

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

**Lassiter High School
Senior Parent Night
September 14, 2010**

LASSITER SCHOOL COUNSELORS

A - D	Dr. Dawson-Hardy
E - G	Mr. Fisher
H - L	Dr. Rives
M - R	Ms. Huntzinger
S - Z	Mrs. Clark

Graduation Status Report

- Seniors received their individual graduation status report in Advisement on Friday, August 27, 2010.
- Contact your senior's counselor if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's graduation status.

College Visits

- Research college websites (GACollege411.org)
 - Majors
 - Public/private
 - In-state/out of state
 - Size
- Take a campus tour
- Meet with admissions & financial aid officers
- Get names & business cards of people you meet
- Visit the library, student union, dorm room
- Walk the campus!

College Application

- Applications found on line
 - Review entire application before you beginCommon Applications accepted
- General application used by hundreds of colleges
 - Electronic transcripts required for recommendation

Technical Colleges

- Technical school: HS diploma required
– GED accepted
- Nearby Tech school: Chattahoochee Technical College
- SAT/ACT not required. Use Compass exam instead.

2 Year Public Community Colleges

- SAT/ACT not required. Use Compass exam instead.
- 2-year school: minimum. 2.0 GPA for College Prep,
- 2.2 for Technical/Career diploma
- Nearby 2-year schools: Georgia Highland, Chattahoochee Technical & Georgia Perimeter College

PROBE Fairs

- ⦿ Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010 6:30-8:30 PM Marietta H.S.
- ⦿ Thursday, Sept. 16 ,2010 3-5 PM Dunwoody High School
- ⦿ Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010 6-9 PM Town Center Mall
- ⦿ Wednesday, Sept 29, 2010 6-9 PM North Point Mall

- ⦿ Find out the location of other PROBE Fairs at:
http://www.gaprobe.org/tour_dates.asp

Application Fee

Range from \$25 to \$100

- Some colleges offer free admissions application (few)
- Fee waivers for applicants from low income family

Transcript Requests

- ⦿ ANY transcript request must be requested in the Lassiter Counseling office.
 - Requires a signature to release transcript.
- ⦿ First one – no charge
- ⦿ Subsequent requests - \$2 each

High School Transcript

- Process in School Counseling Office
 - Complete Transcript Card
 - Transcript Fee
 - Request 10 days to process
 - Social Security # on transcript must be correct

GPA

- ◎ Overall Weighted GPA: Only meaningful to Lassiter High School!
 - All attempted classes are calculated.
 - Bonus quality points from weighted classes are included.
 - Used to determine class rank.
 - Is the GPA on a student's Lassiter transcript.

- ◎ Unweighted Academic GPA, Core GPA:
 - Only courses from English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Languages are calculated
 - Weight for honors & AP classes is removed/reduced.

Test Scores

- Submit official SAT or ACT scores
- Official test score required from CollegeBoard or ACT
- Submit SAT Subject score (if necessary)

Recommendation Letters

- Counselor, or adult in community
- Submit student profile (resume)
- Allow 2 weeks to be completed

Teacher Recommendations

- ◎ Deal directly with the teacher!
 - Talk with the teacher to see what s/he requires from you in order to do the recommendation.
 - Provide an stamped envelope addressed to the college admissions office.
 - Follow-up with a thank-you note!

Essay

- Private colleges may require
- Very important role in admission process
- Vivid, personal, and compelling essay (requires time & effort)

Interview

- Some private colleges require
- Possible to make a personal connection with someone at university

How Colleges Calculate GPA

- Colleges and universities vary widely in the systems used to calculate the GPA they use to evaluate applicants.
- The only way to be sure is to ask the college admissions office!

Official Test Scores

- Must be sent directly from the testing agency.
- SAT – www.collegeboard.com
- ACT - www.act.org

4 Tips for College Admissions

- Be responsible
 - Read information about your college admissions requirements
- Be organized
 - Know deadlines and maintain an admissions folder

4 Tips for College Admissions

- Be early
 - On time is late – be early
 - Allow at least two weeks to process admissions materials
- Be relaxed
 - College admissions can be stressful
 - Read and be prepared

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do I have a better chance for admission if I apply early?
2. How many times should I take the SAT/ACT?
3. My SAT scores are low but my grades are high. Will this affect my chances for admissions?
4. Should I send additional material to support my admissions application?
5. What can I do to improve my chances for getting off the wait/deferred list?
6. Do colleges really care about grades in senior year?

Questions?