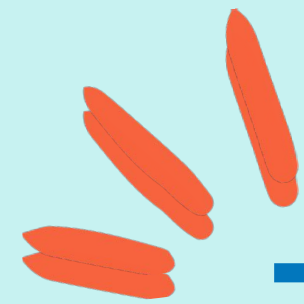
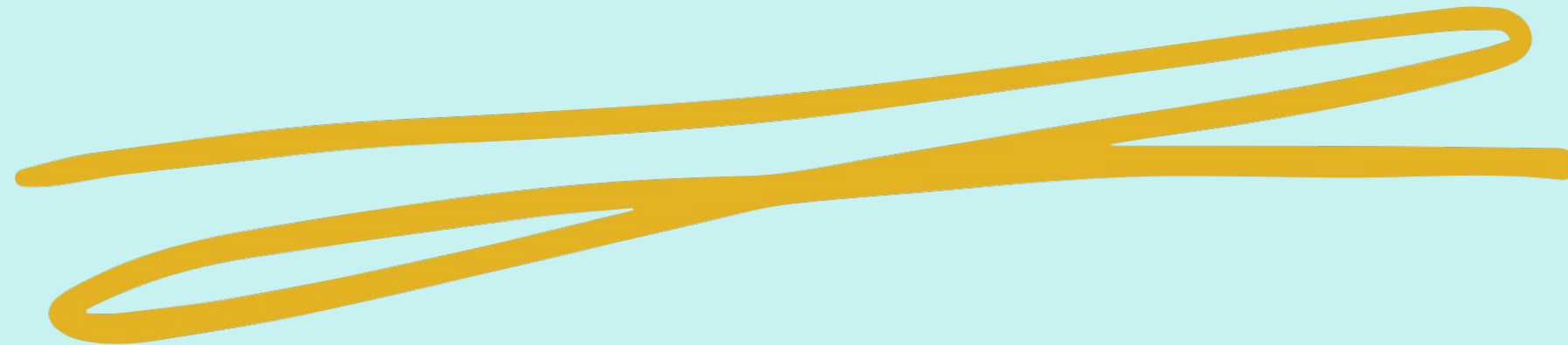


Westford Academy Counseling Department



The College Application Process



September 13, 2022

AGENDA



September 13th: The College Application Process

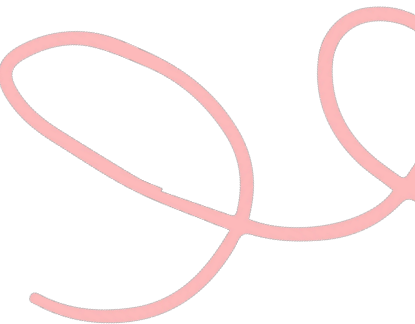
- College list & Deadlines, SAT & ACT, Student/Counselor/Parent/Caregiver Roles, Rep Visits
- *Tonight's presentation is for parents/caregivers at 6:30pm in the PAC*

September 19th-21st:

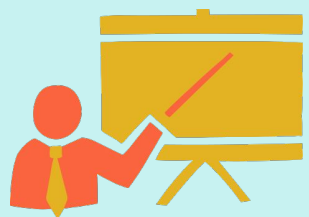
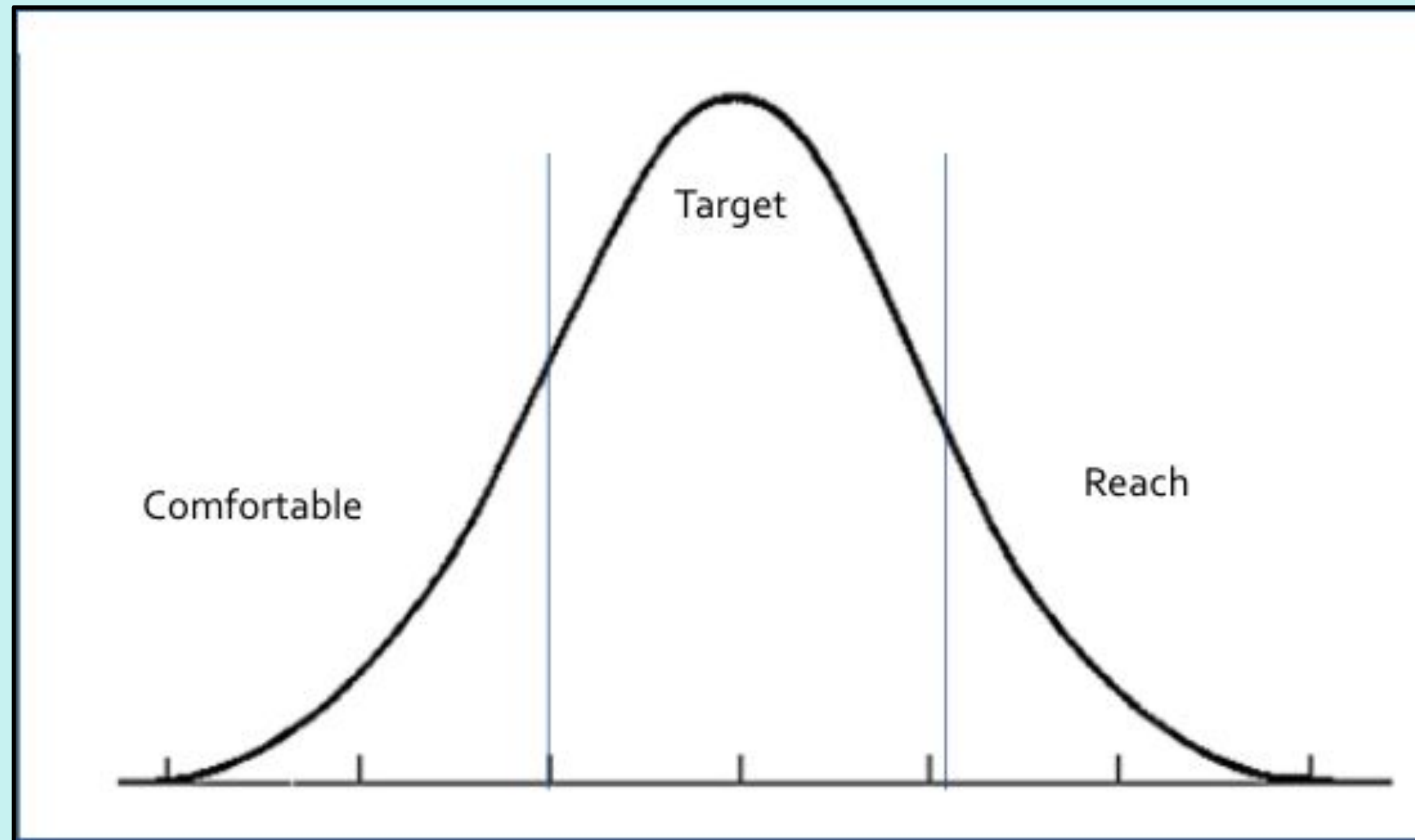
- Senior seminar in English classes to review the CommonApp and SCOIR

October 11th:

- Financial Aid: MEFA presentation in the PAC for senior families at 6:30pm



Let's Review... The College List





Everyone's Reach



Harvard, Dartmouth, Princeton, Yale,
Brown, Columbia, Georgetown, MIT,
Cornell, UPenn, Carnegie Mellon,
Stanford, Tufts

UVA, UC Berkeley... and others



Almost Everyone's Reach



Vanderbilt, Boston College, NYU,
Northeastern, Middlebury, Bowdoin,
Colby, University of Michigan, Georgia
Tech and others



Application Plans & Deadlines

Early Action - (non-binding)

Oct 15- Dec 1

Early Decision - (binding)

Oct 15-Nov 15

****November 1 deadlines:** If Q1 grades are required, notify your counselor because they are not sent automatically

Regular Decision

Jan 1 or later

Q1 & Mid-year Grades

Rolling Admissions



Test Optional



- Huge shift over the last three years towards test optional
 - e.g. UMass Amherst, UMass Lowell, Boston University, Boston College, UConn, UNH
- Approximately 80% of schools are now test optional
- Listing of all test optional schools: www.fairtest.org





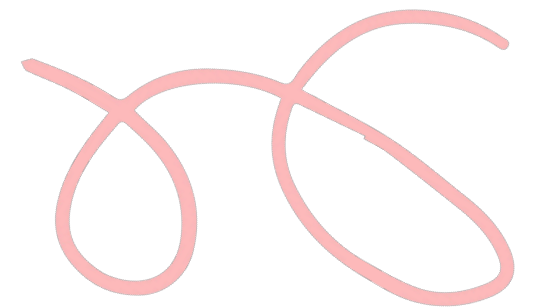
SAT Dates



October 1 - Late Registration September 20

November 5 - Register by October 7
- Late Registration October 25

December 3 - Register by November 3
- Late Registration November 22



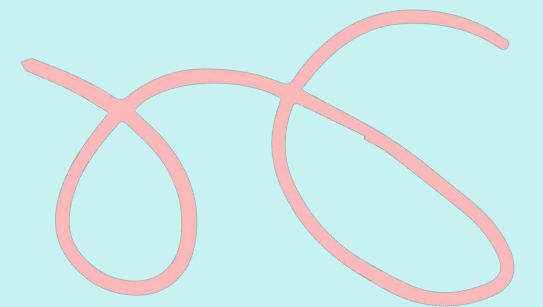



ACT

Dates

October 22, 2022 - Register by September 16

December 10, 2022 - Register by November 4

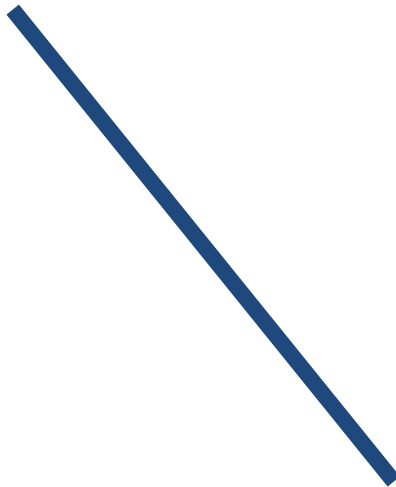




STUDENT



PARENT





COUNSELOR




STUDENT'S JOB



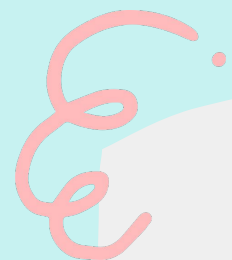
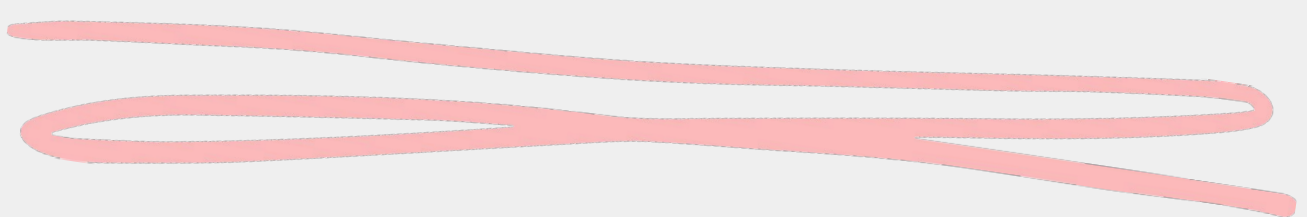

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- Finalize college application list
 - Schedule counselor meeting
 - Fill out and **submit** the applications (INCLUDING writing the essay)
 - Move colleges to “Applying” list in Scoir at least TWO weeks prior to application deadline
 - Check status of application (many colleges use online portals) regularly
 - *Request official test scores (SAT, ACT) from the testing companies*
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COUNSELOR'S JOB



- Provide feedback on the college list (is it missing anything?)
 - Write Counselor Statement
 - Send official transcripts, recommendations (teacher and counselor), and school profile.
 - Send additional grade updates to colleges as needed (Term 1, Mid-year, etc)
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PARENT/GUARDIAN/CAREGIVER'S JOB

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- Support & encourage (leave the pressure and unsolicited advice for another day)
 - Hand your child the phone/computer - they should schedule their own appointments
 - Prepare your child for disappointment - and reassure if it happens
 - Assist with FAFSA & CSS Profile (if needed) - and have an open, honest discussion about finances for college
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College Rep Visits



- Rep visits will be offered on open dates from **September 15 - November 10** both in-person (during school hours) and virtually 
 - All rep visits **offered virtually** will be **OUTSIDE** of the school day at either **2:00 pm, 3:00 pm or 4:00 pm** on open dates
 - See email for more information
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Rep Visits on SCOIR


September 2022

15
Thu



Emerson College
Boston, MA

Time:
08:50 AM – 09:30 AM
Location:
Counseling

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Registered

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Register



Boston University
Boston, MA

Time:
10:00 AM – 10:40 AM
Location:
Lecture Hall 144

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Registered

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Register



George Washington University
Washington, DC

Time:
11:00 AM – 11:40 AM
Location:
Counseling Office

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Registered

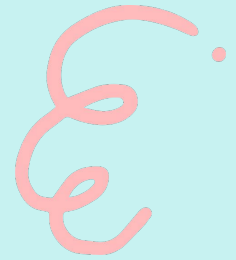
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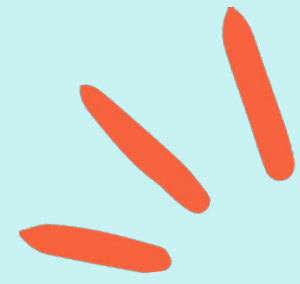


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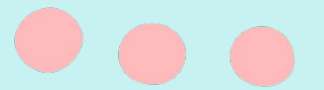
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LOOKING FORWARD

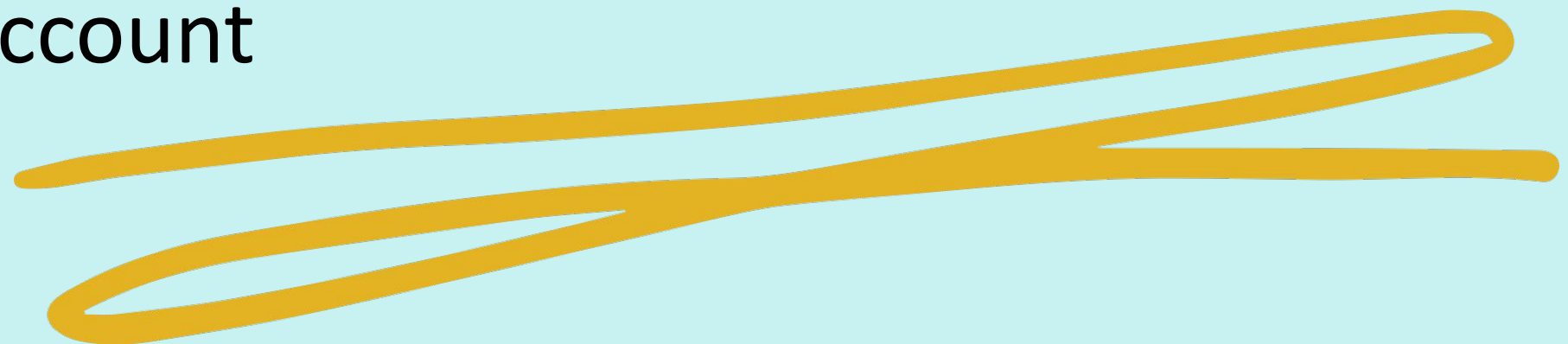




SENIOR CHECKLIST



- Senior Data Sheet in SCOIR
- Move Colleges to “Applying”
**at least two weeks before the deadline
- Activities & Achievements Section in SCOIR or
Resume shared with Counselor
- Make CommonApp account

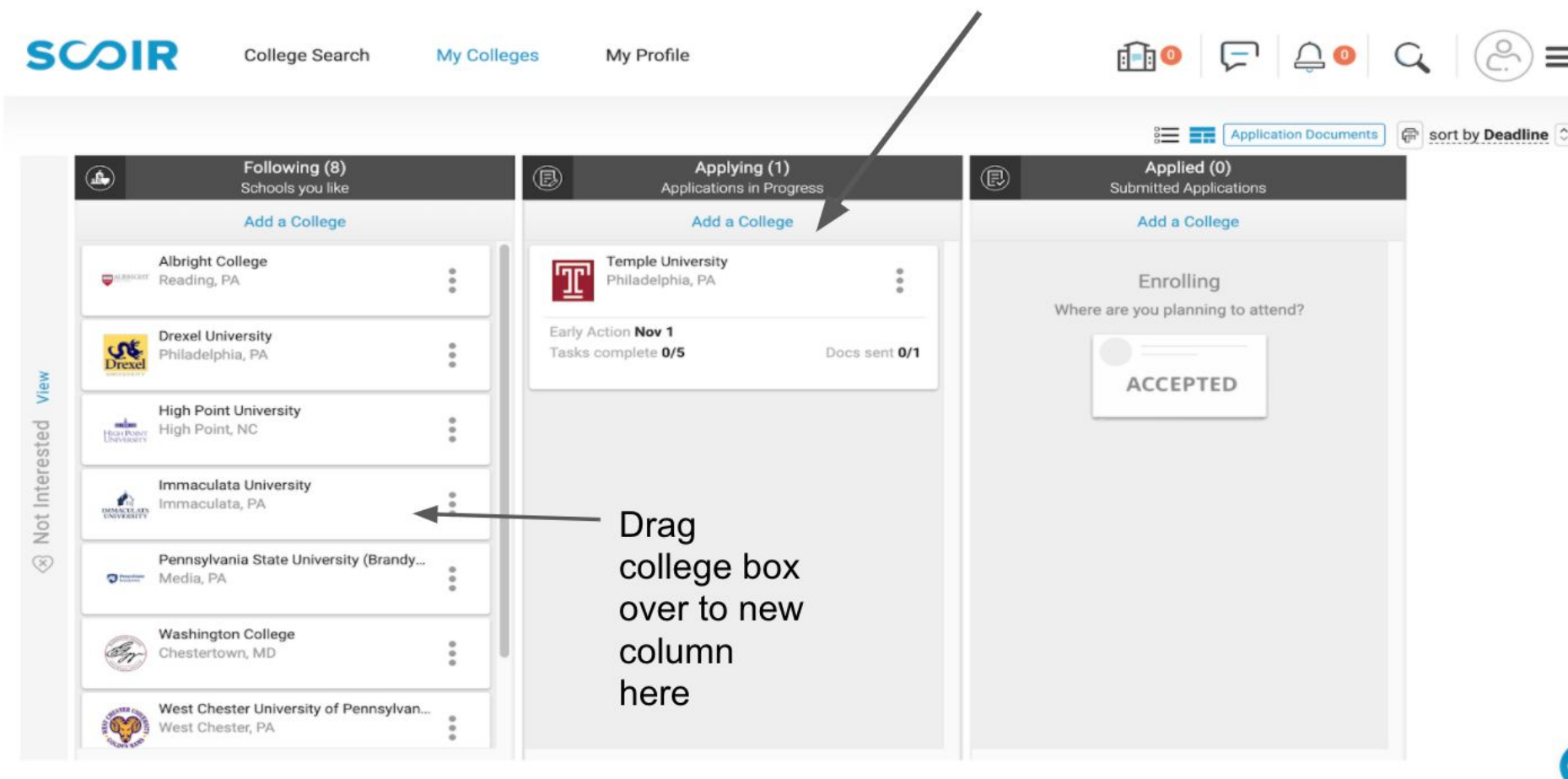


Senior Data Sheet: MORE IS MORE!


- In Scoir
- We use this form to write your counselor statement




Move colleges to “applying tab” by dragging or click “add a college”



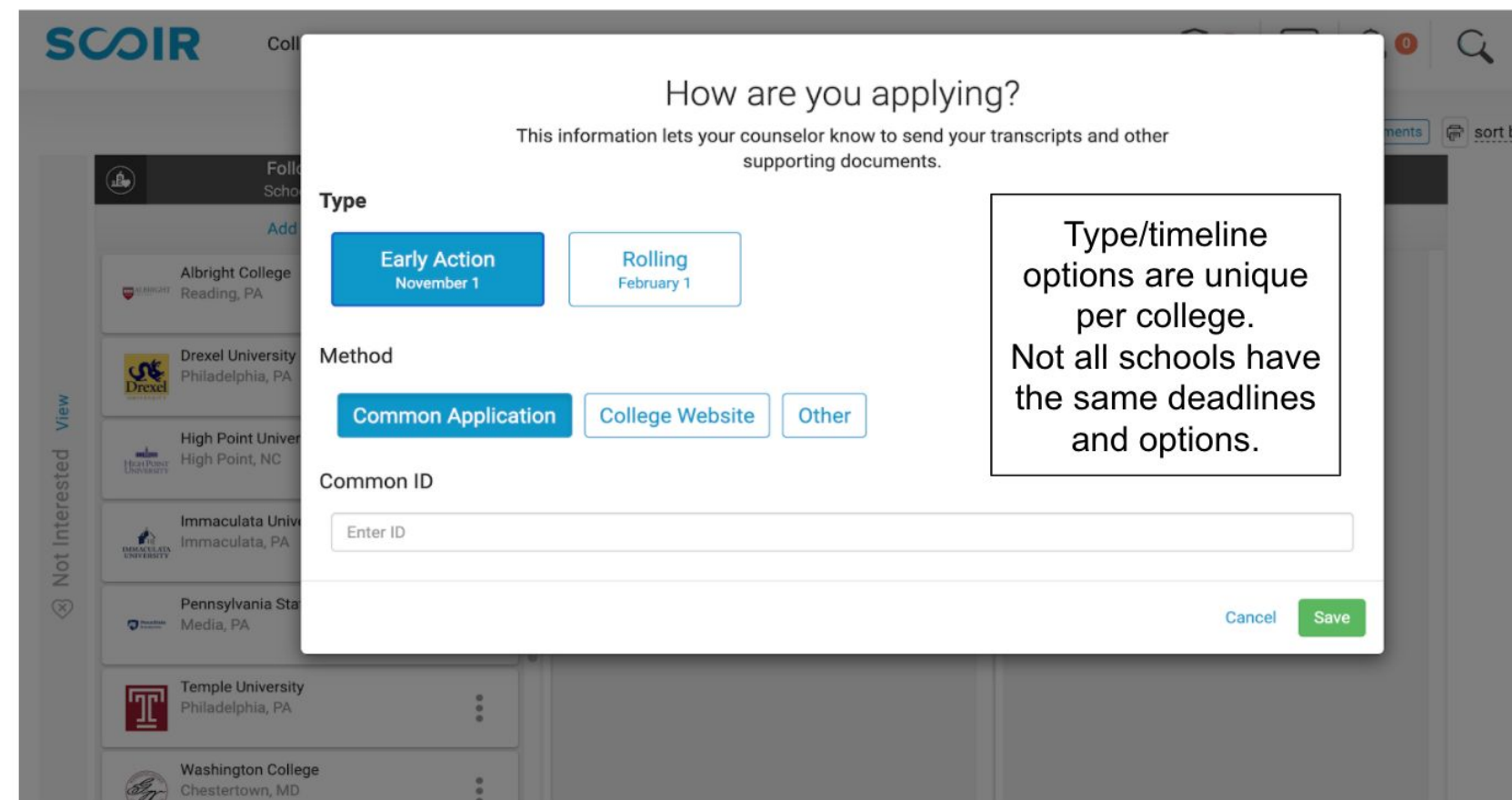
Moving Colleges



Update Application Date and ~~Deadline~~



Select your app type and method



How are you applying?
This information lets your counselor know to send your transcripts and other supporting documents.

Type

Early Action
November 1

Rolling
February 1

Method

Common Application

College Website

Other

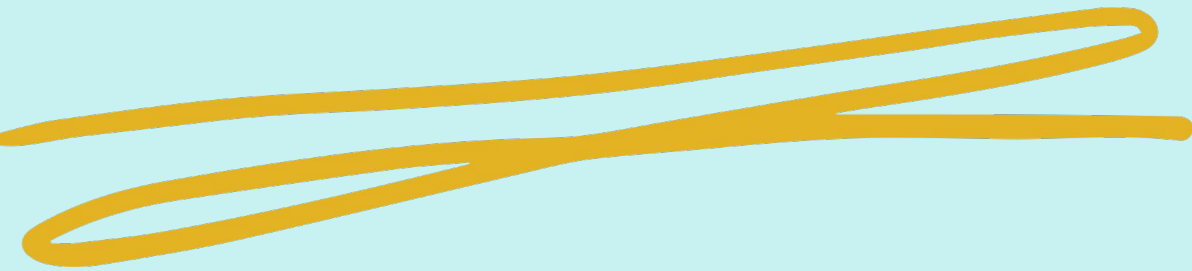
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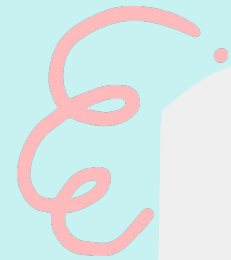

Enter ID

Cancel Save

Type/timeline options are unique per college. Not all schools have the same deadlines and options.

Resume



- 
- Upload to Scoir or fill out Activities & Achievements Section in Scoir
 - WA Counseling website has templates for activities and resume
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SENIOR MEETING

(Student & Counselor)





What will we discuss...

- Application timeline
- Review college list
- Recommendations
- Review transcript
- Go over CommonApp
- Any other questions you may have





Recommendations

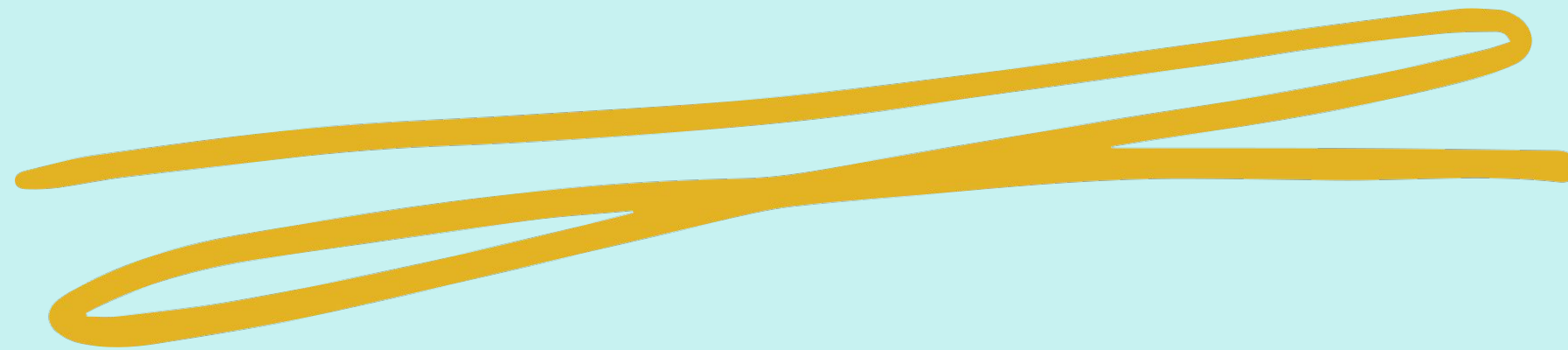


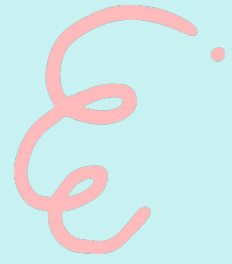
- **Re-connect** with the teacher(s) whom you asked for **letter(s) of recommendation** in the spring to be sure everything is in place that is necessary to secure your letter and let them know your earliest deadline.
- All school records are sent through Scoir - **do not include** counselor or teacher emails in CommonApp
 - See Guide posted in Google Classroom





WA SCHOOL RECORDS





Required for counselors to send

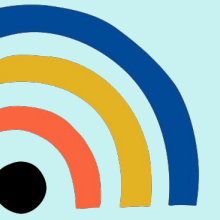
- One-time processing fee of \$8 submitted for all applications and alumni transcripts through MySchoolBucks. Use this link to pay this fee:

https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/prdembd?ref=ZZHCKVF90G01ERQ_ZZI0CSV1DBWOFLU

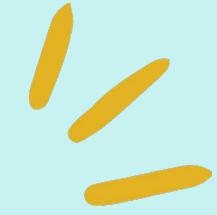
****We are unable to send transcripts to colleges until this fee is paid.**

- FERPA Release Authorization & Waiver Release signed in Scoir

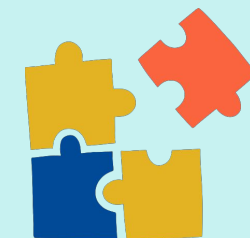


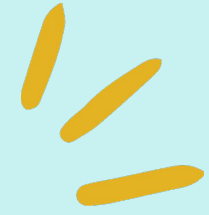
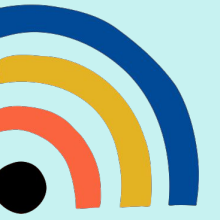


What
does WA
send??



- Official Transcript with Senior Courses
- School Profile
- Letter(s) of recommendation
- Counselor statement





What
the
student
sends...



- Completed Application, including essay(s) and fees
 - o If using Common App, this will also include the school specific questions
- Official test scores to be sent to each college, if required, directly from the testing company (SAT or ACT)
- Complete Financial Aid forms (FAFSA and/or CSS Profile) - with parental help!



After you apply...



- Set up applicant portal and check regularly for document status
- EA/ED results begin to arrive in December (rolling may be earlier)
 - Admit, Defer, or Deny
 - What if I get deferred?
 - Send additional supporting materials (grades, updates, etc) IF NEEDED
- RD results are reported no later than April 1, 2023
 - Admit, Deny, or Waitlist
 - What if I get waitlisted?
 - Student must decide whether or not to remain on waitlist
 - There is no way to determine odds of getting off the waitlist - deposit elsewhere!
- Students/Families compare the options and commit/deposit to one college by May 1



Financial Aid

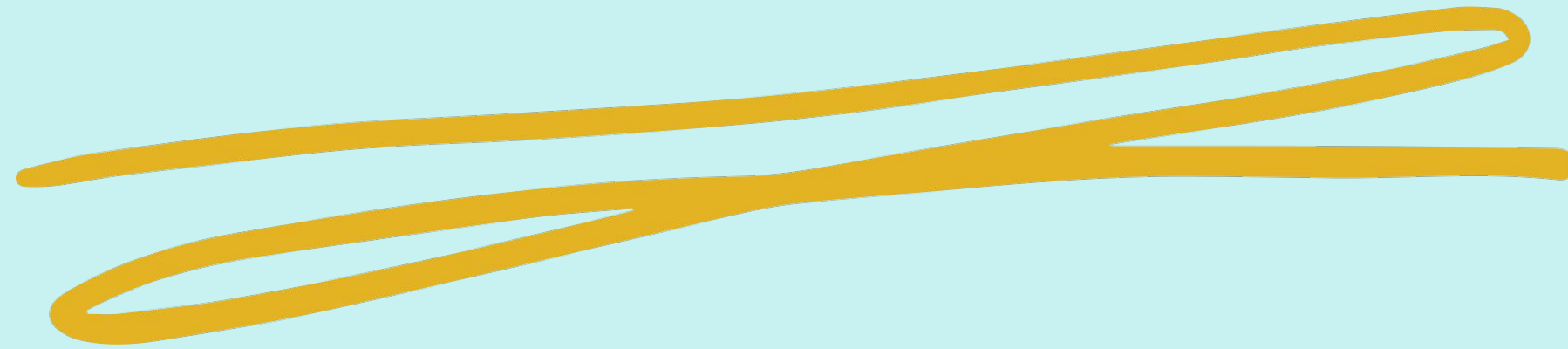
- Tools and Info on WA website
- Net Price Calculator
- FAFSA studentaid.gov
(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
 - **File after October 1, 2022**
 - Can register now for FAFSA ID (pin)
- CSS Profile www.collegeboard.org
 - available Oct 1st
- Check each college's financial aid application deadline
- Financing Seminar - October 11 @ 6:30pm in PAC
 - www.mefa.org



- **Monthly newsletters:**
 - Emailed through SCOIR
 - Friday email
 - WA Counseling website
- **Instagram:** @wa_counseling
- **WA Website**
 - College Planning
 - Financial Aid Information
- **SCOIR**
- **College Essay Guy**
 - Posts on Google Classroom



We will ALL survive this process!



It will be June before you know it!

