

TWHS Senior Information Night!

Your guide to applying to college



Welcome!



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Counselor can meet one on one to guide your child through the application process.

You can schedule an appointment by emailing your child's Counselor, or have your son or daughter stop in the Counseling Center.

Welcome to College Application Season!

It is “GO TIME!”

It starts now!



College Rep Visits

Students are able to sign up for virtual college visits through Naviance.

Under the “Colleges” tab, you’ll see Upcoming college visits. Click on, “College Visits” for a full list and to sign up!

We currently have over 100 schools! Some schools track interest!



SEPTEMBER Mon 18 08:45AM	Ohio State University-Main Campus 📍 TWHS School Counseling office	Register Now View Details
SEPTEMBER Tue 19 08:45AM	Michigan State University 📍 TWHS School Counseling office	Register Now View Details
SEPTEMBER Wed 20 11:20AM	Miami University, Oxford 📍 TWHS School Counseling office	Register Now View Details
SEPTEMBER Wed 20 12:05PM	Denison University 📍 TWHS School Counseling office	Register Now View Details
SEPTEMBER Fri 22 11:20AM	Otterbein University 📍 TWHS School Counseling office	Register Now View Details

Deadlines for applying



Growing trend is to apply “early”. Applying early can mean one of two options:

- 1) Early Decision- Binding agreement. If you are accepted by the school, you will be attending that school regardless of financial award package.
- 2) Early Action- Non binding. You are still eligible for priority merit based scholarships, though you are not “locked” into attending the college. *73% of students who applied to OSU applied early!*

Many early application deadlines are as early as 10/15 or 11/1 (i.e., ONU, OSU & Miami). Plan ahead to ensure you meet the deadline to be eligible for scholarship opportunities! Check the college’s website, Common App, or speak to your son or daughter’s counselor about specific college due dates (ED, EA, Regular, Rolling).

To review your application, a college needs:

1. Your application! *This is your responsibility.*
 - a. Common App, or direct to the institution.
2. Your transcript. *Your School Counselor will complete for you.*
 - a. Transcript, Schedule, TWHS School Profile, Common App Evaluation Form. Once you turn in your green transcript release form, your Counselor will send this for you.
3. ACT or SAT scores! *You will send your scores!*
 - a. Some schools accept off your TWHS transcript, some require you to send your ACT/SAT score directly from ACT or College Board.
 - b. Send your scores three weeks prior to the application due date.
4. *Letter of Recommendation. *You, and your recommender(s).*
 - a. Some colleges may not require a letter, though you always want one!
 - b. Some may require 1, maybe 2 teacher letter of recommendations.



ACT or SAT

1. Generally, most schools accept either the ACT or the SAT scores. *Please check the college's website for admission requirements.*
2. Be mindful of deadlines and give enough time to send scores! If you send scores after you test, please request scores to be sent from ACT or the College Board *at least two weeks prior to deadline.*
3. ACT and SAT scores are NOT on the TWHS transcript. Many colleges only accept scores sent directly from ACT or College Board, which costs approx. \$17.00/school to send after you test (i.e, UC, Miami, OSU, Case, CCAD).
4. You can elect to have your standardized test score added to your TWHS transcript. If you wish to do that, please email your child's Counselor.

New Test-Optional Reporting

Due to the limited number of standardized test offered in the spring, many colleges have gone “test optional”. The # 1 question that needs to be answered is,

“Should I submit my ACT or SAT to the college I am applying to?”

Here is what we have learned:

“Applicants who have taken the ACT or SAT and feel their scores reflect their abilities should submit them.” The Ohio State University. 50.6% of applicants to OSU submitted their ACT to OSU. Average ACT was a 29.5

“If you have a strong academic record with an above average GPA, but do not feel that your test results reflect your full potential, you may consider test-optional”. Indiana University.

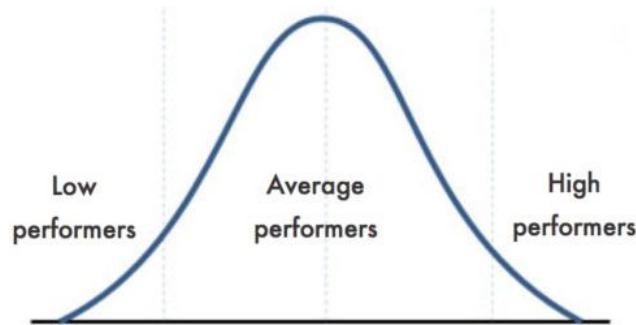
New Test-Optional Reporting

After considering your scores, you need to compare yourself to the fall 2022 cohort at the school you are applying to. For example, students accepted to OSU for the fall term had the following average scores:

ACT- 29.5

SAT- 1350

Top 25% in class- (3.850 at TW)



If your ACT/SAT scores fall to the right of average, then I would send your scores. However, if they are to the left of the bell shaped curve and below average, I would not send them. At OSU, average was between a 27-32.

When considering colleges...

Consider three categories: Make sure you have a safety school!

“Reach Schools” - Schools that are highly competitive, and select a low number of applicants (less than 10-15%). Your personal scores (GPA & ACT/SAT) are within reach, though it may be a reach for you to get in. Or, schools with competitive program for direct admit (OSU Business, UC DAAP Program, Purdue Engineering).

“Comfort Schools” - Schools that you feel your ACT/SAT scores, and GPA are in the average. Schools that are competitive, though may admit a higher percentage of students. Close to, if not 50% admission rate.

“Safety Schools” - Schools that you feel confident that you will be accepted to. Your average scores and GPA are above average and you are confident at your chances of getting in, or know you will get in.

Reach, Comfort, Backup

For example, Rachel has a 3.70 GPA, and scored a 26 on her ACT. She has completed 1 AP class and is on basketball team. She wants to pursue a degree in Engineering.

Reach- OSU, Miami, UC

Comfort- OU, Kent State, BGSU, Akron

Backup- Toledo, Wright State, YSU, Cleveland State





Does TWHS rank students?

Like Dublin, Olentangy, UA, & Bexley, Worthington City Schools does not rank students. However, we will rank all students with a 4.000+ GPA as # 1. 70 students share this rank!

Here is why we don't rank: You may be awarded more \$! Many colleges award scholarships based on your class rank. For example, The Ohio State University:

Maximus Scholarship - \$3,000 per year (\$12,000 over 4 year) if you are top 3% of your graduating class. However, the 70th ranked student (with a 4.0) is ranked outside the top 15% of the class (out 431). This would drop them to the Trustees scholarship which is \$1,000 per year, or \$4,000 over the four years.

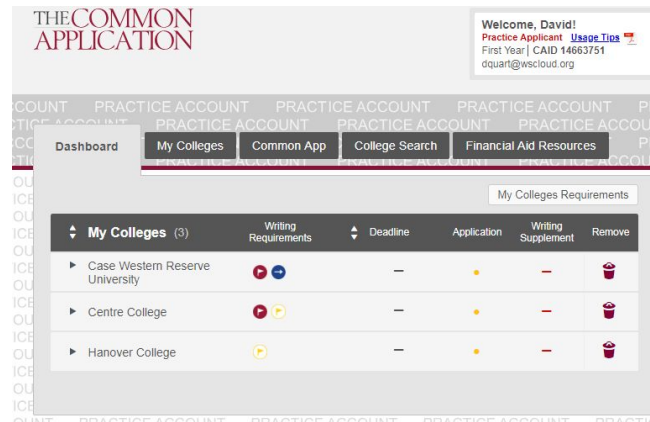
Questions? Let me know. Scan the QR code and send me a message!



Common Application



Applying to college is done by applying via the Common App, or direct to the institutions website. Over 1000 colleges are now members of the “Common Application”. This allows the student to fill out one single application for multiple schools! Remember, when creating your Common App account, please use a personal email, not your school email address!



First, use the College Search tab to add colleges you are applying to to the My Colleges tab.



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Kent State

Separate multiple search terms with a comma, e.g.: Washington, Boston

 More filters

1 result

Sort by: College Name ▾



Kent State University

Kent, OH - USA

+ Add

Need help?



How do I find colleges that are a good fit for me?

Planning for college doesn't have to be stressful. There are many free tools that can help you explore majors [Read more](#)

How do I search for a college?

The **College Search** tab allows you to find the Common App member colleges that interest you. [Read more](#)

The colleges you wish to apply to will populate under the “My Colleges” tab.



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University of South Carolina Columbia

My Colleges

In this tab you will continue your application for each college and you will:

- Complete college-specific questions and supplements
- Invite and manage recommenders
- Submit your application!

For more help in completing this tab, you may contact our [Applicant Solution Center](#) at any time to answer your questions.

Add a college

Need help?



Need help?

If you need assistance answering questions on any of the My Colleges pages, please contact the [Read more](#)

Next, begin answering all the questions under “Common App”



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Legal first/given name*

David

Would you like to share a different first name that people call you?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Clear answer

Middle name

Need help?



Need Help?

Please use the link below to look for an answer to your question. Answers to most questions can be found in [Read more](#)

Then, answer questions under each college listed in the “My Colleges” tab. You’ll also find deadlines, fees, and contact info.



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The Ohio State University

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Preview

General

The questions on this page are being asked by Ohio University

Intended entry term*

- Choose an option -

Do you intend to use one of these school-specific fee waivers?*

- Choose an option -

If you have been provided an ICA code, please enter it here:

Need help?



Preferred Admission Plan (Ohio University)

Applicants who submit all materials (Common App, transcript(s), test score(s), fee, etc.) by the fall early [Read more](#)

Residency (Ohio University)

Applicants must indicate the proper state of residence at the time of application. For information [Read more](#)

Please be sure to sign the FERPA Waiver!



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Recommendors and FERPA

Recommendors are people who will submit forms to colleges on your behalf. This page shows which recommender types this college needs. Each college will have different requirements.

⚠ FERPA Release Authorization

Before you can invite your counselor, teachers, recommendors, parents, or advisors, you must complete the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release authorization process.

[Learn more about FERPA](#)

Complete Release Authorization

Continue

Need help?



Who can I list if I do not have a counselor?

If there is no Counselor at your school, you may list your principal or other school official. [International Read more](#)

Can I submit my application before my recommenders submit their forms?

You are allowed to submit your application before your counselor or teachers submit their school forms. [Read more](#)

How do I resend a Recommender Invite?

There are two ways you can resend a recommender

Once you have completed the Common App and College Questions, you can Review and Submit!



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Application Submission



You cannot submit an application to Ohio University because you have a practice account. In case you wish to be considered for admission, contact our [Applicant Solutions Center](#) to convert your account.

In order to begin the submission process, you must complete the following items:

- [Profile section of the Common App](#)
- [Family section of the Common App](#)
- [Education section of the Common App](#)
- [Activities section of the Common App](#)
- [Writing section of the Common App](#)
- [Ohio University Questions](#)
- [Recommenders and FERPA](#)

Once all required components are completed, you will see the option to Review and Submit your application on this screen.

Need help?



Need Help?

If you need assistance answering questions on any of the My Colleges pages, please contact the [Read more](#)

Common Application



Helpful hints:

- 1) Be careful! Each college has questions that you have to answer before you submit.
- 2) Some colleges (like UC) may have an additional writing supplement. You will see these questions under, “My colleges”.
- 3) You must sign the FERPA agreement so your counselor can send your docs! We encourage you to “waive your right” to view the documents sent on your behalf.
- 4) Please do not use nicknames! Enter your name exactly as it is written in Infinite Campus.
- 5) Use the same email address on all documents!



Naviance

Our tool to communicate with you and the institutions you are applying to! On Naviance, you can:

- 1) Request and track transcripts & required documents.
- 2) Complete college searches.
- 3) Request teacher letter of recommendations



Naviance

TWHS is a Naviance school. In other words, the School Counselors will submit all required documents to the colleges you are applying to via Naviance eDocs. The easiest way to access Naviance is Google, “Naviance”, or find the link on the TWHS website.

Please review the steps of matching your Common App account to Naviance in tonight’s handouts. This document will guide you through the process of linking your Common App Account to Naviance!



Letters of Recommendation

- Do not send more than what the college is asking for! ***Check Naviance for the number of recs required and allowed!***
- Recommendations can come from TWHS staff, a coach, or community member.
 - Ask yourself, “*Who knows me best?*” Also, consider the program that you are interested in studying in college. For example, Engineering? Ask a former STEM teacher.
- When asking a teacher, use the “Teacher Request for Letter of Recommendation” form provided tonight.

Letters of Recommendation



- Invite teachers online through Naviance.
 - *Steps 9, 10, & 11 on your directions in the packet given to you at Senior Information Night.*
- Invite “Other recommenders” (non-Worthington City Schools teachers) through Common App.
- Counselors will conduct a senior interview with you. Parents should complete the “Brag Sheet” (in packet) prior to the senior interview and return it with the student. A Counselor letter of rec does not fulfill a required teacher letter of rec.
- Plan ahead! Allow up to 10 school days for your letter of recommendation to be written. For example, if it is due on 11/1, then ask by October 19th.

Letters of Recommendation

Please be aware! Once a teacher submits a letter of recommendation through Naviance, they can not go back and “unsubmit”! Further, you need to prioritize which teacher letter of recommendation you want sent if the college only allows one! We recommend you chose specific colleges for each recommendation.

Recommendation For ^	Deadline ^	Recommender(s)	Status ⓘ	Cancel Request
Case Western Reserve University 2 required/ 4 allowed/ 2 requested	Jan 15 2019	Mary Wahba Paul Pflieger	Requested Requested	✕ ✕
Cornell University 2 required/ 3 allowed/ 2 requested	Jan 02 2019	Mary Wahba Paul Pflieger	Requested Requested	✕ ✕
Duke University 2 required/ 3 allowed/ 2 requested	Jan 02 2019	Mary Wahba Paul Pflieger	Requested Requested	✕ ✕
Miami University-Oxford -- required/ 2 allowed/ 2 requested	Feb 01 2019	Mary Wahba Paul Pflieger	Requested Requested	✕ ✕
Ohio State University-Main Campus -- required/ 1 allowed/ 1 requested	Feb 01 2019	Mary Wahba	Requested	✕

Required Documents



Your counselors will submit:

- 1) Transcript, which include ACT/SAT scores (*most colleges will not accept ACT or SAT from our transcript. Therefore, you must send your scores directly from actstudent.org, or collegeboard.com)
- 2) Common App School Report
- 3) Common App Written Evaluation (*If requested from student)
- 4) TWHS School Profile
- 5) Current Course Schedule

Please know, there is an extended window of time from when your counselor submits your documents, to when the college “pulls” the data from Naviance or Common App into their system. Your docs are timed stamped from when they were submitted.

Transcripts from Higher Ed

If you participated in College Credit Plus while a student at TWHS, you received dual credit. Please know that secondary schools will NOT accept college credit from your TWHS transcript.

In order for your CCP credit to transfer from COTC, CSCC, OSU, etc., you must order an official transcript from that institute and have it sent directly to the college that you will be attending. Do this prior to your orientation so your college advisor has record of your completed coursework.



Scholarships & Grants

Spring time is go time!

There are three “levels” of scholarships:

- 1) Local- Due out in the spring. Monetary gift awarded one time. Applications required.
- 2) Institutional- Merit based, or college specific.
- 3) National- Generally from private businesses, organizations, etc. Create an account on fastweb.com for a list of hundreds of national scholarships. Also, check the scholarships listed on Naviance!

Grants- Gift money often based off of the 2022 tax information reported on the FAFSA. Grants are often need based from EFC. We recommend every family to complete the FAFSA.

FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will NOT open October 1 as it has the last few years.

Due to significant changes in the FAFSA, the Department of Education will not open the FAFSA until a date to be determined in December.

Colleges may push back their FAFSA priority dates. Keep checking with the colleges when new deadlines are for submitting your FAFSA. For example, OSU priority deadline moved from 12/1 to 2/15.

Worthington City Schools will have a FAFSA presentation in mid November at Worthington Kilbourne High School with financial advisors willing to assist.

Questions? Let me know. Scan the QR code and send me a message!



Conclusion



Questions and Answers!

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