

## College Planning Night Part II General Information from Student Services

**ACT/SAT Score Reports** - Remember that schools must receive your test scores reports *directly from the testing company*. Reports can be ordered online for the ACT at <http://www.actstudent.org/scores/send/index.html> and for the SAT at <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/scores.html> . Please note that the cost varies by deadline/shipping needs.

### **Is it too late to apply for admission to a college?**

No! Students who are planning to continue their education but have yet to research or apply to schools should make time to meet with their guidance counselor. Many schools have "rolling admissions" and spring deadlines. Check out [www.nacacnet.org](http://www.nacacnet.org) for information on schools still seeking to fill spots for the academic year. Those students with non-collegiate plans for the next year (i.e. military service, Gap year, employment, etc) should still touch base with their counselor to keep them updated on their options.

**Service Hours Reminder** - Students must submit their approved service hours report forms to campus ministry in order for their transcripts to reflect an accurate accounting of their efforts. Please do not wait until the last minute to fill out the form and obtain signatures from the site supervisors.

**Talent Auditions and Scholarships** – Do not overlook Art, Music, Theatre or Dance scholarships. Contact the specific departments at your colleges to determine audition dates or tape/portfolio requirements and deadlines. Many schools offer February and March audition dates. In several cases, students don't have to be an official major in the particular subject to be considered for a small scholarship.

**Edgewood's Monthly Scholarship Newsletter** – A list of specific scholarships and informative websites is updated by the first of each month. Copies are then distributed to seniors in homeroom, can be picked up in Student Services, or printed from the EHS home page. This is a great starting point for your student's scholarship search.

**Maintain Academic Rigor** - It is important to maintain a strong academic performance through the end of senior year. Colleges often request mid-year grades and always require end-of-year/proof of graduation transcripts be sent. Please let your counselor know if you need mid-year transcripts sent to colleges.

### **What to Do and Expect During Second Semester:**

- 1. The need to get or stay organized** - create a file folder for each school you've applied to and hold on to all letters, passwords/ID numbers, and important emails.
- 2. Financial Aid paperwork deadlines** – usually mid to late February, but please consult each school in consideration.
- 3. Scholarship application deadlines** – don't hesitate to contact your university admissions counselors about scholarship opportunities and the application process.
- 4. Placement Exams** - schools will inform you of on-campus testing dates or web links for on-line testing options for subjects such as Math, English and Languages.
- 5. Campus Visits** – Be sure to visit any school on your serious contender list. You may even want to make a second visit to your finalist schools before confirming your decision. Ensure that you at least speak with the academic department of your intended major.
- 6. Deposits to be submitted** - To confirm your plans to enroll, schools will ask for a deposit ranging from all-in-one fees (approx \$500) to separate fees for reserving space in the residence halls and summer orientation programs (\$100-\$200 each). Most deposits have a significant portion which is non-refundable so read the details or ask about refund deadlines.

### **Advice from "College Outlook" magazine (Fall 2008 issue): Article "I Didn't Get Into My First-Choice School - Now What?"**

- 1. Re-evaluate Your College List** - identify characteristics from your first-choice school and see if other schools offer similar options. Give second and third choice schools a new look. You're not looking for the one absolute perfect place, but rather for a "great fit" and several schools may be acceptable.
- 2. Check Into Schools With Rolling Admissions** - Many wonderful schools accept applications from September through May.
- 3. Enroll In Another Institution With A Plan To Transfer** - Talk with the admissions counselors to collect transfer information including transfer requirements, course transfer agreements, articulation programs, and deadlines.
- 4. Consider A "Gap" Year** - Participate in leadership programs, complete a post-graduate year at a boarding school, work part-time and attend a local school, focus on community service opportunities/programs. With a plan in mind, use the year to focus on personal development or improve your academic profile.
- 5. Contact First Choice School for an "appeal"** - Schools may re-evaluate a student's application if *significant* new information can be considered (i.e. large increase in GPA, several point improvement on ACT, special/personal issues, etc).

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- Sign up by identifying your school and provide some information about yourself, including your email address.
- Choose the college or organization destinations where you want to send your transcripts.
- Sign off by paying online — Docufide charges a small fee per transcript (**\$2.55 electronic/\$4.25 paper**)

"You make the request; we (Docufide) obtain approval from your school, format your information, confirm that the transcript was sent using postal mail or secure electronic delivery and, for institutions that accept electronic records, provide verification that your transcript arrived."

1. Click on the Docufide link from the Edgewood Student Services web page.
2. Complete the one-time account set up.
3. Search the database for the colleges or organizations to which you wish to send your transcripts.
4. Complete the payment/confirmation page and submit.

**Benefits:** You can take control of sending out transcripts and gaining "peace of mind" thanks to the online tracking of the transcripts location. Since requests can be made 24/7, you can request transcripts to be sent immediately from home saving your student time & energy. You can also be efficient by requesting mid-year and final transcripts to be sent as soon as you finalize your college choice.

 **Please note: This is a newly available service we're pleased to offer our Edgewood families and is NOT required at this time. "Traditional" mailed transcripts can still be requested from Student Services during normal business hours.**

**Privacy:** "Only you, your current school, and your selected recipient will get to see the content of your records. It's the promise of privacy that makes Docufide Education's Trusted Intermediary."

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