



College Applications 101

*There are MANY post-high school options. This handout primarily focuses on the process for applying to 4-year colleges/universities, but in the [full presentation](#), (and later this year), we highlight other post-HS options.


TRANSCRIPTS

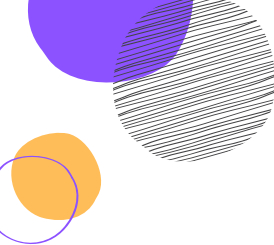
- Issaquah uses Parchment as our transcript service.
- **ALL** Transcript requests go through Parchment. **ALL. ALL.**
- Each transcript request is released by Ms. Lipsen so it does not happen instantly, can take up to 2 business days.
- We **strongly** suggest requesting a free unofficial copy to check for any mistakes, AP grade bumps, summer classes, and/or HS classes taken in MS.
- You get 5 official copies for free. \$5.25 for each additional copy.

4-YEAR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- Access the online application through each of the college's websites (or through that school's platform such as Common App, Coalition, etc.).
- Order your transcript(s) on Parchment. You will order one for EACH school.
- **FUN FACT:** You order just 1 copy of your transcript to be sent to Common App and it will be sent to all of your Common app schools.
- Request your ACT/SAT scores to be sent directly to colleges (if applicable! check admission requirements, many schools are now test optional and/or test blind).
- Most public 4-year colleges do NOT require teacher or counselor letters of recommendation.

COMMON APPLICATION: Every student who uses the Common App needs to add their counselor (and sign the FERPA waiver!)

- MOST students only need their counselor to complete the school report.
 - For your counselor to submit the School Report, you **MUST** request your transcript through Parchment (to Common App).
 - If, **and only if**, a full recommendation is required, you need to complete a [2-page packet](#) for your counselor.
 - See these [tips on how to fill out the Common App](#) for IHS.
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COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

- College Visits: Please check the list online & in the hallway for college rep visits.
- The CCC team is able to help you with: employment/internship opportunities, scholarship & financial aid information, accessing military representatives, exploring post-high school options, volunteer opportunities, and the high school & beyond plan.

FUN FACT: You can schedule appointments with them through Calendly as well!

FAFSA/WASFA [Financial Aid]: FAFSA OR WASFA

- Opens October 1st, get started on this EARLY. **Recommended for ALL students** to complete regardless of expected 'need'. Many schools require completion of the FAFSA for consideration for non-need based aid (e.g. scholarships!).
- This applies for federal access to grants, scholarships, loans, work-study. Every student should apply regardless of income. CCC Calendar lists events being held to help answer questions.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Deadlines occur all year long. Check specific schools for school-specific information. The College & Career Website has LOTS (SO MUCH) great information.
- College Bound: Qualified students will have been notified by 8th grade and can qualify for full tuition scholarships. Please see your counselor if you have questions about this.



STUDENTS can use the links below to schedule an appointment
(*counselors are divided by **student** last name*)

Hilde Tzemos: A – Che

Emily Combellick (on leave through Nov)/Deanna Skoglund: Chf-Fr

Rachel Auffant: Fs – Jo

Maegan Pedersen: Jp – Mark

Madison McCune: Marl – Po

Stacy Clawson: Pp – Steo

Julianna Jenkins: Step – Z

Student drop-ins are available daily before school and during lunch

