

CHS Class of 2016 Senior Parent Night

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Centennial HS Counseling
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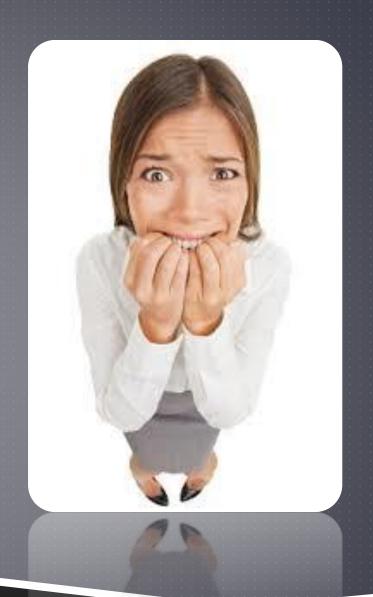
What burning question do you have about the college application process?

~Write it on the notecard and turn it in~

Question...

What fears do you have about your student applying to college?

On a scale of 1-10
rank your
level of anxiety
(10 being the most anxious)



THE CLASS OF 2016 HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTION AND RESOURCES TO PREPARE FOR SENIOR YEAR & THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

Freshman Classroom Guidance (4 parts) Sophomore Classroom Guidance (2 parts) Junior Classroom Guidance (3 parts) **Junior Advisement** Senior Blitz

Overcoming the Fears About College... One Step at a Time

- 1. Applications
- 2. Transcripts
- 3. Letters of Recommendation
- 4. SAT/ACT scores
- 5. Essay
- 6. Track Your Progress



Step 1:

THE ONLINE APPLICATION



KNOW YOUR DEADLINES!!!

MEETING YOUR DEADLINE = ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED

Early Decision

- Binding (Cannot Apply to Other Colleges)
- Emory: Nov 1 deadline/Dec 15 notification

Early Action

- Not Binding
- UGA and GA Tech: Oct 15 deadline/Dec 15 notification
- If Deferred, student can reapply under Regular Decision

Regular Decision

- Not Binding
- UGA: Jan 15 deadline/Apr 1 notification
- GA Tech: Jan 10 deadline/Mar 9 notification

Rolling Admissions

- Review of application is on-going
- Kennesaw State: May 6 deadline/notifications on-going

Open Admissions

- Review of application is on-going
- Deadlines and Notifications vary

THE COLLEGE'S ADMISSION WEBPAGE



Create an account



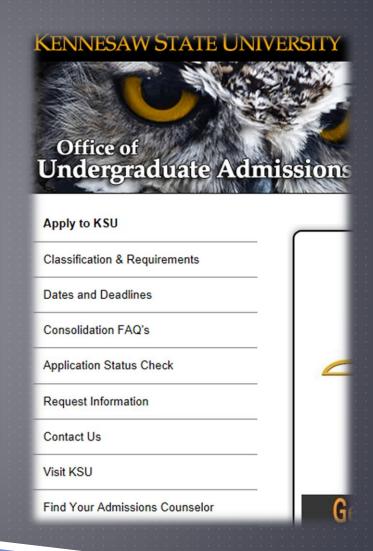
Review the list of required documents



Use your application checklist



Parts of an application are not typically sent or received at the same time





Completing the Application

- Personal Data

 (address, citizenship, demographic info)
- Education (schools you attended)
- Test Info
- Family History
- Extracurricular Activities
- Academic Honors
- Work Experience
- Essay/Personal Statement
- Digital Signature



FOR COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

Print out a hardcopy to fill out as a rough draft

Have all info you need on hand

- resume
- list of school & community activities
- contact info for letters of recommendations
- family/parent history

Save your work as you go

Include Application Fee Check Spelling and Grammar!!!

SUBMIT!

Step 2:

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS



WHEN REQUESTING OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS...



Requests must be made a <u>minimum of 10</u> school days before deadline



It is <u>YOUR</u> responsibility to follow up with the college to make sure transcript was received



A hard copy of an official transcript from the counseling office will cost \$3 (we will not provide postage) Step 3:

TEST SCORES



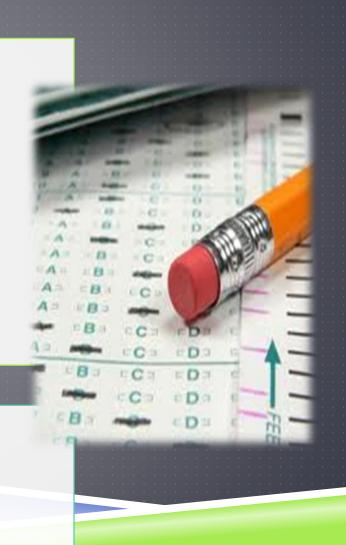
ENTRANCE EXAMS: SAT, ACT & COMPASS

SAT (The College Board) & **ACT** (ACT Student)

- Create your account
- Register for test (select date, location, make payment)
- Receive test scores
- Send scores to selected colleges (before and/or after exam)

COMPASS Test

- Placement test accepted at most 2 year colleges
- Given free of charge at the college



I haven't tested yet...can I still apply?

Still Need to Test?

Register for a test in the fall

Need to boost your score?

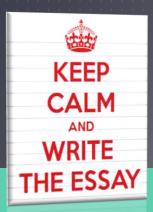
Test Prep Classes
Free Online Tutorials
Practice Tests

Applications are incomplete until EVERYTHING has received by the college.



Step 4
THE ESSAY





THE COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAY

Tips

Select the Best Topic & Subject for you

Answer the Question

Skip the Volunteer Trip

Check Your Ego at the Door

Accentuate the Positive

Research the College Before Writing the Essay

Invest in a Strong Intro

Mistakes

Don't Exceed the Requested Essay Length

Don't Appear Self-Interested or Materialistic

Don't Rely on Your Computer's Spell Check

Don't Rehash the Resume

Don't Fall in Love with the Thesaurus

Don't Wait until the Last Minute

Step 5

CLASS RANK





Class Rank

Ranking of all Seniors by overall Numeric Grade Average

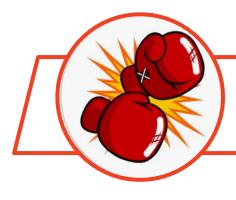
100 pt scale

Includes all attempted HS courses

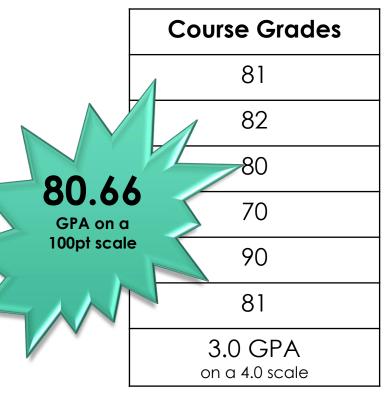
Includes honors points

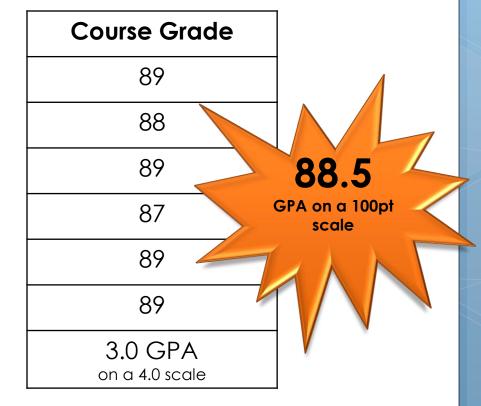


If you need your class rank for an application or scholarship email you counselor.



100 pt Scale vs. 4.0 Scale





Step 6

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION



WHAT COLLEGES WANT IN A LETTER OF REC

Personal Anecdotes

Painting a Complete Picture of YOU

Interest in Learning

Interests Outside School

Leadership Ability

Academic Achievement Impact on School

Personal Challenges/ Hardships

Classroom Contributions

REQUESTING A LETTER OF REC FROM YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Submit Recommendation Request in the Counseling Office

- ▶ Submit your counselor's name & email into your online application
- ▶ Fill out Recommendation Request card
- Attach Senior Profile (both Student and Parent portions)

Minimum of 10 School Days in Advance

WE WILL NOT COMPLETE A RECOMMENDATION WITHOUT A WRITTEN REQUEST

TRANSCRIPT/COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION REQUEST

□ Senior Recommendation Profile Submitted

Counselor:

Absher (A-C)

Marino (D-Gol & AVID)

Davis (Gom-Mart)

Freeman (Mary-Sanc)

Peart (Sand-Z)

Allow 10 school days for your request to be processed A \$2 Late Fee will apply if deadline is less than 10 school days from date of request

Transcript Delivery Options:

- Georgia Public Colleges/Universities & NCAA (Electronic/No Cost): You must submit your application to the college before submitting a transcript/recommendation request.
- Common Application (Electronic/No Cost): Only available for schools on the Common App. Requires you to enter your counselor's name and email as your requested recommender for your Secondary School Report. You must fill out and submit your Common App before submitting a transcript/recommendation request. If any of your Common App schools require a Mid-Year Report, you must submit another request at that time.
- College Application Portal (Electronic/No Cost): Only available for schools who provide the option to send a request through their application portal. Requires you to submit your school counselor's name and email as a part of the application.
- Parchment (Varies): Available for ALL other colleges. Students are required to create a
 Parchment profile and upload credit card information. If your college is a member of the
 Parchment network the transcript will be sent at no cost. If out of network you will be charged
 a fee which will appear on the last screen of your transcript order.
- Hard Copy (\$3): If you would prefer a hard copy of your transcript, the fee is \$3. The transcript
 will be prepared for you to pick up within 10 days of request date. It is your responsibility to
 mail the transcript and/or counselor recommendation to your college or scholarship

Date of Request	Deadline	College/University, Scholarship or Special Program	Select Delivery Option (Check One)	Counselor Recommendation Required	Total \$ Pald (If applicable)	Date Counselor Verified & Completed	Date of Student Pick Up (If applicable)
			GA Public College (electronically) Common App (electronically) College App Portal (electronically) Parchment (Varies) Hard Copy (\$3)	No Yes (rec form sent to counselor electronically) Yes (and copy of rec form attached)			
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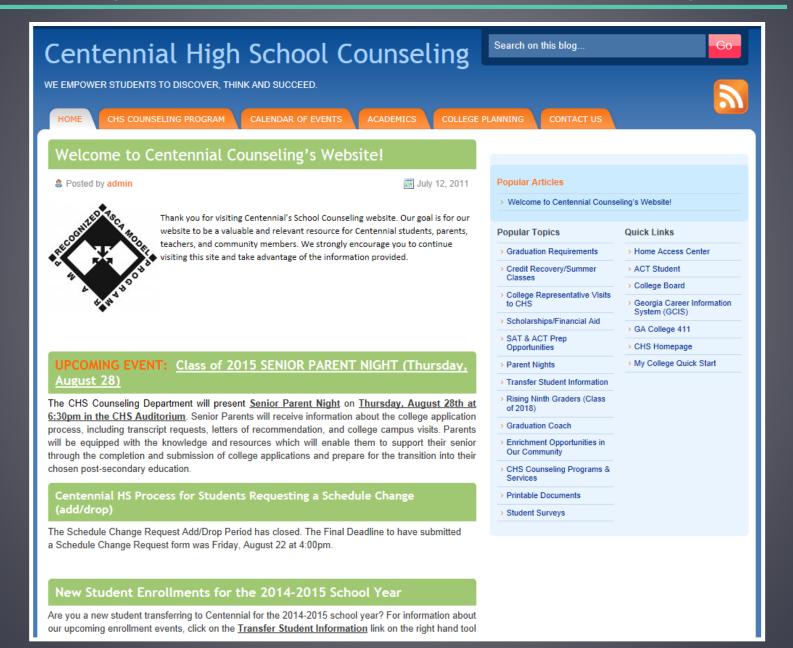


Other Recommendation Writers

- Teachers, Coaches/Club Sponsors,
 Mentors, Administrators, etc.
- Ask the person first
- Provide copy of senior profile
- Minimum of 10 School Days in Advance
- Submit recommenders name & email into online application

If the college does not require a letter of recommendation, they will not accept or review any letters submitted.

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CLASS OF 2016 REMIND 101: REGISTER NOW!

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To receive messages via text, text @knights16 to (678) 379-5874. You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @knights16'.



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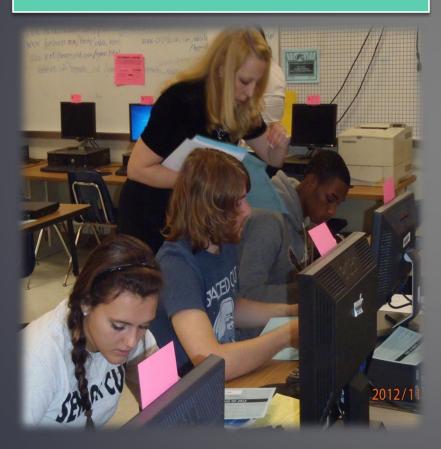
Or to receive messages via email, send an email to

knights16@mail.remind.com. To unsubscribe, reply with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line.



2015 COLLEGE WEEK: OCT 26-30

Centennial's Apply to College Day
Thursday, Nov 6th
All Senior English Classes



College Week Events of Special Interest to Seniors

- Military Service Panel
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund
- College Disability ServicesWorkshop
- ► Financial Aid Night
- NCAA Clearinghouse Seminar for Student Athletes
- ► CHS Alumni Panel

WHAT IS **YOUR** NEXT STEP??

Finalizing Your List of Colleges?

- College Reps
- College Campus Visits
- College Fairs

Preparing to Apply?

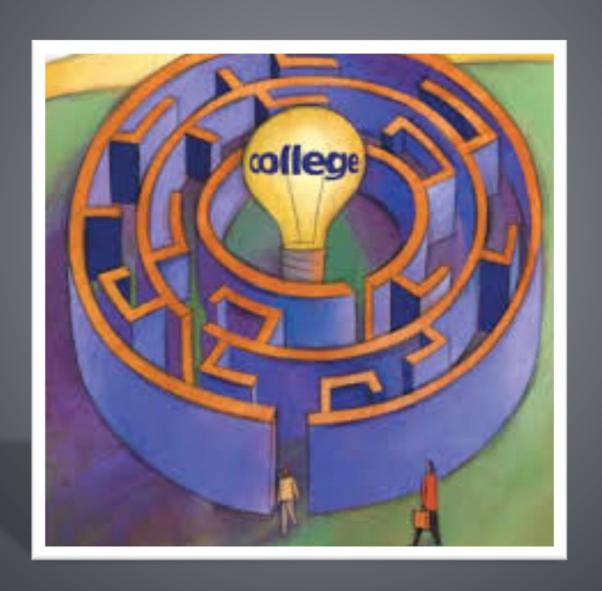
- Fill in College Application Checklist for each college
- Create a timeline to complete each required component
- Follow up on any areas you have not started yet

Ready to Get Started?

- Designate time to complete application
- Submit each separate application requirement
- After you submit, monitor your application status
- Contact the college's office of admissions w/application status questions



CHECKING IN: HOW WOULD YOU RANK YOUR ANXIETY RIGHT NOW?





We are looking forward to a great year!