

Competition stress DEADLINES
College
Admission career
resume Application
Potential
Qualifications Help!

CHS Class of 2017 Senior Parent Night

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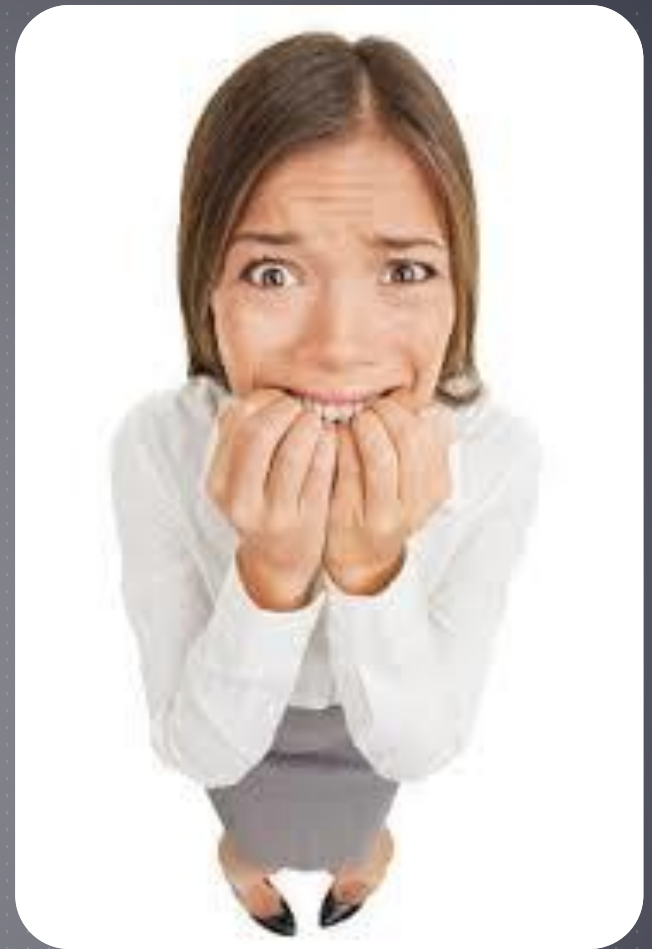


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Question...

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 2017 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

Early Action

- **Not Binding**
- UGA and GA Tech
- If Deferred, student can reapply under Regular Decision

Regular Decision

- **Not Binding**
- UGA and Georgia Tech

Rolling Admissions

- Review of application is on-going
- Kennesaw State; May 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

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY



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Application Form

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**



Helpful
Tips

FOR COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

**Print out a
hard copy 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
- GPA on a 100 point scale (Student Access Center)

**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 minimum of 10 school days before deadline



It is YOUR responsibility to follow up with the college to make sure transcript was received



A hard copy of an official transcript is available for pick up

Step 3:

TEST SCORES



ENTRANCE EXAMS: SAT, ACT & COMPASS

SAT (www.collegeboard.org) and **ACT** (www.actstudent.org)

- Create your account
- Register for test
(select date, location, and make payment)
- Receive test scores
- Send scores to selected colleges (before and/or after exam)
- We will NOT be offering a free SAT at CHS this year



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

Daily Practice SAT App

**Applications are incomplete
until EVERYTHING has
received by the college.**



SAT AND ACT PREPARATION

Need Help Prepping for the ACT or SAT?
It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. PREP CLASSES

Six-week ACT and SAT Prep Classes include: six (6) in-person teaching sessions, three (3) proctored tests and 13 additional tests. Practice tests take place on Saturday mornings at 9:00 am.

****Scholarships available for qualifying students.****

See back of flyer for more information.

2. MOCK TESTS

Full-length proctored mock tests help students learn what to expect under test-like conditions. Students will receive a report with comprehensive personal analysis of their performance on the test.

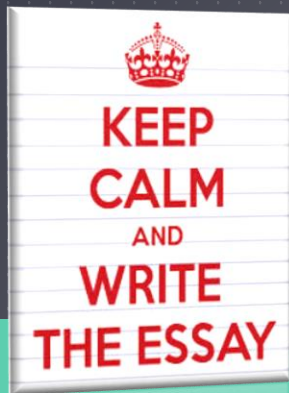
Each mock test is \$5 – all proceeds go to Centennial Counseling office and PTSA.

To register, go to applerouth.com/signup and enter event code (listed below).

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 6

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION



WHAT COLLEGES WANT IN A LETTER OF REC



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/LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION REQUEST CARD

Counselor: Beaty (A-C) Marino (D-Gol) Graver (Gom-Mart) Freeman (Maru-Sam) Peart (San-Z)
Submitted: Parent/Guardian Electronic Consent Senior Profile/Student Section Senior Profile/Parent Section
REQUIRED: Student Email (print neatly): _____ **Student Cell #:** _____

*****Must allow 10 school days for your request to be processed*****



Electronic Transcripts

- ✦ Georgia Colleges/Universities & NCAA: Sent via GAFutures.com portal
- ✦ Schools on the Common Application: Sent with Secondary School Report once student gives counselor access by submitting their application with counselor's email address
- ✦ Schools using an Online Portal such as SendEDU, CollegeNet, or Applyweb.com: Sent once student gives counselor access by submitting their application with counselor's email



Paper/Hard Copy Transcripts

- ☒ Out of State Colleges: Student must pick up hard copy and mail to the college before deadline
- ☒ Colleges using paper/hard copy recommendation forms: Student must pick up and mail to the college before deadline
- ☒ Scholarships/Other Agencies: Student must pick up and mail to the scholarship/agency before deadline

Fill in 1 row for each transcript you are requesting (1 per college). Turn completed card in to Mrs White.

Date of Request	Deadline	Name of College/University, Scholarship or Other Agency	Select Delivery Option (Check One)	Counselor Recommendation (Check One)	Counselor Verified & Submitted	Request Processed	Student Notification Sent	Student Picked Up (if needed)
			<input type="checkbox"/> Georgia College/University <input type="checkbox"/> Common App <input type="checkbox"/> Online Portal <input type="checkbox"/> Paper/Hard Copy	<input type="checkbox"/> No (College Does Not Require) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Electronic Form Submitted to Counselor) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Hard Copy of Rec form Attached Here)				
			<input type="checkbox"/> Georgia College/University <input type="checkbox"/> Common App <input type="checkbox"/> Online Portal <input type="checkbox"/> Paper/Hard Copy	<input type="checkbox"/> No (College Does Not Require) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Electronic Form Submitted to Counselor) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Hard Copy of Rec form Attached Here)				



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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Just for Seniors: Class of 2017

Hello Seniors! Below are downloadable resources and information which will help you work through the college application process this year.

Centennial High School CEEB Code: 112623

[Parent/Guardian Consent for Release of Transcript/Student Records](#) *Required per Fulton County School District Policy

[Your College Application Checklist](#)

[High School and Community Activities Record](#)

Link to The Common Application: <https://www.commonapp.org/Login>

[How to Request a Transcript/Counselor Recommendation 2015-16](#)

[CHS Senior Profile-Student Portion](#) (email to your school counselor or print a hard copy to turn in)

[CHS Senior Profile-Parent Portion](#) (email to your school counselor or print a hard copy to turn in)

[What Colleges Look For in a Letter of Recommendation](#)

Popular Articles

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Quick Links

- > [Home Access Center](#)
- > [ACT Student](#)
- > [College Board](#)
- > [Georgia Career Information System \(GCIS\)](#)
- > [GA College 411](#)
- > [CHS Homepage](#)
- > [My College Quick Start](#)

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Visit remind.com to learn more.

2016 COLLEGE WEEK: OCTOBER 24-28

Centennial's Apply to College Day
Thursday, October 27th
All Senior English Classes

College Week Events
of Special Interest to Seniors



WHAT IS YOUR STUDENT'S NEXT STEP??

Finalizing Your List of Colleges?

- College Reps
- College Campus Visits
- College Fairs
- Websites: College admissions websites and www.gcic.peachnet.edu

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
- www.makemeafreshman.com is a useful tool to determine keep track of deadlines

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 with application status questions

Financial Aid Questions?

- Counselors will be going into senior classrooms again in January for a Financial Aid lesson
- Complete FAFSA
- www.finaid.org has a lot of great information regarding financial aid options

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP??

Complete and Return Feedback Form

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Complete and Return Parent Portion of Senior Profile

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**Mark your Calendars: Financial Aid Night is
November ` 29th**



We are looking forward to a great year!