

OVERVIEW OF THE JOURNEY

- Exploring & Connecting with Colleges
- Applications
- Supporting Documents
- Standardized Testing
- The Months Ahead
- AI in College Admissions
- Putting It All In Perspective

EXPLORING & CONNECTING WITH COLLEGES

- 100 colleges are coming to RFH
 Sept. 9th through mid-December
- Students view and register for visits through Scoir
- College admissions reps meet with groups of students to share about life on campus and answer questions about applications

EXPLORING & CONNECTING WITH COLLEGES

- College visit excused absence <u>form</u>
- Seniors permitted three excused absences for college visits
- Check college websites for virtual open houses, tours, and information sessions.
- Follow college social media accounts & YouTube channels

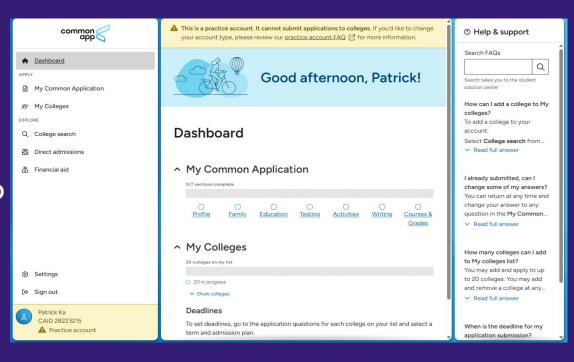
APPLICATION TYPES

The Common Application

- Over 1,100 colleges included
- Complete one digital application to apply to any member college

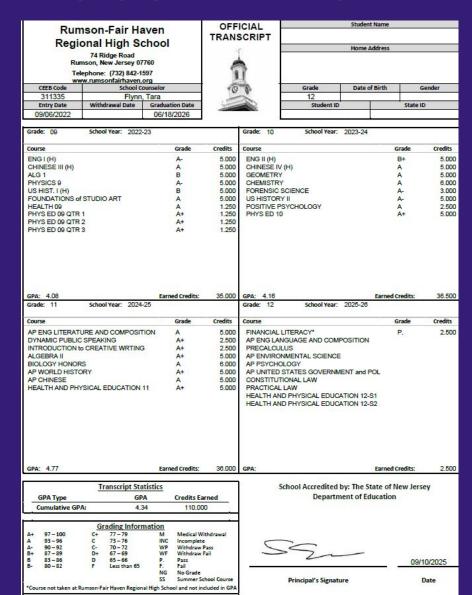
Individual Application

Use the individual college's website to apply



SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- RFH Transcript
- Letters of
 - Recommendation
- School Profile
- STARS (college list)



COMPLETE APPLICATIONS

Counselor Responsibility

- Transcript
- Letters of Recommendation
 - Counselor letter
 - Sending teacher letters
- School Profile

Sent through SCOIR

Student Responsibility

- Application: Completing and submitting to colleges
- Paying application Fees
- Sending official standardized test scores, if applicable
- Complete STARS, if applicable
- Following-up with colleges to ensure complete package is received

APPLICATIONS & DEADLINES



DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Regular Decision

DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Rolling Admission

DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Action (EA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Early Decision (ED)

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.

COMMITMENT:

BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

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.

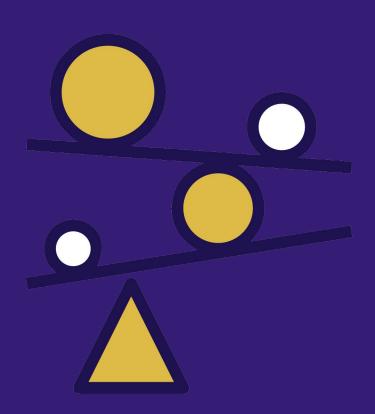
COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

DEADLINES VARY BY SCHOOL

BALANCE IS KEY



College list may include:

- REACH (2-3) GPA is outside the average accepted range. The farther outside the range the higher the reach
- TARGET (5-6) A good fit academically, socially & financially.
 Testing & GPA are in accepted range
- LIKELY (1-2) Testing & GPA exceed accepted range

Institutional need may impact all of the above

HOW MANY IS TOO MANY?

COMMON APP + SCOIR INTEGRATION

- To connect Common Application and Scoir accounts, students must <u>first</u>:
 - Create a Common Application Account
 - Add RFH to their 'Education' section of the Common Application
 - Add at least one college (allows completion of FERPA release)
 - Sign FERPA Release Authorization (permits us to send student records)

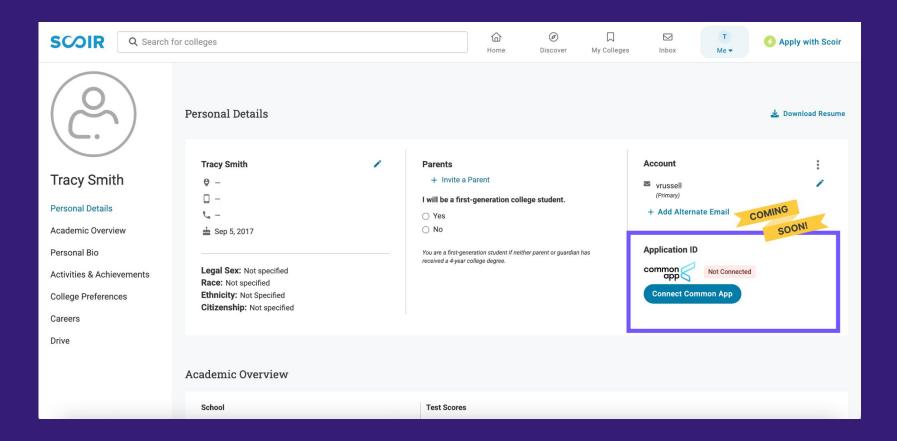






COMMON APPLICATION + SCOIR INTEGRATION

Students will be prompted to connect their Scoir and Common
 App accounts in their "View Profile" Scoir tab



STANDARDIZED TESTING

It's not too late . . .

SAT

- September 13th
- October 4th (RFH)
- November 8th
- December 6th

ACT

- September 6th
- October 18th (RFH)
- December 13th

TO SUBMIT OR NOT TO SUBMIT- TEST SCORES

- <u>Test Optional:</u> <u>FairTest.org</u> Students decide if they will submit test scores
- <u>Test Flexible:</u> School may allow students to submit
 alternate assessments or criteria for admissions review: (i.e.
 AP scores, school administered assessments, or personal
 interviews)
- <u>Test Blind:</u> SAT/ACT scores are not considered in the admission process

SEPTEMBER

- Counselors visit senior English classes 9/11 and 9/12 to provide overview of the process
- Counselors meet individually with seniors to assist and provide tailored guidance
- Seniors sign up for college rep visits at RFH starting 9/9
- Seniors touch base with teacher recommendation writers

OCTOBER

 First significant round of early action deadlines arrive 10/15 for some southern universities

 Seniors track deadlines, work on applications, and seek counselor support

RFH hosts SAT on 10/4

 Seniors continue to attend college rep visits at RFH

NOVEMBER

Majority of early deadlines arrive on 11/1 & 11/15

 Seniors track deadlines, submit early applications, and seek counselor support

Teacher's Convention is a good opportunity to visit colleges

 Seniors continue to attend college rep visits at RFH

DECEMBER

- Seniors submit applications for any 12/1 deadlines
- Seniors create and monitor admissions portals for application status updates
- Some admission decisions are released ahead of winter break
- Seniors prepare for regular decision deadlines for early January

SOUTH CAROLINA ADMISSIONS PORTAL			
Application Checklist Status Details Date		Application Details	
✓ Received	ACT or SAT Scores (Self-Reported)	10/10/2019	Major: Middle Level Education Start Term: Fall 2020 Application Source: Common App Date Submitted: October 10, 2019 Admission Plan: Early Action
Received	Application Fee (\$65)	10/11/2019	
Received	Letter of Recommendation	10/11/2019	
	Letter of Recommendation	10/11/2019	

AI IN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

The Common Application policy statement on fraud:

- "intentionally misrepresenting as one's own original work... the <u>substantive content or</u> <u>output</u> of an artificial intelligence platform, technology, or algorithm".
- Consequences for violation could include account suspension, termination, and reporting the violation to member colleges.



AI IN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

College Admissions Use

Marketing and recruiting efforts & materials

Transcript data analysis

 Al as co-pilot application reviewer with close human oversight - see <u>Virginia</u> <u>Tech</u>

Student Use

- Brainstorm, edit, and refine your ideas
- help construct "Activities" portion of the application
- Do not copy and paste content you did not create directly into application

PUTTING IT ALL IN PERSPECTIVE

From journalist Jeff Selingo's new book Dream School

 "Attending an Ivy League university does open doors, but it's not [a] guarantee of extraordinary success...
 Nor does attending a different school preclude you from achieving great things."

- "Elite colleges are slightly more likely to send alumni to a Fortune 50 company, but not by much."
- "Your future coworkers in any company are roughly four times as likely to have graduated from a college with an acceptance rate above 40% than from a more selective school, according to the Lightcast research"
- Find the best college for YOU



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