



PREPARING FOR SENIOR YEAR

WHAT'S NEXT

- College
 - Researching schools
 - Testing
 - Major
- Gap year
 - How to prepare
- Military
 - Where to start
- Workforce
 - Gaining experience

COLLEGE

College Night

You want to go to college, but...

FAFSA Financial Aid

SAT-ACT-AP NCAA

Grades Essays Applications

MAJORS Transcripts

RECOMMENDATIONS

School Counselor Resources

RESEARCH

- FACTORS TO CONSIDER
 - Location
 - Major
 - Size
 - Cost
 - Campus life/environment
 - Interests
 - **Learning Styles***
 - Special interests (extracurriculars, athletics, Greek life, etc.)

RESEARCH

- LIKELY: LIKELY/REALISTIC
 - Your student's profile is stronger than the typical applicant
- TARGET: SELECTIVE/REASONABLE
 - Your student's profile is similar to the typical applicant
- REACH: MOST SELECTIVE/DIFFICULT
- Your student's profile is not as strong as the typical applicant or the admission rate is low/highly selective

RESEARCH

- NAVIANCE- <https://www.fcps.edu/naviance>
 - College Super Match
 - Scattergrams
- VISITS
 - Take the tour
 - Open houses

TESTING

Testing

- SAT- www.collegeboard.org
 - Upcoming dates:
 - April 19
 - May 16
- ACT- www.act.org
 - Upcoming dates:
 - June 8
 - July 13

Test Optional – www.fairtest.org

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- Student
 - Completed application & fee
 - Test scores (if applicable)
 - Self Reported Academic Record (SRAR-if applicable)
- School
 - Counselor
 - Transcript, School Profile, Secondary School Report Form, Letter of recommendation
 - Teacher
 - Letter(s) of recommendation –if needed

GAP YEAR

Work, Service, Family Circumstance, etc.

Recommendations:

- Proceed with college applications now
- Follow deferral process

Considerations:

- Financial Aid/Scholarships

Gap Year Fair –held in the winter (typically February)

MILITARY

- Enlistment
 - Research
 - ASVAB
- ROTC
- Service Academies
 - Academy Day, April 20th, Randolph-Macon College

WORKFORCE

- Gain Experience
- Job shadowing
- Career certificates/training
- In demand careers

SUMMER PLANS

- Have fun!
- Be productive
 - Summer job
 - Volunteering
 - Summer programs
 - College applications
 - Essays
 - Activities list
 - Etc.

COLLEGE APPLICATION-SUMMER PREP

- Common Application-Opens August 1st
- LHS College Application/Essay Workshops-Optional-must register on My SchoolBucks
 - Thursday, June 13th & Friday, June 14th
 - OR
 - Monday, August 12th & Tuesday, August 13th

****Please register for only one workshop****

Registration opens on My SchoolBucks on Wednesday, April 17th

24-25 COMMON APPLICATION QUESTIONS

[HTTPS://WWW.COMMONAPP.ORG/BLOG/COMMON-APP-ANNOUNCES-2024-2025-COMMON-APP-ESSAY-PROMPTS](https://www.commonapp.org/blog/common-app-announces-2024-2025-common-app-essay-prompts)

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Junior College Planning Day-Students Only
 - Wednesday, May 29th

- Senior College Planning Night
 - Tuesday, August 27th

QUESTIONS?