

SENIOR YEAR: CLASS OF 2023

THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

September 12, 2022



To the Parents and Students of the Class of 2023:

Welcome to the Senior Year!!



Pioneer Counselors are here to help you navigate this final year.

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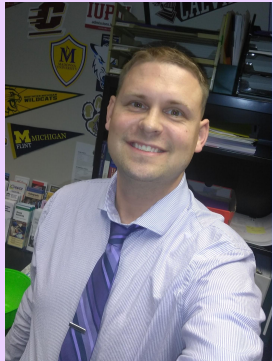
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SENIOR TIMELINE:

August Visit admission websites and begin college applications.
Verify senior course schedule meets all grad requirements.

September Counselors begin processing college applications.
Seniors continue working on college applications.

October Continue working on college applications.
Some music/theater programs will have Oct. deadlines.
FAFSA opens up on October 1st.

November Early Action/Early Decision deadlines.
Most college applications processed by counselors.



Senior Timeline

December/Jan.

**Continue to work on applications for regular and rolling admission deadlines.
Seniors notified of early decision/early action.
Study for final semester exams in January.**

February

**Application Process winds down.
Some colleges still have rolling admissions.
Begin filling out scholarship applications.
Request Mid-Year Transcript on Naviance.**

March/April

**Continue filling out scholarship applications.
Continue hearing from colleges about acceptance.**

Senior Timeline

May Deposit due for college of final choice.
Seniors last day at end of month.

June Request Final Transcript in Parchment

GRADUATION CEREMONY : FRIDAY MAY 26, 2023



Let Your Student Drive the Process

Student needs to be aware of college application/scholarship deadlines.



Encourage your student to communicate with counselor, other staff, and college admissions, **directly themselves**. Please avoid the temptation to log into your student's email (pretending to be them) and communicate with school staff and colleges.

Request reasonable updates from your student regarding their progress on the application process so that you can help keep them prepare to meet deadlines.



Students: Get Organized

- * Maintain a filing or folder system for each college.
- * Visit the admission website for each college for specifics.
- * Keep a checklist of application items needed for each college.
- * Create a calendar for what is due and when.
- * Set aside time on weekends to complete tasks.
- * Keep track of account usernames and passwords.

Campus Visits

We encourage students to visit college campuses to gain a real feel for that place while it is in session with students.

Some colleges even offer virtual campus visits.

College visits are an “excused” absence from PHS.

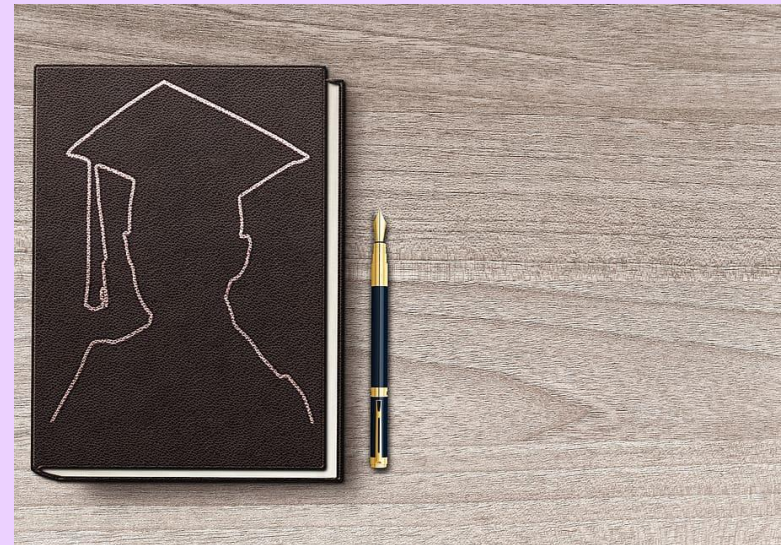
Types of College Applications

Most colleges will use the common application and some colleges will use the common application along with some of their own supplemental forms. And then, there are colleges that have their own application. Visit each college's admission website for specifics of what is needed.

Applications direct to the Institution

Common Application

Coalition Application



Video for Creating a Common Application Account

[Common App](#)

FERPA SECTION OF THE COMMON APPLICATION

Applicants should consider waiving their right to look at their recommendation letters. Colleges seem to take letters more seriously that have not been reviewed by the applicant.

Fee Waivers

If you qualify for a fee waiver, you will indicate that in your Common App and your counselor will need to verify it on their Common App account

If you are applying to a non-Common App school and qualify for a fee waiver please see your counselor

Recommenders

- **Make sure you enter your counselor's correct name and email address. Use @aaps.k12.mi.us, not @a2schools.org**
- **Colleges want recommendations from teachers**
- **Only get letters of recommendations if the college you are applying to requires them**
- **Give your recommenders at least 2 weeks**



IMPORTANT INFORMATION NEEDED FOR COMMON APP

- * Pioneer's Senior Class has 471 students
- * Pioneer does not rank students
- * Pioneer uses a "weighted" GPA on a 4.0 Scale
- * CEEB Code: 230088



Transcripts

- Student will request transcripts through Parchment, a free online service that securely sends transcripts to colleges
- Set up your account now at [Parchment](#)
- Use a personal email, not your school email, when setting up your account





Pioneer High School

Ann Arbor, MI

Enrollment Info

You can now get your credentials! Here is what is waiting for you at this organization.

Order Your
Enrollment Verification



Order

Order Your
Transcript



Order



+ Add Another School or Organization You Attended



Set Delivery Destination

CANCEL ✕

Your order will be sent from **Pioneer High School** to the individual and/or organization at the destination below.

Pioneer High School building is closed and we are currently working remotely because of COVID 19.

Graduation years 2024-2009- 3 business days for processing

Graduation years 2008 and before- 30 days for processing

Piorecords@aaps.k12.mi.us



OR



I'm sending to myself or another individual [?](#)



common app

Search

The Common Application for Transfer
(Transfer Students ONLY)
Watertown, MA, US

The Common Application (First Year
Applicants)
Arlington, VA, US

Appalachian State University - Graduate
Admission
Boone, NC, US

Appalachian State University
Boone, NC, US

 TYPE:

College / University

 ADDRESS:

3003 Washington Blvd
Arlington, VA 22201
US

 [See All Results](#)

Not finding what you're looking for?

Enter Your Own



If you submit your application to Common App member colleges at www.commonapp.org and your counselor accepts your invitation to submit the associated school forms online, you can request Parchment to send your transcript to the Common App to be made available to **ALL** Common App member colleges to which you applied or will apply online through the Common App site.

If you apply to a Common App member college through a different process (i.e. through a paper application or a different online application) or your counselor does not accept your invitation to submit the associated school forms online, you must place separate orders for each college.

*** Common Application ID**

Check Your Common App ID



PLEASE NOTE: A parent or legal guardian must complete this consent section.





Dashboard

Application Requirements

Sort by: College Name ▾

Eastern Michigan University

[Add your term or admission plan](#)

 Application – In progress



Show more details ^

Need help?



How can I remove a school from my Dashboard?

You can remove a school by clicking the X icon on the school name line on the **Dashboard**. However, a [Read more](#)

How can I add a college to my Dashboard?

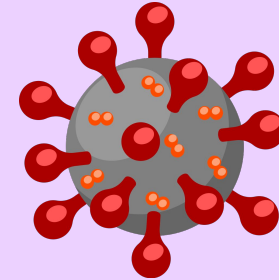
You can add a college from the **College Search** tab.

Then follow these steps: [Read more](#)

How many colleges can I add to my Dashboard?

The Common Application

COVID MENTION: TRANSCRIPT/SCHOOL PROFILE



AAPS Transcripts for all students enrolled in high school during the 2019/2020 school year have the following COVID-19 note:

“ For S2/T3 of SY19-20 only credit/no credit marks were used. “

The Pioneer School Profile also has a statement regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on AAPS students’ grades, credits and extracurricular activities

SENDING TEST SCORES

*** SAT and AP Scores : Go to collegeboard.com**

*** ACT Scores: Go to act.org**

**Scores must be sent to colleges directly from testing companies.
Students will need to create an account to login and send scores.
Students will need a credit card to pay fee for sending scores.**

SAT Questions: 1-866-630-9305

ACT Questions: 1-319-337-1270

Test Optional: What does that mean?



Should I take the SAT or ACT if the school I'm applying to says it's optional?

If I don't send SAT or ACT scores will it hurt my application?

If the college does not require the test, then generally NO, it will not hurt your application. But know that without test scores other parts of your application such as gpa, essay, awards, achievements, extracurriculars and recommendations, will become more important.

Many colleges, including test optional schools, will use SAT or ACT scores to award merit scholarships for incoming students. If you do well on the test, your scores could benefit your financial aid

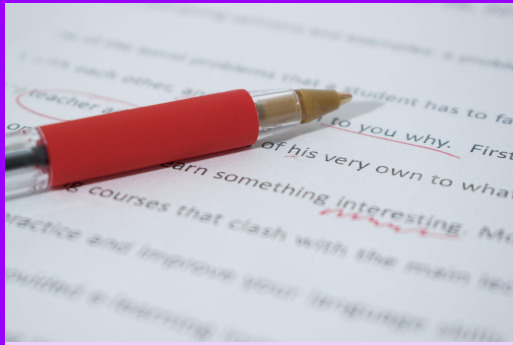
Writing Your Essay

Select a few people to proofread/edit it.

Too many people editing your essay(s) will send you into doubt and confusion.

Answer the prompt, do your best, give details/specifics, let it go and move on.

Avoid perseverating about your essay.



College Admissions Essay

Does your senior dread their admissions essay? **We can help!**

- Drop in to the Writing Center any day during lunch for one-on-one assistance.
- Reach out through our website for virtual feedback anytime.
- Request a call slip for assistance during 6th Hour.



<https://aapioneerwritingcenter.weebly.com>

Early Action and Early Decision

Early Action is non-binding and students receive an early response to their application but do not have to commit to the college until the normal reply date of May 1st.

Early Decision is binding and the student must attend that college. A student can only apply to one college for early decision. Some ED colleges will allow you to apply to other colleges through EA and some do not. Look at their admission website for specifics. Almost all ED colleges will allow you to apply to other colleges through regular or rolling admissions.

REGULAR DECISION

A college will compare every application to other before any acceptance or rejection letters are sent out. The deadline is usually around January.

ROLLING ADMISSION

A college will evaluate applications as they are received until all slots are filled for the incoming class.

Accepted/ Deferred/ Waitlisted/ Denied

Accepted

Congrats! You've been offered admission to the college!

Deferred

It's not a "No", it's a "Maybe"

College generally wants more information such as 1st semester grades.

Waitlisted

College is done reviewing your application and does not require more information. You are granted admission if a spot becomes available.

Denied

You didn't get in AND it's not the end of the world.



Academics and Behavior - It Still Matters Senior Year!

- * Maintain rigor in academic schedule.
- * Avoid dropping classes. Competitive colleges expect 4 core classes.
- * Make sure your Division 1 or Division 2 athlete is registered with the NCAA. (ncaa.org)
- * A final transcript will be sent at the end of senior year to the college of choice.
- * Attendance and punctuality to classes still remains important.
- * Make good choices through the school year.

COLLEGES CAN RESCIND A STUDENT'S ADMISSION

Other Post-Secondary Options:



Military

Gap-Year

Service Project Programs:
Americorp and CitiYear

Work



WCC (Washtenaw Community College)



Great place to start.

Variety of associate degree programs.

Save tons of money compared to starting at a 4-year college.

Easily transfer to a 4-year university after 2 years.

Senior Lunch Help Sessions

Starting the week of September 19th until the end of October counselors will be offering help sessions to go over college applications and look at post high school options.

When: Monday through Thursday during Early Lunch

Where: Admin Area behind Main Office