

Welcome to SME.....

College Planning Presentation



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College Planning Timeline

See SME Student Services/Counseling Website:


<https://smeast.smsd.org/students/counseling>

Carefully check admissions websites of colleges for requirements & deadlines



Process in SME's Counseling Center

Every senior should request a copy of their unofficial transcript when school starts

- Check it for accuracy (grades and test scores)
 - Use it when completing applications online
 - Pick up a transcript release form from the SME Registrar, Melanie Lowe, and return it completed with signatures (parent's signature required if student is not yet 18).
 - Mrs. Lowe is available in the Student Services / Counseling office from 7:00-3:00. Her email is melanielowe@smsd.org.
 - Submit a transcript request in person.
 - For counselor recommendations, you should see SME registrar Melanie Lowe first. She will explain the process and next steps.
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Info on Transcripts

Weighted and Unweighted GPA appear on transcript

SMSD no longer includes class rank

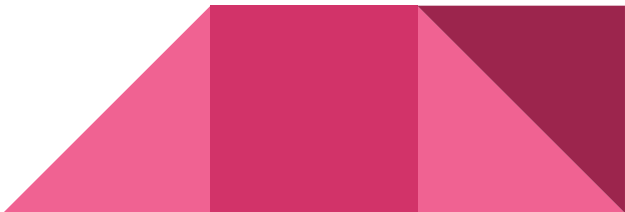
ACT/SAT test scores are on transcript if they were sent to SME at time of test

You must request in writing to have them removed

All or nothing

Permanent

AP Scores are NOT on transcript



Letters of Recommendation

- Counselors: Not all require....be sure to check on Common App and College's Admissions Page first.
- Process starts with Mrs. Lowe, the registrar.
- Teacher Recommendations: same, be sure to ask far in advance



Common App or SEND EDU

- Websites allow you to enter your information online once and have it sent to multiple schools. So if you are applying to more than two or three schools, it might make sense to use one of them.
- Check each college's website to determine which application methods are available (this varies a lot from school to school). Keep in mind that not all schools use Common App.
- If you are using the Common App or SendEdu, you do not need to wait for your counselor or teachers to submit their recommendation materials. As soon as you submit your application, the college can download it.
- An individual college or university cannot download your transcript and recommendations from Common App until you have submitted your application to that specific college.

See the [Common App](#) or ask your counselor for more information about which method is best for you.





COLLEGE CLINIC
@ SME October 16 6:30-8:30

College Rep Visits

Multiple visits per week by representatives from schools all over the U.S.

Students sign up in the SME Counseling office.

Must make up any work they miss in class.

List of dates and schools visiting is available on SME College website and in the Counseling office.



Scholarship Searches

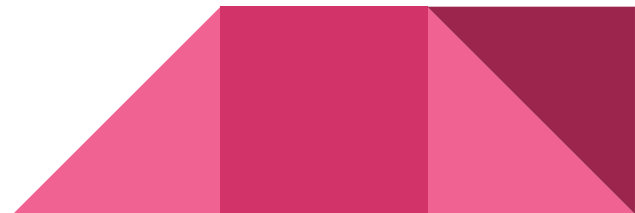
Scholarship Shawnee Mission (SEPT 8 DEADLINE to opt-in)

College Websites

Use the internet: Watch out for Scams

SME Counseling Website

SME Scholarships in announcements in Spring



Financial Aid

SMSD Financial Aid Night SMSD Financial Aid Night - **Wed., Oct. 9th**

- **At SM West cafeteria, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**
- All students and parents are welcome (from all SMSD schools)
- No registration is necessary
- Bring your 2018 tax return (parent and student), Social Security number, and a laptop, if you would like help working on your FAFSA while you're there.
- This event will include Spanish-speaking presenters.

Financial Aid/FAFSA presentation @ JCCC

Financial Aid Offices

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Every student should file OPENS OCT 1



FINANCIAL AID NIGHTS

Johnson County Library is offering two programs in September:

Step-by-Step Through the FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is an essential tool when applying for scholarships, grants and loans for college. Filling out the FAFSA can be nerve-wracking and confusing. Don't Give Up! Jason Anderson, CommunityAmerica Credit Union's College and Career Consultant will walk you through the FAFSA line by line. This program will be presented at the following locations:

Tues, Sept 17 th	6-7:30pm @ Blue Valley Library 9000 W 151st St, Overland Park
Wed, Sept 25 th	6-7:30pm @ Antioch Library 8700 Shawnee Mission Pkwy, Merriam
Mon, Oct 7 th	6-7:30pm @ Monticello Library 22435 W 66th St, Shawnee

Sandwiches and sides will be served starting at 5:30 pm. Register online <https://www.jocolibrary.org/events> or call 913-826-4600.





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