

College, NCAA, & AP, Information

College Essay: The college essay is a great tool for students to use to express themselves in the college application. Make sure to follow instructions, check for errors, show not tell, make it meaningful, and don't be afraid to shine.

Resume: There is an example of a resume under the sample college resume link. Make sure you give details to describe your activities and accomplishments and avoid acronyms.

Letter of Recommendation: Some schools require a letter of recommendation from School Counselors and/or Teachers. All requests for letters of recommendation must be made through *Naviance*. Please select the teachers and Counselor for each school that you are requesting the letters be sent. Please carefully review which schools require letters. After requesting your recommendation letter through Naviance, please provide your Counselor and Teacher with your resume and or an essay that will be helpful when writing your letter.

NCAA: If you think you'll be playing a Division I or Division II sport, see your counselor and check the NCAA Eligibility Center to make sure you are taking the appropriate classes to be eligible. Register for eligibility ASAP at www.eligibilitycenter.org and bring the signed transcript release form to the athletics office. Make sure NCAA has received your ACT/SAT scores also.

AP Credits: College credits for qualifying AP scores do not automatically follow you to college. You will need to contact College Board and request that your AP scores be sent to the college you will attend. Take some time over the summer to make sure your school receives your AP scores directly from College Board so your records are up-to-date and you are given the appropriate college credit(s). The courses for which you are assigned college credit by examination may impact your course decisions for that first year of college. You can access your AP score information through AP Central at the College Board website at <http://apcentral.collegeboard.com> AP credit is generally granted as course credit and does not include a grade or get factored into the college GPA. See your college

website to learn how AP credit is applied. Scores of 4 or 5 will sometimes earn students credit for multiple courses within a course series.