

CCC Seniors

College Information

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Beginning of 12th Grade

- I have a list of colleges that match my profile and interests.
- I have taken ACT.
- I have registered for a fall ACT.
- I have completed the ***Student/Parent Questionnaires & Transcript Release Form*** and submitted to counselor.
- I have updated my résumé and given a copy to my counselor.

Three Basic Steps in Applying to College

1. Apply online to the college/university.
2. Send test scores to college/university via ACT website: www.actstudent.org.
3. Request transcripts and recommendation letters through Naviance.

What is most important in college admissions?

Top three factors that “open the door”:

Grades

Test Scores

Strength of Curriculum

Next three factors that can help make the final decision:

Essay

Letters of recommendation

Extracurricular activities/leadership

Pointers for Students

- Take charge of your college application process!
 - Stay organized: forms, deadlines, requirements.
 - Communicate with your parents, counselor, and recommending-teachers throughout the process.
- Don't panic! Counselors are here to help you through the process.
- “Finding the right college is about finding the right match.”

Pointers for Parents

- Please assist your student with meeting deadlines:
 - Register for the ACT (if needed) and meet deadlines
 - Complete college applications
 - Suggested completion date: October 15th
 - Create FAFSA ID
 - Both student AND parent need one
 - Complete FAFSA as soon as possible using 2022 tax return
 - *Need help completing your FAFSA?* Contact DeAnna DeForest, our Financial Aid Advisor from College Now Greater Cleveland
 - Email: ddeforest@collegenowgc.org
 - Cell: 216-452-8662

Guidance Website

- Access the Cleveland Central Catholic website at:
www.centralcatholics.org
- Find the link for *Academics/Counseling* at the top.
- Click on the **Guidance Department** link.
- Access documents and power point presentations under Guidance Information:
 - ACT
 - College/Career Planning for Seniors
 - College Credit Plus
 - Common Application
 - Construction Trades Program
 - Counseling Help
 - Jobs & Internship Opportunities
 - Junior Jump-Start
 - Naviance
 - Scholarships/Financial Aid/FAFSA

STUDENT ATHLETES

- Checklist for College-Bound Student-Athletes:



Student must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center:
www.eligibilitycenter.org and complete both the academic information and the amateurism questionnaire.



Student registers for the ACT, making sure to use code 9999 at the time of registration to ensure score gets directly reported to NCAA.



Counselor sends official transcript to NCAA.



Take NCAA-approved courses senior year and talk to your coach regarding colleges to target (Division I, II, or III).