College Planning Guide
2023 - 2024

HELPFUL LINKS	FAFSA: www.fafsa.gov RDS: www.NCResidency.org SAT: www.collegeboard.org ACT: www.actstudent.org CFNC: www.cfnc.org SCOIR: accessed through student's RapidIdentity page

FAFSA	- Opens in December
	- Must file every year
	- Before completing:
	  - Create FSA ID (www.StudentAid.gov)
	  - Consent for tax info from 2022 to be linked from IRS to FAFSA
	  - Know which schools you will list to receive your Financial Aid info
	    - Can list up to 20 schools

COMMUNITY COLLEGE	- Complete RDS and have Residency Certification Number ready - Apply through CFNC's website - List the school on your FAFSA application - Update SCOIR account with name of school and that you have applied - Take placement test (if needed) - Meet with Advisor to register for classes - Apply for Scholarships - Notify Mrs. Butera or Ms. MItchell if awarded scholarships
FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITY	- Research schools and application deadlines - Complete RDS and FAFSA (list schools on FAFSA) - Apply through CFNC, school's website, CommonApp - Update SCOIR - Work on essays (if needed) - Ask teachers for Letters of Recommendation (at least 2 weeks before deadline) - Pay application fees - Apply for Scholarships - Notify Mrs. Butera or Ms. MItchell if awarded scholarships