



Class of 2025

Senior Year, Graduation &
Beyond



Senior Year

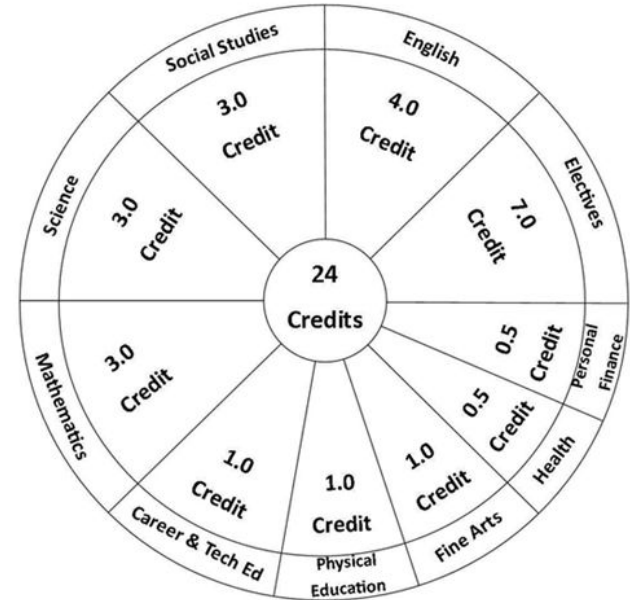
- **Be engaged**
 - Participate in class and our community
 - Keep up with emails and announcements
- **Stay focused on the end goal**
 - What do you still need to conquer to earn your diploma?
- **Prepare for your future**
 - Are your classes and grades setting you up for a successful future?

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Graduation – Credit Requirements

- **17** specific + **7** “free choice” = **24**
 - 4 credits of English
 - 3 credits of math
 - 3 credits of science
 - 1 must be Biology; 1 recommended physical science
 - 3 credits of social studies
 - 1 must be US history; 1 must be World history; 0.5 must be Government
 - 0.5 Health
 - 0.5 Personal Finance
 - 1.0 PE
 - 1.0 Fine Art (visual or performing art)
 - 1.0 CTE (Business, Marketing, FACS, Tech/Engineering)
 - 7.0 elective or above and beyond credits
 - **24 total credits earned**



Graduation – Assessment Requirements

- Pass **MO** Constitution test
 - Taken in Government class
- Pass **US** Constitution test
 - Taken in Government class
- Complete **EOCs** in:
 - Alg 1 or 2
 - Biology
 - English 2
 - Government
- Pass **American Civics** test
 - Check your EMAIL for link to start
 - 104 seniors have “Not Started”
 - 20 seniors are “In Progress”. Must pass all 5 sections.
 - Take as many times as needed to pass!



39% 🤨

If you can't find the email,
reach out to me or your
counselor for the link.

Graduation - Check Your Status in IC

- Home
- Calendar
- Assignments
- Grades
- Grade Book Updates
- Attendance
- Schedule
- Responsive Schedule
- Fees
- Documents**
- Message Center
- More

Documents

School Year
Asterisks indicate student does not meet requirement

Credit Type	09	10	11	12	Credit Status			Overflow	Total
					ER	IP	PL		
English	1.0 / 0.0	1.0 / 0.0	1.0 / 0.0	1.0 / 4.0	3.0	1.0			4.0 / 4.0
Social Studies	1.0 / 0.0	1.0 / 0.0	1.0 / 0.0	0.0 / 3.0	3.0				3.0 / 3.0
Science	1.0 / 0.0	1.0 / 0.0	1.0 / 0.0	0.0 / 3.0	3.0				3.0 / 3.0
Personal Finance		0.5 / 0.0		0.0 / 0.5	0.5				0.5 / 0.5
Physical Education	0.5 / 0.0		0.5 / 0.0	0.0 / 1.0	1.0				1.0 / 1.0
Health		0.5 / 0.0		0.0 / 0.5	0.5				0.5 / 0.5
Math	1.0 / 0.0	1.0 / 0.0	1.0 / 0.0	0.0 / 3.0	3.0				3.0 / 3.0
Career & Technical Ed	1.5 / 0.0	1.0 / 0.0	3.0 / 0.0	3.0 / 1.0	5.5	3.0		-7.5	1.0 / 1.0
Fine Arts	1.0 / 0.0			0.0 / 1.0	1.0				1.0 / 1.0
Electives	1.0 / 0.0	1.5 / 0.0	0.0 / 0.0	0.0 / 7.0	2.5			7.5	10.0 / 7.0
Total	8.0 / 0.0	7.5 / 0.0	7.5 / 0.0	4.0 / 24.0	23.0	4.0			27.0 / 24.0

Course Requirements	Progress
Government	1.0 / 0.5

Test Requirements	Evaluation Criteria	Progress
MO Constitution	Count of passing tests is at or above 1	Passing Tests: 1
US Constitution	Count of passing tests is at or above 1	Passing Tests: 1
EOC Biology 1	Count of passing tests is at or above 1	Passing Tests: 1
EOC English 2	Count of passing tests is at or above 1	Passing Tests: 1
EOC Government	Count of passing tests is at or above 1	Passing Tests: 1
American Civics	Count of passing tests is at or above 1	Passing Tests: 1

Compound Requirements	Progress
EOC Algebra 1 or 2	Complete

Other (Documents not related to a specific school year)

Academic Progress

Academic Plan Progress Report

"IP" = In Progress

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Social Studies		1.0 / 0.0	1.0 / 0.0	2.0 / 0.0	1.5 / 3.0	4.0	1.5		-2.5	3.0 / 3.0
Science		1.0 / 0.0	1.0 / 0.0	1.0 / 0.0	0.0 / 3.0	3.0				3.0 / 3.0
Personal Finance			0.5 / 0.0		0.0 / 0.5	0.5				0.5 / 0.5
Physical Education		0.5 / 0.0		0.5 / 0.0	0.0 / 1.0	1.0				1.0 / 1.0
Health			0.5 / 0.0		0.0 / 0.5	0.5				0.5 / 0.5
Math		1.0 / 0.0	1.0 / 0.0	1.0 / 0.0	1.0 / 3.0	3.0	1.0		-1.0	3.0 / 3.0
Career & Technical Ed		1.0 / 0.0	0.5 / 0.0	0.5 / 0.0	2.0 / 1.0	2.0	2.0		-3.0	1.0 / 1.0
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Total	1.0 / 0.0	7.0 / 0.0	7.0 / 0.0	7.0 / 0.0	7.0 / 24.0	22.0	7.0			29.0 / 24.0

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EOC Government	Count of passing tests is at or above 1	Passing Tests: 1
American Civics	Count of passing tests is at or above 1	Not taken

Compound Requirements	Progress
EOC Algebra 1 or 2	Complete

Red fields on the right need your attention!

Life after PCH

What is your plan?

- PCH Matriculation:

- 4 year College (75%)

In-state = 62%

Out-of-state/country = 38%

Private colleges = 25%

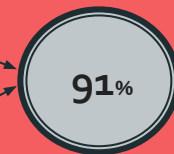
Public colleges = 75%

- 2 year College (16%)

- Employment or Training Programs (4%)

- Gap Year (3%)

- Military (2%)



Alternative Paths

A few examples of alternative options PCH students have explored in the past:

[Apprenticeship.gov](#)

[Job Corps](#)

[St. Louis Carpenters Union](#)

[Electrician Apprenticeships](#)

[Careers in Construction](#)

[ICATT Apprenticeship Program](#)

[Police Dispatcher](#) - Ballwin (no previous experience required!)

[IHM Academy of EMS Paramedic Program](#)

[Total Access EMT Training](#)

[St. Louis County Fire Academy](#)

[Missouri Department of Corrections](#)

[Paul Mitchell the School](#) (Cosmetology)

[STLCC Accelerated Job Training Programs](#) (includes personal training, Boeing pre-employment, coding, and more!)

[Nativ](#) - Gap Year Program in Israel

[Gap Year Solutions](#)

[TeenLife](#) - Gap Year Programs

Military Enlistment - [Army](#), [Navy](#), [Air Force](#), [Marines](#), [Coast Guard](#)

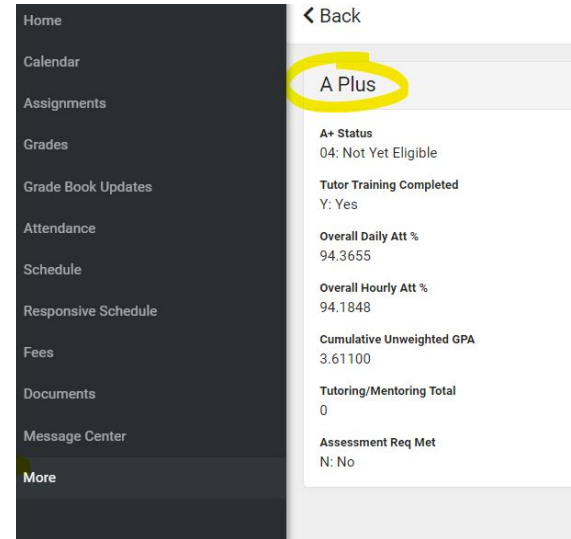


A+ Program

STLCC App
Opens Oct 1



- **Scholarship**
 - Up to 6 semesters of tuition at any MO Comm Coll or Public Tech School
 - May use this coming summer at STLCC for 2 free classes!
 - Some smaller offers to a few MO 4 yr universities (Truman, MO State both have \$500 scholarships)
- **Requirements**
 - US citizen or permanent resident (need SSN)
 - Attend an A+ school for at least 2 years
 - Cumulative unweighted GPA of 2.5
 - 95% attendance
 - 50 hours tutoring (*may* include up to 25 Comm Serv)
 - Show math proficiency on Alg 1 or Alg 2 EOC or math section of ACT/PreACT
 - Behavior/Citizenship (no major suspensions)
- **Enroll Now**
 - Complete the Tutor Training & Participation Agreement
- **Check Your Status**
 - In Infinite Campus click on “More” and then “A Plus”.



Reps with Scheduled Visits to PCH in September

Missouri Western State University
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
Kansas State University
Murray State
Principia College
Missouri S&T
Grand Canyon University
Wake Forest University
University of Arkansas
Savannah College of Art and Design
Lake Forest College
American University
Indiana University-Bloomington
University of Southern California
The University of Alabama
University of Mississippi

Case Western Reserve University
Drury University
University of Memphis
University of Iowa
Truman State University
Missouri State University
University of Kansas
Southeast Missouri (SEMO)
Illinois College
Washington University in St Louis
University of Missouri-Kansas City
University of Tulsa
Denison University
Purdue University-Main Campus
Lafayette College

**Register in SchoolLinks (under EVENTS)
& Grab a Pass from Counseling**



COUNSELING

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New Student Registration

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A+ Program

Preparing for College
Admissions +

 **Welcome to SchooLinks**

Students & Staff Guardians & Members


Email


Password


Log in

[Forgot password](#)

OR


 **Log in with Clever**

 **Log in with ClassLink**

 **Log in with Google**

[Claim account](#)
For student or staff

[Sign up as a guardian](#)
Student claim code required

[Sign up as a member](#) 
If not part of a SchooLinks district

Log in

Search for your school

School name

Parkway Central High

Central High School
Parkway School District, MO

Clever



Clever Badge log in

[District admin log in](#)

HOME

SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES

COLLEGES

CAREERS

FINANCES

PROGRAMS

Here's what's happening

Check out this Opportunity!

Matriculate High School Fellow Interest Form

Manhattan, NY

SchooLinks

Check out this Scholarship!

Sons of the American Legion Scholarship

Deadline: April 20, 2025

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

Check out this Opportunity!

Journalism Intern

Greenwich, CT

Greenwich Sentinel

Check out this Scholarship!

Lillie Lois Ford Scholarship Fund

Deadline: April 20, 2025

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

Check out this Scholarship!

M.D. "Jack" Murphy Memorial Nurses Training Scholarship

Deadline: April 20, 2025

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

Check out this Opportunity!

Caregiver Relief Volunteer- VITAS Healthcare- Defiance, MO 63341

Defiance, MO | 10-25 mi.

Volunteer Match

To Do List

Events 45

Reminders 0

My Team

Surveys & forms 0

Search for an event by name

45 Unregistered events

September, 2024

Thu Sep 5, 10:00 am-10:45 am CDT

Partner visit Butler University

Butler University

Thu Sep 5, 11:45 am-12:30 pm CDT

Partner visit Missouri Western State University

Missouri Western State University

Fri Sep 6, 8:30 am-9:15 am CDT

Partner visit Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville

Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville

Fri Sep 6, 11:45 am-12:30 pm CDT

Partner visit Kansas State University

Kansas State University

Fri Sep 6, 1:15 pm-2:00 pm CDT

Partner visit Murray State University

Murray State University

Mon Sep 9, 8:30 am-9:15 am CDT

Partner visit Principia College

Principia College

Mon Sep 9, 10:00 am-10:45 am CDT

Partner visit Missouri University of Science and Technology

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Mon Sep 9, 1:15 pm-2:00 pm CDT

Partner visit Grand Canyon University

Grand Canyon University

Mon Sep 9, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm CDT

Fair Parkway School District College Fair

Parkway/Rockwood College Fair

Date: Monday, September 9, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: Queeny Park - Greensfelder Recreation Complex


Participants: **100+** tables representing **2 year** community colleges, **technical** schools, **4 year** colleges/universities and **military** branches

Register at StriveScan:




choose

A screenshot of the StriveScan registration web application. The header is dark purple with the 'STRIVE' logo and a white play button icon followed by the word 'SCAN'. The main content area is light blue and titled 'Registration'. It features two dropdown menus. The first, 'Select event location', has 'Missouri' selected. The second, 'What event are you attending?', has a list of events with '09/09/2024 - Queeny Park - Rockwood/Parkway Regional' highlighted in blue. A list of other events is visible below the highlighted one.

STRIVE  SCAN

Registration

Select event location  Use my location

Missouri

What event are you attending?

Please Select

Please Select

- 09/05/2024 - Ewing Marion Kauffman School
- 09/09/2024 - Riverview Gardens High School
- 09/09/2024 - Queeny Park - Rockwood/Parkway Regional**
- 09/10/2024 - Webster University - South Central Collaborative
- 09/10/2024 - McCluer High School
- 09/11/2024 - East Central College - Franklin County Regional
- 09/11/2024 - Pacific High School
- 09/11/2024 - Warrenton High School
- 09/12/2024 - Duchesne High School

College Applications

Application season is NOW!

1. Finalize your college list by mid September (if possible)
 - a. Ensure all schools are in **SchoolLinks** (*Colleges → College Applications*)
 - Match Common App account to SchoolLinks and/or manually add schools
 - b. Do you have a range of selectivity?
 - A safety school isn't a backup if you don't want to go there!
2. Make a calendar of your **deadlines** (some as early as 10/15)
3. Create a **checklist** of what you will need for each school to apply
 - a. Application (!), transcript (?), test scores (?), rec letters (?), essays (?), application fee (?)
 - i. If you need a **counselor** recommendation, you need to have a conversation with Mrs. Prange, Dr. Flagg, Ms. Lange, Mr. Hussmann or Mrs. Greenwood.
 - ii. If you need a **teacher** recommendation, you need to have a conversation with that teacher.

Should You Use “Common App” or Avoid It?

Things to consider...

- If you are applying to 4+ schools and they are all on Common App, that might make the most sense.
- Some schools are Common App exclusive, so it's the only option!
- Use institutional applications if only applying to 1-3 schools.
- Most institutional applications take around 15 minutes to complete.
- Some schools do not accept the Common App. (UC schools, Georgetown, community colleges/technical schools)
- If you are applying to Mizzou without test scores, an essay and resume are required for either application. If you are applying to Mizzou with test scores, the Mizzou application doesn't require the essay or resume, but the Common App still would.

Submitting Applications

- As soon as your application is complete and accurate, feel free to submit!
- **Do not wait until the actual deadline** date (ie, Nov 1) to submit - - give yourself cushion!
- For Common App, you still submit to one institution at a time. You don't have to have everything finished for every school at once!
- When you submit, that is when you pay the application fee. **Fee waivers** available for those who are eligible for free/reduced lunch.
- Your transcript and any required forms/ recommendation letters do not have to be submitted for you to submit your application.

Test Optional vs Sending Test Scores

Things to consider...

- You can decide for each institution.
- Do your scores fall in the average range of admitted students for that school?
 - If you have a 26 and the average score is 33-34 (ie Wash U), then test optional would be best.
- Have you reviewed the automatic scholarship information for that school?

Non-Residents

SCHOLARSHIP	TYPE	TRADITIONAL CRITERIA (UNWEIGHTED GPA)	TEST OPTIONAL CRITERIA (UNWEIGHTED GPA)	ANNUAL AMOUNT
Bluegrass Spirit	Academic	-	3.00	\$5,000
		3.00 & 25 ACT/1200 SAT	3.50	\$8,000
		3.50 & 25 ACT/1200 SAT	3.60	\$10,000
		3.50 & 30 ACT/1360 SAT	3.80	\$12,500

If I have:

GPA = 3.18

ACT = 19

Send scores or not?

Sending Test Scores to Colleges

- Review the college's admissions website for application requirements
 - **Self-report**
 - FREE; simply type in application or upload copy of your score report
 - Might require their own form (**SRAR**) - ex: FLORIDA schools!
 - **Include with high school transcript**
 - FREE; contact Mrs. Prange to see if she can upload directly to the school
 - **Send directly from testing agency**
 - \$19 per request for ACT; \$14 for SAT
 - Can take time to deliver, so order well in advance
 - Often only needed once you have been admitted and have chosen to attend
- Note: you do not send AP scores until May/June!



Sending Transcripts & Rec Letters

- Most colleges require you send an official transcript during the application process.
 - Some ask you to upload a copy of your transcript or self-report all of your high school courses and grades through the application or through a **SSAR/SRAR** (Self-Reported Academic Record) portal.
- Some colleges require recommendation letters from teachers and/or a counselor. Some will not accept letters at all. Know what you need and don't over invite! All letters are **CONFIDENTIAL** so you should never see or access them.
- Adding your application to **SchoolLinks** automatically requests your transcript. You manually request teacher recs in SchoolLinks. Always have a **conversation** with the teacher before inviting them in the portal! Explain where you are applying, their recommendation letter requirements and your earliest deadline. (Counselor info on next slide)
- Provide recommenders with gentle reminders as deadlines approach and be sure to **THANK** them once they have submitted.

Common App Forms

- **Secondary School Report (Required)**
 - Completed by Mrs. Prange and sent with your transcript.
- **Senior Schedule (Required)**
 - Must be uploaded and sent with your transcript, so if something doesn't look right for second semester, you'll want to get it fixed now before Mrs. Prange submits.
- **Counselor Recommendation (Varies by School)**
 - Some (not all) schools require this.
 - You can request this to be done by Mrs. Prange, Dr. Flagg, Ms. Lange, Mr. Hussmann or Mrs. Greenwood. **(NO ONE WILL DO IT UNTIL YOU ASK!)**
 - Discuss if you need/want a full letter of recommendation to be attached.
 - A full letter request requires at least 3 weeks notice before a deadline and might require you to complete a survey for the counselor.
- **Early Decision Contract (Optional)**
 - If you are applying Early Decision to a school, the contract must be signed by the counselor after consulting with a parent/guardian. Discuss in advance to allow for that communication to happen. **(NO ONE WILL DO IT UNTIL YOU ASK!)**

Teacher/ Counselor Rec Requirements?

Requirement Grid in Common App

The screenshot displays the Common App dashboard interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', 'College Search', and 'Financial Aid'. The 'Dashboard' link is circled in red. On the right side of the dashboard, there is a button labeled 'Application Requirements', which is also circled in red. Below the navigation bar, the dashboard shows a list of colleges with their application status. The status for all colleges is 'Application - In progress'. Each college entry includes its logo, name, a link to 'Add your term or admission plan', and a 'Show more details' link. The colleges listed are Boston College, Boston University, Chapman University, Clemson University, and Elon University. Emory University is partially visible at the bottom.

College	Status
Boston College	Application - In progress
Boston University	Application - In progress
Chapman University	Application - In progress
Clemson University	Application - In progress
Elon University	Application - In progress
Emory University	Application - In progress

Application requirements

Scroll for more information

Download requirements grid

Search

Personal
Essay

Teacher
Eval (Rec)

Counselor
Rec

☒ My Colleges Only

☐ All Colleges

College name ↑	Deadlines					App fees ?		Common App ?	Supplements ?		Minimum standard test required ?				Recommendation				
	ED	EDII	EA	EAII	REA	RD/Rolling	US	Int'l	PE	C&G	Portfolio	WS	Test policy	SAT/ACT tests used	Int'l	TE	OE	MR	CR
Boston College	11/1/2023	1/2/2024				1/2/2024	\$80	\$80	✓		SR		Never required	SAT without Essay or ACT without Essay	IELTS or TOEFL or Duolingo	2	0	✓	✓
Boston University	11/1/2023	1/4/2024				1/4/2024	\$80	\$80	✓		SR		Never required	SAT without Essay or ACT without Essay	IELTS or TOEFL or Duolingo	1	0	✓	✓
Chapman University	11/1/2023		11/1/2023			1/15/2024	\$70	\$70	✓				Sometimes required	SAT without Essay or ACT without Essay	IELTS or TOEFL	1	0	✓	
Clemson University			10/15/2023			5/1/2024	\$70	\$70					Never required	See website	See website	0	0		
Elon University	11/1/2023		11/1/2023			1/10/2024	\$60	\$60	✓				Sometimes required	SAT without Essay or ACT without Essay	IELTS or TOEFL or Duolingo	0	0		✓
Emory University	11/1/2023	1/1/2024				1/1/2024	\$75	\$75	✓				Never required	SAT without Essay or ACT without Essay	See website	2	0	✓	✓
Indiana University Bloomington			11/1/2023			3/1/2024	\$65	\$65	✓				Sometimes required	SAT without Essay or ACT without Essay	IELTS or TOEFL or PTE	0	0		
Iowa State University						7/21/2024	\$55	\$65					Flexible	See website	See website	0	0		
University of Arkansas						7/26/2024	\$55	\$60					Sometimes required	See website	See website	0	0		
University of Colorado Boulder			11/15/2023			1/15/2024	\$65	\$70	✓				Never required	SAT without Essay or ACT without Essay	IELTS or TOEFL or Duolingo	1	0		
University of Kansas			11/1/2023			7/28/2024	\$40	\$85					Sometimes required	SAT without Essay or ACT without Essay	See website	0	0		
University of Maryland			11/1/2023			1/20/2024	\$75	\$75	✓	✓			Flexible	SAT without Essay or ACT without Essay	See website	1	0		✓
University of Michigan			11/1/2023			2/1/2024	\$75	\$75	✓		SR		Flexible	SAT without Essay or ACT without Essay	IELTS or TOEFL	1	0		

Timeline

- You should talk with a **counselor** and **teacher(s)** to complete any **required recommendations** at least **3 weeks** prior to your earliest deadline.
- Allow for at least 3 school days to process any requests. Be especially aware as deadlines approach!
 - **Ex: Nov 1** is a Wednesday, so that means **recommendation requests** need to be in no later than **October 10** and **transcript requests** in no later than **October 28**.
- Once again...you can submit your application before your supporting documents are sent.
- Nearly all submissions deliver electronically/instantly.

PCH Counseling

Senior Class

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SENIORS

Resources for Seniors

GRADUATION

Confirm you are on track with your graduation requirements. Use the **Academic Plan Progress Report** in Infinite Campus to view the status of your credits and required assessments (EOC exams, MO & US Constitution, Civics). Connect with your comprehensive counselor if you have any questions or concerns.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- Seniors may begin submitting applications as soon as they become available (most launch on August 1).
- Most colleges offer their own school-specific application and/or are members of the Common Application. Students may choose whichever application is best for them, but should never submit more than one application to each school.
- Use **SchooLinks** (log in with [Clever](#)) to track applications and request supporting documents (**transcripts, recommendation letters and forms**)
 - Instructional Handout: [SchooLinks - College Applications](#)
- Resources to help with the Common Application (**only needed if you use the Common App to apply to colleges!*)
 - Top Tips for Common App
 - Common Application 2024-25
- Need Essay Help? Check out these sites:
 - Free Essay Editing Services
 - Free 4-Day Essay Writing Course
 - College Essay Guy - Resource Hub

Application Fee Waivers: If you have financial barriers and need assistance with application fees, waivers might be available for students who qualify for meal benefits. To see if you are eligible, fill out the district

Top Tips for Common App

Advice for those applying to college
using the Common Application

Applying

Information you will need when filling out the application.

Education Section	
Class Size	323
Class Rank Reporting	None
GPA Scale	4.0
Cumulative GPA	Enter directly from your transcript
GPA Weighting	Mark "Weighted" if you have ever taken any honors or AP classes. Otherwise, mark "Unweighted."

Entering Resume Items (What you are balancing on your plate?)	
Activities Section	List up to 10 activities you are involved with outside of the classroom (in the order of their importance to you). Be sure to include commitments you have outside of PCH (employment, community/family), as well.
Educational Honors & Awards	List up to 5 honors related to academic achievements. This could include things like membership in honor societies or success in academic competitions (ie math, Speech/Debate, FBLA/DECA).

Applying

Information you will need when filling out the application.

Courses & Grades Section	
Grading Scale	A-F
Schedule	Semesters
Semester Grades	List as indicated on your transcript (including the +/--'s) in the semester they were earned. All "H" grades should be reported as "A+" . <i>**The Final Semester grade column should be left blank!</i>
Semester Credits	List all credits earned as 0.5 in the semester they were earned.

Courses & Grades Example

X

Courses & Grades

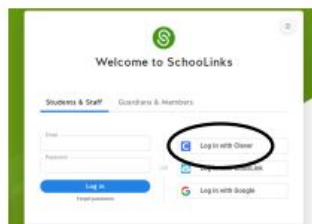
Transcript #1 - Parkway Central High School

School Name *	School Year *	Grading Scale *	Schedule *
Parkway Central High School	2021-22	A-F	Semesters
Subject *	Course Name *	Course Level *	Semester Grades * S1 S2 Final
English	+Honors English 1	Honors	B- A-
Geometry	+Geometry	Honors	A A+
Physical Education/Hea...	Phys Fitness Concepts	Regular/Standard	A
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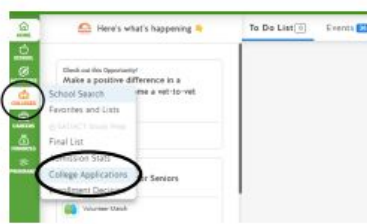
SchoolLinks - College Applications

(Adding applications and requesting transcripts, recommendation letters and other supporting documents)

Step One: Log into [SchoolLinks](#) using Clever



Step Two: Go to **Colleges > College Applications**



The first time you visit this section, you must complete a brief "set up" by verifying your **Date of Birth**, entering your **Home Address**, sharing **fee waiver eligibility** information, and completing a required **FERPA Waiver**.

PERSONAL SERVICE | **MY ACCOUNT/STATUS** | **ADD NEW**

Personal Information
Use the same information you are using in your college application forms.

Birthdate: MM/DD/YYYY

Home address
Use the same home address you are using in your college application forms. This is needed for some documents your counselor needs to send to colleges.

Street address: Apt. suite, etc. (optional):

City:

State: Zip:

When you add or update your address here, SchoolLinks will update the address for your account.

[Next >](#)

Complete the FERPA waiver
You might be asking yourself, "What's FERPA?" Don't worry, you're not alone! Here's what you need to know:

How does FERPA relate to your college application?

- FERPA gives you the right to review letters of recommendation if you are enrolled in college that sends the recommendations. OR you are 18 or older.

To waive or not to waive?

- Choosing your right here allows you to tell your school to send your recommendations, which helps ensure colleges that the letters are valid and useful.
- If you choose not to enter your right, some recommendations may decline to write a letter for you, and some colleges may disregard letters submitted on your behalf.

Still unsure how to respond?

- That's OK. Many students are. Before you make an, take a moment to discuss your decision with your counselor, another school official, or your parent/legal guardian. You can also read our [FERPA Help Article](#).

☒ I have fully read and understood the FERPA Release Authorization explanation above.

Select one:

☐ I want my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents submitted by me or on my behalf.

☐ I DO NOT want my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents submitted by me or on my behalf.

Your signature
Type your name to sign electronically.

☒ I understand that my signature or my signature above permits to all colleges to review my application and that my signature on this form does not constitute a signature for any other purpose.

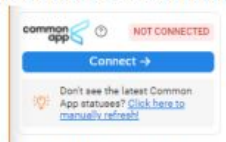
[Sign Waiver](#)

[Back](#) | [Finish application setup](#)

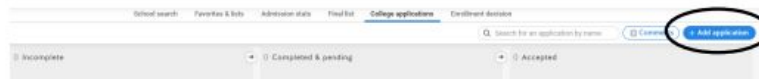
Reminder: You want to mark **"I waive my right"** to view forms and recommendations so that colleges know they are candid and honest!

Step Three: Add applications by either linking to your Common Application OR adding manually if using school-specific applications.

Option one: Linking to Common Application - click Connect, log in to your Common App account, and give permission to connect to SchoolLinks. "Do the manual refresh if it is not updating!"



Option two: School-specific applications (ex. college website, Common Black College App, Coalition, Apply Texas, etc.) - click "+Add Application"



Type out the full name of the college (ensuring that you choose the correct campus, then mark the status of your application (in progress or completed) and click **Add application**.

Select a college to add:

- ☒ Saint Louis University
- ☐ Maryville University of Saint Louis
- ☐ Saint Louis Christian College
- ☐ Saint Louis Community College

Application status:

☒ In progress ☒ Completed & pending results ☐ Accepted ☐ Denied ☐ Waitlisted ☐ Deferred ☐ Withdrawn

[Cancel](#) [Add application](#)

Select how you are applying (school-specific application) & choose your intended deadline. Remember that **Early Action** does not require you to attend if admitted, but **Early Decision** includes a **binding contract** that you, a parent, and a counselor must sign. You are encouraged to check priority scholarship deadlines for each school to guide your decision. If you are applying to a specific program that requires a separate application (ex: BA/MD program), you may list that in the "Program Name" field. You may also list if you plan to apply for financial aid and whether or not you intend to send test scores to this school. These fields are optional and are used to create a checklist of items you need to complete.

Application Method

☒ Common App ☐ School-specific application

Application Type

☒ Early Action (Dec 1) ☐ Early Decision (Nov 1) ☐ Early Decision II (Jan 15) ☐ Regular Decision (Jan 30)

Application deadline
Dec 1

Go to Destination
This college is in-network. We'll make sure your materials are sent electronically where they need to go.

Program Name (Optional)
All schools require sending to a program that requires a different application.
Program name:

Student requirements
Select any of the following that apply to this application. You can always add or remove from the student checklist later if you change your mind.

Financial aid

☐ Applying for Financial Aid?

☐ Applying for Financial Aid? Is FAFSA submission required?

Scores and performance

☐ I will be submitting test scores along with my application to this institution. [Cancel](#) [Optional](#)

☐ I will be submitting a Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR) along with my application to this institution.

After saving the application, you will see a checklist of items based on the requirements of the college and your responses to fields regarding financial aid and test scores. Notice the 3 separate columns for "Student checklist," "Teacher Recommendations," and "Counselor Documents". **You may add requirements and mark items as complete in your student checklist.**

***NOTE: Adding the application to SchoolLinks automatically requests your transcript!**

If you need test scores, many schools will require that your order scores directly from the testing agency, but some will accept self-reported scores or scores with your high school transcript. Contact Mrs. Prange directly if you need test scores sent from Central High.

TEACHER & COUNSELOR FORMS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Parkway Teacher Recommendation(s)

If teacher recommendations are required or optional for the college, you will invite and assign your teachers in SchoolLinks. If required, click ***Add Recommender***. Colleges typically prefer using core teachers from junior/senior year for required recommendation. If optional, click ***Request Teacher Recommendation***. Do not request in SchoolLinks until after the teacher has agreed to write for you! Provide at least **3 weeks advance notice** before your earliest deadline. Monitor their completion status and provide friendly reminders as deadlines approach.

If you would like to invite a teacher who has retired or works outside of Parkway (ex STLCC), you will need their first name, last name and current email address. In the teacher search field type **"other"** and then click the link "Add them manually."

Counselor Recommendation

You do not have access to request a counselor document in SchoolLinks, so you must have a conversation with Mrs. Prange or your comprehensive counselor to request a counselor recommendation and/or form completion (ie Early Decision contract). The chosen counselor will let you know what they need from you to fulfill your requests. Provide at least **3 weeks advance notice** before your earliest deadline.

Common App "Other Recommenders"

If you would like a person outside of Parkway (employer, youth group leader, research partner, etc) to serve as a recommender for the Common Application, you must invite them directly in Common App.

1. In your Common App, go to the "Recommenders and FERPA section" of a school in the "My Colleges" tab.

2. Ensure you have completed the FERPA Release Authorization (you want to waive your rights to review recommendations and supporting documents).

✓ FERPA Release Authorization

[View Details](#)

You have authorized the release of all requested records. You have also waived your right to review your recommendations and supporting documents.

[View Release Authorization](#)

3. Scroll down to "Other Recommenders" to see if that school will accept additional recommendations. If so, click "Invite Other Recommender" and enter the contact information for your recommender.

✓ Other recommender

Please select and assign the Other Recommender(s) below whose recommendation(s) will be submitted to this college on your behalf. You must invite an Other Recommender using the 'Invite Other Recommender' link before you can assign them for this college.

Recommender types accepted by this college:

- Arts Teacher
- Clergy
- Coach
- College Access Counselor
- Employer
- Other

Required: 0 Optional: 2

[Invite Other Recommender](#)

4. After sending the initial invitation, you may then assign that recommender to additional schools.

FAFSA & CSS Profile

FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Financial aid (need-based grants) for college coming from the federal government, Missouri, or the college.

Includes student loan eligibility.

Must be US citizen or permanent resident to apply.

Aug-Nov: you and a parent should create your username/password, called the **FSA ID**.

Dec: application opens; submit as soon as possible.

CSS PROFILE

Non-federal financial aid provided by individual colleges.

You only need to complete a CSS profile if you are applying to colleges and universities that require it.

Some institutions use for students applying as international students.

It is **\$25** to submit the initial application to one institution, and **\$16** for each additional institution. Might be eligible for fee waivers.

Application opens October 1 and colleges will have individual deadlines for submission.



Finding Scholarships

Scholarship season is ALWAYS!

- Largest source of scholarship funds come from the colleges.
 - Meet their “priority” deadlines for full consideration
 - Check their portals once you apply for additional competitive scholarship opportunities
 - Most highly selective colleges only award need-based aid, so if you want/need **MERIT** aid, you might need to consider some less selective institutions
- SchooLinks
 - **Finances** → **Scholarship Matching** (database & everything WE have been asked to advertise)
- My Scholarship Central (database of LOCAL scholarships for STL metro students)
- Going Merry (national database)

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Check out this Opportunity!

IVC seeks Active Seniors in St. Louis

St. Louis, MO | 10-25 mi.

Volunteer Match

Scholarship Matching

College Financing

NHS Scholarship

Deadline: November 26, 2024

National Association of Secondary School Principals

Check out this Scholarship!

North American Van Lines Logistics Scholarship

Deadline: December 15, 2024

Eligibility

Interests

Answer the following questions to determine your scholarship eligibility.

What is your gender?

☐ Female

☐ Male

☐ Non-Binary

Where do you live?

63017

What is your race/ethnicity?

Select Race/Ethnicity

What are your origins/ancestry?

Select Origins/Ancstry

What is your current religious affiliation?

Religion

What is your GPA?

Weighted

Unweighted

Are you interested in scholarships that require financial need?

☐ No

☐ Yes

Are you a first generation college student?

☐ No

☐ Yes

Show me scholarships that...

☐ Don't require citizenship or permanent residence

☐ Require Permanent Residency

☐ Require U.S. Citizenship

Fill in ZIP Code and then hit “**Next**” to reach the end to view **ALL!**

Matches

Favorites

District-Posted

Search

Next >

Importance of Email

- Check your email regularly!
 - I will always communicate to your **Parkway** email
 - Colleges will communicate to the email address you list on your application
- Missing an email could mean missing an opportunity...



What Should You Do Now?

ALL SENIORS:

- ☐ Check **diploma requirements** - credits and assessments!

SENIORS EXPLORING COLLEGE:

- ☐ Connect with **college reps** at fairs and PCH.
- ☐ Add colleges to **SchooLinks**.
 - * match Common App or manually add
- ☐ Talk with a **counselor** if you will need a recommendation.
- ☐ Invite required **teacher** recommenders.
- ☐ Make sure senior year **schedule** is ready for submission to colleges.
- ☐ Submit **applications** (and **test scores**, as needed).
- ☐ Create your **FSA ID** now for FAFSA (parent also). Application launches in Dec. See if you need CSS Profile.
- ☐ Search and apply for **scholarships**.
- ☐ Schedule appointments with Mrs. Prange, as needed.



SENIORS EXPLORING OTHER PATHS:

- ☐ Research opportunities available.
- ☐ Connect with local **military** recruiters, if desired.
- ☐ Explore **job shadowing** opportunities.
- ☐ Learn about local **unions** or **apprenticeships**, and their application requirements.
- ☐ Schedule appointments with Mrs. Prange, as needed.

Accessing Mrs. Prange

- Reach out with any questions you have along the way
 - Email – nprange@parkwayschools.net
 - I will offer workshops during Ac Lab
 - Schedule 15, 30 or 45 minute appointments any school day between 7:15a-3:15p

