

Class of 2024

SENIOR ORIENTATION



Counselor Locations

Ms. Scott/ Mr. Tubbins/Ms. Westfall- Lecture Hall

Ms. Ericson(Griffin)/Ms. Alfaro/ Ms. Gresh- Theatre

Ms. Low/ Dr. Mrowka/ Mr. Goodridge- Cafeteria

Mr. Hirsh- Career Center

Today's goals:

- Students will continue post-secondary planning
- Counselors will discuss necessary steps to begin the college application process.
- Students will know how to request a transcript, recommendation letter, and complete an application packet.

DEADLINES

College Deadline

- **October 15**
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South Lakes Deadline

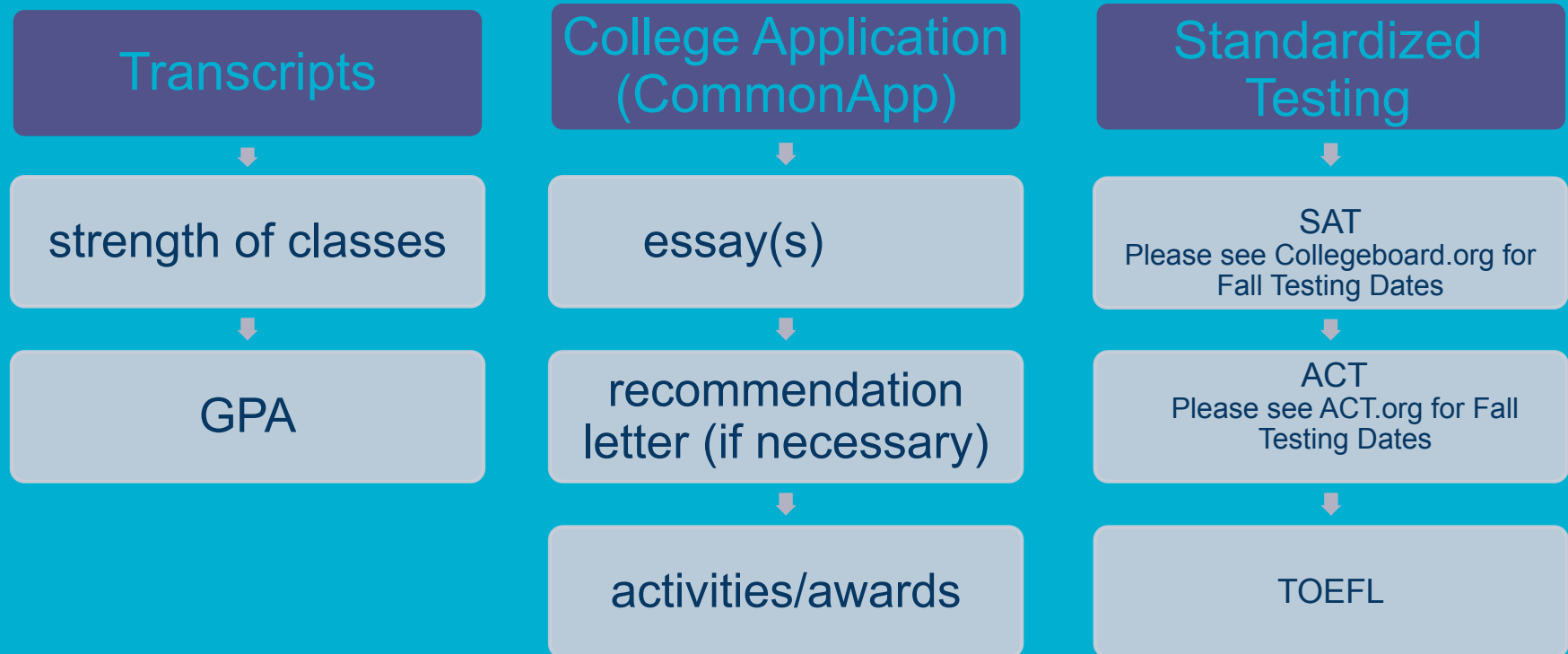
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DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Regular Decision	Rolling Admission	Early Action (EA)	Early Decision (ED)	Restrictive Early Action (REA)
DEFINITION: Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.	DEFINITION: Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.	DEFINITION: Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.	DEFINITION: Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll and withdraw all other applications. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.	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	COMMITMENT: NON-BINDING	COMMITMENT: NON-BINDING	COMMITMENT: BINDING	COMMITMENT: NON-BINDING
Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.			Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.	

Parts of the 4-year College Application



Application Process

- Complete Student/Parent Input Form by **Sept. 22nd** and return to your counselor.
- Turn in Consent for Release of Student Records in Support of Postsecondary Applications to Ms. Evans in Room 311.
- Apply online
 - **Common Application, Coalition Application, Individual School Application**
- Complete the Transcript Request Google form for every school you apply to.
 - For any mail schools the transcript will be sent to the address that you list on the transcript form.
- ADHERE TO DEADLINES!
- Starting Mid December - Submit the FAFSA for Financial Aid

In order to request a counselor recommendation, the following components must be submitted to your counselor by 9/22. This is for all college deadlines.

Student/Parent (Guardian) Input for Recommendation Letter Save this form to your computer and then input data. Save data and either email it to your counselor.

a) Consent for Release of Student Records in Support of Postsecondary Applications This form only needs to be turned in one time and **MUST** be signed by parents **and** students before your transcripts can be sent to schools.

**CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF
STUDENT RECORDS IN SUPPORT OF
POSTSECONDARY APPLICATIONS**

Instructions for Use: This form is to be used by parents and/or guardians or students aged 18 or older to authorize FCPS to release student records and related information to support student applications to colleges, universities, scholarship sponsors, employers, or other similar organizations. This consent form needs to be signed only once. The student, parent and/or guardian will use a separate form, your school's transcript request form, to identify all schools and organizations to which records may be sent.

CONSENT

By my signature below, I authorize FCPS to release to any school or organization identified by me on my school's transcript request form any of my school records or other information about me that is requested by the school or organization in support of my application. This may include, but is not limited to, my transcript, other school records, and any letters of recommendation written by FCPS employees. However, this authorization specifically excludes the release of discipline information.

By my signature below, I also authorize FCPS employees, including but not limited to, administrators, teachers, and counselors, to communicate with and respond to inquiries from the school or organization concerning my application and my credentials.

FCPS may release the required records and information by electronic or other means directly to the school or organization or to a service used by the school or organization to facilitate its application process. These services include, but are not limited to, the Common Application, Naviance, and/or Family Connection, and other services approved by FCPS.

I also understand that I have the right to review or have copies of any records that FCPS transmits to the school or organization. If I have responded yes to the statement below, however, I have waived the right to review or have copies of any letters of recommendation written by FCPS employees.

☐ Yes, I waive my right to review or have copies of any letters of recommendation written by FCPS employees.

☐ No, I do not waive my right to review or have copies of any letters of recommendation written by FCPS employees.

My signature below confirms that I have read and understand this consent form.

Note: Both the parent and/or guardian and student are required to sign this form. Parent and/or guardian signature is not required, however, if the student is aged 18 or over or is attending a postsecondary school.

Name of Student (Please print)

Student ID

Date

Signature of Student

Signature of Parent and/or Guardian (If student is under 18)

Where do I find these forms?

All senior information and forms are located on **Schoology Class of 2024** under Post Secondary Planning.

Class code: V5B6-KWVG-2SJS5

Common/Coalition Application Reminders

- **Essays**

- Some schools have their own essay (s)
- Personal statement should be “Generic” - Generally need to be able to be sent to multiple schools, so not school specific
- Optional? Write one
- Chance to explain more about yourself - That is why it is called the PERSONAL statement - challenges, hardships, significant experiences, anything that you think college admissions should know about you

- **Recommendation letters**

- Counselor letter is more holistic - information about you inside and outside of school
- Teacher letters - more focus on you as a student in their class
- Be sure to invite your teacher to Common App/Coalition App/Other App, using their fcps.edu email address just as you do your counselor
- Have a conversation with your teacher about where and how you are applying prior to inviting them on Common/Coalition App/Other App
- Teacher recommendation letters do not come to Counselors! Teachers upload their own.

- **Waiver of access rights in Common App**

- Yes! See next slide. ****Once you submit your response you cannot make changes to this ****

Waiver for Common App

Release Authorization

1  Instructions



2 Form

- ☒ I authorize every school that I have attended to release all requested records and recommendations to colleges to which I am applying for admission. I also authorize employees at these colleges to confidentially contact my current and former schools should they have questions about the information submitted on my behalf. *

Please select one: *

- ☒ I waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents submitted by me or on my behalf.
- ☐ I DO NOT waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents submitted by me or on my behalf.

- ☒ I understand that my waiver or no waiver selection above pertains to all colleges to which I apply and that my **selections on this page cannot be changed after any recommendation or application submission.** *

Signature *

Karen Burke

Date *

09/16/2015

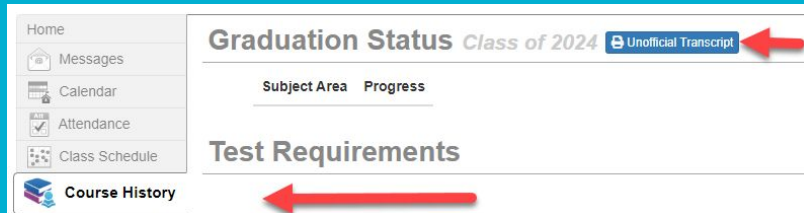


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Official Transcript Request Process

- Everything starts with Ms. Evans in Student Services in room 311.
- All needed forms are on the Class of 2024 Schoology Course.
- Office Hours:
 - Mon, Tues, Wed 8am - 12pm
 - Thurs 9am-2pm
 - Fri 8am-11am
- Need an Unofficial transcript?? Download in StudentVue



Schools that are Self- Report (SRAR - Student Reported Academic Record)

A copy of your transcript will be given to you AND mailed home, KEEP IT!
You can use this to input your courses and grades.

You still need to tell us that you are applying to these schools! There is a box to indicate if a transcript is needed-- if it is self-report please choose NO.

Example - Virginia Tech and Penn State are two examples of schools who do NOT require a transcript to be sent from South Lakes for the initial application; however, you have to complete a SRAR for these schools.

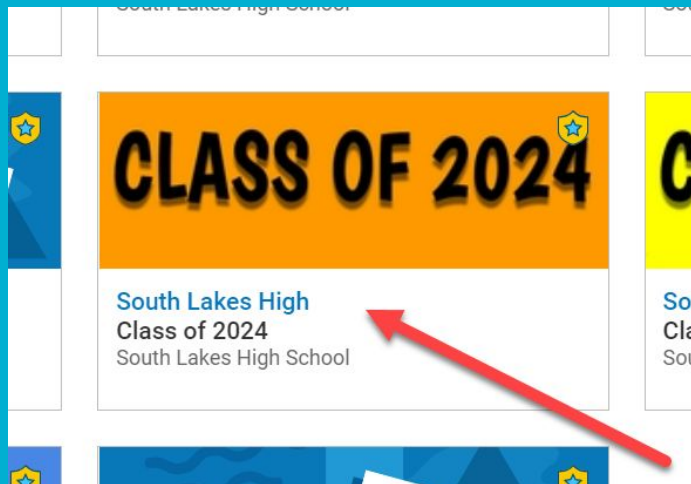
Transcript Request Forms (TRF) are now available as a Google form!

This is the preferred way to submit a transcript request form for each of the schools you apply to.


TRF google form is on your **Schoology Class of 2024** page. Fill it out for each school you apply to.

*Additionally, you will also need to remember to invite your counselor on Common App so that they can upload the transcript

Transcript Request Form



<https://forms.gle/ZLyHrrYi4UxdZE967>



South Lakes Transcript Request Form SY23-24

This form is to be used by parents and/or guardians or students aged 18 or older to authorize Fairfax County Public Schools to release student records and related information to support student applications to colleges, universities, scholarship sponsors, employers, or other similar organizations.

DEADLINES to request transcripts using this form are as follows:

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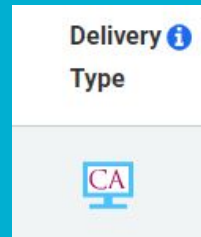
Please complete the items below BEFORE you submit this form:

Is my college on Common App? Or does it have it's own application?

It is important to know HOW your documents are being submitted. Ms. Evans and your counselor need to know this information to make sure your materials get to the right place. It is YOUR responsibility to communicate that with us.

How do I know?

- Individual Colleges' websites post on their Admissions page
- You can check Naviance Student on the General Information Page for the school to find out if you can apply on Common App or if the school has another way to submit.
- The college/university website is always the most accurate.



Common App/Coalition App

Counselors can submit information for the Common Application and the Coalition Application electronically.

What does this mean for you?

- You must “invite” your counselor by email (@fcps.edu) to be able to add items to your application! *Check spelling!*
- You must indicate on the Transcript Request Form if you want us to submit a letter of recommendation

Student Responsibilities

- Applications
 - Know the requirements and deadlines!
College deadlines, Financial Aid deadlines **AND** SLHS deadlines
- Test Scores
 - You send your own tests scores from The College Board (SAT) and/or ACT websites
- Additional Teacher Recommendations
 - Only submit what is requested by the individual college/university
 - More is not always better

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Financial Aid

- The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is undergoing changes and will should be available mid-December 2023/January 2024.
- You can (and should) create your FSA ID prior to that date
- Some colleges (e.g., UVA and W&M) require students to complete the CSS Profile in addition to the FAFSA. CSS Profile can be done prior to FAFSA at the CollegeBoard website.
- **Mark your Calendar** -Financial Aid Night: October 26th from 7:00-8:30PM @ South Lakes. Sessions will be held in English and Spanish.
- More information can be found at <https://studentaid.gov/>
- Know the Financial Aid Requirements for each of your college/university applications!

Need Financial Aid Assistance?

- If you have financial aid questions, South Lakes students and their parents can contact Ms. Horowitz, our College Access Fairfax Financial Aid Champion. Ms. Horowitz can assist with completing FAFSA, VASA, CSS Profile and answer financial aid questions.
- Email her at bdhorowitz@fcps.edu to make a virtual appointment. There is never a cost for SLHS students/parents to meet with her!
- Beginning December 1, 2023 you can email Ms. Horowitz to schedule a virtual FAFSA or VASA completion appointment. In your email, please include:
 - Student Name
 - School: South Lakes High School
 - Your FCPS email address
 - Your phone number

Registering for College Rep Visits

- 65 schools have already scheduled visits
- ~100 schools will visit SL from Sept - Nov
- Seniors must use Naviance to register to attend a visit

The screenshot displays the Naviance website interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes links for Home, Self-Discovery, Courses, Careers, **Colleges** (highlighted with a green box and a green arrow), and Planner. To the right of the navigation bar are icons for a heart, a search bar containing 'Demo', a mail icon, a help icon, a DCCC logo, and language/region settings (EN and a globe icon). A 'Close Demo' button is located in the top right corner.

Below the navigation bar, the main content area is divided into four columns:

- Left Column:** Contains a 'College Home' link with a house icon, followed by a 'Find Your fit' section with links to 'SuperMatch College Search', 'College Match', 'College Events', 'Scattergrams', 'Advanced College Search', and 'College Lookup'.
- Second Column:** Titled 'Research Colleges', it includes a 'Colleges I'm Thinking About' section with a heart icon, and a 'College Visits' link (highlighted with a green box and a green arrow). Other links in this column include 'College Compare', 'College Resources', 'Acceptance History', 'Enrichment Programs', and 'College Maps'.
- Third Column:** Titled 'Apply to College', it includes links for 'Colleges I'm Applying to', 'Manage Transcripts', 'Letters of Recommendation', and 'Test Scores'.
- Right Column:** Titled 'Scholarships & Money', it includes links for 'College-Specific Scholarships', 'National Scholarship Search', 'Scholarship Search', and 'Favorite Scholarships' (marked with a heart icon).

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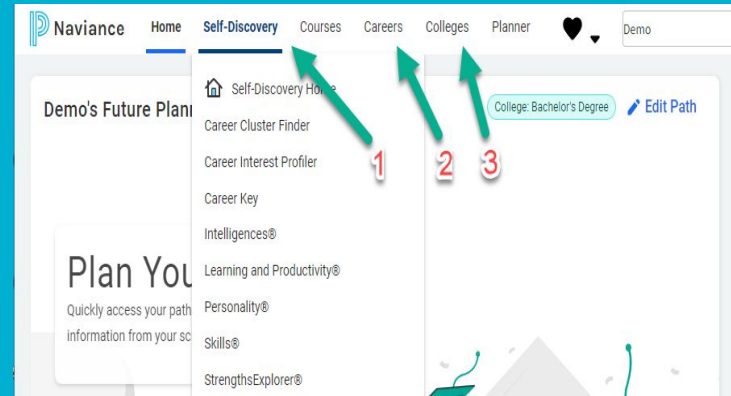
- After registering, ask your teacher's permission (verbally or through email) to be excused from class **AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE THE VISIT!**
- Your Naviance registration confirmation serves as your pass. You **MUST** check-in with your teacher before coming to the Career Center/Lecture Hall on the day of the visit.
- It is the student's responsibility to make up any classwork missed.

SEPTEMBER Thu 14 12:50PM	Gettysburg College Career Center	Register Now View Details
SEPTEMBER Tue 19 10:34AM	University of Mary Washington Career Center	Register Now View Details
SEPTEMBER Tue 19 11:20AM	Boston University Career Center	Register Now View Details
SEPTEMBER Tue 19 12:20PM	Northwestern University Career Center	Register Now View Details
SEPTEMBER Wed 20	Brown University	Register Now

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Helpful advice: Use Naviance!!!

- Need help creating/refining your college list?
 - Find schools with the major you want
 - Find schools that match the size/location/geography you want
 - Find application deadlines, cost of attendance, academic fit data (Scattergrams)
- Want to find scholarship opportunities?
 - Naviance Student is the sole scholarship database for FCPS.
- Don't know where to begin?
 - Start with Self Discovery which recommends possible careers which leads to majors and colleges



Looking for Scholarships? Use Naviance!!!

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The screenshot shows the Naviance Student website interface. The top navigation bar includes the Naviance logo, a 'Home' link, and several menu items: 'Self-Discovery', 'Courses', 'Careers', 'Colleges', and 'Planner'. The 'Colleges' link is highlighted with a green box and a green arrow pointing to it. Below the navigation bar, the page is organized into four main columns. The first column, titled 'College Home', contains links for 'Find Your fit', 'SuperMatch College Search', 'College Match', 'College Events', and 'Scattergrams'. The second column, titled 'Research Colleges', contains links for 'Colleges I'm Thinking About', 'College Visits', 'College Compare', 'College Resources', and 'Acceptance History'. The third column, titled 'Apply to College', contains links for 'Colleges I'm Applying to', 'Manage Transcripts', 'Letters of Recommendation', and 'Test Scores'. The fourth column, titled 'Scholarships & Money', contains links for 'College-Specific Scholarships', 'National Scholarship Search', 'Scholarship Search' (highlighted with a green box and a green arrow), and 'Favorite Scholarships'. The top right of the page features a search bar with the text 'Demo', a heart icon, a question mark icon, a 'DCCC' logo, and language settings for 'EN' and a globe icon.

Naviance Home Self-Discovery Courses Careers **Colleges** Planner

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- Scholarship Search**
- Favorite Scholarships

Questions?

For additional questions on your college applications/scholarships/essays, you can also visit Ms. Luongo in the Career Center across from the Lecture Hall.

Good Luck!

Senior Information for Counselors

Please fill this out BEFORE YOU LEAVE TODAY
so your counselor can best support
you in your post-secondary planning.

Show your phone to your counselor to verify you have completed
this in order to receive your transcript/senior contract

<https://forms.gle/VeSQEHboWEyrB9rH9>



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