



**Class of**  
**2024**

Crossroads FLEX High School  
Rising Senior Night Presentation

June 7, 2023, 6:30 pm

# We will cover...

- Graduation Requirements
- Graduation
- Post- Secondary Plans
- Applying to College
- Suggested activities for the summer months
- Mark your Calendar
- Q&A



Agenda



# Graduation Requirements

- 4 English Courses
  - English I, II, III, IV
- 4 Math Courses
  - Math I, II, III, IV or Pre-Calculus Honors
- 3 Science Course
  - Earth/Environmental Science, Biology, a Physical Science (Physical Science, Chemistry or AP Physics I)
- 4 Social Studies Courses
  - World History,
  - American History I and American History II, **or** American History II and a SS elective, **or** American History I and a SS elective **or** AP US History and A Social Studies Elective,
  - Civics & Economics
- 1 Healthful Living Course
- 10 Elective Courses
  - To include 2 years of a World Language if planning to attend a 4-year university

•**Total Minimum Credits Required to Graduate= 26**

# Graduation Options



## **June Graduation**

Enroll in courses needed to meet graduation requirements.  
Minimum of two each semester.



## **January Graduation**

Enroll in courses needed to meet graduation requirements at the end of first semester.



## **December Graduation**

Enroll in courses needed to meet graduation requirements. Present letter of acceptance from college/university by end of November. Complete coursework and exams before Winter Break. Begin Freshman year of college in January

# Post-Secondary Planning



2-year College

4-year College

Continue in  
Pursuit Full-Time

Start Career Path  
Join the military

# Continue in Pursuit Full-Time

If you plan to continue in your pursuit full-time and decide to take classes part-time either at a 2-year college or 4-year university later, email Ms. Sharpe and I will be happy to assist you in completing the application and direct you on how to have your transcript submitted.

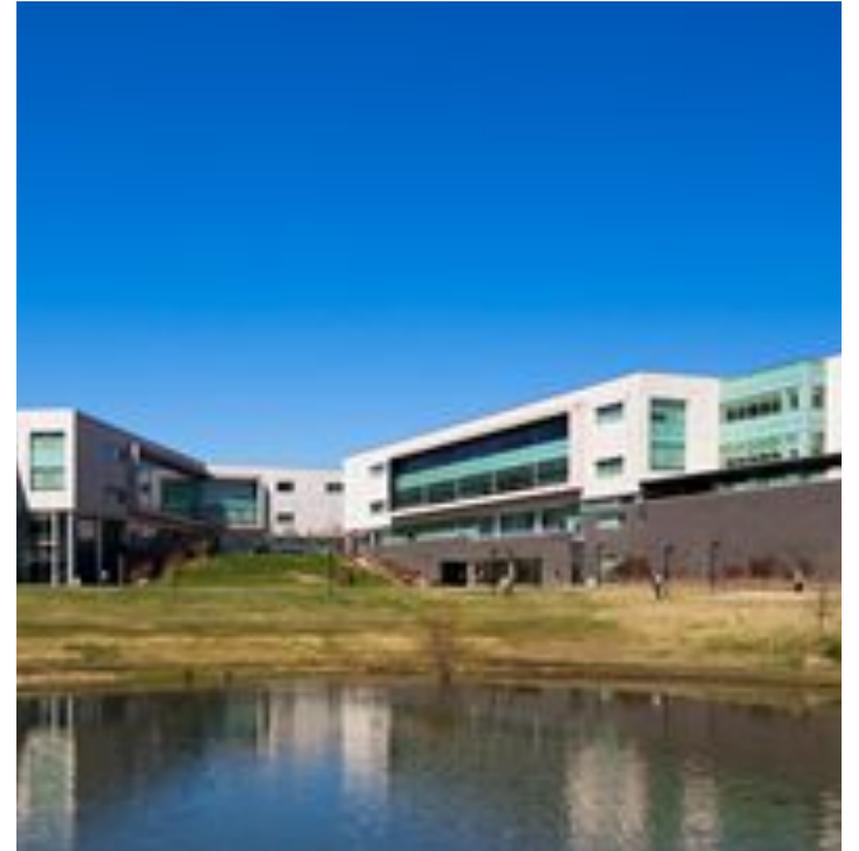


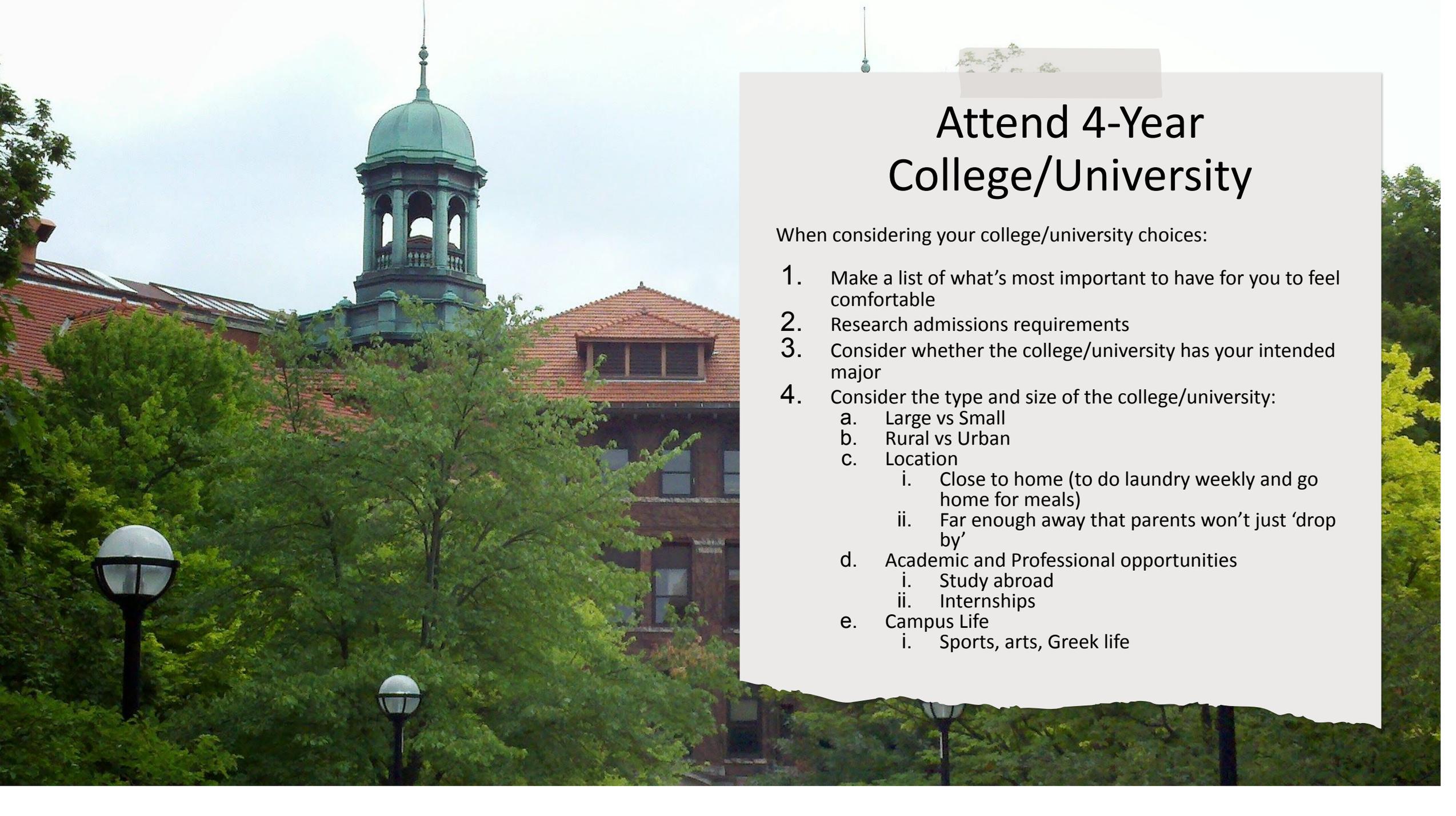
# Attend 2-Year College

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## **NC Community College System:**

- One of the largest systems of higher education in the nation with 58 comprehensive community colleges serving all 100 NC counties.
  - One within a 30-minute drive of all NC residents.
  - Lowest tuition in the Southeast Region – one of the lowest in the nation!
  - You may apply to the community college of your choice, regardless of your county of residence.
  - You may complete the first 2 years of a 4-year degree through the College Transfer Program OR enroll in a 2-year Associate's Degree program.
  - Gives you time to improve on academic skills and complete college minimum admissions requirements or focus on a specialized area of study.
- **NC Community Colleges:** <http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/>





# Attend 4-Year College/University

When considering your college/university choices:

1. Make a list of what's most important to have for you to feel comfortable
2. Research admissions requirements
3. Consider whether the college/university has your intended major
4. Consider the type and size of the college/university:
  - a. Large vs Small
  - b. Rural vs Urban
  - c. Location
    - i. Close to home (to do laundry weekly and go home for meals)
    - ii. Far enough away that parents won't just 'drop by'
  - d. Academic and Professional opportunities
    - i. Study abroad
    - ii. Internships
  - e. Campus Life
    - i. Sports, arts, Greek life

# Research Colleges & Universities

Search Colleges in North Carolina

[College Foundation of North Carolina](#)

Search Colleges Out of State

[BigFuture College Board](#)

The University of North Carolina System  
Website

[The University of North Carolina System](#)





## When will I apply to colleges/universities?

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Most **applications** will open on August 1 for students **applying** for Fall **2023** enrollment.

**College** deadlines most often fall between November and February. Students may choose to apply for Early Admissions, Early Decision or Regular Decision.

# Applying to College

## THE COMMON APPLICATION

- You can apply to over 900 colleges and universities around the world via Common App
- Create your account and get started
- Be sure to enter in my name and email address as your ‘counselor’ so that I can upload your transcript and complete your recommendation



- Click on “Apply to College” and start the process
- You can apply to any North Carolina colleges via CFNC

## College Website

- You can go directly to the college/university website to apply



# How to Create a Common App Account



A close-up, shallow depth-of-field photograph of a person's hands typing on a silver laptop keyboard. The person is wearing a light-colored, textured sweater and a dark watch with a white face on their left wrist. The background is softly blurred, showing a desk with a tablet, a stack of books, and a window with a view of a city skyline. The overall lighting is warm and natural, suggesting an indoor setting with large windows.

# College Essays

# Why do colleges and universities ask you to write essays?

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- Because there is more to you than your test scores and grades.
- Essays provide you the opportunity to describe who you are as a person and what your passions are.
- **Always** write the 'optional' essay!
- Essays should be between 250 to 650 words
- Many colleges may also ask you to complete supplemental essay questions that are tailored to their schools.
- A small number of colleges do not require essays but may require shorter writing supplements.

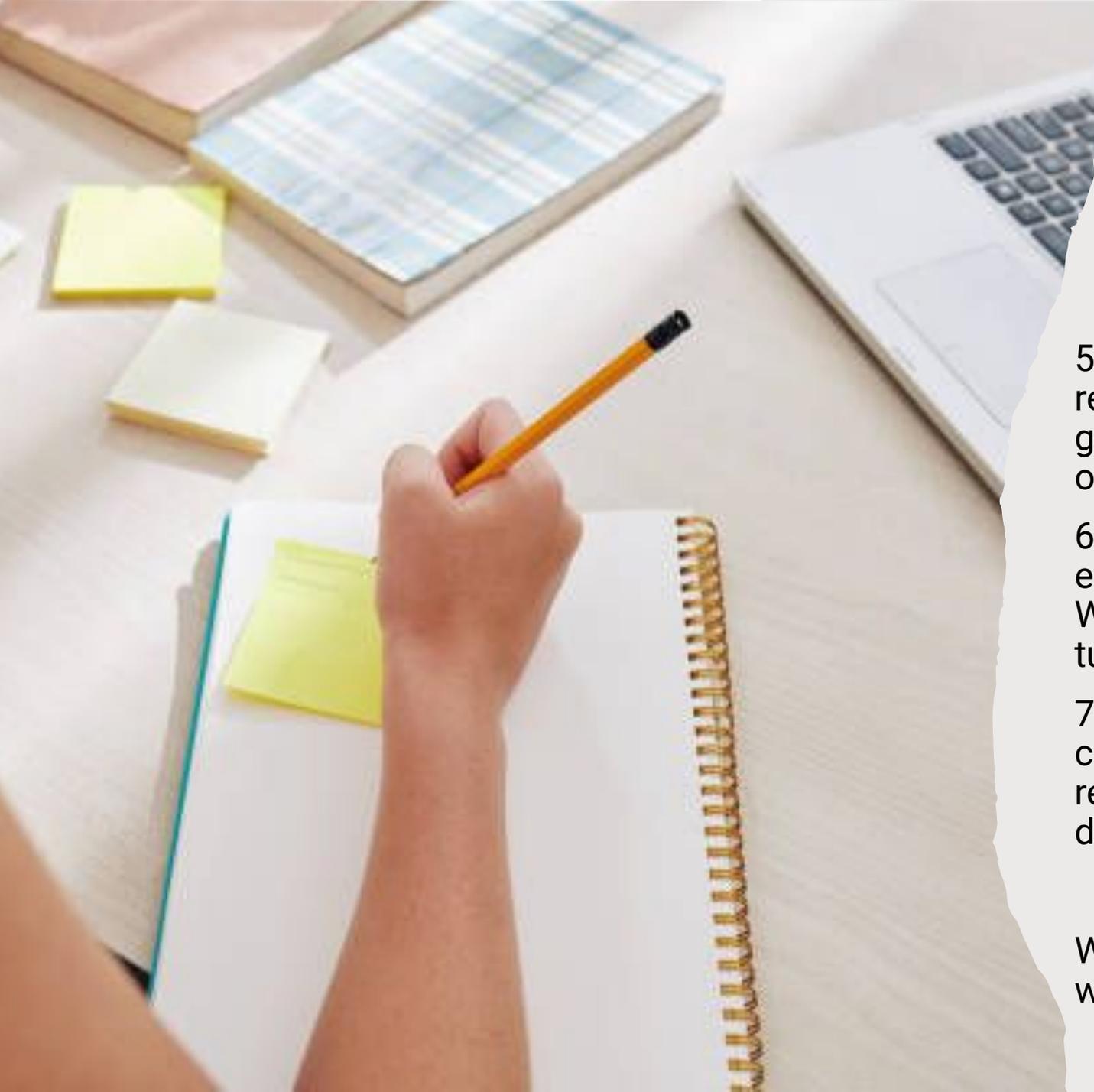


# 2023-24 Common App Essay Prompts

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1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?





# Prompts Continued

5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

We will also retain the [optional COVID-19](#) question within the Additional Information section.

# College Admissions Offices Consider

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- Course Selection
  - Take the most challenging courses you can take and earn A's and B's in
- GPA/Class Rank
  - Your GPA at the end of your junior year is the GPA they will use on their college applications
- Your class rank will be re-calculated in Sept/Oct of their senior year and rank will be used reported on college applications
- SAT/ACT Scores (Test Optional- **TBD**)
- Essays
- Extracurricular Activities
- Recommendations (*some schools*)
  - Teacher and/or counselor





## Choosing the Right College

### Do your research!

- What are the admissions requirements?
- Consider majors/curriculum, location, cost/financial, student life, programs of study, size, public vs private, housing, extracurriculars, study abroad programs, campus life, campus security, etc.
- Become familiar with colleges' websites
- Use research resources like College Board Big Future

# Choosing the Right College

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## Go On College Visits!

- Virtual campus tours are available for many campuses
- Check school's absence policy for college visits
- "Demonstrated interest" is often marked in you application fil

## Ask for Help!

- Ask family, friends, teachers, or others about their college experiences
- Contact the admissions counselor at the college(s) you are applying to for school-specific questions



## College Admissions Options



**EARLY ACTION:** is an admissions procedure to notify students of early admissions to the college. Students do not need to accept the college's offer of admissions but may file other applications (used by UNC, NCSU, Georgetown, Yale, etc.). The process is highly selective therefore, some points to remember are that early action candidates must have superior records candidates can be rejected, and financial awards are made in April.

**EARLY DECISION:** is a plan under which you may submit your credentials early to one college, usually by October 15 of your senior year. You are notified of your status by late December early January. As part of an early decision plan, you are required to sign a statement agreeing to accept the college's offer of admission. You must also withdraw your application from other colleges if accepted under Early Decision. (Used by Duke, Elon, Wake Forest, etc.) Points to remember are the same as listed above in Early Action.

**REGULAR ADMISSION:** candidates apply from November to February, depending on the individual applicant and specific college deadline(s). Check the deadline for each individual school.

**ROLLING ADMISSION:** candidates apply at their convenience up to a certain date. They typically receive an offer of acceptance or rejection within four to six weeks. (Used often by Community Colleges and some four-year institutions)

# Crossroads FLEX Alum have been accepted to.....



Air Force Academy	East Carolina University	NC A&T State University	U of Southern California
Appalachian State University	Eastern Michigan University	NC State University	U of Tennessee
Arizona State University	Elon University	Pace University	UNC- Chapel Hill
Auburn University	Florida Atlantic	Point Park University	UNC-Asheville
Averitt University	Franklin and Marshall	Purdue University	UNC-Charlotte
Barton College	George Mason	Old Dominion University	UNC-Greensboro
Baylor University	Hampton University	Ole Miss University	UNC-Pembroke
Belmont University	High Point University	Queens College	UNC School of the Arts
Berklee College of Music	Hofstra University	Roanoke College	UNC-Wilmington
Brunswick Community College	Hunter College	SCAD	University of Mary Washington
Butler University	Jacksonville University	Seton Hall University	University of Richmond
Campbell University	Johnson C. Smith University	Stetson University	University of Texas
Cardiff University	Lees McCrae College	Swathmore College	University of Vermont
Coastal Carolina University	Lesley University	Towson State University	University of Virginia
Central Piedmont Community College	Liberty University	U of Alabama	Virginia Wesleyan
Champlain College	LIM	U of Alabama- Birmingham	Wake Forest University
Charleston Southern University	Mary Baldwin University	U of Georgia	Wake Tech Community College
Christopher Newport University	Marymount Manhattan	U of Kentucky	Warren Wilson College
Chowan University	Meredith College	U of Lynchburg	Washington and Jefferon College
Clemson University	Montclair State University	U of Maryland	West Point Academy
Creighton University	Montreat College	U of Pennsylvania	West Virginia University
DePaul University	Nashville Ballet Company	U of San Francisco	Western Carolina University
Duke University	Newcastle University	U of South Carolina	William Peace University
Duquesne University	New York University	U of South Carolina Upstate	



# The Class of 2023 has been accepted to..



Appalachian State U	High Point U	SCAD	U South Carolina
Arizona State U	Lebanon Valley College	Stevenson U	U Tennessee
Auburn U	Louisiana State U	Texas A&M	U Texas Austin
Baylor U	Marymount U Manhattan	Texas Women's U	UNC Chapel Hill
Clemson U	Michigan State U	Tulane U	UNC Charlotte
College of Charleston	Montclair U	U Alabama	UNC Greensboro
Duke U	NC State	U Arizona	UNC Wilmington
East Carolina U	Old Dominion U	U of Delaware	Wake Forest U
Elon U	Pace U	U Denver	Wake Tech CC
Fayetteville State U	Point Park	U Georgia	Western Carolina U
Gaston College	Providence College	U Kentucky	Wofford College
Georgia Tech U	Queens University	U Pittsburgh	



Just a  
friendly  
reminder...

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•All Seniors are required to pay a Senior Graduation Fee to help offset costs associated with Graduation. These fees will be applied to the Diploma, Diploma Cover, Graduation Program, Senior Reception recognition certificates, and the Senior Celebration. The fee will be \$40.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

•Information on how to submit payment will be available through the WCPSS Online Payment link in early July. The school will notify families when the link to submit payment becomes available so, please check your email regularly during the summer as to not miss important information.



**Current Juniors:** As of 2020, state law mandates that **ALL** rising seniors have a Meningitis vaccination before beginning their senior year.

Please submit a copy of your immunizations, showing the Meningitis vaccination, via email to [crossroadsflex@wcpss.net](mailto:crossroadsflex@wcpss.net) (attn: Ms. Jennifer Wilkerson), or you may also fax it to 919-589-6714.

Proof of vaccination must be received before the first day of the 2023-24 school year. [Link to Meningitis vaccination information, K-12 Health Requirements](#)



# Mark your calendars...

## 1. **August 1, 2023**

Common App opens for the Class of 2024

## 2. **September 2023**

Senior Meetings

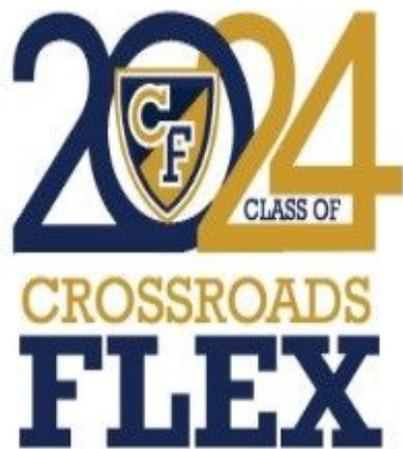
## 3. **September/October 2023**

Complete the [Residency Determination Service](#) if you plan to attend college in NC

## 4. **December 2023** - [FAFSA opens](#)

*It's time to kickoff your Senior Year!*

**Save the Dates:**



**Senior Portraits**

August 9 and 10 • Crossroads FLEX HS

*Hosted by Strawbridge Studios. Appointment information will be sent later this summer.*

**Senior Year Kickoff Brunch**

August 24 10:00a.m. • Crossroads FLEX HS

*Start your Senior Year off right by getting together with your class! Enjoy breakfast, games, & prizes and pick up beginning of the year items. Scan the QR code to RSVP so that we can accurately prepare for the event.*



# Summer possibilities...

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1. Refine your lists of possible schools; eliminate the ones that do not meet your criteria.
2. Visit those schools. If they are not yet offering in-person tours, take advantage of virtual tours.
3. Finalize your list of colleges or universities.
4. **ATHLETES!** If you intend to participate in college athletics at a Division I or II school, start your NCAA Clearinghouse application at the **END** of the Junior Year and make sure you have listed Crossroads FLEX as your current high school.
5. Attend College fairs. Many are still virtual, but some are in person. You will still have the opportunity to chat with admissions counselors and current students whether they are held virtually or in person.
6. Start outlining your essays for Common App



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