

completion guide

 SCHOOL CODE:
 050475

 CLASS SIZE:
 191

CLASS RANK: NONE (we do not rank)

GPA SCALE: 5.0 SCALE

WHICH GPA TO USE: WEIGHTED, ACADEMIC, 9-12 (available on AERIES)

HOW TO LIST: AP GOPO = AP Government 1st sem / Honors Economics 2nd sem

US GOVERNMENT= Civics 1st sem / Economics 2nd sem
ECONOMICS = Economics 1st sem / Civics 2nd sem

SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT (SSR): REQUIRED BY <u>ALL</u> SCHOOLS ON THE COMMON APP

Even if your are not asking for a letter of rec from your counselor, you are still required to invite them so they can complete the SSR

ACTIVITIES: LIST ACTIVITIES BY ORDER OF MOST INVOLVED TO LEAST

Incomplete Sentences are OK when describing activities!

FERPA RIGHTS: YES, WAIVE YOUR RIGHTS (see additional information below)

what to send

TRANSCRIPTS: <u>NOT</u> REQUIRED TO SEND/MAIL

ACT/SAT SCORES: IF REQUIRED – Login to your ACT/SAT account to send official scores.

AP SCORES: NOT REQUIRED – DO NOT send AP scores until May (after committing).

CHS does NOT have official AP scores. Students must login to their College Board account to send official scores. For help logging in <u>contact College Board</u>



Refer to the "WHAT TO SEND" handout for details on what each college requires

Counselor uploads to Common App after you've invited them.

letters of recommendation

- 1. Which colleges require letters of recommendation?
 - a. PRIVATE Colleges/Universities only (UC's and CSU's DO NOT accept letters of rec)
- 2. How many letters of recommendation do I need?
 - a. Most private colleges will require between 1-3

ADD colleges to Common App to identify how many they require

- 3. Who should I get to write me a letter of recommendation? (can depend on each individual school, most are flexible)
 - ***Rule of Thumb: the BEST recommendations always come from those who know you best***
 - a. **REQUIRED:** 1 2 Teacher Recommendations (preferably teachers from junior and/or senior year)
 - **b. OPTIONAL:** 1 Additional Recommendations from a Counselor, Coach, Employer, Religious Leader, Intern Advisor, etc. (*depends on college*).
- 4. Do I need to get a counselor letter of recommendation?
 - a. Counselors submit a Secondary School Report (SSR) on behalf of ALL students. The SSR *can* include a letter of recommendation IF you feel your counselor knows you well. If there is someone else (coach, boss, intern advisor, etc.) who knows you better or in a different context, you may INVITE them to submit a recommendation (as "Other" on Common App).

STEP 1: CREATE ACCOUNT (@ COMMONAPP.ORG)

STEP 2: ADD COLLEGES (just one to begin with is okay)

click COLLEGE SEARCH header → SEARCH → ADD

STEP 3: ADD CARMEL HIGH

click COMMON APP header → click EDUCATION → click FIND SCHOOL

select SEARCH BY CEEB Code → enter CHS school code: 050475

ensure you've selected Carmel High, Carmel, CA

STEP 4: INVITE COUNSELOR

click MY COLLEGES header → select ANY college

• click RECOMMENDERS & FERPA → click INVITE COUNSELOR (input info below)

only need to complete for one college

Student:A - FG - MN - ZTitle:CounselorCounselorCounselorName:Darren JohnstonYesel Von RudenJeff Rogers

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 Address:
 PO Box 222780
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 Carmel, CA, 93922
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STEP 4: SELECT WHEN & HOW YOU'RE APPLYING (Early, Regular, etc)

- Click MY COLLEGES
- Select a COLLEGE (start with the college with the FIRST DEADLINE!)
- Click QUESTIONS (under "Application")
- Input PREFERRED START TERM & PREFERRED ADMISSION PLAN

IMPORTANT be certain to complete this section ASAP for the college with the EARLIEST DEADLINE!! Counselors & Recommenders won't know the deadline to submit materials until you complete this section.

STEP 4: COMPLETE "FERPA" SECTION (must add at least 1 school first)

- Click MY COLLEGES
- Select a COLLEGE (any is fine)
- Select RECOMMENDERS & FERPA
- YES!! WAIVE YOUR FERPA RIGHTS!

CHS Faculty will <u>NOT submit a letter of recommendation unless you WAIVE</u> your FERPA Rights (see video on Common App for why this is recommended!)

STEP 5: INVITE RECOMMENDERS

- Click MY COLLEGES
- Select a COLLEGE (any is fine)
- Click INVITE RECOMMENDERS (doesn't matter which college you've selected, you're simply inviting recommenders to your account)
- Input Recommender's Details



^{**}NEW** – "Enable Preview" (select this to allow your counselor access to review your application to ensure proper completion)