



Avondale High School Counseling Department - College Preparations & Admission

College Application Process

Once the decision has been made to apply to a college, follow these steps:

- **Application:** The AHS Counseling Department recommends that students complete their applications by October 1. Application deadlines, however, vary by school.
 - **Online:** Most colleges and universities encourage students to apply for admission via their online application. Links to online applications can be found at each college's admissions webpage.
 - **Paper:** While many colleges have eliminated their paper applications entirely, some colleges have downloadable applications on their website, or will provide a paper application when requested by a student.
 - **The Common Application:** Many colleges and universities across the country subscribe to a program that allows students to complete a single college application and have it sent to any participating school. The "Common App" is available to be completed online or paper. To download the "Common App" click [here](#).
 - **The Common Black Application:** Students can now complete the "Common Black Application" (CBCA) and apply to any number of 43 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HCBU) at the same time, for only \$35. The completion of the CBCA significantly increases the educational options of students by allowing them to receive acceptance letters, financial aid packages and scholarship offers from several different HCBU. To download the "Common Black Application" click [here](#).
- **Transcripts:** Avondale High School participates in the e-transcript initiative, which all student transcripts are submitted online via the Parchment program.
- **Supplemental Material:** If the college(s) that you are applying to requires any additional materials to be sent other than a transcript, please see your counselor.
- **Standardized Test Results:** AHS does not provide standardized testing results to colleges. Therefore, it is the student's responsibility to take have their official scores sent to the colleges to which they are applying.
 - **ACT:** www.actstudent.org
 - **AP, SAT, SAT Subject Tests:** www.collegeboard.com
- **Letters of Recommendation:** If the college or university that you are applying to requires a letter of recommendation from a teacher or a counselor, you should give whomever you are asking to write a letter for you plenty of notice (at least two weeks). It is helpful if you can provide the writer with a resume outlining your accomplishments.

Resources for College Bound Students

[Compass Test \(OCC Practice College Placement Tests\)](#)

[Michigan College Access Network](#)

[KnowHow2Go](#)

[KHAN Academy College Admissions](#)