

Applying for College Cheat Sheet

Application:

1. Apply for term you want to attend!!!! Don't apply for summer term unless you WANT to attend summer.
2. Include EVERYTHING about you aside from transcript data (Resume)
3. Pay application fee (or get fee waiver if on free/reduced price lunch)
4. Essays (include something extra about yourself even for schools that do not require one)
5. Tell them how much you want to attend their school
6. Letters of recommendation (ask teachers NOW). Follow directions! If they don't want one, they mean it!
7. Early Decision/Early Action
8. Common Application (www.commonapplication.org)
9. Financial Aid (FAFSA and/or CSS profile)
10. Get organized now....most of the application should be completed over the summer
11. Remember they are making decisions based on your senior classes. Do not send out your applications until you know what your classes are and you are sure you are staying in them.
12. **You MUST check your email every day! Colleges don't tweet or text you!!!!**

Transcripts:

1. Next year, go to Guidance and fill out a transcript request form to send your transcript to all colleges you apply for. Transcript includes all grades and coursework completed since Kindergarten (NOT FOR UF/FSU/~~FALL~~)
2. GPA re-calculation – Colleges look at academic units only and how well you did in academic classes!
3. Senior year classes and grades MATTER!!! – **Send mid-year senior grades to Rolling Admission Schools.**
4. 4 units of Math now required (Algebra I and above)

SAT:

1. Earliest Test Date: **August 26th**- Registration opens mid June. sat.org/register
2. Send scores to **Lely High School** – HS Code: 101212
3. SEND SCORES TO COLLEGES when you register for tests!!!! Not included on transcript!!!!
4. Get test fee waiver before school ends this year!
5. **Send new scores to Rolling Admission Schools throughout fall/early spring.**

ACT (take with writing for 4-year schools):

1. Earliest Test Date Next Year: **September 9th** - Registration opens mid July. www.ACTstudent.org
2. Send scores to Lely High School – HS Code: 101212
3. SEND SCORES TO COLLEGES when you register for tests!!!! Not included on transcript!!!!
4. Get test fee waiver before school ends this year!

Extracurricular Activities:

1. Make sure you include everything you were involved in since the summer following 8th grade.
2. Be clear and concise – **list title of organization or activity, your specific role, number of hours you contributed in that capacity**
3. Don't forget to include things you did in your community, church, temple, etc.

Leadership:

1. Colleges love to see your leadership positions....don't forget to include them!!!
2. **Be real....Your voice should come through loud and clear.**