written Communication (WC)	6
	Oral Communication (OC)	3
	Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3
Disciplinary Perspectives	Arts & Humanities (AH)	6 (at least 2 courses from different disciplines)
	Social & Behavioral Sciences (SB) and Historical Perspective (SBH)	6 (at least 2 courses from different disciplines and 3 hrs. must be in Historical Perspective)
	Natural Sciences (S, SL, B)	7 (lecture and lab in a single discipline; an additional 3 hours in a second discipline)
Diversity	US. Diversity (D1)	*3
	Global Diversity (D2)	*3
	TOTAL:	31



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WWW.FAIROPPORTUNITYPROJECT.ORG

RESOURCES

https://www.kheaa.com/pdf/pubs/CollegeCircuit.pdf

QUESTIONS?

- Please reach out to your counselor:
- ☐ Fowler, Kevin (All YPAS Seniors)
 - kevin.fowler@jefferson.kyschools.us
- ☐ Johnston, Marti (Manual Seniors Last Name A-G)
 - marti.Johnston@jefferson.kyschools.us
- ☐ Leslie, Michelle (Manual Seniors Last Name H-O)
 - michelle.leslie@jefferson.kyschools.us
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