

High School Portfolio

1. **Name**

2. **Mailing Address (and Home Address if different)**

3. **Email Address**

4. **Cell Phone Number**

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5. **Information about your father (Name, Employer, Position)**

6. **Information about your mother (Name, Employer, Position)**

7. **Information about your step-parent(s), if applicable (Name, Employer, Position)**

8. **Names and ages of brothers and/or sisters and who you live with**

9. **College(s) your father attended. Did he graduate?**

10. **College(s) your mother attended. Did she graduate?**

11. **Dates of all high schools you've attended**

12. Any college courses you have taken, dates taken, and grades received

Items to Be Updated/Added

13. Senior Class Schedule

14. Cumulative Weighted GPA

15. All standardized test scores and dates taken (PSAT, SAT, SAT Subject Tests, ACT, AP)

16. Are you an AP Scholar? Scholar with Honor? Scholar with Distinction?

17. How many AP classes will you have taken when you graduate?

18. Your career goals

19. Where you have traveled, dates, and what you did

20. Your hobbies (interests you have pursued outside of school for longer than a year)

21. Student activities or sports you are/were involved in

22. Offices you have been elected to or held in student government/clubs/activities.

23. Athletics information (sport, position, specialty)

24. **Performing Arts Information (dance/vocal/instrumental, instrument played, compositions, choreography works, accompanying music, sample pieces, etc.)**

25. **Special awards/recognition for academics/extracurricular/other achievements you received in high school**

26. **Community service work you have done (describe in detail)**

27. **Positions of responsibility (paid/volunteer) outside of school**

28. **What you did the summer before this school year (be specific)**

29. **Writing Samples (respond to all of the following)**

- a) An essay, prose, poem, literary criticism, song, etc. you've already written
- b) Three more adjectives or sentences that best describe you
- c) How your friends/teachers would describe you
- d) What you love to do so much you lose track of time and why
- e) What you visualize yourself doing in the future
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- f) A person or experience that caused your view of the world to change
- g) Personal Manifesto - your philosophy of life, goals, dreams, motto that guides you, etc.

College Application Essays – Complete 2

The following items are the heart and soul of your Senior Portfolio. Please give them your best thought and effort, coming directly from the Common App website:

INSTRUCTIONS: *The essay demonstrates your ability to write clearly and concisely on a selected topic and helps you distinguish yourself in your own voice. What do you want the readers of your application to know about you apart from courses, grades, and test scores?*

Choose the option that best helps you answer that question and write an essay of no more than 650 words, using the prompt to inspire and structure your

response. Remember: 650 words is your limit, not your goal. Use the full range if you need it, but don't feel obligated to do so. (The application won't accept a response shorter than 250 words)

- A. 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.
- B. 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?
- C. Reflect on a time when you *questioned* or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your *thinking*? What was *the outcome*?
- D. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
- E. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or *realization* that *sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others*.
- F. 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?
- G. 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.

Letters of Recommendation

30. For Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s): If you were to write your own son or daughter's letter of recommendation for college, what would it say? What academic, athletic, personal, etc. information do you believe would best highlight your child's qualities and accomplishments?

31. Letters of Recommendation from two of your friends.

A copy of each letter you wrote this year for other seniors' portfolios.