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Common App application overview

Please sign in using the QR code
Create your account!

https://www.commonapp.org/

Your name should be your legal name, also matching your legal name in Infinite Campus and your College Board account and/or ACT account (if you are submitting the exams). Do not use nicknames.
Boston University

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Links: College Website · Virtual Tour · College Navigator

Application Deadlines

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Application Information

Application Fees:
First Year International Fee - $80
First Year Domestic Fee - $80

Standardized Test Policy:
Never required
SAT without Essay or ACT without Essay

Test Policy Information

Courses & Grades:
Not Used

Recommendations:
School Report Required
Counselor Recommendation Required
Mid Year Report Required
Final Report Required
Teacher Evaluation(s): 1 Required, 1 Optional
Other Evaluation(s): 0 Required, 1 Optional

Saves school forms after matriculation: Yes

Deadlines

Testing Requirements

Helpful FAQ

Add Teacher Recommendation Requests in Naviance
No Counselor Rec Needed

However, you still need to let your Counselor know you are applying to a Common App school for your transcript to be sent.
Some colleges will require a supplemental essay, short questions, or long questions. It could be located in two different sections:
1) The “Questions” Section on the My Colleges Tab.
2) Or, in a separate “Writing Supplement” Tab.

Schools that use demonstrated interest will ask if you have made contact with an admissions representative. If you have attended a college visit at Carlmont (or virtual) that is considered a contact. Mrs. Rasor will have the name of the admissions representative if needed.
- Started 9th grade in August 2019
- Class of 2023 graduation size: 568
- We do not rank
- GPA Scale Reporting: 4
● If you took a community college course during your high school career, indicate it here.

● **Students are required to indicate all college/community college courses (except PE) taken even if the grade is lower than desired.**

● However, the Common App will not allow you to list the courses and grades to be entered. You will only enter the community college name and the date attended. In the additional comments under Writing Section, you must indicate the course taken, the grade and credit earned.
Current or Most Recent Year Courses Section

This section is referring to your senior year courses taken at Carlmont:

*Our course scheduling system is **Semester**
* Our grading system scale is A-F
*Course schedule should be first semester and second semester for all courses with the **exception of American Government and Economics**.
  Those courses are either 1st semester American Government/2nd semester Economics or vice versa (according to your schedule)
*If you are taking **Advanced Dance or Intermediate Dance**, the only choice is semester (Use the Additional Comments area in Writing Section to explain it is a quarter course)
*The course level is indicated on your transcript -
  P = College Prep
  HP = honors/AP
  no “P” = regular course
*The following course is indicated as “accelerated”: Multivariable Calc
*The following courses are also indicated as accelerated:
  AS English I  Algebra II/Trig  Geometry Enriched  AS English II

IF the college is asking you to list 9th - 11th grade courses, those will be listed in the “Courses & Grades” section. Please use your current transcript downloaded from Infinite Campus. Do not include college or middle school information in this section.
Examples of Senior Year Classes

Enter all your senior courses.
Honors - *this page refers to any academic Achievement you have or will earn.*

Examples might include (but not limited to)

Seal of Biliteracy (on track to receive)
Math Award
National Merit Semi finalist
National Merit Commended Student
AP Scholar
AP Capstone Diploma (on track to receive)
AP Capstone certificate (on track to receive)
AP Scholar with Honor
AP Scholar with Distinction
**AFTER** completing the Education section – signing the FERPA is a **REQUIRED** step. Signing the FERPA allows Carlmont to send your transcripts and letters. We strongly recommend “Waiving” your rights on the FERPA. Waiving your rights informs colleges that you will not read your teacher and counselor letters, indicating authenticity of the letter.

Click [Here](#) to access the “Matching Naviance to Common App” slides.
List activities in order of importance to you.

In the “Describe this activity”, they want to know your involvement more than what the activity is. For example, you do not have to describe Football, but you can describe your participation - Daily practice starting at 6am, and such. **Talk more about you than the activity.** Did you have a leadership role? Leadership does not need to be officially named. For example, it could be that you were in charge of reminding teammates of practice updates.

This section is for more than volunteering, sports, clubs - it includes **employment, family obligations and other meaningful activities.** For example, if you attend a one time seminar that interests you, add it to your application. If you take care of siblings or grandparents, include that responsibility.

If you participated in an activity but it ended because of Covid, add that comment to your application.

Do not use acronyms in the organization name - unless it is very common (for example, YMCA).
Most colleges will require the Common App personal essay.

This is one essay will be sent to all your Common App colleges. Write your essay in a google doc and cut and paste it into your application.

Student should spend time brainstorming, planning, writing, editing and finalizing the essay. The essay should NOT be over edited by adults. Colleges want to hear the student’s voice.

What do you want the readers of your application to know about you apart from courses, grades, and test scores?

Most college websites will have a webinar, support and/or information on the personal essay.

Remember: 650 words is your limit, not your goal. Use the full range if you need it, but don't feel obligated to do so.
COVID 19 response - This is not a required section.

When you click yes, the box will appear.

Community disruptions such as COVID-19 and natural disasters can have deep and long-lasting impacts. If you need it, this space is yours to describe those impacts. Colleges care about the effects on your health and well-being, safety, family circumstances, future plans, and education, including access to reliable technology and quiet study spaces. For more information, check out our COVID-19 FAQ.

Do you wish to share anything on this topic?*

- Yes
- No

Please use this space to describe how these events have impacted you.*
Additional Information - This is NOT another space to write a Personal Statement. The following are suggestions to include if applicable.

Suggestions if it pertains to you:

- If required to list courses from 9th - 11th grade - Life Skills, world studies 1 and PE are quarter classes

- Participation in special programs - example: Biotechnology Institute (BTI) program

- Indicate any reason why your grades dropped, but do not repeat yourself if you addressed in Personal Statement (e.g. family struggles, concussion, health issues etc)

- State the reason if there was a course you could not take at CHS (class was full, etc)

- If you took Algebra in middle school and/or Geometry and/or a world language if you do not repeat the course in 9th grade

- Indicate any community college or college courses here, the course title the units earned the grade.

- Indicate if you are/were enrolled in Intermediate or Advanced Dance, that is a quarter class
Tips + Resources

Tips

● Read your emails!
● Ask for letters 3 or more weeks in advance, not including holidays.
● Complete all questionnaires thoroughly and early.
● If you delete a college on Common App, please delete on Naviance account also.
● Remember to tell your School Counselor if you are applying to a Common App school!
● Ask questions! We’re here to help.

Resources

● Make an appt with Mrs. Rasor, our College and Career Coordinator, to review your application before submitting.
● Attend College App drop-in hours in November
● Flex Letter of Rec Workshop
● Matching your Common App + Naviance
● Common App Tips
QUESTIONS???