



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is our CEEB code/the School Code?
 - a. 365065
2. How many colleges should I apply?
 - a. At least 4! Every college offers different scholarships and financial aid packages, and you won't know how much you can get unless you apply. If you apply to only one or two colleges, you risk not getting into either school. By applying to four, you have a much better chance of being admitted.
 - b. Your college list should include:
 - i. Safety School - a college you are confident you can get into.
 - ii. 2 Good Fits - colleges that you are pretty sure you can get into
 - iii. Reach School - a college that you have a chance of getting into, but it's a stretch
 - c. Start your college search here.
3. What is the difference between Early Action and Early Decision and what should I do?
 - a. Early Action is a 'gentleman's agreement' between you and a college. You basically say, "If I apply to your school early (ie. by November 1st) you'll promise to tell me your decision early (ie. by December 10th). You are not committing to attend that college until the National decision date, May 1st.
 - b. Early Decision is a LEGAL, BINDING agreement between you and a college. This time you say, "I am signing a contract that commits me to attend your school if I am admitted. I can NOT change my mind. If I am accepted, I will be attending your school in the fall."
4. I am going to take my ACT and SAT again in October/November. Should I wait until after I get scores to apply to my school?
 - a. NO! Apply to college as early as possible. The counseling center suggests having your applications finished by Thanksgiving - AT THE LATEST! You want your colleges to have your application and know you are interested, start your file, and get you entered into their databases. They will hold off reviewing your file till they get your ACT/SAT scores. Make sure you code all the schools you want to receive your scores on your ACT/SAT registration, so that the schools get them automatically - about 2 weeks after you take the test.
5. How do I send my transcripts?
 - a. You can request your transcript directly from the Counseling Center's Webpage. Or click here.
6. Many of my friends have Senioritis. I think I may be coming down with it, too...
 - a. Be Careful!! College will rescind an offer of admission if the final grades are not to the level they were when you were admitted. College often will re-consider you

for a larger scholarship award if your grades go up. Plus, if you start slacking off now you will bring those bad habits with you to college.

7. I am being approached by coaches from universities. Do I still have to apply to these schools, or do the coaches take care of that?
 - a. You must apply to that college where you are going to play sports. An application gets you into the college's database.
8. Do I really need to file the FAFSA?
 - a. Yes. Even if you think your parents make too much money, you should still file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Now that the FAFSA is all on-line it is not as cumbersome to complete. Be sure to attend the WHS FAFSA Night in January where college financial aid representatives will be on hand to assist you and your family complete the FAFSA. Also, check out College Goal Sunday!
9. How do I find out about scholarships?
 - a. Merit scholarships are your best opportunity for scholarship dollars. Make sure you apply to the college by the priority deadline. For most schools this is December 1st!
 - b. For other scholarships, refer to the Scholarship section of the Counseling Center's Webpage. Also, check out the scholarship board in the office. Looking for scholarships can be a part-time job - if you want the money, you need to put in the time and effort!
10. Should I take the SAT or ACT?
 - a. The SAT is often taken on the East and West coasts. The ACT is popular in the South and Mid-West. It can't hurt to take both!
11. I want to Play Division 1 or Division 2 sports in college. What do I need to do?
 - a. Check the NCAA website for more information. There are some steps you have to take and fees to be paid. Don't put this off!! www.ncaa.org Click here for Eligibility 101.