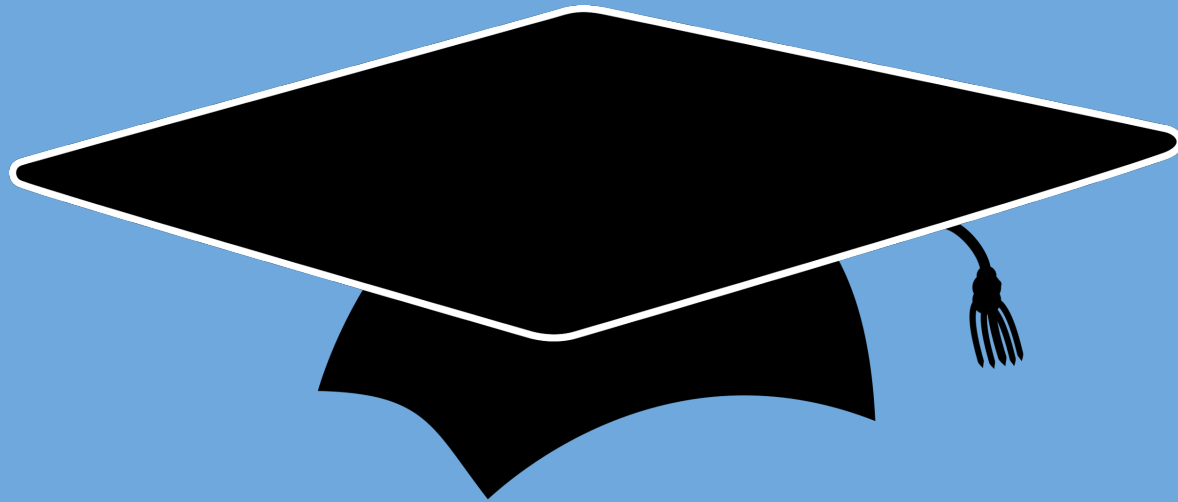


GETTING READY FOR SENIOR YEAR



Class of 2024 - May 31, 2023

OPTIONS FOR YOUR FUTURE

Check out the helpful FCPS [College & Career Google site](#) (log in from @fcpsschools.net) to explore your post-secondary options:

- ★ [College](#)
- ★ [Military](#)
- ★ [Training and Apprenticeships](#)
- ★ [Gap Year Programs](#)
- ★ [Employment](#)



STANDARDIZED TESTS

Nearly 80% of U.S. colleges and universities will be test optional for the next admissions cycle. Test optional schools will not require SAT or ACT scores as part of their application.

- ★ Check www.fairtest.org and university websites for the most updated information
 - VA schools include UVA, William & Mary, JMU, VCU and many more! Database is updated weekly!
- ★ [Research](#) the [SAT](#) and [ACT](#) to see if one is right for you
- ★ Visit the FCPS [College & Career Resources](#) site for more information
- ★ SAT/ACT fee waivers are available from Mrs. Stamper

COLLEGE APPLICATION TYPES



Research how each college accepts their application, with options of:

- ★ Common App - most often-used platform, over 1,000 partner colleges
- ★ Coalition App
- ★ Individual college/university website application

Understand the difference between Early Decision (one school only, binding contract), Early Action, Regular, and Rolling Admission

Get a head start! Use your summer to finalize your list and start applications.

ADMISSION OPTIONS



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

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

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

COLLEGE ESSAYS

Set yourself apart with a great essay. Start brainstorming this summer! [College Essay Guy](#) has helpful free resources to explore.

Colleges want to know:

- ★ Your writing ability – your voice and how you use it
- ★ How you think – values, preferences, and style
- ★ Who you are – YOUR story, viewpoint

Check out the [Common App](#), [Coalition App](#), and individual university websites for their essay prompts.



FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS

- ★ Review Financial Aid resources on [FCPS Google Site](#)
 - Types of Financial Aid - grants, loans, work study
 - How to find [Scholarships](#) in Naviance
 - What is the [FAFSA](#) and [VASA](#) and [CSS Profile](#)
- ★ [Watch](#) or attend workshops offered by [College Access Fairfax](#)
- ★ Meet individual university deadlines for need-based aid and merit-based scholarships
- ★ Contact Financial Aid Champion Mrs. Horowitz (bdhorowitz@fcps.edu) for an appointment
- ★ Read weekly College & Career Corner [newsletter](#)



LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- ★ Check college website, [Common App](#) or [Coalition App](#) for requirements
- ★ Give your recommender AT LEAST 30 days to complete your letter
- ★ Ask teachers now! (Current or past high school teachers)
- ★ Write a thank you note to teachers, coaches, or other recommenders. Keep them informed as you get admission and scholarship decisions.

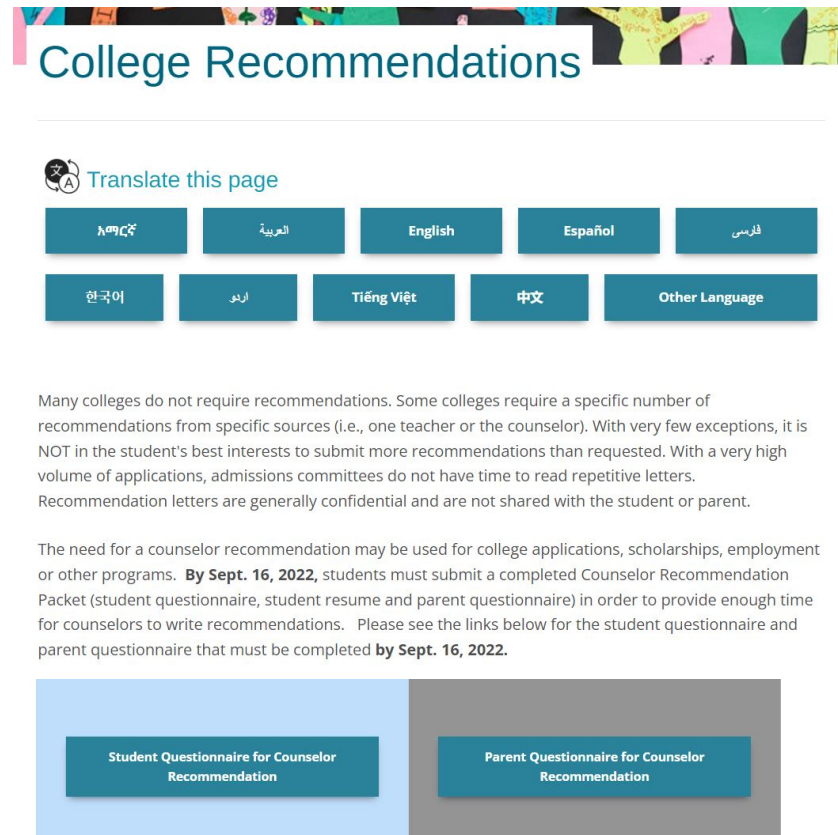


LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Counselors need 3 things to write a letter of recommendation **Due September 15:**

- ★ Senior Input Questionnaire
- ★ Parent/Guardian Input Questionnaire
- ★ Resume (template available in Student Services Schoology course)

Both questionnaires can be found on the [school website](#)



The screenshot shows a website section titled "College Recommendations". Below the title is a "Translate this page" button with a globe icon. Below that are two rows of language selection buttons: the first row includes "العربية", "English", "Español", and "فارسی"; the second row includes "한국어", "اردو", "Tiếng Việt", "中文", and "Other Language". Below the language buttons is a paragraph of text explaining that many colleges do not require recommendations and that recommendation letters are generally confidential. At the bottom of the screenshot are two buttons: "Student Questionnaire for Counselor Recommendation" and "Parent Questionnaire for Counselor Recommendation".

College Recommendations

Translate this page

العربية English Español فارسی

한국어 اردو Tiếng Việt 中文 Other Language

Many colleges do not require recommendations. Some colleges require a specific number of recommendations from specific sources (i.e., one teacher or the counselor). With very few exceptions, it is NOT in the student's best interests to submit more recommendations than requested. With a very high volume of applications, admissions committees do not have time to read repetitive letters. Recommendation letters are generally confidential and are not shared with the student or parent.

The need for a counselor recommendation may be used for college applications, scholarships, employment or other programs. **By Sept. 16, 2022**, students must submit a completed Counselor Recommendation Packet (student questionnaire, student resume and parent questionnaire) in order to provide enough time for counselors to write recommendations. Please see the links below for the student questionnaire and parent questionnaire that must be completed **by Sept. 16, 2022**.

Student Questionnaire for Counselor Recommendation

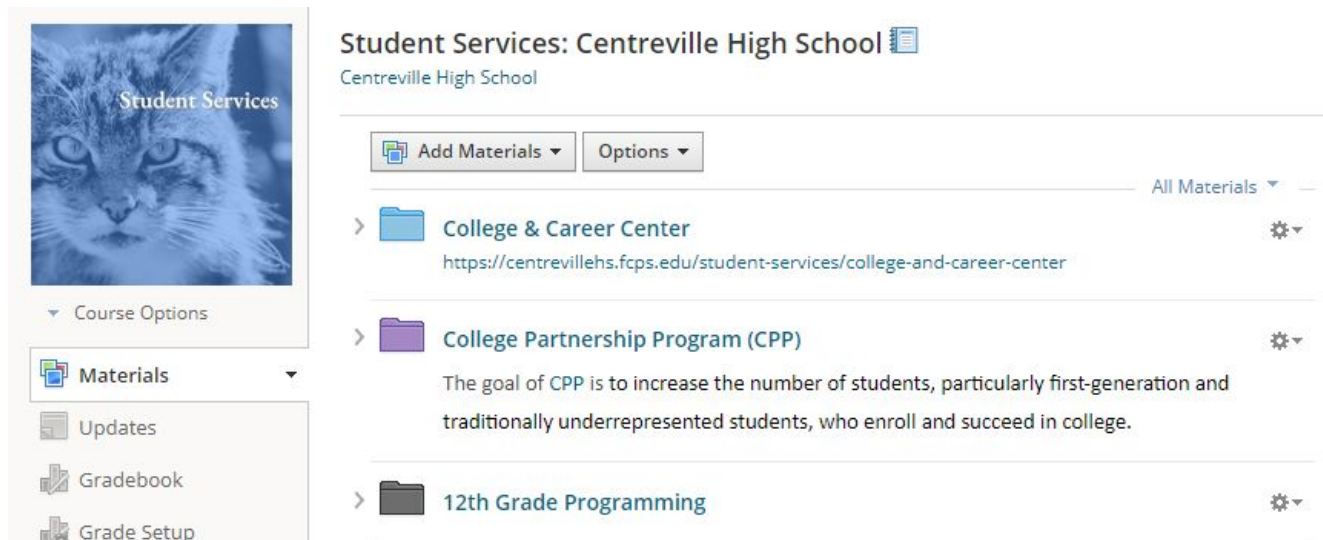
Parent Questionnaire for Counselor Recommendation

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST PROCESS

- ★ Every school you apply to will need to be documented on a [transcript request form](#) that will be submitted online to CVHS Transcript Assistant, Mrs. Slebrch (EKSllebrch@fcps.edu)
- ★ Official school transcripts are sent by CVHS and must be requested 30 days prior to the college deadline
- ★ If you apply via Common App, you must add your Counselor into the portal as your “Counselor Recommender” using their [@fcps.edu](#) email address (NOT fcpsschools.net)
- ★ While you should be thinking about schools this summer, the actual transcript process does not begin until school resumes in August. NO submissions before then!

JUNIOR SUMMER CHECKLIST

- ★ Complete the student and parent/guardian questionnaires and resume and turn them in to your counselor by Friday, **September 15, 2023**.
- ★ Research and decide on your post-secondary plans. Remember this is YOUR JOURNEY!
- ★ Review the resources in the Student Services Schoology course



The screenshot shows a Schoology course interface. On the left is a sidebar with a 'Student Services' header and a blue-tinted cat image. Below the header are menu items: 'Course Options', 'Materials', 'Updates', 'Gradebook', and 'Grade Setup'. The main content area is titled 'Student Services: Centreville High School' and includes a sub-header 'Centreville High School'. It features a toolbar with 'Add Materials' and 'Options' buttons, and a list of course materials. The materials list includes 'College & Career Center' with a URL, 'College Partnership Program (CPP)' with a description, and '12th Grade Programming'.

Student Services

Student Services: Centreville High School

Centreville High School

Add Materials Options

All Materials


> College & Career Center
<https://centrevillehs.fcps.edu/student-services/college-and-career-center>

> College Partnership Program (CPP)
The goal of CPP is to increase the number of students, particularly first-generation and traditionally underrepresented students, who enroll and succeed in college.

> 12th Grade Programming

STUDENT SERVICES SCHOOLOGY

Check regularly for updates on workshops, scholarships, and more!



Student Services
2022-23

Course Options

Materials







- Updates
- Gradebook
- Grade Setup
- Mastery
- Badges
- Attendance
- Members
- Analytics
- Workload Planning
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- Lucidchart
- Tutor.com
- Zoom

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[Reset](#)

Student Services: Centreville High School

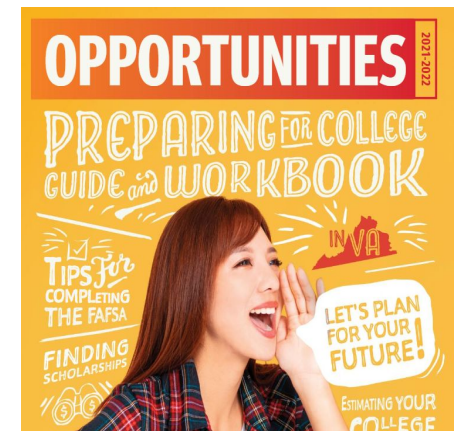
Centreville High School

[Add Materials](#) [Options](#)

- College & Career Center
 - College & Career Corner weekly newsletter
 - Career Exploration
 - College Research and Application Essentials
 - Financial Aid & Scholarships
 - Military
 - Northern Virginia Community College
 - Resume, Cover Letter & Interviewing Tips
 - Service Learning & x2VOL
- 12th Grade Programming
- 11th Grade Programming
 - Class of 2024 - Getting Ready for Senior Year 1 MB 
 - Junior Panel - March 2023
 - Class of 2024 Post-Secondary Overview - March 2023 2 MB 
 - Virtual Post-Secondary Week Recordings 51 KB 
 - Class of 2023 Nuts and Bolts Presentation 1 MB 
 - Junior Panel Info and Registration Link 56 KB 
 - Panel Virtual Para Juniors 61 KB 
 - Opportunities Book - Junior Year Checklist Pg. 41

JUNIOR SUMMER CHECKLIST

- ★ If applying to colleges - start looking at applications, think about who will write your letters of recommendation, and brainstorm essay ideas.
- ★ Visit as many of the schools you are interested in as you can! Summer is a great time to travel!
- ★ Check out the [Opportunities Booklet](#) checklist (available in Spanish too)
- ★ Feel free to pick up a hard copy!



- ★ Enjoy your summer!
Graduation will be here before you know it!

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, REACH OUT TO YOUR COUNSELOR OR STUDENT SERVICES STAFF TO ASSIST. CONTACT INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE [CVHS WEBSITE](#).

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