College and Career Readiness – 11th Grade

Crittenton Services of Greater Washington
Preparation for Juniors

- Build a resume
- Plan in person college tours on weekend and during the summer
- Decide on and register for the SAT and/or ACT. Take practice tests to prepare!
- Choose scholarship opportunities to pursue
  - Mark important dates and deadlines on calendar
- Narrow down colleges being considered
- Understand the difference in Early Decision and Early Action
Application Deadlines

✧ Early Decision: BINDING
✧ Early Action: NON-BINDING
✧ Rolling admission: You can apply at anytime, but apply ASAP
✧ Regular admissions: Be aware of the final deadline for each school

Action Item: Start to make a list of deadlines for schools you know you will be applying to.
What is Included in a College Application?

- An application *Submitted by you*
- An essay *Submitted with application*
- Letters of recommendations *Sent by your school separately through Naviance or by mail*
- Official transcript *Sent by your school separately through Naviance or by mail*
- Test scores *Sent by you through College Board.com and ACT.org*
- Resume *Submitted with application*
- Application to specific major, program, or scholarship *Sometimes a separate application*
- Some schools have required or optional interviews
How to Apply

- **School specific application**
  - Many schools still have applications through their own website
- **Common application**
  - Create one profile and fill out one application to send to multiple schools
  - Pay each application fee
  - Each school has a few extra school specific questions
- **Coalition App**
  - Similar to Common app, but less schools accept the Coalition (UMCP)
- **The Common Black College Application**
  - 55 HBCUs accept the CBCA (Morgan State, Norfolk State, Virginia State)
Where can I apply for scholarships?

- www.fastweb.com
- www.tuitionfundingsources.com
- www.petersons.com
- bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- www.college-scholarships.com/free_scholarship_searches.htm
- www.studentscholarships.org/
- www.unigo.com/scholarships
- cheapscholar.org
- www.cappex.com/scholarships
- www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/careercenter/financialaid/scholarshipupdates
- MCPS College & Career List of Scholarships Opportunities
- MCPS College & Career List of Scholarship Opportunities - Minorities & Unique Populations
- Maryland College Application Campaign (MCAC) List of Scholarships